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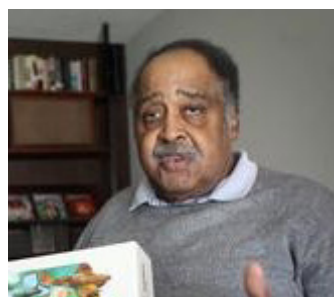
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Chicago is looking for a new person to head its school system. Mayor Rahm Emanuel, unlike Michael Bloomberg, is not looking for candidates he meets at parties or are members of his staff. Instead, he has convened a diverse committee of community stakeholders to review candidates for the position. You'll see them listed at the end of the below article.

Chicago education activist Phillip Jackson, executive director of the Black Star Project, has written to the committee with recommendations for the position.

What was intriguing is the process Mayor Emanuel has instituted and the suggestions Mr. Jackson has made.

Looking over Mr. Jackson's list of candidates, none of whom would require a waiver, you realize how educationally deprived we are here in New York.

Dennis Walcott is likable, competent and smart, but no one can take a look at this process and these candidates and say he's the best we can do. -DG

Best Candidates for CEO of Public Schools

These are outstanding CEO and Superintendent candidates for any big city school district.

To the Chicago Education Committee and New CEO Selection Committee, numerous parents and organizations have asked The Black Star Project to offer guidance and recommend criteria for selecting a new CEO of Chicago Public Schools (CPS). Based on the input from parents and community members, we suggest that viable candidates for CEO of Chicago Public Schools meet nine (9) minimum criteria.

Basic Requirements for New CEO of the Chicago Public Schools:

1) Five years of education management experience either in administration, at a school, at the university level or in an educational not-for-profit.

2) Resident of Chicago who knows the city and has significant history in Chicago.

Qualifying Criteria for New CEO of the Chicago Public Schools should have

credentials that demonstrate or prove s/he has:

3) Strong relationships with and connections to the higher education community and the business community.

4) Successful results working with student populations whose demographics are similar to those of the CPS student population.

5) Varied examples of how s/he encouraged, supported and engaged parents as valued partners in the education of their children.

6) Strong willingness to include parents and community members in essential decision-making processes designed to successfully educate students.

7) Nuanced understanding of the connection between academic success and the success of community economies.

8) Flexibility, sensibility and willingness to work with communities to improve schools.

9) Track record working with alternative schools and dropout reclamation.

1) Paul Adams is President and Founder of the Providence Schools. Mr. Adams, the son of a school teacher, is originally from Montgomery, Alabama. He received a BA from Alabama



State University. He grew up during the civil rights movement and participated in Dr. Martin Luther King's march from Selma to Montgomery.

Adams moved to Chicago and earned a master's degree in psychology from Northeastern Illinois University. In 1971, he was hired as director of guidance for Providence St. Mel School, then a private Catholic high school. One year later, he became principal.

When the Archdiocese of Chicago withdrew funding from the school in 1978 Adams spearheaded a national campaign to raise money for Providence St. Mel. His dedication became legendary and during the next two decades, Adams successfully transformed Providence St. Mel into a premier college preparatory learning institution for African-American students.

Since 1996, Adams has served as President of Providence St. Mel School, managing an annual budget in excess of \$7 million. He remains very active in planning the curriculum for the school, which has

since expanded to include prekindergarten, elementary and middle grades for a full pre-K-through-12 grade span.

Under his leadership, 100 percent of Providence St. Mel's graduating seniors have been accepted to four-year colleges and institutions of higher learning for more than 30 years. Upwards of 50 percent of its grads attended top-tier and Ivy League institutions for the past seven years.

To further his groundbreaking approach to education, Adams waded into the public school arena by founding Providence Englewood Charter School. During the 2006-2007 school year, he served as its principal while, as part of Providence St. Mel's Leadership Development Program, he and Jeanette DiBella trained the designated, incoming school principal.

According to Adams, "I learned early on that without a proper education, a person is doomed. If I could provide the right environment, our children could enter these doors and feel free to learn and prosper."

2) Dr. Victoria Chou is Dean of the School of Education at the University of



Illinois at Chicago. She has served as Dean of the College of Education at UIC at Chicago since 1996. Prior to her deanship, she was a classroom teacher, a reading specialist

and a teacher educator and reading researcher.

With her colleagues at UIC, she seeks to develop a model "Great Cities" school of education that is relevant and responsive to the third-largest school district in the United States. She has secured numerous grants to support the preparation and professional development of excellent teachers for students in Chicago's historically underserved neighborhood schools.

She chairs UIC's Council on Teacher Education, is co-Chair of the Steering Committee of the Consortium on Chicago School Research, and chairs the governing board of the National Teachers Academy-Professional Development School. Dr. Chou earned her doctorate in education in 1976 from the University of Wisconsin - Madison in Curriculum and Instruction.

Dr. Chou's current work addresses how particularities of the urban context should influence literacy education, the education of teachers, and schools of education.

3) Dr. Blondean Y. Davis is Superintendent of M a t t e s o n Elementary School District 162.



Dr. Davis, selected as the 2008 Illinois Superintendent of the Year from among more than 800 Illinois

superintendents, represented Illinois in the National Superintendent of the Year Recognition during the 2008 AASA National Conference.

Dr. Davis was appointed Superintendent of District 162 in 2002. The district has consistently increased its Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) scores with the most recent composite score on the 2007 ISAT rising to 80 percent, an increase of 45% since 2001.

Two of the district's seven schools were ranked on the 2007 ISAT top 10 school districts in the Southland suburban area of

Chicago. Dr. Davis' educational philosophy is driven by the research of Dr. Ron Edmonds, founder of the Effective Schools Movement. According to Dr. Edmonds, "We can, whenever and wherever we choose, successfully teach all children whose schooling is of interest to us. We already know more than we need to do that. Whether or not we do it must finally depend on how we feel about the fact that we haven't so far."

Prior to District 162, Dr. Davis was in charge of daily management of the Chicago Public Schools from 1995 to 2001. She supervised seven regions including 600 schools. She also served the Chicago Public Schools system as Deputy Chief Education Officer, district superintendent, principal, assistant principal, counselor and teacher.

She was Associate Professorial Lecturer at St. Xavier University where she trained prospective principals and was a senior consultant to the Illinois State Board of Education, working with schools that were on the state's Academic Warning List.

4) Dr. Carol D. Lee is the Edwina S.



Tarry Professor of Education and Social Policy at Northwestern University and co-Founder of New Concept School and Third World Press.

Dr. Lee has developed a theory of cultural modeling that provides a framework for the design and enactment of curriculum that draws on various forms of prior knowledge that traditionally underserved students bring to classrooms. She is the author of *Signifying as a Scaffold for Literary Interpretation: The Pedagogical Implications of an African-American Discourse Genre*. She is co-editor with Peter Smagorinsky of *Neo-Vygotskian Perspectives on Literacy Research*, published by Cambridge University Press.

Her work is published in numerous journals, including *Reading Research Quarterly*, *Research in the Teaching of English*, *The Journal of Black Psychology*, and the *Journal of Negro Education*, among others.

Lee recently completed a research project in a Chicago inner-city high school that involves restructuring the English Language Arts curriculum, including assessment, in ways that build on social and cultural strengths that students bring from their home and community experiences.

Her research projects are or have been funded by the McDonnell Foundation's Cognitive Studies in Educational Practice by the Spencer Foundation, and by the National Center for the Study of At-Risk Children, co-sponsored by Howard University, Johns Hopkins University, and by the National Council of Teachers of English.

Lee is active in the school reform movement in Chicago Public Schools and taught in both public and private schools before assuming a university career. She is a founder and former director of an African-centered independent school in Chicago that is 28 years old, New Concept School.

She is also a founder of a newly established African-centered charter school, the Betty Shabazz International Charter School. She engages in professional development activity for teachers both locally and nationally.

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Strong Opposition to Wal-Mart at Mayoral Hearing

Suspicious of Developer Deal Grow

By Mary Alice Miller

New Yorkers voiced opposition to a possible Wal-Mart entry into the NY market at yet another hearing, this one held by the Bloomberg administration. The hearing concerned a proposed sale of city land to Related Co., the developer of an expansion of the Gateway project in East New York. Related has agreed to pay \$35 million for a 406,000 square foot parcel of land appraised at \$30.5 million. Critics argue the appraisal is low because it only considers the planned Gateway II retail mall, ignoring new zoning which allows for 3.8 million square feet of commercial development.

Suspicious have been growing since Related has been in talks with Wal-Mart. Councilman Charles Barron said Related gave him a verbal commitment not to allow Wal-Mart in Gateway. "We are not going for a bait-and-switch," said Barron. "Related is the only one who can bring Wal-Mart into Gateway. If Related becomes a bad business partner to the City Council, future Related projects may be at risk." Related says it has not signed any retail lease for the expansion project.

The talks between Related and Wal-Mart seem eerily similar to a scenario in Washington state. In the Seattle area, Wal-Mart was able to establish footing through Sabey Corp. By the time local residents discovered Wal-Mart's plan's to enter their market, it was too late for the community to effectively organize against the behemoth. One Seattle area council member believed a deliberate deception took place.

Wal-Mart desperately needs New York. It reported a 1.8% decline in same-store sales in the first quarter of 2011. Wal-Mart's stock price has been flat for 10 years. Last year, Wal-Mart lost U.S. market share to its

competitors for the first time in a decade. Wal-Mart does not want to be considered a "mature stock" – they want to be a "growth stock." It has saturated non-urban parts of the U.S. with their stores.

