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## HERE and THERE

Marlene R. Sabba, Editor

### Restoring America's Image In The World

We suspect President Obama, given his druthers, would prefer to spend all of his time trying to end this recession and rejuvenate our economy. No President has that luxury.

While not for a second misunderstanding that his most important challenge is to get America's economy and citizens (literally) working again, the President has begun to reshape and restore our nation's seriously impaired image in the world. Now, if you believe that we shouldn't care about how the rest of world perceives us, that's fine. If you think we should treat our relations with the rest of the world with impunity, that's also fine. This is America and, above all, you have the right to be wrong.

You can wring your hands and gnash your teeth but, make no mistake about it, 'the times they are a changin'. First in London, later at the G20 Conference, and then in Turkey, President Obama laid out a vision for America's relations with the rest of the world that enjoys The Herald's wholehearted support. Basically, he said: 1) We sometimes make mistakes and, unlike the previous administration, when we do we're going to own up to them, correct them and not repeat them. That sounds to us

like something you would want to teach your children. 2) America wants to work with all of the nations in the world in resolving our common challenges. 3) In essence, while America always reserves the right to defend itself, we would prefer to employ diplomacy first before carnage. If you think about it, that's not weakness. It's simply a common sense, 180 degree change from the policies practiced by the previous President.

We're particularly happy with his overtures to Cuba. As a result of his executive actions, Cuban-Americans will now have unlimited access to travel to Cuba to see their relatives, and Cuban-Americans will no longer have limits on the amount of money they can send to their relations. We wish he would have gone further by allowing all Americans to travel to Cuba and by lifting the Cuban embargo, but it's a start.

Let's face it, our policies toward Cuba for the last 40-plus years have been a disaster. Cuba is no threat to the United States (check out "The Mouse That Roared"). Communism is a FAILED system (check out the former Soviet Union). And if you really want to speed the day when the Cuban people

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### Borough President Helen Marshall And City Councilman Eric Gioia Celebrate \$500,000 Restoration Of Sunnyside Arch and New Street Improvements

Queens Borough President Helen Marshall and City Councilman Eric Gioia celebrated the restoration of the Sunnyside Arch, a neighborhood icon, and pedestrian street improvements for the community at a news conference on Tuesday, April 21st at Queens Boulevard and 46th Street.

The \$500,000 project was funded with \$300,000 from Marshall's office, \$150,000 from Gioia's office and \$50,000 from State Assemblywoman Cathy Nolan.

"For more than a quarter-century, this arch has served as a symbol of Sunnyside and become probably the best known location in the entire community," said Marshall. "I am happy to have provided support for its restoration and for the beautification of the surrounding area," said the Borough President. Marshall also thanked the Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce and the Sunnyside Shines Business Improvement District (BID) for all their efforts on behalf of the community and refurbished arch.

"The Sunnyside Arch is a unique part of our neighborhood and, I am elated to see it restored to its proper glory," said Councilman Gioia. "Queens Boulevard and Greenpoint Avenue are two of the busiest commercial areas of Queens and these improvements will welcome visitors from all corners of our city. I would like to thank Borough President Marshall, Assemblywoman Cathy Nolan and the Sunnyside BID for their support in making today possible. We're rolling out the welcome mat and letting everyone know that Sunnyside is open for business."

One of the prime objectives of the Streetscape Improvement Project was to enhance commercial activity in the area with new trees, benches, lights and bicycle racks. The arch was scraped, painted and modernized.

Assemblywoman Cathy Nolan said, "Luke Adams and the Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce fought to put the arch up as a desirable fixture in our community. I am pleased to help fund the restoration of this

