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Mr. Joshua Vaccaro  
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**Re: Public Notice Affidavit of Publication  
Southside Plaza (Site #C907043)  
Jamestown, New York**

Dear Mr. Vaccaro:

Enclosed is the Fact Sheet – Affidavit of Publication, for the above-mentioned Site; published on page B2 of the January 29, 2020 edition of *The Buffalo News*.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,  
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# THE BUFFALO NEWS

## -Affidavit-

Maureen Elardo of the City of Buffalo, New York, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is Principal Clerk of THE BUFFALO NEWS INC., Publisher of THE BUFFALO NEWS, a newspaper published in said city, that the notice of which the annexed printed slip taken from said newspaper is a copy, was inserted and published therein **1** times, the first insertion being on **01/29/2020** and the last insertion being on **01/29/2020**

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Sworn to before me this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020

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## CITY &amp; REGION

## Retech expects to be operational in Buffalo by early summer

RETECH • from B1

ground floor in the 1981 portion of the building, totaling 40,397 square feet, for research and development, and for its manufacturing operations. That includes an open-span area with a 200-ton crane. It will also take up 8,537 square feet of office space upstairs in the 1911 building, where President Earl Good and his executive team will be located.

"We're excited to be here," Good said. "We think Buffalo is a good area for us to expand."

Retech will qualify for up to \$500,000 in Excelsior Jobs tax credits from Empire State Development Corp. if it meets its job targets.

The lease also means that the Northland Central building is now more than 93% leased, including the Northland Workforce Training Center, Buffalo Manufacturing Works and other tenants. Only a small amount of space – including the small third floor – remains

vacant, and BUDC officials are working to market it to other potential tenants.

"This is certainly the kind of company that we were hoping for, that we expected," Brown said. "Retech's investment certainly will encourage other companies across the country to take a harder look at what's going on here in Buffalo."

Founded in 1963 and based in Ukiah, Calif., Retech says it's the world's leading provider of vacuum and cold-heat melting furnaces used primarily in the aerospace, defense and medical industries. The furnaces – which vary in size and dimensions – use electron beam, plasma and cold wall induction technology, unlike old steel mills.

Clients use Retech's technology and systems to melt, refine and cast titanium, nickel, alloys, "super alloys" and rare earth metals to manufacture parts that are in turn used by other companies, such as Boeing and Airbus. The company is also getting into metal powders



Derek Gee/Buffalo News

Retech is coming to Northland Workforce Training Center.

that are used in 3D printing.

In 2011, the advanced manufacturing firm was acquired by Poland's SECO/Warwick Group, a global manufacturer of heat treatment, thermal processing, heat exchange and vacuum metallurgy technologies. The conglomerate operates 10 companies on three continents, with customers in almost 70 countries and production facilities in Poland, the United States, India and China,

plus sales and service offices in other countries.

In November 2018, Retech announced that it would move most of its manufacturing and assembly work that was done in California to facilities in Swiebodzin, Poland.

The new operation in Buffalo will supplant that, while a sales and service office will remain in California. Retech has had a sales and service office at 6309 Main St. in Williamsville

for the past two years, with 12 employees.

"Our company has many customers on the East Coast, and being in the Western New York area gives us the ability to provide excellent regional support to those customers," said Good, also managing director of the company. "This location also gives us the ability to build our staff with additional quality employees from the engineering and technology schools in the area."

Good and Retech were already familiar with Western New York prior to the lease. Retech already has customers in central and eastern New York, as well as at least one smaller client in Western New York, and it also has customers in Pennsylvania and Ohio, as well as "through the Rust Belt corridor," Good said. That makes Buffalo a central location – as well as being closer to Poland.

Additionally, Good is a Penn State graduate who lived for 28 years in Hershey, Pa., and his two daughters attended and

played soccer for Canisius College, so he and his wife came to Buffalo many times, and saw the reinvestment in the city firsthand. That led to the opening of the sales office, and eventually the relocation. Good and his wife bought a house in East Amherst in November.

"There were certain things that stood out about Buffalo," Good said. "We saw all the development taking place in Buffalo and from different people we've talked to over the years, we understood Buffalo was growing and investing quite a bit in the entire community. We were interested in someplace that was putting an investment in and trying to bring in outside companies. This just happened to be a good fit."

BUDC President Peter Cammarata said the agency expects to turn over the space to Retech by April 1, at which point Retech will invest funds for its own build-out. The company expects to be operational by early summer, Cammarata said.

## Bags used for meat, produce, bulk items are exempt from ban

BAGS • from B1

juice in one of these bags? You can't throw them in the washing machine. I'll just pay the 5-cent fee for the paper bags and write it off as entertainment tax! Wegmans should take their 5-cent fee and add it into their employees' paychecks instead of doing the publicity stunt of donating the money.

**Christmann:** Bags used to wrap leaky items like meat and fish are exempt from the state ban, as are those used for deli meat, produce, items in the bulk aisle and unwrapped foods.

**From Carolyn Lukaszewski:** I understand the need to forgo single-use plastic bags, but I can't understand why Wegmans uses an ever increasing amount of plastic containers for all their prepared and other foodstuffs. Most of that is not recyclable.