Criticism of Wal-Mart remains. The retail giant closes stores rather than allow workers to unionize. It faces the largest class action gender discrimination lawsuit in U.S. history for its systemic bias against female workers. It has locked workers in its stores overnight, a clear safety violation reminiscent of conditions leading to the Triangle Shirtwaist fire. Workers do not work full-time, with no opportunity for overtime. Most Wal-Mart employees receive pay so low, they are eligible to receive government benefits such as Food Stamps and rental assistance.

"Wal-Mart is the largest national seller of guns," said Barron. "Remember the guy who shot Arizona Rep. Gabrielle Gifford? He got his bullets and magazines from Wal-Mart that morning. But it gets worse. Wal-Mart takes out life insurance policies on its workers, with it as the beneficiary – not the worker's families."

Barron said he has spoken to hundreds of East New York residents who don't want Wal-Mart. "We must get Wal-Mart out of the picture," he said. "We are willing to work with Related on a list of companies interested in coming to Gateway. We would demand living wage jobs with health benefits." Barron suggested ShopRite as a potential retail tenant because of its \$12/hr. pay, health care and the opportunity to join a union.

"We don't need Wal-Mart. Small businesses are the lifeblood of a community," Barron said.

PROJECT SAFE SURRENDER

DATE: April 22-23rd **TIME:** 9am - 5pm

LOCATION 1: Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, 760 DeKalb Ave, Bklyn.

LOCATION 2: Antioch Baptist Church, 828 Green Ave, Bklyn.

Brooklyn clergy will be partnering with the Brooklyn District Attorneys' Office, New York State Office of Court Administration, the Legal Aid Society and the NYC Police Department to implement Project Safe Surrender

on April 22-23, 2011 from 9-5 p.m.

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What is Project Safe Surrender?

Project Safe Surrender (PSS) is a pilot community program that helps individuals resolve summons/warrants. An added benefit of this program is that it also helps individuals re-enter society by connecting them with vital social assistance in the areas of health, housing, employment, employment training and education.

This program was inspired by a successful United States Marshall's initiative in 2006 called "Fugitive Safe Surrender" in which 14 cities participated and over 40,000 people surrendered voluntarily.

Brooklyn New York borrowed from the "Fugitive Safe Surrender" initiative and created their own program strictly for residents of Brooklyn called "Project Safe Surrender".

Brooklyn clergy, partnering with the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office, the New York State Office of Court Administration, the Legal Aid Society and the New York City Police Department offer the opportunity for

individuals with warrants/summons to turn themselves in to clergy and law enforcement and to have their warrants/summons lifted and their cases adjudicated in a safe environment.

This is not a pardon; but rather a solution that is favorable.

On April 22-23, 2011, Project Safe Surrender will open its doors at Antioch Baptist Church and Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church for people who have open warrants/summons for the following charges:

· Unlawful possession of Alcohol under age 21 · Consumption of Alcohol in Public · Aggressive Solicitation · Unlawful possession of handcuffs · Littering · Riding a bicycle on the sidewalk · Making unreasonable noise · Animal nuisance · Failure to have a dog license · Unleashed dog · Spitting · Trespassing · Disorderly conduct · Loitering · Unlawfully in a park after hours · Failure to comply with posted signs in park. (From the office of Councilman Jumaane Williams)

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The two-tiered justice system: an illustration

By Glenn Greenwald
www.salon.com

Of all the topics on which I've focused, I've likely written most about America's two-tiered justice system — the way in which political and financial elites now enjoy virtually full-scale legal immunity for even the most egregious lawbreaking, while ordinary Americans, especially the poor and racial and ethnic minorities, are subjected to exactly the opposite treatment: the world's largest prison state and most merciless justice system. That full-scale destruction of the rule of law is also the topic of my forthcoming book. But *The New York Times* this morning has a long article so perfectly illustrating what I mean by "two-tiered justice system" — and the way in which it obliterates the core covenant of the American Founding: equality before the law — that it's impossible for me not to highlight it. The article's headline tells most of the story: "**In Financial Crisis, No Prosecutions of Top Figures.**" It asks: "Why, in the aftermath of a financial mess that generated hundreds of billions in losses, have no high-profile participants in the disaster been prosecuted?" And it recounts that not only have no high-level culprits been indicted (or even subjected to meaningful criminal investigations), but few have suffered any financial repercussions in the form of civil enforcements or other lawsuits. The evidence of rampant criminality that led to the 2008 financial crisis is overwhelming, but perhaps the clearest and most compelling such evidence comes from long time Wall Street servant Alan Greenspan; even he was forced to acknowledge that much of the precipitating conduct was "**certainly illegal and clearly criminal**" and that "**a lot of that stuff was just plain fraud.**" Despite that clarity and abundance of the evidence proving pervasive criminality, it's entirely unsurprising that there have been no real criminal investigations or prosecutions. That's because the overarching "principle" of our justice system is that criminal prosecutions are only for ordinary rabble, not for those who are most politically and financially empowered. We have thus created precisely the two-tiered justice system against which the Founders most stridently warned and which contemporary legal scholars all agree is the hallmark of a lawless political culture. Lest there be any doubt about that claim, just consider the following facts and events:

When Bush officials were revealed to have established a worldwide torture regime (including tactics which Obama's Attorney General flatly stated were illegal) and spied on Americans without the warrants required by law (which Obama himself insisted was criminal), what happened? This, from *The New York Times*, January 11, 2009:

Obama Reluctant to Look Into Bush Programs

By David Johnson & Charlie Savage--
January 11, 2009

WASHINGTON- President-elect Barack Obama signaled in an interview broadcast Sunday that he was unlikely to authorize a broad inquiry into Bush Administration programs like

domestic eavesdropping or the treatment of terrorism suspects.

And when Spanish prosecutors decided, in light of Obama's refusal, that it would criminally investigate the torture by American officials to which its citizens were subjected by the U.S., what happened? This, from *Mother Jones*, December 1, 2010:

Obama and GOPers Worked Together to Kill Bush Torture Probe

A *WikiLeaks* cable shows that when Spain considered a criminal case against ex-Bush officials, the Obama White House and Republicans got really bipartisan
By David Corn

Wed., Dec 8, 2010 -- In its first months in office the Obama Administration sought to protect Bush Administration officials facing criminal investigation overseas for their involvement in establishing policies that governed interrogations of detained terrorist suspects.

When telecoms get caught participating in Bush's illegal eavesdropping program in violation of multiple federal statutes, what happened? This, from TPM, February 12, 2008:

Senate Votes to Give Retroactive Immunity for Telecoms

By Paul Kiel

Feb. 12, 2008 - Let there be no doubt that a majority of senators and a large number of Democrats think the telecoms should not suffer the hazard of accountability for cooperating with the administration's warrantless wiretapping program.

And when the CIA got caught destroying videotapes of its "interrogation" sessions with accused terrorists even in the face of multiple court orders directing that they preserve such evidence — acts which even the establishment-serving, rhetorically restrained co-Chairmen of the 9/11 Commission strongly suggested constituted "obstruction" of justice — what happened? This, from *Politico*, November 9, 2010:

DoJ: No charges for destruction of CIA interrogation videos

The Justice Department has decided not to bring criminal charges for the destruction of Central Intelligence Agency videotapes of tough interrogations of terrorism suspects, including videos of waterboarding.

And when it came time to decide what to do with one of the most brazen and egregious lawbreakers in the financial world — former Countrywide CEO Angelo Mozilo, whose fraud was so glaring that he was one of the very few to suffer any

consequences (forced to pay a paltry \$40 million out of his \$500 million fortune) — what happened? This, from AP, February 10, 2011:

AP source: Feds drop criminal probe against Mozilo

By Andrew Dalton AP

Los Angeles- Federal prosecutors have ended a criminal investigation of Countrywide Financial Corp. co-founder Angelo Mozilo, a person close to the investigation said Friday.

All of that stands in the starkest possible contrast to how ordinary Americans — especially the poor and racial and ethnic minorities — are treated by this same "justice system": with incomparably harsh and merciless punishment. From *The New York Times*, April 23, 2008:

U.S. prison population dwarfs that of other nations

By Adam Liptak

April 23, 2008 - The United States has less than 5 percent of the world's population, but it has almost a quarter of the world's prisoners.

Indeed, the United States leads the world in producing prisoners, a reflection of a relatively recent and now entirely distinctive American approach to crime and punishment. Americans are locked up for crimes - from writing bad checks to using drugs that would rarely produce prison sentences in other countries. And in particular, they are kept incarcerated far longer than prisoners in other nations.

The virtually full-scale immunity now vested in political and financial elites stands in just as stark contrast to the treatment received by those who reveal

wrongdoing, corruption and illegality by those elites — from *The New York Times*, June 11, 2010:

Obama Takes a Hard Line Against Leaks to Press

By Scott Shane

June 11, 2010

Washington - Hired in 2001 by the National Security Agency to help it catch up with the e-mail and cellphone revolution, T. A. Drake became convinced that the government's eavesdroppers were squandering hundreds of millions of dollars on failed programs while ignoring a promising alternative.

And this overflowing forgiveness and generosity toward elites stands in starkest contrast to foreign nationals accused of terrorism who are literally rendered non persons and denied all rights - from *The Washington Post*, March 11, 2011:

Obama signs executive order for indefinite detention at Guantanamo

In a 1795 letter, George Washington vowed that "the executive branch of this government never has, nor will suffer, while I preside, any improper conduct of its officers to escape with impunity." Thomas Jefferson — in an April 16, 1784 letter to Washington — argued that the foundation on which American justice must rest is "**the denial of every preeminence.**" It's literally difficult to imagine how we could be further away from those core principles. That the culprits who caused one of the worst financial crises in modern history have been fully shielded from the consequences of their acts — set alongside the torturers and illegal eavesdroppers who have been similarly protected — illustrates that quite compellingly.