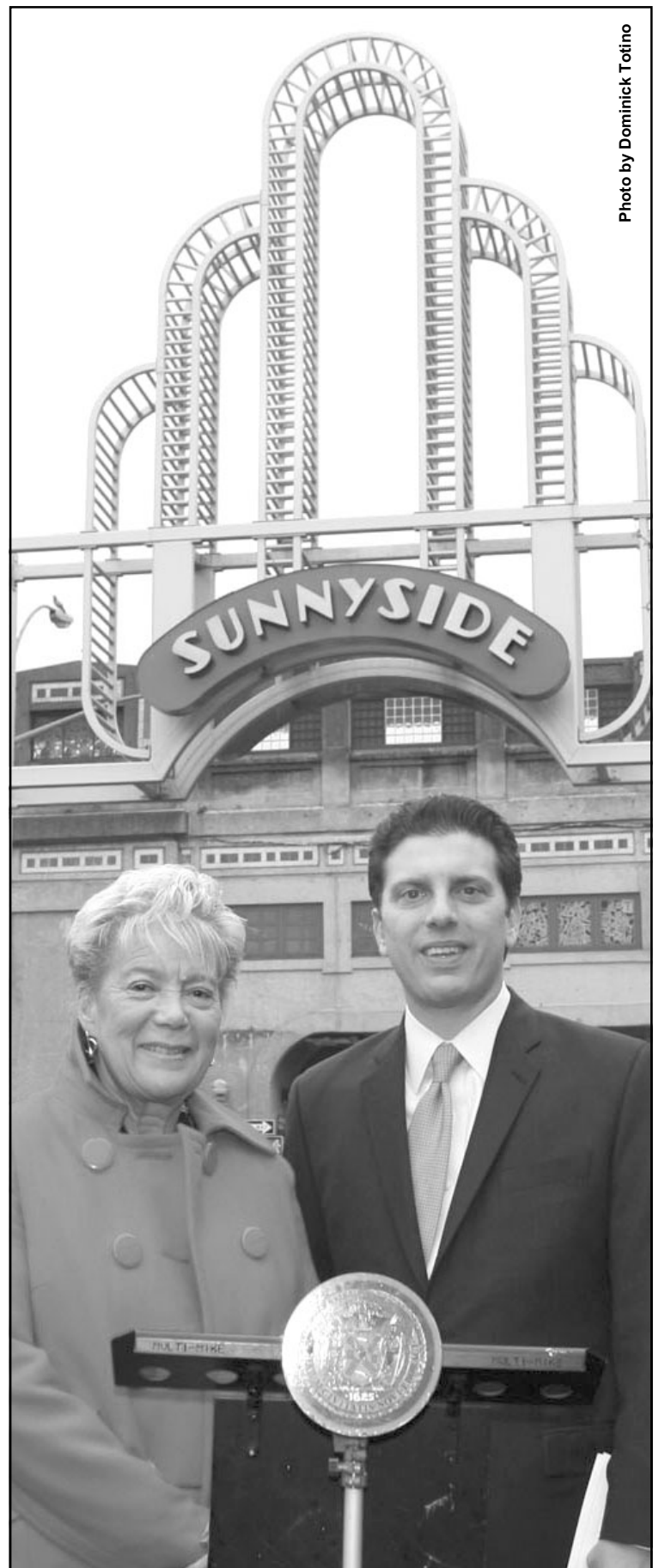


Photo by Dominick Totino

Queens Borough President Helen Marshall and City Councilman Eric Gioia checked out the restored Sunnyside Arch on 46th Street and Queens Boulevard during a visit, Tuesday, April 21st.

important community icon."

Alyssa Bonilla, Executive Director of the Sunnyside Shines BID echoed those remarks, adding that, "The arch

has become the premier symbol of our neighborhood. We are grateful to the Arts Commission for its excellent choice of (Continued on Page 7)

## 108th COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Captain Kavanagh, Commanding Officer, 108th Precinct will give his monthly crime updates and receive your questions and concerns.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 28th @ 7 P.M.**

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Please make every effort to show your support for the 108th Police Precinct by attending this important and informative meeting.

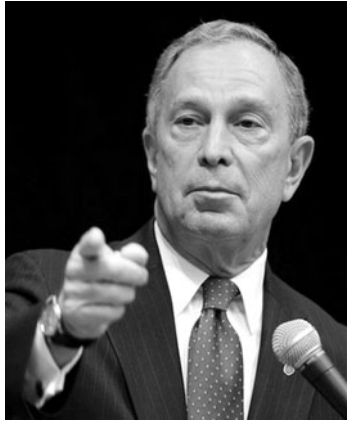


# MAYOR'S CORNER

BY MAYOR MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG

## Five Borough Economic Opportunity Plan: More Jobs for New Yorkers

In tough economic times, it's easy for job-seekers to get discouraged. But it's important not to give up, because there are still jobs being created, and we're doing everything we can to identify growth industries and help New Yorkers find jobs in those industries. In January, I set an ambitious goal for the City's Department of Small Business Services: to place 20,000 New Yorkers in jobs by the end of the year. That's 3,000 more than last year's all-time high of some 17,000 placements.



Now, some might expect a recession to reduce job placements, but we're determined not to let that happen. In hard times, City Government has to work even harder for New Yorkers - and we have been. I'm pleased to report that with more than a quarter of the year behind us, we've already placed more than 5,000 New Yorkers in new jobs. That puts us on track to reach our goal of 20,000 placements by the end of the year.

There are many reasons why we've been able to increase job placements, even as the economy has slowed. First off, we significantly expanded operations at our Workforce 1 Career Centers across the city to include new weekend and evening hours. Our career centers are now open until 8 p.m. three days a week, and are also open on the first and third Saturdays of every month. You can find one convenient to you by calling 311, or going online to the City's website at [www.nyc.gov](http://www.nyc.gov).

