

ALG urges House approval of Keystone XL pipeline

Americans for Limited Government President Nathan Mehrens issued the following statement urging passage of H.R. 5682 offered by Rep. Bill Cassidy (R-La.) that would permit "TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, L.P. [to] construct, connect, operate, and maintain the pipeline and cross-border facilities" of the Keystone XL pipeline:

"The House led by Rep. Bill Cassidy is to be praised for taking the lead on finally approving the Keystone XL pipeline. Americans for Limited Government urges every member to support this common sense legislation and get it moving to the Senate.

"Everything we ever needed to know about the Obama administration has been learned in its ob-

struction of the Keystone XL pipeline. Why hasn't it been approved by the Obama State Department? Not because there is anything exceptional about this pipeline. There already is another Keystone pipeline from Alberta operated by TransCanada that already delivers about 590,000 barrels of oil a day. The new pipeline would simply add another 500,000 barrels a day to the mix.

"This is just one more example of executive branch discretion run amuck. Where Obama's allegiance to green ideology trumps all considerations of policy that will help lead to North American energy independence. Obama is acting in somebody's interest, it's just not the American people's."



(L-R) Mrs. Loida Nicholas Lewis presents the first Reginald F. Lewis Award for Leadership in Business and Philanthropy at Harvard University to Mr. Valentino D. Carlotti, partner and head of the Securities Division, Institutional Client Group for Goldman, Sachs & Co., as Cheryl C. Joyner, lead co-chair for the 2014 HBAW looks on. (Photo by Margot Jordan Photography)

Healthcare Network to give away free turkeys

Community Healthcare Network, a nonprofit providing access to affordable and comprehensive community-based primary care, will celebrate Thanksgiving by giving away 200 turkeys and turkey vouchers at its Helen B. Atkinson Health Center on Thursday, Nov. 20, 2014.

For the second year, the HBA Health Center will choose patients at random to receive 200

free turkeys—as long as they show up between 11: a.m. To 1 p.m. to pick up the turkeys. CHN patients must contact the Helen B. Atkinson Center in advance to reserve their turkey.

Then, neighborhood residents are welcome to drop by the Center to pick up free turkey vouchers from 1: p.m. to 3: p.m.. Vouchers will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis starting at 1: p.m.

Valentino Carlotti receives prestigious Reginald F. Lewis Award for Leadership

Valentino D. Carlotti, senior partner and head of the Securities Division, Institutional Client Group at Goldman Sachs & Co., was presented with The Reginald F. Lewis Award for Leadership on Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014 during a special luncheon ceremony at Harvard University in Cambridge

as part of the 2014 Harvard Black Alumni Weekend (HBAW2014).

Carlotti was selected for this prestigious honor which acknowledges outstanding career achievements in the finance industry and exceptional philanthropic efforts that have made a positive impact in shaping the minds and dreams of youth while work in supporting

and promoting culture and the arts. Carlotti was the first recipient of this distinguished award, named after the late Reginald F. Lewis, the brilliant American Financier, global philanthropist and iconic Harvard University alumnus. Lewis was one of Harvard Law School's top donors

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HCCI and partners break ground on new Harlem affordable housing

The New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD), New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR), and the Community Preservation Corporation (CPC) joined L+M Development Partners, Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement (HCCI), and partners to announce the start of construction on 260 West 153rd Street in Manhattan.

The new seven-story development will include 50 units of affordable housing, an onsite daycare center, and new office space for HCCI. Also in attendance were U.S. Congressman Charles B. Rangel, New York State Assembly Members Herman D. Farrell and Keith L.T. Wright. Spearheaded by HCCI, this project represents an historic moment for the agency, which will realize its founders' vision for an HCCI headquarters dedicated to the revitalization of Harlem's Bradhurst community.

The construction of this new development is financed under Mayor Bill de Blasio's *Housing New York: A Five-Borough, 10-Year Housing Plan*, to create and preserve 200,000 units of affordable housing. The most comprehensive affordable housing plan in the City's history and largest municipal housing plan in the nation, its goal is to help address New York City's affordability crisis by reaching more than half a million New Yorkers ranging from those with very low incomes to those in the middle class, all of whom face ever-rising rents.



