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The Bloomberg administration is seeking zoning changes that would allow for substantial development along much of 125th Street, a move that could transform a major Harlem thoroughfare into a dense hub of activity. Page 3

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A leading Iranian scholar at Columbia University is labeling its president, Lee Bollinger, a white supremacist whose rebuke of President Ahmadinejad reeked of 'mind-numbing racism.' Page 2

### REPUBLICANS IN COMBAT

As the Republican presidential primary becomes increasingly combative, the four leading candidates will gather tomorrow in Washington to address the Republican Jewish Coalition in a forum likely to center on national security.

## Where the Grass Is Greener



IN CUMBO Part of the city Parks and Recreation Department's citywide exhibit "Art in the Parks: Celebrating 40 Years of Art," Gursan Akan's "The Third Bridge" was installed this weekend between the Manhattan and Brooklyn bridges in Brooklyn. It will be on view until January. The site-specific work of fiber optic "grass" temporarily surrounds the pathways of Brooklyn Bridge Park on the East River waterfront near the Manhattan Bridge.

## Spy Sex Case Is Tale of Lust And Incaution

By NICHOLAS WAPSHOTT  
Staff Reporter of the Sun  
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## UFT May Sue City, It Asserts

### DISCIPLINE OF TEACHERS IN 'RUBBER ROOMS' ANGERS WEINGARTEN

By ELIZABETH GREEN  
Staff Reporter of the Sun

On an issue that is testing President Randi Weingarten's public *détente* with the city, a new group within the United Federation of Teachers is arguing that the union take a tough stance on the treatment of teachers who have been disciplined.

The group, which has dubbed itself the Teacher Reassignment Center SWAT Team, has been compiling pages of documentation on the so-called rubber rooms where teachers accused of charges ranging from incompetence to sexual assault are held as they await a hearing. More than 700 teachers now sit in rubber rooms, where they receive full pay but cannot enter a classroom, a Department of Education spokeswoman, Melody Meyer, said.

Ms. Weingarten said yesterday she hopes the investigation will end with a deal between the union and the city, and not in the courtroom. The result, she said, will hinge on how the Department of Education responds to new guidelines she plans to send in a letter next week. "If we make a proposal and the Board of Education

## Putin Assassination Plot Feared in Tehran

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