We're also investing more in training and career preparation than ever before. Thanks to an infusion of federal dollars, our training budget for the new fiscal year is twice what it was just two years ago. Training programs run through our Workforce 1 Centers can help displaced workers sharpen their skills and increase their earning potential, and in some cases, find new jobs that are even better than the ones they lost.

Even in a down economy, some industries continue to grow. That's why we've begun creating sector-based Workforce 1 Centers that train and place people in industries where the demand for their skills is the highest. Last year, we opened a transportation-related center in Southeast Queens that capitalizes on the community's proximity to the airports and places New Yorkers in aviation and transportation jobs that typically pay more than \$12 an hour. And this summer, we plan to open two more career centers focused on strong industries.

Another way we're maximizing our city's pool of talent is through JumpStart NYC, a job-training and placement program that pairs up laid-off workers with companies and small businesses that are just starting out, and could really benefit from their expertise. Earlier this month, the first 50 workers to participate in the program graduated from a week-long entrepreneurial 'boot camp.' These

## Monopoly Tournament at St. Raphael's

On May 2nd, 2009 at 1PM there will be a monopoly tournament being held at Saint Raphael's Gym located at 48-25 37th St in Long Island City. Admission is \$10. Ages 10 and above are welcome. There will be various prizes, grand prize for the winner - four Mets tickets, refreshments and more. To sign up please contact Vincent Renda at (347) 870-8742. It's an event you won't want to miss and guaranteed fun for the entire family. This will be sponsored by Dent-Care Dental, Edward Jones, Sunnyside Lions Club, Pete's Grill, State Farm and Verizon. To sponsor this event, please contact Vincent Renda. Your Sponsorship goes to Saint Raphael's Youth Group; section 501(c)(3)

experienced workers will now begin 10-week internships with start-up companies, which may well lead to full-time jobs.

At the heart of our Administration's 'Five Borough Economic Opportunity Plan' is a pledge to create or preserve 400,000 jobs over the next six years. The initiatives I've just described will help us get there. They will train New Yorkers for the jobs of today, help our businesses create the jobs of tomorrow, and keep our city moving towards a brighter future.

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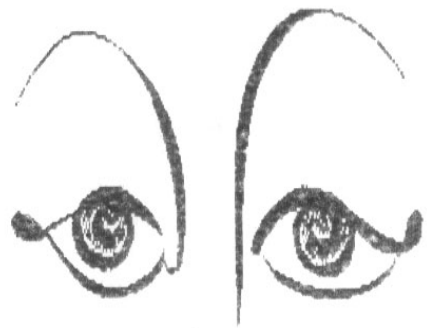
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*Letters to the Editor*

**RENOVATIONS**

**Dear Editor:**

I would like to comment on the extremely slow progress on the renovation of the Sunnyside Library started in November 2008 and currently scheduled for completion in either May or June 2009 - the finishing date seems to be extended every month.

The newspapers have almost every day an article on how LIBRARIES are used in this recessionary period by the unemployed.

During the 1920's buildings, bridges, etc. were built in record times and they are still in solid shape

Construction today has been halted in many areas because of insufficient funds but as far I am aware of the funds are there.

*Very truly yours,  
John Regulski*

**Dear Ms. King**

On behalf of the Woodside Herald and our readers, we're wondering where the Sunnyside Library is with renovations? We've gotten letters from com-

munity members concerned with the slow progress of completion.

We'd love a response from you that could be published in the newspaper next week.

*Thank you kindly,  
Sherilyn Sabba  
Woodside Herald V.P.*

**Dear Ms. Sabba,**

Thank you for your inquiry. The Queens Library at Sunnyside is in the final few weeks, and I think your readers will find it worth the wait. It is going to be gorgeous! Customer service improvements include new self-check out kiosks, a full interior renovation and re-decoration including new furniture. The entrance has been redone. There are fabulous skylights in the children's reading room which give it a terrific, bright feeling. There will be more computers, a new teen area and a new media area.

The project is right on target. When the library moved into temporary quarters in November, we projected seven months to complete construction and we're on track. In about three weeks, we will have to close the temporary space to move everything back into the main library. Full opening for public service is expected in June. A 'ceremonial' grand opening celebration will be

scheduled at a later date.

I would be happy to arrange for a pre-opening tour for your reporter/photographer as we get closer to the opening date, if that is of interest to you. Please let me know if you need anything further.