A.G. Schneiderman Secures \$2.95 Million From Deceptive Gas & Electric Companies That Mised Thousands of New Yorkers

NEW YORK - Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today announced a multimillion dollar settlement with two energy companies that used deceptive marketing tactics to mislead thousands of New Yorkers. Under the agreement, Columbia Utilities LLC and Columbia Utilities Power LLC (Columbia) will pay \$2 million to refund New York consumers, \$200,000 in state penalties, and an additional \$750,000 suspended penalty if it fails to comply with the terms. In addition, Columbia will observe new restrictions on its marketing practices to prevent future fraudulent sales conduct.

"Consumers were lured by Columbia's false promises for huge savings and other deceptive practices, only to become burdened by more costly energy bills," Attorney General Schneiderman said. "These are difficult economic times, and predatory companies that exploit New Yorkers looking to save their hard-earned money will be held accountable. This settlement puts energy providers on notice that such consumer abuses will not be tolerated."

Columbia is an energy service company (ESCO) that sells electricity and natural gas through telemarketing and door-to-door sales to residential and business customers. Columbia claimed in sales presentations and advertising that consumers would realize significant savings

by purchasing electricity and natural gas from Columbia instead of from their local utility company. Most Columbia customers were given variable-priced contracts, which did not limit the ESCO's ability to change the price at any time. Though Columbia's sales representatives promised savings of anywhere between 15 and 20 percent, customers generally ended up paying substantially more than they would have if they had stayed with their local utility.

When consumers noticed the higher prices and sought to cancel their service, Columbia refused and noted the contract was for a 12-month term - a detail it failed to clearly disclose at the time of enrollment. Sales representatives did not advise customers that they were obligated to remain with Columbia for one year regardless of the price. Some consumers reported that sales associates even misstated the terms of the contract by promising consumers they could switch back to their old utility company at any time. In response to hundreds of consumer complaints, Columbia eventually allowed consumers to terminate their contract early upon request, but did not refund them for their extra costs. Other consumers reported that Columbia's sales representative led them to believe they were dealing with a local utility, instead of an ESCO.

Senate Subcommittee Chair Carl Levin Wants Goldman Sachs Execs Prosecuted at Conclusion of Investigations

WASHINGTON — Goldman Sachs executives deceived clients in order to profit off the brewing financial crisis and then misled Congress when asked to explain their actions, concluded a top lawmaker who led a two-year investigation into Wall Street's role in the meltdown.

Carl Levin, chair of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, will recommend that Goldman executives who testified before his panel, including chairman and chief executive Lloyd Blankfein, be referred to the Justice Department for possible criminal prosecution, the Michigan Democrat



Lloyd Blankfein, CEO Goldman Sachs

announced Wednesday. Members of the subcommittee will now deliberate Levin's proposal.

A Goldman spokesman said its executives were truthful in their testimony, adding that the firm disagreed with many of the panel's conclusions.

Two and a half years after a historic crisis that has yielded not a single criminal conviction of anyone who played a leading role in causing it, the prosecution

of such a high-profile Wall Street executive may satisfy the public's desire to see culprits

brought to justice. Last year, the Securities and Exchange Commission settled a lawsuit it had brought against Goldman.

But the firm was just one target of a sweeping, 639-page report by the Senate panel into the causes of the crisis. Hardly a fluke occurrence, the meltdown was the product of a deeply corrupt financial system, one fueled by profit-hungry banks that deceived their clients, and overseen by lax regulators who were complicit in the firms' chronic abuse of the most fundamental rules of the game, the report concludes.

The investigation found a "financial snake pit rife with greed, conflicts of interest, and wrongdoing," Levin said.

More than any other government report produced in the wake of the crisis, this account names names, blaming specific people and institutions: Goldman Sachs, Washington Mutual, Moody's Investors Service, Standard & Poor's, the Office of

Thrift Supervision and others. It targets four types of institutions, all of which it says played key roles in causing the crisis: mortgage lenders that offered prospective homeowners booby-trapped loans; regulators that were paid by the institutions they were regulating and cooperated in widespread deception; rating agencies that gave seals of approval to products they knew to be especially risky, all in the pursuit of market share; and Wall Street banks that duped investors into buying securities that only the insiders knew were destined to go bad.

"Blame for this mess lies everywhere from federal regulators who cast a blind eye, Wall Street bankers who let greed run wild, and members of Congress who failed to provide oversight," said the panel's ranking member, Sen. Tom Coburn, an Oklahoma Republican. By Susie Madrak

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Why Isn't Wall Street in Jail?

Financial crooks brought down world's economy — but the Feds are doing more to protect them than to prosecute them

Matt Taibbi
rollingstone.com

Nobody goes to jail. This is the mantra of the financial crisis era, one that saw virtually every major bank and financial company on Wall Street embroiled in obscene criminal scandals that impoverished millions and collectively destroyed hundreds of billions, in fact, trillions of dollars of the world's wealth — and nobody went to jail. Nobody, that is, except Bernie Madoff, a flamboyant and pathological celebrity con artist whose victims happened to be other rich and famous people.

The rest of them, all of them, got off. Not a single executive who ran the companies that cooked up and cashed in on the phony financial boom — an industry-wide scam that involved the mass sale of mismarked, fraudulent mortgage-backed securities — has ever been convicted. Their names, by now, are familiar to even the most casual Middle



American news consumer: companies like AIG, Goldman Sachs, Lehman Brothers, JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America and Morgan Stanley. Most of these firms were directly involved in elaborate fraud and theft. Lehman Brothers hid billions in loans from its investors. Bank of America lied about billions in bonuses. Goldman Sachs failed to tell clients how it put together the born-to-lose toxic mortgage deals it was selling. What's more, many of these companies had corporate chieftains whose actions cost investors billions — from AIG derivatives chief Joe Cassano, who assured investors they would not lose even "one dollar" just months before his unit imploded, to the \$263 million in compensation that former Lehman chief Dick "The Gorilla" Fuld conveniently

failed to disclose. Yet, not one of them has faced time behind bars.

Invasion of the Home Snatchers

Instead, federal regulators and prosecutors have let the banks and finance companies that tried to burn the world economy to the ground get off with carefully orchestrated settlements — whitewash jobs that involve the firms paying pathetically small fines without even being required to admit wrongdoing. To add insult to injury, the people who actually committed the crimes almost never pay the fines themselves; banks caught defrauding their shareholders often use shareholder money to foot the tab of justice. "If the allegations in these settlements are true," says Jed Rakoff, a federal judge in the Southern District of New York, "it's management buying its way off cheap from the pockets of their victims."

To understand the significance of this, one has to think carefully about the efficacy of fines as a punishment for a defendant pool that includes the richest people on earth — people who simply get their companies to pay their fines for them.

Conversely, one has to consider the powerful deterrent to further wrongdoing that the state is missing by not introducing this particular class of people to the experience of incarceration. "You put Lloyd Blankfein in pound-me-in-the-... prison for one six-month term, and all this ... would stop, all over Wall Street," says a former congressional aide. "That's all it would take. Just once."

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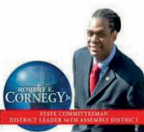
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 - Failure to have a Dog License
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Woodie King, Jr.'s New Federal Theatre Celebrates 40 Years, Sunday, May 22

Gala to Honor Sidney Poitier, Ntozake Shange, Ruby Dee, Alicia Keys, Mayor David Dinkins, and more.

Woodie King, Jr.'s New Federal Theatre (NFT) will celebrate its 40th Anniversary with a special gala at the historic Edison



Ballroom (240 West 47th Street) on Sunday evening, May 22nd. This special event saluting NFT, for 40 years a seminal force in Black Theater, will be co-hosted by Randall Pinkston (CBS News) and Lynn Whitfield. Chairmen for the event are Laurence Fishburne, John Morning and Susan Taylor. The Honorary Chair is Dr. Maya Angelou.

In addition to celebrating NFT's vital contribution to the arts internationally, the gala will feature special awards for 13 individuals that changed the cultural life of our nation: Sidney Poitier, Ntozake Shange, Ruby Dee, Alicia Keys, Mayor David Dinkins, Imhotep Gary Byrd, George Faison, Amiri Baraka, Rev. Malcolm Boyd, Elizabeth McCann, Carla Pinza, Terrie Williams and Sylvia Sprinkle Hamlin.

The celebration will kick off at 4 PM followed by the dinner and awards ceremony.

Founded by Woodie King, Jr. in 1970, New Federal Theatre has gone on to international acclaim for its bold mission to integrate minorities and women into the mainstream of American theater by training artists for the profession and by presenting plays by minorities and women to integrated, multicultural audiences – plays which evoke the truth through beautiful, artistic re-creations of ourselves.

For ticket information, call Lorelei Enterprises at 212-838-2660, ext. 14.

Jeff Burns Honored



Jeff Burns, Jr., Vice Chair of Howard University's School of Communications (BOV) was recently inducted into The Martin Luther King Jr. Board of Preachers and Laity during Morehouse College's 2011 Science and Spiritual Awareness Week in Atlanta, Georgia.

The induction ceremony took place at The Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel on the campus of Dr. King's alma mater.