Making History: Rev. Dr. Dedrick L. Blue, HCCI Board Member; Rev. James Morrison, President of the Baptist Ministers Conference; Imam Talib Abdur Rashid, HCCI Board Member; Rev. Jeffery M. Crenshaw, HCCI Board Member; Rev. Charles A. Curtis, Ed.D., HCCI Board Member; Robert Jackson, former NY City Councilmember; Gregory O. Watson, Assistant Commissioner of NYS-HCR; Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer; Mark Castle, Vice President, Bank of NY Mellon; Assemblyman Keith L.T. Wright; Rick Cropper, Managing Partner, L+M Development Partners, Inc.; George Wheldon, HCCI Board Member; Rev. John L. Scott, Ed.D., HCCI Board Member; Assemblyman H. Denny Farrell; Thebia Walters, Director of Manhattan Planning, HPD; Elizabeth Oakley, Vice President, Wells Fargo Community Lending & Investment; Joan O. Dawson, PhD, First Vice Chair of HCCI; Derek E. Broomes, President & CEO of HCCI; Malcolm A. Punter, Executive Vice President of HCCI and Richard Conley, Senior Vice President of Community Preservation Company break ground on new headquarters for HCCI. (Photo Credit M. Adonis Layne)

When construction is complete, 260 West 153rd Street will include seven studio apartments, 30 one-bedroom apartments, and 13 two-

bedroom apartments. An additional two-bedroom apartment will serve as an onsite superintendent's unit. These

units will occupy approximately 52,215 square feet of residential space. This development will also feature approximately 14,331

square feet of community space, and 7,915 square feet for onsite parking.

Apartments in this development will be available to very low-income families. Of the total 50 units, 42 will be available to households earning a maximum of 50 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI), or an annual income of not more than \$29,400 for an individual and \$41,950 for a family of four. The remaining eight units will be available to households earning up to 30 percent AMI, or an annual income of not more than \$17,650 for an individual and \$25,150 for a family of four. Income levels are calculated annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Income levels for this development are set by HUD's 2014 calculations.

The total development cost for 260 West 153rd Street is approximately \$21.5 million. HCR will provide 9% Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) toward permanent financing which will generate approximately \$13.8 million in tax credit equity. CPC will provide a permanent loan of \$5.1 million through the New York City Retirement Systems (NYCRS). HPD will provide \$1.09 million in City capital funding. Wells Fargo will act as the lender. This development will be constructed by L+M Builders. Curtis Ginsberg will act as the architect.

"50 new units might sound modest, but two thirds of the City's renter population lives in buildings like 260 West 153rd Street that consist of less than 50 units. The city's urgent housing crisis has stressed

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Reports then surfaced that she and her son were in a car driven by her boyfriend when he was pulled over in 2011 for driving the wrong way on a one-way street in Edgewater, N.J. The officer reported smelling pot in the car, which belonged to Ms. Noerdlinger, and Mr. McFarlan was arrested for marijuana possession. Police in Edgewater said Ms. Noerdlinger was given a summons for allowing someone to drive a car without a license.

Mayor Bill de Blasio said she was a hardworking public servant, and lamented what he called an over-focus on the private lives of public officials.

"Character assassination happens every day in public life," he said. "What's sad is when it goes beyond the boundary of public service ... We have to get on with the work and not be putting so much energy into one person's personal life."

The rank-and-file police union has called for Ms. Noerdlinger to

be fired. Their ire precedes her assisting Chirlane McCray: Ms. Noerdlinger used to be a top aide to the Rev. Al Sharpton, who has been a fervent critic of the NYPD for decades.

Mr. Sharpton said Monday he respected her decision and she has always put motherhood first. "I have watched her try to balance her very important and active professional life with her immovable commitment to her son, so I am not surprised with her decision," he said.

"I have told Rachel and Khari that we must reflect in life on how we combat unfairness and how we can better do things with ourselves to achieve our goals. I remember in late 2007 when ten of my staff members and consultants were awakened by IRS and FBI agents investigating outrageous claims that I had phantom employees, kickbacks from staff members, and forced staff members to work on political campaigns (among other outrageous claims that hit the media).

"But as we reflected rather than

just be defensive we also had to correct administrative decisions that we had made. We negotiated with the IRS to restructure our payroll system where I had hired organizers and others including victims like family members of Sean Bell and paid them as consultants to organize rallies, marches and protests.