*Sincerely,  
Joanne King  
Associate Director  
Communications  
Queens Library*

**VICTIMS BILL**

**Dear Editor:**

Assemblywoman Marge Markey of Queens has again introduced a Child Sex Abuse Victims Bill in 2009 for the fourth time. In 2006, 2007 and 2008 it passed in the Democrat Assembly but failed in the Republican controlled Senate. I would assume everyone is against child molesters; however her Bill (A2596) is fundamentally flawed.

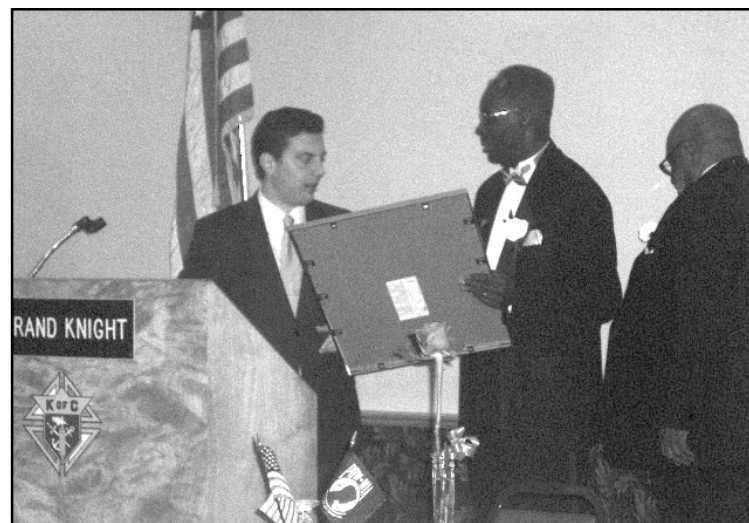
It only applies to non-public sector organizations and institutions, exempting public agencies entirely. The most outlandish provision in the bill is that it would create a one-year window during which the five-year statute of limitations on filing lawsuits in child sex abuse cases would be dropped. This would allow alleged victims to file lawsuits in the State regardless of

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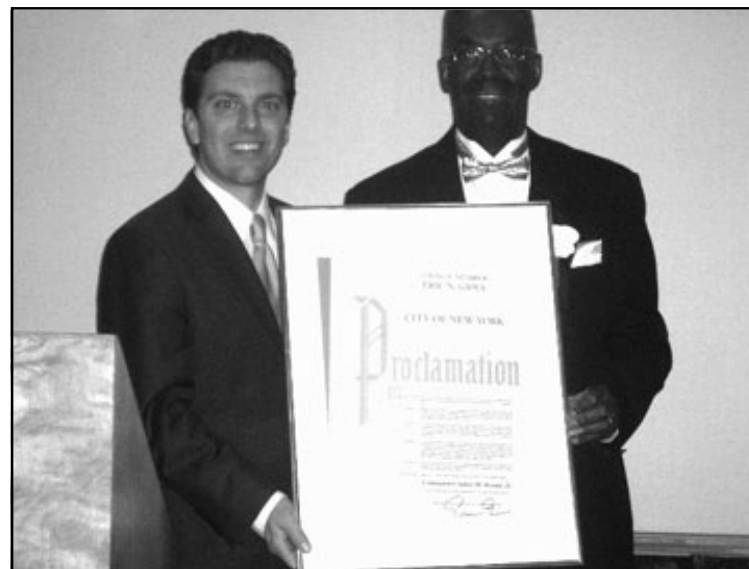
**VFW  
89th Annual Testimonial Ball**

On Sunday April 19th at the Knights of Columbus, George W. Hudson Council No. 3701, the VFW Post No. 2813 held their 89th Annual Queens Council VFW Testimonial Ball.

New York City Councilman Eric Gioia presents Commander James Blount Jr. with a Proclamation for his years of service and dedication to the citizens of Queens.



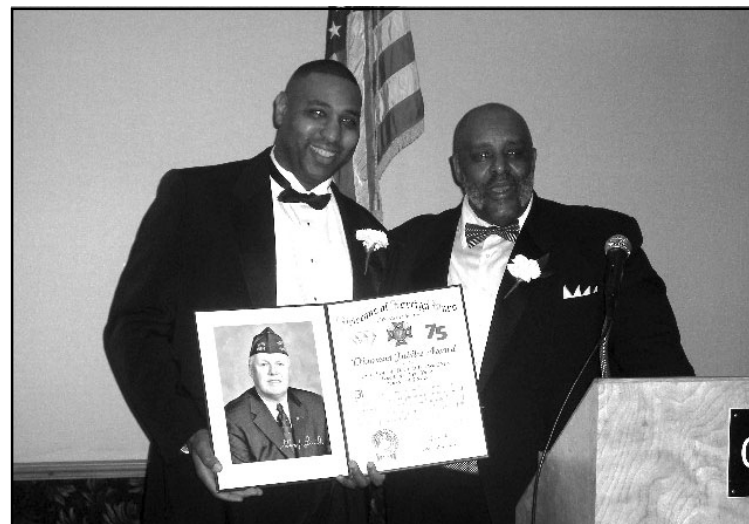
Councilman Gioia, Commander Blount and Past State Commander Ben Thompson.