Brooklyn-Born Gerald A. Lawson, a Trailblazer in Video Games, Dies at 70

Paved the way for Playstation, Xbox and Video Game Industry

Maria J. Avila Lopez/Mercury News

Brooklyn born Gerald A. Lawson, a largely self-taught engineer who became a pioneer in electronic video entertainment, creating the first home video game system with interchangeable game cartridges, died on Saturday in Mountain View, Calif. He was 70 and lived in Santa Clara, Calif.

Gerald Lawson created interchangeable game cartridges, making early gaming consoles like the Fairchild Channel F possible. The cause was complications of diabetes, said his wife Catherine.

Before disc-based systems like PlayStation, Xbox and Wii transformed the video game industry, before techno-diversions like Grand Theft Auto and Madden NFL, and even before Pac-Man and Donkey Kong became the obsession of millions of electronic gamers, it was Mr. Lawson who first made it possible to play a variety of video games at home.

In the mid-1970s, he was director of engineering and marketing for the newly formed video game division of Fairchild Semiconductor, and it was under his direction that the division brought to market in 1976 the Fairchild Channel F, a home console that allowed users to play different games contained on removable cartridges. Until then, home video game systems could play only games that were built into the machines themselves.

Mr. Lawson's ideas anticipated — if they did not entirely enable — a colossal international business. In March, Mr. Lawson was honored for his innovative work by the International Game Developers Association, an overdue acknowledgment for an unfamiliar contributor to the technological transformation that has changed how people live. "He's absolutely a pioneer," Allan Alcorn, a creator of the granddaddy of video games, Pong, said in an interview with the *San Jose Mercury News* in March. "When you do something for the first time, there is nothing to copy." Mr. Alcorn was the first design engineer at Atari, whose own cartridge console eventually dominated the home video game market.

At 6 feet 6 inches and well over 250 pounds, Mr. Lawson cut an imposing figure. A modest man but a straight talker who was known to one and all as Jerry, he was among only a handful of black engineers in the world of electronics in general and electronic gaming in particular.

Gerald Anderson Lawson was born in Brooklyn on Dec. 1, 1940, and grew up mostly in Queens. His parents encouraged his intellectual pursuits. His father, Blanton, was a longshoreman by profession and a voracious reader of science books by inclination; his mother, Mannings, was a city employee who was also president of the PTA at the nearly all-white school Jerry attended. There, he had a first-grade teacher who changed his life. "I had a picture of George Washington Carver on the wall next to my desk," he said in a 2009 interview with the publication *Vintage Computing and*

Gaming. "And she said, 'This could be you.'" He went on: "This kind of influence led me to feel, 'I want to be a scientist. I want to be something.'"

As a boy, he pursued a number of scientific interests, ham radio and chemistry among them. As a teenager, he earned money repairing television sets. He attended both Queens College and the City College of New York, but never received a degree. In the early 1970s, he started at Fairchild in Silicon Valley as a roving design consultant. While he was there he invented an early

didn't say why, he declined to hire Mr. Wozniak for a job at Fairchild.

After inventing Demolition Derby, Mr. Lawson was put in charge of the company's video game division. He and his team came up with cartridges that could be loaded with different game programs and then inserted into the console one at a time. This allowed the company to sell individual games separately from the console itself, a business model that remains the cornerstone of the video game industry. A crucial element of the invention was the use of a new processor, the Fairchild 8; another was a mechanism that allowed for repeated insertion and removal of cartridges without damaging the machine's semiconductors.

Video hockey and tennis were programmed into the F Channel console; additional games available on cartridge included Shooting Gallery, Video Blackjack and Alien Invasion. In addition to his wife, whom he married in 1965, Mr. Lawson is survived by a brother, Michael, of Queens, and two children, Karen and Marc, both of Smyrna, Ga.

After he left Fairchild in 1980, Mr. Lawson founded a company, Videosoft, that created games, and worked as a consultant. "I don't play video games that often; I really don't," he said in the 2009 interview. "First of all, most of the games that are out now — I'm appalled by them." Most are concerned with "shooting somebody and killing somebody," he said. "To me, a game should be something like a skill you should develop — if you play this game, you walk away with something of value."



coin-operated arcade game, Demolition Derby.

Along with other Silicon Valley innovators, he belonged to a hobbyists' group known as the Homebrew Computer Club. Two of its other members were Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak, later the founders of Apple. "I was not impressed with them — either one of them, actually," Mr. Lawson said in the 2009 interview, and though he

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Mixed-Heritage Families Program at Brooklyn Historical Society

April 18, 2011, Brooklyn, NY — The Brooklyn Historical Society is launching a new series: "Crossing Borders: Bridging Generations", a series of public conversations about mixed-heritage families, race, ethnicity, culture and identity, infused with historical perspective.

Before you watch William & Kate's royal wedding on Friday, April 29.

Join BHS on Wednesday, April 27 at 7pm

Mixed-Colonial-American-Ancestry: Are You Related to Royals?

How an African-American author used family nicknames, DNA and genealogy to trace her lineage to the Akan people of Ghana in West Africa and Scottish nobles related to royals.

This lively multimedia presentation will speak to the blended ancestry of Kate Middleton's family and public reaction to this wedding between a Prince and a "commoner." Pearl Duncan will present how she uncovered her mixed ancestry in Colonial America: Maroons in Jamaica, enslaved people who rebelled and escaped to freedom; Scottish nobles related to the kings and queens of Scotland and England; brothers: one a slaveowner, the other an abolitionist; roots in Virginia and New York; and mixed-ancestry birth records as far back as 1726.

Catering by Golden Krust of Flatbush: Free Caribbean cocktail patties and punch plus jerk chicken!

This event is free with museum admission. The museum will remain open

between 5:00-7:00pm

Duncan is an ex-offshore-yacht-racing writer and an avid New York historian. She is the first person in the world to use DNA to trace her ancestors from one continent to two other continents. Performing her DNA tests in 1999, she used the family nicknames that survived in her African-



Pearl Duncan

American family to trace her ancestors to families named Opare of the Akan people of Ghana in West Africa. She then traced them to specific farmers in African villages in the 1660's. Using genealogy, she then traced her ancestors to the 1690s in Colonial America and Jamaica, and to the

1720's in Scotland. She has a Scottish male ancestor, and numerous African ancestors whose modern-day African descendants she met and compared families' DNA to her DNA. Given her ten years of research, the Ghanaians recognized her and the Scots granted her a medieval coat of arms of ancestors who were nobles related to British royals. She was granted a coat of arms by a Scottish Court, authorized by Britain's Queen Elizabeth II.

Golden Krust entrepreneur Stanley Dennis, and Pearl Duncan are cousins, descended from great-grandmothers who were sisters; these colonials were descended from ancestors who were British nobles, Jamaican Maroons, Ghanaian village chiefs and Colonial American merchants, including one whose records are in New York.

Brooklyn Botanic Garden's Annual Plant Sale Returns! Northeast's Largest Plant Sale Is in Its 59th Year

Extended Hours! Wednesday, May 4, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Thursday, May 5, 9 a.m. to Noon

Brooklyn, New York—Brooklyn Botanic Garden's annual benefit Plant Sale returns for the 59th time this spring with the largest selection of affordable quality plants in the metropolitan area. This year offers a special emphasis on native plants in honor of the centennial of BBG's Native Flora Garden. More than 20,000 plants will be for sale in an area the size of two football fields on BBG's Cherry Esplanade—which will likely be radiant with pink blossoms, courtesy of its 76 flowering cherry trees. Over two days, thousands of plant lovers will take advantage of the sale's incredible values and expert gardening advice from the Garden's Horticulture staff.

The two-day Plant Sale offers plants especially selected for urban gardeners, whether their garden space is a windowsill or a spacious yard. In addition to a specially curated selection of perennials and shrubs native to the Northeast, shoppers will find a vast selection of trees and vines; herbs and vegetables, including heirloom varieties; exotic tropicals; hanging baskets; orchids; "collector's corners" of rare and unusual annuals; and much more. Due to the Plant Sale's immense popularity, hours

have been extended until 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4.

This year, the Plant Sale is working with major donor Monrovia Nurseries, which is providing a wonderful assortment of ferns for the city's many shady gardens, an extensive collection of lilacs, and many native plant selections. In addition, the Plant Sale will be aglow with several new Knockout roses—many double flowering—already in bloom.

The 2011 Plant Sale also features shopping tours, talks, and more on Wednesday, May 4, for shoppers of all interests and gardening skill levels:

-A bonsai clinic and demonstration will be led by BBG bonsai curator Julian Velasco. Bring your own pest-free bonsai for pruning, repotting, and advice. A fee of \$25 per bonsai includes new soil and wire. Spectators are welcome to watch, free of charge (10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 3 p.m.).

-Learn which houseplants for sun and shade will work in your home (2 p.m.).

-Crack the mystery of repotting and reblooming orchids with BBG's curator of

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THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 23 at RESTORATION ...

Community Forum in Support of The Scott Sisters Hosted by The Malcolm X Grassroots Movement and The National Black Lawyers Conference

Jamie and Gladys Scott to Appear by Live Teleconferencing

By Monifa Bande

This Saturday, April 23rd, 1:00-3:00pm at Restoration Plaza, 1368 Fulton Street in Brooklyn, the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement and the National Conference of Black Lawyers will host a community forum led by four of the nation's top community activist leaders, calling for a full pardon of the Scott Sisters.

Jamie and Gladys Scott will be teleconferenced in, live, to talk about their case and their ongoing commitment to help others with similar cases.