**Christmann:** Wegmans said it is working on alternatives with the Center for Sustainable Packaging at the Rochester Institute of Technology. The grocer has also switched from plastic straws and stir sticks to renewable-fiber ones at all of its stores and work sites.

The chain's food bar containers are now recyclable and contain 40% less plastic than they used to. Some bakery boxes are made from 100% recycled paper content, the store's produce bags are made from 100% plant-based renewable materials and its rotisserie chicken pouches use 75% less plastic than its plastic domes did.

The changes are part of the company's Zero Waste program that began as a pilot at a Canandaigua store in 2016 and has since expanded to 30 stores.

**From Edward Parker:** All this hype over plastic bags, and yet no pushback over plastic garbage bags?

**As for garbage bags, studies have shown plastic bag bans can backfire, producing unintended consequences when consumers turn to thicker, larger garbage bags. The loudest argument about plastic garbage bags so far is from people who reuse store bags for trash bin liners and other uses.**

**From Michelle Marie:** Is this at all their stores or just in New York State?

**Christmann:** Just in New



John Hickey/Buffalo News

Wegmans is sending unused plastic bags to its stores in other states that still allow their use. Unopened boxes of bags will be donated to FeedMore WNY.

York State.

"We don't have specific plans to eliminate bags in other markets. However, we will continue to focus on helping our customers shift to reusable bags," Mehaffy said.

The company has 101 stores in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia, Maryland, Massachusetts and North Carolina.

**From Jeremy Sideris:** Will Walmart be getting rid of theirs, too?

**Christmann:** Any merchant required to collect tax will no longer be able to provide plastic carryout bags, according to the state Department of Environmental Conservation. That includes Walmart. The big-box store began testing changes to its plastic bag policies back in September.

**From Bob Kerwin:** What are all those dog walkers going to use?

**Christmann:** Bags from the bulk and produce aisles will still be available, as will restaurant takeout bags, newspaper bags and pharmacy bags. Other than that,

those who have relied on free bags for cleaning up after dogs and cats will be responsible for buying them themselves. The state ban doesn't prevent consumers from buying trash bags or food storage bags like sandwich bags.

You can buy 60 dog waste bags from Dollar Tree for \$1. There are also biodegradable and compostable options available.

**From Danielle Darowz Grek:** I am interested in knowing, with all the money they will save no longer having to purchase bags, will there be cost savings on the groceries?

**Christmann:** Wegmans might not see a cost savings if customers simply switch from plastic to paper, Mehaffy said. "Eliminating plastic bags creates a sizable ripple effect, impacting transportation, costs and front-end processes, to name a few."

The chain is "committed to consistent low pricing," and any added expense will become part of Wegmans' cost of doing business, she added.

## Affordable Care Act probably did not affect Bloomberg figures

POLITIFACT • from B1

definitely 'helped' people enroll in those plans – setting up a special office to do so," Glied said.

Katherine Hempstead, who studies health data as a senior policy adviser with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, said changes in state policy might have played a role in lowering the number of people without insurance during that time period.

The downward trend "may reflect the fact that the state of New York expanded Medicaid in 1999 with the passage of the Health Care Reform Act," Hempstead said.

To support its claim, the campaign cited the ways the Bloomberg administration helped get people covered. Among them: Bloomberg signed legislation that re-

quired the city health department to provide pamphlets outlining public health insurance options in day care centers and required the centers to make them available to parents and guardians.

Through a grant from the New York State Health Foundation, New York City also set up a website in 2009 to educate people without insurance about their options. This included information on how to make health insurance more affordable and a tool to help individuals determine whether combining private and public insurance would bring down their costs.

The city introduced an online prescreening tool for health insurance eligibility in 2007, and it introduced online renewals of public insurance coverage in 2010.

The Affordable Care Act, former President Barack

Obama's health care initiative, passed in 2010 but did not substantially take effect until 2014. So, it probably did not affect the number of people who gained insurance before then, Hempstead said.

## Our ruling



Bloomberg claimed that in New York City, he "helped" lower the number of uninsured by 40%, and that 700,000 people obtained health insurance during his administration. His numbers are generally correct, and he is correct to say he "helped." He isn't taking full credit, and that is wise. State programs gave greater access to health insurance, while his administration worked to raise awareness about that access.

We rate Bloomberg's statement: True.

## Reporters' Notebook / Bits and pieces of news ...



**OLAF FUB SEZ:** According to media executive and talk show host Oprah Winfrey, born on this date in 1954, "You CAN have it all. You just can't have it all at once."

**HEALTHY START** – The Erie County Health Department will hold the first of this year's free rabies vaccination clinics from 3 to 7 p.m. today in the North Buffalo Community Center, 203 Sanders Road, off Colvin Boulevard. Shots will be provided for cats, dogs and ferrets.

Pets should be on a leash or in a carrier. Owners should bring a copy of their animal's vaccination record. For more info, call 961-6800 or visit erie.gov/health/rabies.