Councilman Gioia presenting proclamation to Commander Blount.



Councilman Gioia and Commander.



QCC Senior Vice Commander Marvin R. Jeffcoat accepts 75th Anniversary Proclamation from Past State Commander Ben Thompson on behalf of VFW Post No. 2813 Commander Jerry Sisco.

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## Turkish Group Walks The Walk

By Patricia Dorfman

"...We should do this so that we can touch other people's hearts by following a method consisting of a tender heart, a gentle approach, and mild behavior. We should have such a broad tolerance that we benefit from contradictory ideas, for

the tri-state area are a vibrant force in business and other arenas and all of us have a favorite Turkish restaurant. Turkish Culture Center Queens seeks to not only help their own but to reach out to the community at large, spending time and treasure to

Dinner included a menu of delicious Turkish favorites made with the finest ingredients and care. Guests went back for seconds for the grilled steak and smoky eggplant relish, and were happy to end their feast with Turkish tea and baklava.

DI Inspector Kavanagh was visibly touched by the award given to him. He said he grew up in the Bronx in an almost exclusively Irish neighborhood, his parents emigrating from Ireland in the forties. He said he was surprised that he had grown to really care about Sunnyside his 30 months here so far. Even though he has served in many



Back row, L-R: Emre Ertugrul, TCC Treasurer Fahri Arslan, Suat Kocak, Ali Arslan, TCC VP Engin Yilmaz, TCC Coordinator Fatih Oner, 108 CO DI Thomas Kavanagh, TCC Exec. Dir. Veysel Ucan, Halil Derin, Goksel Secilmas, and 108 VP Patricia Dorfman. Front row: 108 Rec. Sec. Rita Lowry, Ozgul Ucan, 108 Cor. Sec. Gert McDonald, Mrs. Kocak and Tuba Yilmaz. Kneeling: PO from Queens North Borough Command John Gumpel and 108 PO Juan Toro.

they force us to keep our heart, spirit, and conscience in good shape." is a quote from "Interfaith Dialogue," an article from Fountain Magazine, reprinted on the website of Sunnyside's Turkish Cultural Center Queens.

Veysel Ucan, the Executive Director of TCC (formerly TAMEF) is the perfect demonstration of this philosophy with his affable personality, intelligence and gentle manner. The world is in tumult, but here in the Sunnyside area of Queens, TCC is a cool breeze - one of the reasons why our area residents, with our stunning diversity, instead being buffeted by the expected hot winds of religious and cultural conflict, thrive instead in contented co-existence.

The approximately 300,000 residents of Turkish descent in

create and cement bonds among all fellow residents. During the Katrina crisis in the US, TCC was one of the first local organizations to send aid. As we all know, sometimes there is very little we can do about the world at large, but we can always do something locally. TCC walks the walk by reaching out within its own backyard.

An example on April 16, 2009 was the Dinner of Appreciation given to our honor our local police, 108 Commanding Officer, Deputy Inspector Thomas Kavanagh and Community Affairs PO Juan Toro. An informative video was shown at the dinner detailing mission of TCC, and featured past award recipients such as Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Schools Chancellor Joel Klein and Borough President Helen Marshall.



Fatih Oner, Coordinator of TCC, presents an award to Deputy Inspector Thomas Kavanagh, thanking DI Kavanagh and his officers for all their service to the community.

NYC precincts, the 108's ethnic make-up taught him more than any other, Kavanagh said, allowing him to really see all nationalities here as distinct and unique. He complimented TCC especially for their pro-active efforts. PO Toro was also pleased by his award, and mentioned, surprisingly, that TCC exhibited completely what everyone in the world truly wanted, that is, "peace."

The guests from the 108 Precinct and the 108 Community Council were surprised and grateful to be included in the event. 108 Council Secretary Rita Lowry commented, "This is an impressive organization. I



Engin Yilmaz, Vice President of TCC Queens, presented an award to Community Affairs Officer Juan Toro.