In 1993 in Mississippi, two young Black women, Jamie and Gladys Scott, were each sentenced to double-life sentences for an \$11 robbery. The trial and conviction of the then-19 and 22-year-old women wrecks of the blatant race, gender and class oppression that is rampant throughout the criminal justice system in America. Their defense attorney, who was later disbarred for unrelated incompetency, never called a single witness in the sisters' defense. One of the witnesses who testified against them has since recanted his testimony saying police threatened him.

Ultimately, two of the three men who indeed committed the robbery served 2 years in prison in exchange for testifying against the Scott sisters. Jamie and Gladys maintain their innocence!

While in prison, Jamie and Gladys suffered all of the usually physical and psychological abuses of incarceration. The lack of decent health care and nutrition put

Jamie Scott in critical need of a kidney transplant. Support for their release grew over the decade and a half of their incarceration, ultimately leading to a suspension of sentence in January of this year - conditional on Gladys donating a kidney to her ailing sister.

Today, the Scott family and their supports are urging the governor of Mississippi for a full pardon. Under the suspended sentence, they must pay \$52 a month for parole, abide by a strict curfew, and live with the constant fear of a parole violation - which would land them back in



Jamie and Gladys Scott with their attorney, Chokwe Lumumba.

prison to serve their double-life sentences. Furthermore, without a full pardon, they still live with the stigma of being convicted felons. As

they are unable to get jobs, decent housing and other critical services.

Chokwe Lumumba, the attorney for the sisters, will speak on the current situation of the campaign for their full release. Other panelists will include: attorney Michael Tarif Warren, Dr. Marc Lamont Hill, the nationally known leading hip-hop intellectual; April Silver, community activist and top marketing communications expert and attorney Rukia Lumumba, youth advocate and community activist.

BAM Presents DanceAfrica 2011: SAVE THE DATE! *Expressions and Encounters: African, Cuban, and American Rhythms*

**Under the artistic direction of Chuck Davis,
the 34th annual DanceAfrica festival (May 21-30)
features Ballet Folklórico Cutumba, Kùlú Mélé African Dance
& Drums, Bambara Drum & Dance Ensemble and BAM/
Restoration DanceAfrica Ensemble**

Opening: Saturday, May 21, 10am at Weeksville Heritage Center

April 15, 2011/Brooklyn, NY—BAM's longest running performance series, and one of America's largest and most vibrant celebrations of African and African American dance, music, and culture, continues with the 34th annual DanceAfrica festival, *Expressions and Encounters: African, Cuban, and American Rhythms*. Created in 1977 as the nation's first festival devoted to the rich legacy of African dance, DanceAfrica has evolved into a highly anticipated Memorial Day Weekend tradition that brings together the entire community. Under the artistic direction of Founding Elder Chuck Davis, DanceAfrica 2011 features Cuba's Ballet Folklórico Cutumba (Cutumba), joined by two American companies, Philadelphia's Kùlú



Chuck Davis

Mélé African Dance & Drum Ensemble and Bambara Drum & Dance Ensemble from New York City. The festival also features the BAM/Restoration DanceAfrica Ensemble, an annual favorite and a powerful symbol of youth involvement in the preservation of African heritage, performing for the 15th straight year.



THE PARENT'S NOTEBOOK

Exploring the true Three R's (Responsibility, Relationships and Resources) necessary to unleash the innate genius of our children.

By Aminisha Black

Time for a New Game

As the DOE saga continues, it's encouraging to see that Mayor Bloomberg's lesson is being learned and folk are organizing to get us involved in our lives and the lives of our children. If we haven't gotten the call to action by the mayor's actions, we fail as protectors of our children. The struggle continues with the emergency meeting sponsored by the Citywide Coalition for Educational Excellence Now! To select a Peoples Chancellor. We look forward to the results.

In the meantime, while the multitude of attacks continue on all fronts, it's obvious that we must vacate our ringside seats and take responsibility in our lives and teaching by example and involvement in the lives of the children.

I was inspired recently by reading an article from the March 31st *Wall Street Journal* "Raising an Accidental Prodigy", sent to me by Brother Sekou Owusu. The article told of the challenges parents of prodigies ranging from worry that something was wrong with child to racing to keep up with child's needs while still allowing a normal childhood. *One child was so easily bored at age 2 they hired a high school student to teach her Spanish.* She completed elementary school in 2 1/2 years, entering both high school and community college, graduating high school valedictorian at 11.

The article stated that less than 1% of children in the world are considered profoundly gifted, and even fewer are regarded as prodigies – defined as young children who perform better than most highly skilled adults. It's important to remember whose definition and interpretation of "highly skilled, profoundly gifted", etc. is being used.

What happens when children get bored? They usually act up. What happens in our homes when they act up? Do we have an anti-boredom list on hand? Or do we send the child to his room or take some valued activity away? What happens in schools? Are adjustments made in the student's classes? Or is the student labeled a behavior problem and assigned to Special Ed? We have been conditioned to depend on systems committed to keeping us dependent. It's time to declare

independence.

What's your response to a child who literally gets on your last nerve? Do you respond by assessing the child's needs or do you yell, threaten or punish? I invite you to select one such child and join me in Home Works! From Problem to Project. The mission of this game is to discover the innate genius in the child and create a program that satisfies the child's individual needs, nurturing growth. By the way, as adults we participate in the game, liberating unique interests and skills along with the young. The first step is discovering yours and your child's intelligences and matching activities. For a Multiple Intelligence inventory, send age of child to parentsnotebook@yahoo.com or mail with self-addressed stamped envelope to The Parent's Notebook, P.O. Box 755, Brooklyn, NY 11238.

PNAlerts!!

****Fri., April 22** – FREE informative discussion with parents and a Black Psychologist and a Black Child Psychiatrist – "Healthy Black Child Development"—DC-37, 125 Barclay St., Room 1. 6pm – 9pm. Sponsored by BNYEE. Info call 212-362-6021.

**** Mon., April 25** -Jazzy Mondays at FOR MY SWEET – 1103 Fulton St. Ideal intergenerational setting for youth to experience and appreciate different genres of music. Show times: 7pm and 9pm. For info call 718-857-1427 or 718-773-2252.

****Sat., April 30** – Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) Program (for African-American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Hispanic males) hosts an outreach event 8:30 – 11:30 am at *Murry Bergtraum H.S.* for male students currently in grades 8 – 11. Register at www.nycgms43011.eventbrite.com. For questions contact Jannitta Graham at: jannitta.graham@gmsp.org or call 1-877 – 690-4677.

****Sat., May 7th** – 12 pm and 1:30 pm - Lincoln Center's Middle School Jazz Academy's Showcase Class 2011 featuring music of Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Rahsaan Roland Kirk and Freddie Hubbard. FREE – Frederick P. Rose Hall, 60th St. & B'way, Manhattan.

receive a free admission coupon to use on a return visit. A supply of red shopping wagons is provided, but buyers are encouraged to bring a cart if they can. All major credit cards, cash, and checks are accepted.

Brooklyn Botanic Garden is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The Garden is closed on Mondays except public holidays. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens (65 and older) and students with ID. Children under 12, all school groups, and Garden members are admitted free at all times. For directions, please visit bbg.org/visit/directions.

Learn what's happening at Brooklyn Botanic Garden at bbg.org/visit/calendar, read the Garden's blog at bbg.org/news, and see photos of current highlights at bbg.org/bloom.

Alarming New Fukushima Reports

by Stephen Lendman

Five weeks after Japan's disaster, reports suggest worse, not improved conditions. It portends serious regional and global trouble ahead, besides what's already happened.

On April 16, AP headlined, "Radioactivity Rises in Sea Off Japan Nuclear Plant," saying: "Levels of radioactivity have risen sharply in seawater near (Fukushima), signaling the possibility of new leaks at the facility, the government said Saturday."

The announcement followed a 5.9-level aftershock rocking the country early Saturday. So far, no additional damage reports were issued. However, seawater radioactive Iodine-131 spiked to 6,500 times above normal, up from 1,100 on times Friday, and Cesium-134 and 137 rose nearly fourfold.

Japan's Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency (NISA) raised the possibility of worrisome new leaks, admitting that tracking them is difficult. Nonetheless, they still claim no threat to humans or sea life despite numerous independent experts raising dire warnings of spreading global radiation, including plutonium, the most deadly substance known, a microscopic speck enough to cause cancer.

Japan's *Kyodo News* reported the same news, saying pumping water into reactors and storage pools created large contaminated puddles with high radiation levels inside the reactor containment and turbine buildings. As a result, restoration work is hampered because even short-term exposure is extremely hazardous.

On April 14, *Global Security Newswire* (GSN) headlined, "Japan Plant Emits More Radiation After Cooling Lapse," saying: "The increased radiation explained above "indicates the fuel in storage there had been compromised," suggesting worse trouble than so far reported.

On April 15, GSN headlined, "Japan Plant Fuel Melted Partway Through Reactors," saying: "It settled into lower sections of containment vessels, "raising the specter of overheated material compromising a container and causing a massive radiation release," according to a newly released *Atomic Energy Society of Japan* (AESJ) report.

On April 15, *Japan Times* writer Kanako Takahara headlined, "Fuel rod fragments at bottom of vessels," saying: "If too many...puddles at the bottom, they can generate enough concentrated heat to bore a hole in the pressure vessel, which would result in a massive radioactive release to the environment."

