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Brownfield Cleanup Program(BCP) appl. from QPS 23-10 Development LLC

Site ID #: C241160

Site Location: 23-10 Queens Plaza South, Long Island City, NY

Appl. Deadline: April 18th, 2014

INSERT DATES: Thursday, March 13th, 2014

(signed)

Sworn before me this 13th day of March 2014.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

and believe should remain president. The world has witnessed the abuses Putin has perpetrated upon his opponents, the corruption he has encouraged and the naked aggression he favors, as witnessed in Georgia in 2008 and now in the Crimea. Putin clearly believes no nation will have the courage to do anything other than mouth off about it. Putin and Russia lost nothing for the invasion of Georgia.

The answer is simple, as everyone who has confronted a bully knows: Stand up and fight back or pay a higher price when the bully is given carte blanche. The price for not taking on Hitler in 1938 was over 20 million deaths. The cost to America's standing in the world when Carter hid within the White House is the Iranian nuclear program.

This is one time that Obama must step forward. Quiet diplomacy will only result in Russia laughing and our enemies in Iran, North Korea and elsewhere knowing they have nothing to fear. By simply not attending the G8 in Sochi, Obama will earn American dismay and scorn.

Edward Horn
Baldwin, LI

A bridge to bar

Dear Editor:

Russian President Vladimir Putin claims that since the new Kiev government was installed in a "coup," by an illegal mob of street terrorists, he has the moral right to act, on humanitarian grounds, to protect Russians living in Ukraine. Shades of Europe 1938? However, the United Nations, European Union, NATO and the USA have all condemned his military invasion of Ukraine. The world is searching for an effective way to retaliate.

In a satirical way, I found the solution. President Obama should send to Kiev his secret weapon — Chris Christie! The New Jersey governor could show transport officials his techniques to slow down any Russian tanks crossing the Dnieper River bridges.

Anthony G. Pilla
Forest Hills

No borders, no respect

Dear Editor:

It is no surprise that Putin has contempt for America and its president.

Any country that allows itself to be invaded by tens of millions, then rewards the invaders with money (so-called entitlements), and then citizenship, is worthy of contempt.

Larry Trapani
Kew Gardens

Drop the pre-K plan

Dear Editor:

"Tax the rich. Tax the rich." The mayor makes it sound like a punishment. We hear that his pre-K proposal is dead, but just in case he tries to resuscitate it, here are reasons not to. It's not a money issue, but a behavior problem.

Most 4-year-olds are too immature to be separated from mommy or a familiar family member. On Court TV programs, there have been numerous cases where a parent sues a daycare school or personal care provider for

negligence because the child fell down and sustained a bump to the forehead, wandered off or was pushed by an aggressive child, resulting in a bloody nose. The Department of Education would also be subject to lawsuits for similar incidents.

But let's sort out responsibility. A parent is legally responsible for a child's care from birth to age 18. The DOE is responsible for providing free education to those age 5 to 18. It should not be in the babysitting business — kindergarten is young enough.

There is a policy that I would like to see changed: school hours. Eight a.m. to 3 p.m. is hard on parents, children, teachers and custodians. It's all early-morning rush hour. Better hours would be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Everyone would benefit.

Finally, a comment about the snowy February day when the mayor didn't order schools closed because his crystal ball wasn't working. He could have postponed that day to Monday, Feb. 17, a holiday, and figured out later a substitute day in spring or early summer in order to comply with the 180 days required.

Often, it's better to be practical than political.

Millie Resnick
Reno Park

SJU ignoring Rome?

Dear Editor:

Pope Francis has demonstrated a desire for openness and inclusiveness. But this is not exhibited at Queens' Catholic college, St. John's University.

Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI wished that tradition, in the form of the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, be given to all Catholics. Why is this not done at St. John's, and why is the university not inclined to do it? Were both popes wrong, or is scoring the three-point shot more important?

Joseph T. Klonowski
SJU Class of 1958
Middle Village

Hope for Van Buren HS

Dear Editor:

In the last week a number of elected officials have lamented the Department of Education's decision not to withdraw the collocation plans at Martin Van Buren High School. Unfortunately, these local elected officials are out of sync with the local community on this issue.

Just prior to the mayoral election, civic leaders from nine of the largest civic associations in eastern Queens, representing thousands of families zoned for MVB, met and voted unanimously with one abstention to support the DOE's P-Tech co-location proposal. A P-Tech school focuses on certain technical skills with a pathway to a tuition-free college education and a career.

Decades of failure have transformed MVB from a school having deep community roots into one where 96 percent of its student population comes from outside of the local area. The thousands of families represented by these civic leaders are in distress over sending their

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The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has received a Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) application from QPS 23-10 Development LLC for a site known as 23-10 Queens Plaza South, site ID #C241160. This site is located in Long Island City within the County of Queens, and is located at 23-10 Queens Plaza South. Comments regarding this application must be submitted no later than April 18, 2014. Information regarding the site, the application, and how to submit comments can be found at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/60058.html> or send comments to Ronnie Lee, Project Manager, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Division of Environmental Remediation, Remedial Bureau B, 625 Broadway, 12th Floor, Albany, NY 12233-7016, 518-402-9767, rslee@gw.dec.state.ny.us.

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