"The IRS said that all of our employees other than those running outside consultant firms should have been employees and charged us payroll taxes, penalties and late charges. We brought in a new administrative team that corrected our employment practices and arranged an installment agreement to pay payroll taxes, penalties and late charges and have maintained to pay current taxes on time since 2008.

"They also arranged to negotiate my personal tax liens caused by my often deriving income in my name that went directly to National Action Network, that I therefor was charged for. They arranged for me to pay installments to settle those tax liens and pay all current

taxes on a quarterly basis.

"Today, by correcting and living up to all of those arrangements we have been able to grow from 2007 being a local protest group with management issues, to a nationally respected group that grossed over five million dollars in 2013. We are now making the final payments on our installment agreement, both personally and organizationally that would remove those old liens (If we get the green light on the offer of compromise this will be done even more quickly).

"My point in sharing this with them is don't let outrageous smears deter you from your goals and don't be so defensive that you do not do what is necessary to move forward in life, to achieve what you are really committed to. I spoke with Mayor de Blasio and assured him that I will continue to work with him and the administration on the political progressive

agenda we both agree on and will disagree with him when it becomes necessary.

"I respect he and the First Lady's sensitivity to Rachel's parental concern. I in no way was part of Rachel being hired or maintaining her position with the First Lady as some have reported, but knowing her skills I know the tremendous contributions her talents give all New Yorkers."

On Monday, the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association head Patrick Lynch said should the administration decide to fill the "questionable position," "we hope they can find someone who appreciates the critical role that police have in making this city a viable place to live and who will not bring an anti-police bias to the table."

Ms. Noerdlinger will not collect on her \$170,000 salary while on leave. Mr. de Blasio said his wife will look for someone to fill the job, but Ms. Noerdlinger's skills could be put to use elsewhere in the administration.

Another Bill Cosby rape accuser comes forward over 'encounter'

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sations and suggested she might come onto the program to answer a few questions directly.

"Quiet honestly, look, I'm sorry, having been on both sides of this where people allege that you do something — it doesn't matter now. The cat is out of the bag, people have it in their head," Goldberg said. "I have a lot of questions for the lady, maybe she'll come on."

Goldberg's co-hosts quickly pointed out that she had answered questions with other outlets. In addition to describing the sexual assault in a recent Washington Post op-ed, Bowman explained her case Monday morning on the ABC's "Good Morning America."

"I had one glass of wine and the

next thing I knew, I was coming to slumped over the toilet," Bowman explained on "GMA," in a clip played on "The View." "Who's going to believe that? Bill Cosby? Doctor Huxtable?"

"Perhaps the police might have believed it," Goldberg responded. "Or the hospital. Don't you do a kit when you say someone has raped you?"

"But there was a settlement," co-host Rosie O'Donnell explained. "So that's the thing that's curious."

Goldberg pointed out a settlement is no indication of guilt. "I can speak to settlements. Settlements don't necessarily mean you're guilty," she explained.

"You generally settle because you don't want to put your family through it again, you don't want to keep going through it again and again and again,"

Goldberg continued. "I hope there is justice for this lady. I hope somebody gets to the bottom of this, but I'm going to reserve my judgments because I have a lot of questions."

"It's very awkward," O'Donnell said. "Isn't it awkward?"

"It's more than awkward, it's a tragedy," co-host Nicolle Wallace responded. "Either 13 women were raped by someone too powerful to face the criminal justice system or an innocent man is being falsely accused. This is either a tragedy or a tragedy."

As TheWrap previously reported, Cosby had a "Late Night" appearance scheduled for Wednesday, but it was canceled amid resurfaced allegations. The actor has denied Bowman's story, as well as similar accusations leveled by other women.

Sierra Leone surgeon dies of Ebola in the U.S.

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"one of the best-trained surgeons in his country."

Bruce Steffes, executive director of PAACS, said Salia was free to practice anywhere he wanted, but that he elected to stay in Sierra Leone where the need for surgeons is immense. The White House also sent condolences in a statement, saying Salia's death "is another reminder of the human

toll of this disease and of the continued imperative to tackle this epidemic on the front lines, where Dr. Salia was engaged in his calling."