In fact, there's no assurance it hasn't already happened but isn't being reported. Downplaying a serious reactor breach, *AESJ* claimed only small amounts of fuel so far melted and dispersed uniformly across the lower sections of Units 1, 2 and 3. Minimally, months of restoration work lie ahead, perhaps years based on what's already known.

According to some experts, we're in uncharted territory, dealing with a unprecedented disaster. On April 13, on *Democracy Now*, Physics Professor Michio Kaku called Fukushima reactors "ticking time bombs," saying Tokyo Electric (TEPCO) "has been in denial, trying to downplay the full impact of this nuclear disaster."

He explained a mathematical formula to determine an accident's level, saying this one "already released something on the order of 50,000 trillion becquerels of radiation," warranting a Level 7 rating.

However, radiation keeps leaking. "The situation is not stable at all. So, you're looking at basically a ticking time bomb."

The slightest disturbance causing more damage could increase the disaster's magnitude many fold. He described a full-core meltdown this way: "Think of driving a car, and....all of a sudden (it) lunges out of control. You hit the brakes," but they don't work because "the earthquake wiped out the safety systems." "Then your radiator starts to heat up and explodes. That's the hydrogen gas explosion. And then, to make it worse, the gas tank is heating up, and all of a sudden your whole car (bursts into) flames. That's (a) full-scale meltdown."

"So what can you do? You drive the car into a river (what TEPCO did by using seawater) to cover the top of the core." But its salt corrodes the radiator. So what then? "You call out the local firemen" and use "Japanese samurai warriors" inside the plant on a suicide mission, trying to keep water over "melted nuclear reactor cores." That's the current situation.

So when TEPCO says things are stable, it's only "in the sense that you're dangling from a cliff hanging by your fingernails. And as the time goes by, each fingernail starts to crack. That's the situation now," extremely dangerous and uncertain.

Moreover, radiation contaminates air, water and soil. "Cows then eat the vegetation, create milk and then it winds up in the milk. Farmers are now dumping milk right on their farms because it's too radioactive. Foods (also) have to be impounded in the area."

So "let's be blunt about this: Would you buy food that says 'Made in Chernobyl?' Japanese people are saying: "Should I buy food that says 'Made in Fukushima?' We're talking about the collapse of the local economy. (Yet) the government tries to lowball all the numbers, downplay the severity of the accident, and that's making it much worse."

Further, Japan's limited evacuation zone is "pathetic." America recommended 50 miles for US personnel, and France advised their nationals to consider leaving Japan altogether. Moreover, radiation levels are rising far beyond the evacuation zone.

Expect large future cancer increases. "That's the inevitable consequence of releasing enormous" amounts of radiation into the environment. As for TEPCO and government officials, "they're literally making it up as they go along. We're in totally uncharted territory. You get any nuclear engineering book. Look at the last chapter, and this scenario is not contained in....any nuclear engineering textbook on the planet."

As a result, "we are the guinea pigs for this science experiment that's taking place. Then it could take up to 10 years to finally dismantle the reactor. The last stage is entombment....over a period of many years....in a gigantic slab of concrete."

Other concerns include seawater radiation "millions of times beyond legal levels" and radiation readings throughout much of the country, including Tokyo's drinking water. Concerned people wonder if they should leave. Some "are voting with their feet. A lot of people are voluntarily evacuating from Tokyo because they simply don't believe....consistently lowballed" TEPCO and government radiation level reports.

Kaku also said people, including

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Brooklyn Botanic Garden Plant Sale

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the Orchid Collection, David Horak (noon and 3 p.m.).

-Get tips on selecting long-blooming, unusual, and easy-care annuals (10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.) and "hidden treasure" shrubs and perennials that offer the best bang for your buck (11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.).

-Discover some unusual culinary herbs and learn their use in the kitchen (10 a.m. and 3 p.m.).

Plus, representatives from BBG's GreenBridge community environmental horticulture program will be on hand to give Plant Sale shoppers tips about composting and other sustainable gardening practices. With each paid Garden admission, visitors

Sports

In Need of a Comeback

By Eddie Castro



The New York Knicks officially made their first playoff appearance in seven years Sunday night against the Boston Celtics. All week long, Coach Mike D'Antoni has heard about the Celtics tenacious defense.

The Knicks finished 2nd in the league in points per game at 106 (ppg). The flipside of that statistic is that the Knicks give up the most points in the NBA. The Knicks came out the gates strong as they had a

commanding lead at halftime. Amar'e Stoudemire came up big in the second half with big shot after big shot throughout the game. Stoudemire dropped 28 points. The Knicks problem all season long has been the inability to close out games in the fourth quarter, and they fell short again in game 2. The Knicks hope to bounce back for game 3 as the series shift to Madison Square Garden.

The Knicks need to rely on the consistency of Carmelo Anthony. Anthony has struggled in the playoffs and with the injury to Chauncy Billups, Anthony will be relied on often. Point guard, Tony Douglas will be in "X Man" the rest of the series with Billups questionable for Game 3.

Douglas has the ability to score in bunches and is a lethal weapon from the 3 point line as he led all players with 3 point field goals made after the all start break. Douglas may have the ability to stay with Rajon Rondo on defense speed wise. We all know too well of the "Big 3" of Boston's Kevin Garnett, Ray Allen, and Paul Pierce. It will be interesting to see, feel, and take in the atmosphere at the Garden. The Knicks have not won a playoff game since the 2001 season when they defeated the Toronto Raptors, a team that had Allen Houston, and Latrell Sprewell leading the way.

The key for the Knicks the rest of the series must be their defense and rebounding the ball. It appears that the Celtics coach Doc Rivers knows how to counter the Knicks pick n roll defense. One stat to put out there is in last year's NBA finals (Lakers VS. Celtics), in every game, the team the lead the game in rebounds, won the game. The Knicks ball movement must be on point and they must knock down the 3 ball. For

the Knicks, it is a must to snatch all two games on their home floor. The Knicks are 0-5 this season against the Celtics, however, if they can get some timely scoring from Stoudemire and Anthony it will indeed be a competitive series. Sure there are many non-believers that don't think the Knicks can pull it off, but if they play the way they played the last week of the season, they may just pull off one of the biggest upsets in New York sports history.

Sports Notes: (NBA Basketball). The Knicks look to protect home field advantage as Game 3 shifts to New York on Friday Night. (NFL Football) Day 43 of the lockout, the NFL and the NFLPA sit through mediation meetings in Minnesota. The NFL has released their schedule for the 2011 season in hopes to have a 2011 season. (BaseBall). After finishing up a 3-game series against the BlueJays, the Yankees head to Baltimore to begin a 3-game set against one of baseball's surprising teams the Baltimore Orioles starting Friday night.

Detroit SWAT team assaults African American mom who refused to medicate daughter with antipsychotic drugs

(NaturalNews) The medical police state is alive and well in Detroit today, where Child Protective Services (CPS) called in the police to aid in their kidnapping of a 13-year-old daughter from an African American mother who refused to medicate her with dangerous psychiatric drugs. As this case is clearly showing, refusing to medicate your children with Big Pharma's mind-altering drugs is now being treated as a felony crime. Here are the facts of the case:

- Maryanne Godboldo is an African American mother of a teenager daughter. She lives in Detroit.

- Child Protective Services (CPS) personnel attempted to kidnap Maryanne's 13-year-old daughter. They accused her of not giving her child

psychiatric medication prescribed by her doctor.

- Maryanne says the medication caused **side effects** in her daughter and made her condition worse, which is why she refused to give her daughter the medication.

- The medication was **Risperdal**, a neuroleptic antipsychotic medication known for causing serious side effects such as abdominal pain, vomiting, aggression, anxiety, dizziness and lack of coordination

- When Maryanne refused to let CPS take her daughter away, CPS personnel then called the police, who then smashed down her front door and attempted to raid her home to kidnap her daughter by force.

- The police did NOT have a warrant or any court documents whatsoever

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granting them any right to enter Maryanne's home, according to Godboldo's attorneys.

- Police say that after they smashed in the front door, Maryanne opened fire on them. (Who wouldn't open fire on a group of armed assailants trying to kidnap their daughter, by the way?)

- A SWAT team was then called in, carrying semiautomatic rifles and sniper gear. A 12-hour standoff ensued.

- Maryanne eventually surrendered to the SWAT team, and the state took her daughter to a psychiatric hospital where

she is now being molested by the staff there, her mother says.

- Maryanne Godboldo now faces multiple felony charges: firing a weapon in a dwelling, felonious assault, resisting and obstructing an officer, and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

- CPS lied about the child's father's ability to take care of her as a tactic to kidnap her from her mother.

- Community groups in Detroit are now rallying on behalf of the family there, shouting "Free Arianna" (the daughter).

Radiation Leak is a Global Problem

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Americans, aren't told the truth about nuclear power hazards. Now a new generation may be built at risk of meltdowns like older reactors. In fact, the potential for nuclear disaster is so great that insurers won't underwrite it, so Washington under the Price-Anderson Act does it at taxpayer expense for an energy source too dangerous to exist.

As a result, noted experts like Helen Caldicott warn of inevitable disasters as great or worse than Fukushima; the more operating plants, the greater the danger. On April 12, her *London Guardian* article headlined, "How Nuclear Apologists Mislead the World Over Radiation," saying: It "emanates from radioactive elements which enter the body by inhalation, ingestion or skin absorption. Hazardous radionuclides (like) Iodine-131, Cesium-137 and other isotopes....bioconcentrate at each step of various food chains," from algae to crustacean, to small fish to bigger fish, to animals to humans, as well as vegetation.