**MILESTONE MOMENT** – St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in South Buffalo will celebrate its centennial at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Buffalo Irish Center, 245 Abbott Road. All past and present parishioners, former teachers, clergy, friends and graduates of the school are invited. Tickets are \$25 and include beer, wine, pop, finger foods and music. For tickets, call

**Barb Fitzgerald** at 268-7112 or **Mary Lynn Gallagher** at 512-9382 or visit stthomasbuffalo.com.

**THINK SPRING** – A presentation on the best irises to grow in Western New York will be given at the next meeting of the WNY Iris Society at 1 p.m. Sunday in the Julia B. Reinstein Library, 1030 Losson Road, Cheektowaga. All are welcome.

**BRAVE THE COLD** – Educators Totally Committed (ETC) will sponsor its 33rd annual Jerry Starr Ken-Ton Schools Sleep-out to benefit the less fortunate beginning at 8 p.m. Feb. 7 in the cafeteria and parking lot of Hoover Middle School, 249 Thorncliff Road, off Sheridan Drive, Town of Tonawanda. For more info on joining the sleep-out and making donations, call 694-4492.

**BE PREPARED** – How to control or stop bleeding before professional help arrives is the topic of a free 90-minute public training course that will be offered at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 26 by the Erie County Medical Society in its conference center, 1317 Harlem Road, Cheektowaga. Leading the course will be the society's vice president, **Dr. Robert Armstrong**. There is no charge to attend, but seating is limited and registration is required. To sign up, call 852-1810, ext. 105.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** – Laura Kamela, Dan "Cow" Caulfield, Sandra Beutler, Giovanni Mangino, Patty Porter, Lynnann Jackson, Maureen Crosson Drewery, Wayne Kusinski, Joe Cristofanilli, Frank Barnashuk, Logan Yeates Frantz, Kayla

Martinez, Sienna McCabe, Sister Mary Barbara Amrozowicz, Roberta Roma, Jan Dombkowski, Chrissie Walker-Betts, Lucas Forney, Elwyn Brown, Kara Brown, Kristin Recktenwalt, Colton Owczarczak, Carolyn Dorigo, Laura Kamela, Sharon Welsh, Kenny Emblidge, Colleen Maloney-Berman, Brett Hajdaj, Rolfe Porter and Janice Jay.

To submit birthdays and other items of interest to Reporters' Notebook, please email olaffub@buffnews.com or send a letter to Reporters' Notebook, Buffalo News, Box 100, Buffalo, NY 14240.

## Lottery Picks /

Winning numbers for Tuesday

**N.Y. Evening Number:** 419  
**N.Y. Midday Number:** 265  
**Win Four Evening:** 4269  
**Win Four Midday:** 9793  
**Cash4Life:** 2 19 26 36 55  
**CashBall:** 01

**Take Five:** 3 4 5 31 38

**Pick 10:**  
1 2 3 6 7 12 14 16 23 24  
27 29 35 41 48 53 58 67 72 76

**Mega Millions:** 17 36 47 51 62

**Mega Ball:** 21  
**Megaplier:** 3X

**Pick 3 Evening:** 127

**Pick 3 Day:** 984

**Pick 4 Evening:** 4269

**Pick 4 Day:** 9793

Late numbers for Monday

**Take Five:** 12 17 18 26 30

These numbers are unofficial. For official New York Lottery results go to [buffalo.com/lottery](http://buffalo.com/lottery) or your lottery retailer.

## Public Notice - Fact Sheet

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has received a Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) application and Draft Remedial Investigation/Interim Remedial Measures Work Plan for Main St. Louis, L.P. for a site known as 8 St. Louis Place, site ID #C915355. This site is located in the City of Buffalo, within the County of Erie and is located at 8 St. Louis Place. Comments regarding this application and Draft Remedial Investigation/Interim Remedial Measures Work Plan must be submitted no later than February 28, 2020. Access the application and other relevant documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C915355/>. The documents also are available at the document repository located at Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, 1 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, NY 14203. Information regarding the site and how to submit comments can be found at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/60058.html> or send comments to Damianos Skaros, Project Manager, NYSDEC, 270 Michigan Ave., Buffalo, NY 14203-2915; or call 716-851-7220.

To have information such as this notice sent right to your email, sign up with county email listservs available at [www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html).

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The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has received a Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) application and Draft Remedial Investigation Work Plan for LB-UBS 2007 - C6 - Southside Plaza LLC for a site known as Southside Plaza, site ID #C907043. This site is located in the City of Jamestown, within the County of Chautauque, and is located at 704-744 Foote Avenue. Comments regarding this application must be submitted no later than February 28, 2020. Access the application and other relevant documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C907043/>. The documents also are available at the document repository located at the James Prendergast Library, 509 Cherry Street, Jamestown, NY 14701. Information regarding the site and how to submit comments can be found at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/60058.html> or send comments to Joshua Vaccaro, Project Manager, 270 Michigan Ave., Buffalo, NY 14203; [joshua.vaccaro@dec.ny.gov](mailto:joshua.vaccaro@dec.ny.gov); or call (716) 851-7220.

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