

### **Teaching all the children**

Manhattan: We applaud and support Regents Chancellor Merryl Tisch's op-ed "Immigrant kids squeezing budgets" (Nov. 10). As a network of schools with an established history of working with unaccompanied minors, Internationals Network has witnessed first hand the need for additional supports for them. We agree additional state funding is necessary for schools and districts experiencing dramatic increases in their student enrollment due to this surge of young refugees. As Tisch stated, many of these students have suffered severe trauma due to the violence they have witnessed or experienced themselves, and many have large gaps in their formal education. Schools and districts must fulfill their constitutional obligation to serve all students. *Claire E. Sylvan, Executive Director & President, Internationals Network for Public Schools*

### **A class act**

New Windsor, N.Y.: To the Voicers calling umpire C.B. Buckner one of baseball's worst: Jim Joyce is the best. Anyone who can blow a call that ruins a perfect game by Armando Galarraga and then own up to his mistake has my vote. The next day, Galarraga gave Joyce the lineup card and they hugged each other. That is true sportsmanship in my book. *Todd Schuster*

### **Unreal laugh tracks**

Pittsburgh: People never applaud a talk show while watching at home, so why do they cheer, howl and scream every 30 seconds when they are part of a studio audience? *Joseph Carducci*

### **You gotta laugh**

Sitka, Alaska: During and after WWII, Americans reacted to the threat of Nazism with humor, letting people laugh in the face of this danger to their way of life. Characters like Captain America fought the Nazis. But today, as we face an equally dire threat from religious extremists and terrorists, it is no longer "appropriate" for comic book heroes to fight these aggressors, or for

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