They then affect specific bodily organs, including the thyroid, liver, bone

and brain, "where they continuously irradiate small volumes of cells with high doses of alpha, beta and/or gamma radiation, and over many years, can induce uncontrolled cell replication." *That's cancer!*

In addition, nuclides stay radioactive for generations, causing increased incidences of cancer and genetic diseases. There's no such thing as an acceptable radiation level. In any amount, radiation is harmful, cumulative, permanent and unforgiving.

Experts also worry about possible recriticality, defined as a return to a point at which a nuclear reaction becomes self-sustaining or unstoppable. In late March, the IAEA warned that "there might be recriticality at Fukushima," though so far there's "no final assessment."

On April 11, environmental expert Dr. Ilya Perlingieri's article headlined, "Fukushima's Nuclear Disaster: One Month and Counting," saying: So far, "nothing is even remotely improved. In fact, things are dramatically worse."

Hazardous reactors like GE's Mark 1 place entire populations at risk where they operate. "The radioactive consequences of four Fukushima reactors far exceeds Chernobyl." As a result, the consequences

for all Japanese residents will be enormous. But they also affect others as "various radioactive elements travel (by wind and water) around the globe."

Potentially, everyone may be affected to a greater or lesser extent, including future generations. In addition, dumping thousands of tons of radioactive water into the ocean is an environmental crime. Contaminated water "will now travel across the (Pacific) to North America's West Coast," contaminating the entire food chain in the process. Then, as "water goes through its cycles, it will evaporate, and radioactive air will be carried around the globe. We are all in grave danger."

Moreover, because EPA closed many of its monitoring stations, including on the West Coast, the public won't get vital information. "How much more deception and deceit can we take?" Fukushima is the worst disaster "we have faced in our lives." Potentially, millions of cancers may result. How many people are already "eating radioactive fresh fruit, or drinking water and milk? High radiation levels have been found in rain, snow and drinking water. Radioactive Iodine-131 and Cesium-137 have been found in US milk."

Perlingieri quoted from Dr. Janette

Sherman's "prophetic scientific paper", written six months before Fukushima, saying: "Given profound weather effects (earthquakes, floods, tsunamis, etc.), human fallibility and military conflicts, (it's) only a matter of time before there is a nuclear disaster.

Nuclear fallout knows no state or national boundaries....The economic costs of radioactive pollution and care of contaminated citizens are staggering. No country can maintain itself if its citizens are economically, intellectually, politically and socially impoverished."

Nor can it if the health of its people are gravely, preventably and permanently harmed. Nature's laws can't be reversed, nor can the effects of contaminating radiation, a destroyer of life too dangerous to exist, but it proliferates because corrupted politicians and industry profiteers are too unprincipled to stop it.

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LEGAL NOTICES**BUSINESS FORMATIONS**

TULL'S ALPHA GLOBAL CONSULTANCY L.L.C., a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC), filed with the Sec of State of NY on 1/19/11. NY Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to c/o United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave., Ste. 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. General Purposes.

Notice of Formation of Velez and VanRy Building and Renewal LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/29/10. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC 611 Greenwood Avenue #2, Brooklyn, NY 11218. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Tax Time Services LLC. Art. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/30/10. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 9712 3rd Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY United Pediatrics, PLLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/04/2011. Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to United Pediatrics, PLLC 8662 Bay Parkway, Brooklyn, New York 11214. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

Name: 1631 REALTY, LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 2/17/2011. Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to THE LLC, 5014 16TH Avenue, Suite 133, Brooklyn, NY 11204. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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SURROGATE NOTICES

ACCOUNTING CITATION File No. 2009/4638/A SURROGATE'S COURT, KINGS COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: Daniel Williams, Bertha Brinson, Ronald Williams, Sylvia Parker, Patricia Douglas, Joseph a/k/a Joe Pickett, Charles Williams, Johnnie Newkirk, Jr., Ashaki Smith, Deetra Scott, Jacqueline Williams, Finis Williams, Alan Williams, Michael Williams, Mark Wayne Blake, Larry Blake, Deborah Winston, Lottie Williams, Yvonne Williams, New York City Human Resources Administration, Attorney General of the State of New York, Robert R. Koepfel, Esq, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance.

CURTIS WILLIAMS and BILLIE WILLIAMS. If living but if dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if they died subsequent to the decedent herein, to their executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and place of residence are unknown - AND - to the spouse, if any, and any and all unknown distributees and creditors of CONSTANCE WILLIAMS, deceased, whose whereabouts are unknown and if any of the aforesaid persons be dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if the persons died subsequent to the decedent herein, to their executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next to kin and distributees of CONSTANCE WILLIAMS, the decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot after due diligence be ascertained.

A petition having been duly filed by the Public Administrator of Kings County, with offices at 360 Adams street, Room 144A Brooklyn, New York 11201, USA.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Kings County, at 2 Johnson Street, Room 319 Brooklyn, New York, on May 10,

2011, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why

A) The account of proceeding of the Public Administrator of Kings County as administrator of the estate of CONSTANCE WILLIAMS should not be judicially settled:

B) The Court should not fix, determine and approve the Public Administrator's statutory commissions pursuant to SCPA §2307 in the amount of \$13,686.82. as set forth in Schedule I of the Account:

C) The Court should not fix, determine and approve the Public Administrator's Administration expenses pursuant to SCPA §1106(3) in the amount of \$3,228.94, as set forth in Schedule J of the Account:

D) The Court should not fix, determine and approve the legal fees of Cullen and Dykman LLP, counsel to the Public Administrator calculated pursuant to the Administrative Board Guidelines, in the amount of \$19,373.63, as set forth in Schedule J of the Account:

E) The claim of Bertha Brinson in the amount of \$9,950.00 for reimbursement of funeral expenses and loans made to the decedent should not be allowed.

F) The remaining claim of Bertha Brinson in the amount of \$1,737.26, the claim of Deborah Winston in the amount of \$811.32 and the claim of Ronald Williams in the amount of \$100.00 should not be rejected:

G) The claims of Robert R. Koepfel, Esq, the New York City Human Resources Administration and the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance if any, should not be fixed and determined.

H) The Petitioner should not be permitted to distribute so much of the net estate to the decedent's distributees, as now known or hereafter determined as their interests may appear, and to deposit any amount not so distributed with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York to be held for the benefit of decedent's unknown distributees or for the benefit of any distributees of the decedent who are under disability for whom no guardian of the property has been appointed: and

I) The Petitioner, upon fully complying with the Decree to be made in this proceeding, should not be released and discharged of and from any and all liability, responsibility and accountability with respect to the Petitioner's acts and proceedings as Administrator as set forth and embraced in said account and the Court grant such other and further relief as it deems just and proper.

Dated, Attested and Sealed, March 25, 2011 Hon. Margarita Lopez Torres, Surrogate. Kevin McTernan, Acting Chief Clerk. Attorney, Richard H. Freeman, Esq., Cullen and Dykman LLP, 177 Montague St., Brooklyn, New York 11201 (718) 780-0088. NOTE: This citation is served upon you as

required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you, and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney.

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY. DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE UNDER NOVASTAR MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST, SERIES 2007-1, Pltf. vs. CHRISTOPHER BARBER, et al Defts. Index #38286/07. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated June 22, 2010, I will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 274, 360 Adams St., Brooklyn, NY on May 5, 2011 at 3:00 p.m., prem. k/a 919 Belmont Ave., Brooklyn, NY. Said property located on the northerly side of Belmont Ave., 33 ft. 7 inches easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly side of Fountain Ave. with the northerly side of Belmont Ave., being a plot 83 ft. x 16 ft. 5 inches. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$400,687.58 plus cost and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. SEAN R. SMITH, Referee. COHN & ROTH, Attys. for Pltf., 100 East Old County Rd., Mineola, NY. #79717

SURROGATE'S COURT - KINGS COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK By the Grace of God. Free and Independent File No. 5061/2004

To: Mary Louise Francis, Executor of the estate of Michael S. Francis, Ruby Gilchrist, James N. Francis, Jr.; Public Administrator of the County of Kings, Hartford Insurance Company, Attorney General of the State of New York, New York State Department of Taxation.

George Alexander Francis, Jr. whereabouts unknown, or his distributees devisees, heirs at law assignees or their estates, if any there be, whose names, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown to the petitioner and cannot with due diligence be ascertained.

A Petition as amended for the final Account having been duly filed by LIVINGSTON S. FRANCIS who is domiciled. at 65 Bauer Avenue, Roosevelt, L. I. New York 11575. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Kings County at 2 Johnson Street, Brooklyn, New York, Room 319 on May 19, 2011, at 9:30 in the forenoon of that day why The Account of LIVINGSTON S. FRANCIS, a summary of which has been served herewith as administrator of the Estate of Rosetta O. Spooner a/k/a Rosetta Spooner should not be judicially settled.

(a) Allocating the balance remaining after attorney's fees and

disbursements paid, be distributed to the distributees as follows: That \$55,000.00 plus twenty (20%) of the net estate shall be paid to the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York for the benefit of GEORGE ALEXANDER FRANCIS whose whereabouts are unknown subject to the further order of this Court. (b) Estate of Michael S. Francis 20% of the net Estate (a) Ruby F. Gilchrist 20% of the net Estate (d) James N. Francis Jr. 20% of the net Estate (e) Livingston Francis 20% of the net Estate (f) That the Sureties be discharged (g) That the Surrogate fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation for Godfrey H. Murrain in the amount of \$21,500 to Godfrey H. Murrain for legal services in the and the reimbursement of the Court filing fee of \$625.00 and further (h) That Livingston S. Francis be allowed commissions pursuant to the statute in the amount of \$17,735.16 and reimbursement of expenses paid for the benefit of the estate pursuant to section 1805 of the SCPA. In the amount of \$11,480.00 (i) That the Account proceedings be Judicially settled and for such other and further relief as may be just in the premise- and for such other further relief as may be just, proper and equitable.