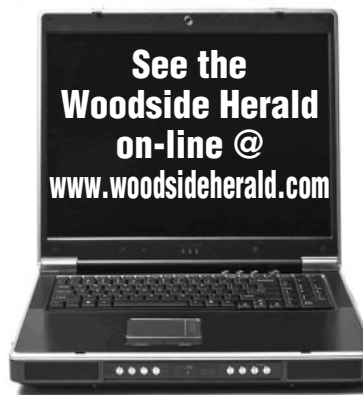
am glad I came." Shooting photographs for the *Woodside Herald*, guest Luke Adams commented, "Sunnyside is lucky to have TCC. These people are wonderful."

TCC is located at 43-49 Queens Boulevard, Tel: 718-482-8263. Visit [www.tccqueens.org](http://www.tccqueens.org) to read more about the Turkish Culture Center of Queens, who hold Turkish classes, sponsor visits to Turkey, and offer many more resources to the community.

### Republican (GOP) Meeting

The monthly republican meeting will be held Monday, April 27th at 7:30 PM at the NAK WON REFORMED CHURCH located at 41-20 Queens Blvd. Please use the side entrance on 42nd Street.

**ALL REPUBLICAN MEMBERS ARE INVITED.**



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## All Saints Rummage Sale

On Saturday, April 25, All Saints' Church is having a Rummage Sale 10:00 am - 3:00 PM. Many Bargains! Refreshments are available at reasonable costs. All are welcome. All Saints' Church is located on 46th Street between Queens Blvd. and 43rd Avenue in Sunnyside.

## CB 2 Sponsors Clothing/Toy Drive for Needy Children in Our District

Community Board 2 is sponsoring a clothing and toy drive this spring/summer for needy children in our district.

Spring/summer clothing for male and female ranging from infants to teenagers up to 18 years of age are needed. Summer toys such as hula hoops, beach balls, chalk, bubbles, books, etc. can provide hours of summer fun for the children. Please no bats, racquets, crayons or markers.

We will be accepting donations through Friday, June 19, 2009. As always thank you for your generosity. You may drop off your donation at the Community Board 2 office from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## Fashion Show at St. Raphael's

St. Raphael School is hosting a fashion show "An Evening Filled with Stars - Come Watch Them Shine" on April 25, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at St. Raphael School located at 48-25 37th Street, LIC, NY. Ticket costs are: adults - \$30; senior citizens \$20; children 13 and under \$15. Please call school at 718-784-0482. After 5 p.m. Bielka 917-670-7218. Come join us for an evening overflowing with excitement.



(Photos by Luke Adams)

DI Thomas Kavanagh and PO Juan Toro joined by both Board of Directors of TCC and the Board of Directors of the 108 Police Precinct Community Council. This dinner is part of the Turkish Culture Association of Queens activities and program included Community Service Awards to "police officers of 108 Precinct for providing a safe and secure environment for our children, families and the community." Back row, L-R: 108 PO Toro, TCC VP Engin Yilmaz, TCC Coordinator Fatih Oner, 108 DI Thomas Kavanagh, TCC Exec. Dir. Veysel Ucan, TCC Tuba Yilmaz, TCC Goksel Secilmas, and 108 VP Patricia Dorfman. Front row: L-R: 108 Recording Secretary Rita Lowry and 108 Corresponding Secretary Gert McDonald.

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## Use Tax Refund to Help Meet Financial Goals

Each year, before you prepare your taxes, you probably wonder: "Am I going to get a refund?" Actually, your odds are pretty good: In 2008, about two-thirds of taxpayers received refunds, slightly down from 2007, when Uncle Sam paid back three-fourths of tax filers. But if you do get a refund, how can you use it to help yourself make progress toward your key financial goals?

You might think that your refund wouldn't be big enough to make much of a difference in your life. But that's not necessarily true. In 2008, the average tax refund was about \$2,400. You could receive more or less than \$2,400, of course, but for the sake of illustration, let's see what you could do with that amount:

- **Contribute to your IRA.** You've got until April 15, 2009, to contribute to your IRA for 2008, but even if your refund arrives after that date, you can start funding your IRA for 2009. You can put up to \$5,000 (or \$6,000 if you're 50 or older) to a traditional or Roth IRA (income limits apply), so your \$2,400 would put you nearly halfway to the limit. And even

though your IRA balance probably dropped in 2008, it's still a good idea to fully fund this retirement vehicle, which offers substantial tax advantages. Specifically, traditional IRA's earnings grow tax-deferred, while a Roth IRA's earnings grow completely tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions.

- **Pay down your debts.** As you well know, we're living in a difficult economic environment. And in times such as these, when you are facing possible threats to your income, or even your job, you'll want to keep your debt load as low as possible. Consequently, you may want to use part of your tax refund to get rid of some debts. For example, if you owed money on a credit card that charged 11 percent interest, and you could pay off that card, you would, in effect, be earning an 11 percent return. Consequently, you'd likely be making a pretty good "investment" by applying some of your \$2,400 toward your credit card debt.

