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EDUCATION



Daniel Quigley of Huntington Station has been appointed dean of the **College of Arts and Sciences** at the **New York Institute of Technology** in Old Westbury. He was the interim dean.

The **South Country Central School District** has appointed three administrators.



Rosa Kalomiris of Sayville, assistant principal at **Brookhaven Elementary School** in Brookhaven, taught K-12 English as a new language and coordinated family engagement.



Joseph Watson of Blue Point, assistant principal at **Bellport Middle School**, taught social studies at Elmont Memorial High School.



Jack Burke of Lake Grove, STEM director, supervised K-12 mathematics in Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District.



Bradley Krauz of Westbury has been appointed assistant principal for East Rockaway Junior-Senior High School. He taught science at Great Neck South High School.

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Tax help OK'd for Coliseum

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The Nassau County Industrial Development Agency voted to approve tax breaks for the Islanders Wednesday night on a nearly \$10 million planned renovation at NYCB Live's Nassau Coliseum.

BSE Global, formerly Brooklyn Sports & Entertainment, which operates the Coliseum and Brooklyn's Barclays Center, submitted an initial IDA application in May on the Islanders' behalf. The team, according to an updated application in July, was seeking a \$400,000 to \$450,000 sales tax break on the purchase of new equipment, furniture and fixtures for the project.

Completion of the \$9.95 million interior upgrades would allow the Islanders to temporarily return to the Uniondale arena for three years while a new arena at Belmont Park is developed. The Islanders plan to split their schedule between the Coliseum and Barclays over the next three seasons, playing at least 60 games at their former home arena over that period.

Peter Curry, an attorney representing BSE, said the improve-

ments at the arena needed to be completed before the start of the Islanders regular season on Dec. 1. The team is expected to play a pre-season game at the Coliseum ahead of the improvements later this month, he said.

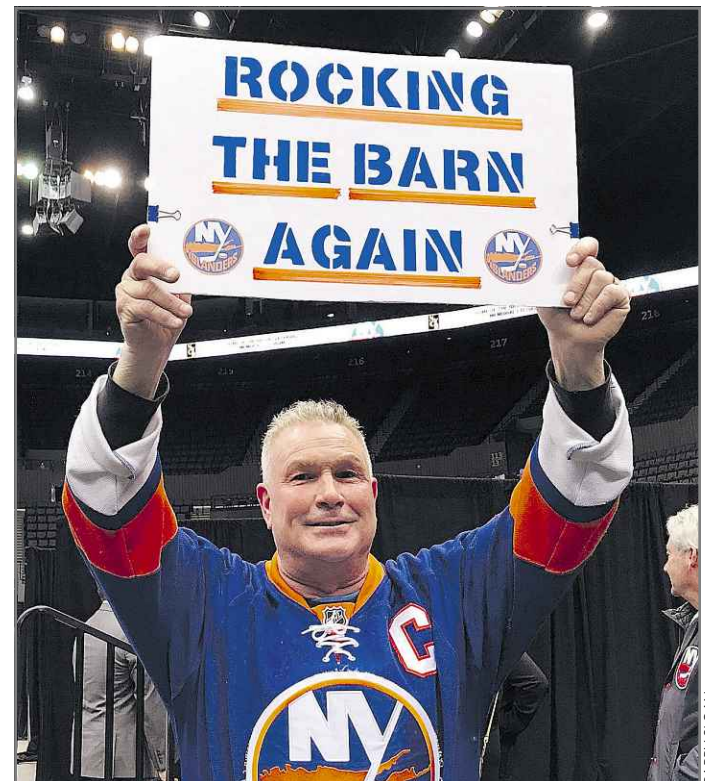
A state grant will provide \$6 million toward the project. An Islanders spokesman said the team is paying the difference — approximately \$3.9 million.

In March the renovation was projected to cost \$8.5 million, according to Empire State Development, which approved the state grant. The cost had gone up to \$8.7 million, then \$9.5 million and eventually \$9.9 million, according to IDA documents and public statements.

At a June IDA meeting Islanders representatives said part of the cost increases were due to higher than expected prices to upgrade the Coliseum's broadcast system.

Improvements are meant to bring the county-owned arena up to National Hockey League standards and include installation of an NHL-compliant video-cable infrastructure, upgrades to ice rink equipment and a locker room renovation.

"We want to see the Is-



The Islanders, with fans like Patrick Dowd of Bay Shore, sought breaks on expenses for a \$10M upgrade of the Uniondale arena.

landers back, and if we can assist in a small way, why not," Richard Kessel, IDA chairman, said Wednesday. Kessel added that the break on sales taxes are "moderate enough that it won't have any major impact on the county taxpayer, and it doesn't include in anyway any property tax benefits."

In June the IDA gave the project preliminary approval,

with Wednesday's final approval pending a public hearing and economic impact study.

"With the support of the IDA, we continue to make improvements at the Coliseum and continue to pave the way for development at the HUB," County Executive Laura Curran said in a statement issued after the IDA's vote.

With Jim Baumbach

Agency reviewing Altice USA on job compliance

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The state Public Service Commission is reviewing whether Altice USA is complying with a 2016 agreement that protects some of the company's jobs in the state, an agency spokesman said Wednesday.

"The PSC will review the recent news of layoffs at Altice to ensure that the company did not violate the merger order's requirement that there be no layoffs of customer-facing jobs," said PSC spokesman James Denn, responding to a question from Newsday.

Two years ago, the PSC made a condition of its approval of the \$17.7 billion sale of Cablevision Systems Corp. of Bethpage to Altice's parent, Altice N.V. of the Netherlands, that no "customer-facing employees" in New York State be laid off for four

years. Customer-facing jobs were defined as those at call centers, walk-in centers and other operations where employees deal directly with customers, according to state records.

Altice USA spokeswoman Lisa Anselmo said Wednesday the provider of cable, internet and phone services is in full compliance with the PSC agreement.

"Altice USA has consistently met all of its workforce commitments, and we have been in close coordination with the NYPSC," she said. "Additionally, in many cases we have gone above and beyond our other regulatory commitments, and we continue to invest significantly in our employees in New York and throughout all the states we operate in."

The firm is required to file quarterly reports to the agency.

The PSC agreement doesn't cover Altice USA's News 12

subsidiary. On Tuesday Cablevision founder Charles Dolan and members of his family, including his son Patrick Dolan, filed a lawsuit against Altice, alleging it has laid off News 12 employees in violation of the companies' sale agreement. Newsday majority owner Patrick Dolan last month effectively acquired the remaining ownership stake in Newsday.

Anselmo said Tuesday the suit is "completely without merit."

Altice USA employed nearly 10,270 people at the end of 2017 in the former Cablevision territory, which consists of Long Island, parts of New York City and its northern suburbs, northern New Jersey and southwestern Connecticut, according to securities filings.

Cablevision had about 12,180 employees at the end of 2015, excluding Newsday, which the

company owned at the time.

Altice USA CEO Dexter Goei, in an Aug. 2 earnings conference call with reporters, said the company's workforce in the metropolitan area has been reduced by "1,000 to 2,000."

He said the job cuts are "really dealing with attrition across the board, primarily in call service people, which have been relocated to other parts of the country, and corporate" jobs at the former Cablevision headquarters in Bethpage. The company's main office is now in Long Island City, Queens.

Goei said the layoffs haven't affected customer service.

"Our service metrics continue to perform extremely well, and as you invest in technology and better processes you do need less people to be answering phones," he said. "We are getting a lot less calls."