Hon. Diana A. Johnson, Surrogate, Kevin McTernan Acting Chief Clerk. Dated, Attested and Sealed March 23, 2011. Attorney for Petitioner GODFREY. H. MURWAIN Tel. No. (212) 619-1250. Address of Attorney: 225 Broadway, suite 305 New York. New York 10007 Note. This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you.

SHOW CAUSE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE- SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF KINGS, At an IAS Part 72 of the Supreme Court of the State of New York in and for the County of Kings, at the Courthouse, at Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on April 4th, 2011 Present: Hon. Bernadette Bayne, Justice of the Supreme Court, Index# 26470/10, foreclosure of 1031 Hopkinson Avenue a/k/a 1031 Thomas S. Boyland Street, Brooklyn, NY BBL#: 3-03633-0019. NYCTL 2009-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiff, against CHRISTINE ROGERS; DESIREE ROGERS; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH MORTGAGE INVESTORS TRUST MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET BACKED-CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-OPT1; NEW YORK

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How To Pick a School Chancellor

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Lee is past president of the National Conference on Research in Language and Literacy and the chair of the Standing Committee on Research of the National Council of Teachers of English.

5) Robert Runcie is Chief Officer for Area 17 of the Chicago Public Schools. Mr. Runcie has served as Chief Information Officer and Chief Administrative Officer for CPS. He is the Chief Officer for Area 17, a group of elementary schools on the Southeast Side.

He is a 2009 graduate of the prestigious Broad

Superintendents Academy, a 10-month executive training program designed to train business



Robert Runcie

executives for top management positions in urban school districts. Before joining CPS, Runcie was

founder and president of a management consulting and technology service company.

He earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Harvard University and a master's degree in business administration from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

He is an insider and would not have a big learning curve to get to know the system. As chief administrative officer under former CEO Ron Huberman, Runcie drove an initiative to engage parents, teachers and residents in five low-income neighborhoods to think critically about how to improve their schools, with the goal of prodding groups to recommend strategies from the bottom up

rather than have them imposed from the top down in typical CPS fashion.

Though Runcie was pulled from his central office post, he's still working on the initiative and winning high praise from community organizations.

Based on these criteria, The Black Star Project recommends these 5 candidates (listed alphabetically) be interviewed for the position of CEO of Chicago Public Schools.

Below are members of Mayor-Elect Rahm Emanuel's Education Committee: Ellen Alberding, The Joyce Foundation; Rev. Dr. Byron Brazier, Apostolic Church of God; Donald Feinstein,

Academy for Urban School Leadership; Sherrod Gordon, TARGET Area Development Corporation; Zipporah Hightower, Bethune School of Excellence; Liz Kirby, Kenwood Academy; Tim Knowles, University of Chicago Urban Education Institute; Mike Milkie, Noble Street Charter School; Natalie Neris-Guereca, Dr. Jorge Prieto Elementary School; John Price, John J. Audubon Elementary School; Diana Rauner, Ounce of Prevention Fund; Celena Roldan, Erie Neighborhood House; Monica Sims, John J. Pershing West Middle School; Elizabeth Swanson, Pritzker Traubert Family Foundation.

deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, viz: once in the Our Times Press published in Kings County, State of New York, Publication shall be completed on or before the 29th day of April, 2011 and shall be deemed good and sufficient service. Additionally, Let personal service of a copy of the Order to Show Cause and all supporting papers, upon the defendants shall be completed on or before the 29th day of April, 2011 and shall be deemed good and sufficient service. Enter: Hon. Bernadette Bayne, Justice of the Supreme Court, Shapiro, Dicaro & Barak, LLC, 105 Maxess Road, Suite N109, Melville, NY 11747, Attorneys for Plaintiff, BY: Shari S. Barak, Esq., NY 11747 (631)844-9611 our file no. 10-004405.

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STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK and "JOHN DOE # 1" through "JOHN DOE #100", inclusive the last 100 names being fictitious and unknown to the Plaintiff, it being intended to designate fee owners, tenants or occupants of the liened premises and/or persons or parties, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the liened premises described in the complaint, if the aforesaid individual defendants are living and if any or all of said individual defendants be dead, their heirs at

law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, committees, devisees, legatees, and the assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest of them, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by, through or against the said defendants named as a class, of any right, title, or interest in or lien upon the premises described in the complaint herein. Upon reading the annexed affirmation of Shari S. Barak, Esq., a partner of Shapiro, Dicaro & Barak, LLP, attorneys for plaintiff, NYCTL 2009-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, said affirmation dated February 17, 2011, the summons and complaint filed October 26, 2010, and upon all of the pleadings and the proceedings

had herein, LET, the heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors, and successors in interest, and generally all persons having or claiming, under, by or through defendant Desiree Rogers, deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, show cause at an IAS Part 18 of this Court, to be held at the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Room 775, Brooklyn, New York on the 13th day of May, 2011, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, why an Order should not be made and entered herein, amending the caption of this action to substitute the Estate of Desiree

Rogers in the place and stead of Desiree Rogers, appointing a temporary administrator for the Estate of Desiree Rogers, and allowing plaintiff (90) days from entry of the Order granting plaintiff's motion to serve the Temporary Administrator, SUFFICIENT REASON APPEARING THEREFORE, LET, service of a copy of this order be made by publication of said Order to Show Cause once, in one (1) newspaper hereby designated as the most likely to give notice to the said defendant's heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors, and successors in interest, and generally all persons having or claiming, under, by or through defendant Desiree Rogers,

Culinary Queens Stir Up “Tree”-mendously Successful Fundraiser at Magnolia!



ROYAL CHEFS! Brooklyn’s 1st “Queens Who Cook” event, organized by Wayne Devonish, far right, raised more than \$1,000 for The Magnolia Tree Earth Center. The late Hattie Carthan (seen in photo, far right) founded Central Brooklyn’s oldest community environment-ecology education agency. From L to R: Lorrie Ayers, Avis Jones, not named, Brenda Fryson, Fedrecia Hartley, Ava Barnett, Kia St. Clare, not named, Kijaffa Butler, Mattie McFadden, Barbara Williams, Yolanda McFadden, Sheila Singleton, Barbara Haynes, Nyesha Noldon, Edith Gray, Robert Cornegy, Claudia Moran, Rill, Debra Samuel, Robin Sheares, Wayne Devonish. Gloria Sandiford, not pictured, also served. Photo: Mark Stewart

Maafa Week at Boys and Girls H.S.

By Wynta Williams-Huggins



August Wilson’s *Fences* presented at “The High” during Maafa week.

For the past 12 years Boys and Girls High School has held its “Maafa” - a week of performances, workshops, forums and other activities highlighting the history and culture of people of African-descent. Maafa is a Swahili word which means the “Great Suffering” and is used to memorialize and pay tribute to the millions of enslaved Africans who endured the horrors of the trans-Atlantic and Arab slave trade.

This year’s event, held March 28 - 31st, featured the talents and energies of the BGHS drama Club, chorus and jazz band. Directed by teachers Mr. Robinson, Ms. Jones and Mr. Pearson respectively, their performances included a tribute to Africa’s diaspora musical legacy as well as excerpts from the drama club’s latest production of “Fences” by playwright August Wilson.

Students were also thrilled by the mesmerizing Fusha Dance Company which gave an unforgettable dance performance including traditional West African, Middle Eastern and contemporary dance movements. Papa Susso, who is a well known griot from The Gambia and master musician of the Kora, introduced music

students to the important role of the traditional African oral historian in preserving the history and culture of the ancestors.

In addition, the powerful words of Tuan X, a dynamic spoken word artist and vocalist, and graduate of Boys and Girls, inspired students to stay emotionally strong and positive despite the hardships of growing up in a tough urban environment. With much thanks to Ms. Nehprie Amenii’ - educator, author and artist - students were encouraged to “tell their own story” and explore different forms of artistic and written expression. Keeping the focus on Haiti’s struggle to rebuild after a devastating earthquake, this year’s Maafa also included an informative film by Michele Stephenson, “One Day, One Destiny”.

“Boys and Girls High School continues to work hard to provide its students with a rich and diverse cultural experience and curriculum,” noted Malik O’Brien, Coordinator of Student Activities. “Maafa is meant to enlighten and build high self-esteem, and bring forth the best of Bed-Stuy.”

BP Markowitz Statement on Death of Filmmaker Tim Hetherington and Wounding of War Photographer Chris Hondros In Libya

“Brooklyn extends its deepest condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Brooklyn-based Academy Award-nominated documentary filmmaker Tim Hetherington, who was killed in Misrata, Libya, after being hit by mortar fire in an attack that left Brooklynite Chris Hondros of Getty Images gravely wounded.

These two men were doing what they did best—reporting to the world about the horrors of war. Mr. Hetherington was a

proud Brooklynite by way of England, and Mr. Hondros recently photographed the AIDS quilt on display at Brooklyn Borough Hall for our World AIDS Day observance last December.

I join all of Brooklyn in praying for Mr. Hondros’ full recovery, and hope Mr. Hetherington’s loved ones will be comforted by the prayers and thoughts of all of us grateful for his professional sacrifice.”