Salia's wife, who lives in New Carrollton, Maryland, said in a weekend telephone interview that when she spoke to her husband early Friday his voice sounded weak and shaky. But she said he told her "I love you" in a steady voice. They prayed together, she said, calling her husband "my everything."

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the importance of not only creating affordable housing, but also creating housing that fits the character and addresses the needs of residents in each neighborhood," said Richard Conley, Senior Vice President and Originations Director, CPC.

"CPC is providing a \$5.1 million permanent loan thanks to our long-term partner NYCERS, whose support enables us to invest in neighborhoods like Harlem that are experiencing rising housing costs. We look forward to continuing to work with our partners at NYCERS, HPD, HCR, L+M, and HCCI to create homes that all New Yorkers can afford."

The City of New York requires that all city-subsidized apartments be rented through an Open Lottery System to ensure fair and equitable distribution of housing to income-eligible applicants.

The application period for this project is not yet open. Marketing of the apartments and the application process for the lottery typically begin when construction is approximately 70 percent complete. For more information regarding the lottery process or if you would like to receive an e-mail when HPD updates its available apartment and home website listings for City-subsidized housing in the five boroughs, please visit the Apartment Seekers and Homebuyers pages at: www.nyc.gov. Current housing

lotteries are also available at www.nyc.gov/housingconnect. Applicants may submit either a paper application or an electronic application. Duplicate applications will be disqualified.

"In addition to providing affordable housing to our most needy residents, this new structure will help spur economic development in the area by enabling HCCI to move its various offices from Frederick Douglass Blvd., into a single headquarters, making room for increased commercial activity along a key Harlem boulevard," said HCCI President & CEO Derek E. Broomes.

"Further, the new affordable daycare facility will help boost the economic strength of local families. When parents have safe, affordable daycare, they are enabled to seek and maintain employment. So, this development is an essential component of HCCI's community revitalization strategy; and, we are thankful for the public and private support of this vital project."

U.S. Congressman Charles B. Rangel stated: "I have been strongly committed to making affordable housing a reality for my constituents and am proud to join President Broomes and his dedicated team at HCCI to celebrate the groundbreaking of its newest affordable housing development project in the heart of Harlem. We are fortunate to have HCCI continue to be a driving force in the revitalization of our community, working tirelessly to promote economic opportunities for Harlemites."

Meharry Medical College's Master of Science Program receives accreditation

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School of Graduate Studies and Research. In 2009, CEPH voted to accredit Meharry's MSPH program for a five-year term, ending in 2014. The MSPH program began its reaccreditation process in the fall of 2012, and a final self-study report for reaccreditation was prepared for CEPH in March 2014. The CEPH Board of Councilors met on Sept. 18-20 to discuss renewal of the MSPH pro-

gram and voted to accredit the program at this meeting.

Meharry Medical College founded in 1876, is the nation's largest private, independent historically black academic health center dedicated solely to educating minority and other health professionals. True to its heritage, it is a United Methodist Church affiliated institution. The College is particularly well known for its uniquely nurturing, highly effective educational programs; emerg-

ing preeminence in health disparities research; culturally sensitive, evidence-based health services and significant contribution to the diversity of the nation's health professions workforce. Diverse Issues in Higher Education's ranking of institutions annually lists Meharry as a leading national educator of African Americans with M.D. and D.D.S. degrees and Ph.D. degrees in the biomedical sciences. Visit www.mmc.edu to learn more.

Morgan Freeman speaks at inaugural SAG Foundation Conversations at Oxford

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Freeman battled though many ridiculous and wordy questions showing wit and impatience in equal measure, begging the audience at one point: "Just questions please, no more dissertations," and answering several questions

with mono-syllabic answers: "When you were playing God, did you feel you had big shoes to fill?" "No." Freeman demonstrated great humanity and charmed the audience with his plain and natural manner: "Being treated like a visiting dignitary, police escorts, that's OK. The trick is to remember that

this is just circus...can I say 'bullshit'?" (yes). This is just circus bullshit. It's not real. I only have an entourage when I'm working. They work when I work; that's all." erates SAG Foundation Conversations with Morgan Freeman at Oxford (Photo credit: Roger Askew/Oxford University)