- **Save for college.** College costs have risen sharply over the past several years. To send your children to college, you'll want to save early and save

## Letters to the Editor

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when the abuse occurred. The bill would also extend the statute of limitations for future cases from five to ten years, that is from the victims 18th birthday to their 28th birthday.

This is totally unfair to victims in public institutions since under present State law if the incident took place let's say 20 years ago they have no recourse to sue the institutions. This is a blatant double set of standards.

Current State law requires a victim to file a "Notice of Claim" against the public agency within 90 days of an incident and a Judge to give permission for the suit to proceed. At the discretion of the court a late notice of claim may also be received and approved for a period of as much as one year after the 90 days. Instead of trying to change present State law concerning child sex abuse cases, Assemblywoman Markey sets a precedent in conceiving a double set of standards for the same crime.

Al alternative Bill (A5708) introduced by Assemblyman Vito Lopez does not include the

often. Fortunately, you can find several attractive college-savings vehicles, including the Coverdell Education Savings Account and the Section 529 savings plan. You can put up to \$2,000 per year to a Coverdell Account - so your \$2,400 is enough to completely fund your plan for 2009. Or you might also want to consider putting your tax refund into a Section 529 savings plan. (Section 529 plan contribution limits are quite high.)

- **Build an emergency fund.** If you don't already have an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, you should consider creating one - and your \$2,400 will make a nice start. Once you've set up an emergency fund, you may be able to avoid dipping into your long-term investments to pay for short-term needs, such as a major car repair or an expensive new appliance.

This year, if you get a tax refund, put it to work. By making the right moves, you can reap benefits from your refund long after tax season is over.

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Supporters of David J. Rosasco, City Council candidate for District 26 in Queens, NY gather in front of his home after a mini-fundraiser on Saturday, April 18, 2009. Woodside, NY.

one year open window dropping the statute of limitations, however, extends the time an accuser can file suit to 7 years, that is up to 25 years of age.

Assemblywoman Markey's Bill is already out of Committee and before the full Assembly, while Assemblyman Lopez' Bill is being tabled in Committee and I hope doesn't die in Committee.

A 2007 study by the Associated Press revealed more than 500 sexual abuse claims had been made against teachers in New York public schools in a 10-year

period while claims have been made against 300 Catholic clergy in the last 50 years.

The most common location for sexual abuse is in the home. Outside the home, public schools are the most frequent place where children encounter abuse.

I urge all New Yorkers, Upstate and Downstate, to let their Assemblymembers and State Senators know how they feel about the injustices of the Markey Bill.

*Sincerely*  
**Jim Condes**  
*Woodside*

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SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF OBJECT OF ACTION STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF QUEENS ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE INDEX NO.: 16527/08 COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. Plaintiff, vs. MISIS CANDELARIO, Defendant(s). MORTGAGED PREMISES: 94-55 PARK LANE SOUTH, WOODHAVEN, NY 11421 SBL #: BLOCK 3907 - LOT 115 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of QUEENS. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. Dated this 24th day of March, 2009, Steven J. Baum, P.C., Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s), 220 Northpointe Parkway, Suite G, Amherst, NY 14228 TO: MISIS CANDELARIO, Defendant(s) In this Action. The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. LEE A. MAYERSOHN of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated the 11th day of March, 2009 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the QUEENS County Clerk, in the City of Jamaica. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by MISIS CANDELARIO dated the 29th day of April, 2004, to secure the sum of \$288,977.00, and recorded at Instrument No. 2004000388039 in the Office of the Clerk of the County of QUEENS, on the 4th

day of July, 2004; which mortgage was duly assigned by assignment dated the 23rd day of January, 2008, and recorded on the 6th day of February, 2008, in the Office of the Clerk of QUEENS County at Instrument No. 200800005 1093; The property in question is described as follows: 94-55 PARK LANE SOUTH, WOODHAVEN, NY 11421 SEE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Fourth Ward of the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the northerly side of Park Lane South, formerly known as Ashland Street, distant 509.556 feet easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of Park Lane South and the easterly side of 94th Street, formerly known as Manor Avenue; RUNNING THENCE easterly along the northerly side of Park Lane South South 20 feet; RUNNING THENCE northerly at right angles with Park Lane South 70.72 feet; RUNNING THENCE northwesterly 20.652 feet to a point in a line drawn at right angles to Park Lane South 75.87 feet North from the point or place of beginning; and THENCE southerly at right angles to Park Lane South 75.87 feet and part of the distance through a party wall to the point or place of BEGINNING. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL

LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The state encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking Department at 1-877-BANK-NYS (1-877-226-5697) or visit the department's website at WWW.BANKING.STATE.NY.US <http://www.banking.state.ny.us/>. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. § 1303 NOTICE NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU

MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: March 24, 2009 Steven J. Baum, P.C., Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s), 220 Northpointe Parkway, Suite G, Amherst, NY 14228. 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24/09 File No.: 2008-901/A CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT. TO: Marilyn Kilgore-Parshall, Joyce Smith, David Smith, Jason Smith, Mie Smith, Attorney General of the State of New York. The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of **Marion Allen Smith a/k/a Marion Smith**, deceased, 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. **David Smith, Jason Smith and Mie Smith**, if living and if dead, to her heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if she died subsequent to the decedent herein, to his/her executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of **Marion Allen Smith a/k/a Marion Allen**, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident 166-01 Linden Boulevard, Jamaica, in the County of Queens, State of New York. **SEND GREETING:** Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of Marion Allen Smith a/k/a Marion Smith, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 4th day of June, 2009 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner

herein in the amount of \$945.66 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(4); and why each of you claiming to be a distributee of the decedent should not establish proof of kinship; and why the balance of said funds should not be paid to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship, Dated, Attested and Sealed Apr. 6, 2009. **HON. ROBERT L. NAHMAN** Surrogate, Queens County ALICEMARIE E. RICE Clerk of the Surrogate's Court. GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 95-25 Queens Boulevard Suite 626 Rego Park, New York 11374. This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested unless you file formal legal, verified objections. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you. 4/17, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8/09

**Honor Our Blessed Mother**

On Sunday, April 26th the Knights of Columbus Hudson Council will be having a Prayer Service to Our Lady of Lourdes in Honor of Our Blessed Mother from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Location of Council is 49-18 Queens Blvd. Woodside, NY 11377.

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**Turn Those Red Flags Green**

When selling a home, two situations may occur which are red flag indicators of a lengthy sale time. Each requires the property owners' attention in cooperation with their sales agent, and involves either the price or condition of the home.

The first involves a home that has been on the market for 60-90 days, but has been shown only once or twice. More buyers are beginning to enter today's real estate market, and homes for sale should be attracting a number of prospects.

When buyers choose not to tour a home, the reason is often the price. Homes that are attractive, but not being shown, are often priced "above" the market. The key to increased showings, then, is to learn the market price of the home, then reset the price.

The second "red flag" occurs when a home is being shown often, but neither sells nor attracts offers. The home's condition is often the culprit in this situation. Buyers learn the price, then drive by, making a judgment that it is an attractive home. Once they see the home, however, their interest evaporates.

The solution can be a critical "walk-through" by the sellers' agent to identify needed repairs and cosmetic improvements. Until corrected, traffic is likely to remain high, while the chances of selling remain low. Remove these red flags and prepare for a sale!

**Successful Weekend School Continues to Grow**

On a recent Saturday morning, Deirdre Feerick representing Councilman Eric Gioia viewed as Parents and Students were lined up at seven in the morning outside the doors at I.S. 204. Inside, the principal, parent teacher coordinator and staff from CFY were readying the classrooms for a long day of teaching, with extremely enthusiastic students. For their students were actual families from the community, parents and children there to increase their computer proficiency, and upon completion of the training, to leave with a certificate and a revamped computer, previously loaded with instructional programs, to take home with them. The computers had been donated, and then taken to the site in Long Island City where they were reconfigured to be an at home learning tool for families. This program was sponsored by the Councilman has been growing and meeting with increased success.



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enjoy freedom and democracy, the best way to do that is for western ideas to flow to the island. Incidentally, a recent poll indicates that 67 per cent of Cuban-Americans support the President's actions.

Finally, the handshake. While we would be surprised if anything ever came of it, is there anyone out there who really thinks President Obama should have declined to accept Hugo Chavez' outstretched hand? Do you really want our President to be an ungracious boor? Are you really worried that Venezuela represents a danger to the United States (again, check out "The Mouse That Roared")

As the most powerful nation on earth, it behooves us to use that might cautiously. We applaud the President's initial outreach to the world.

**Restoration Of Sunnyside Arch**

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paint colors. On a clear day the arch positively sparkles and makes Sunnyside shine. It's great."

Bonilla singled out John Vogt, chairman of the board of directors of Sunnyside Shines, for his leadership in seeing the arch renovation to fruition. The BID will become the custodian for the structure following the completed renovation.

A new lighting scheme for the arch, which was erected in 1983, has been approved by the Public Design Commission.

**YOUR EYES**  
 by DR. IRVING ROVIN, OPTOMETRIST



**Is the TV Getting Fuzzy?**

If you've been having trouble seeing faraway objects because they tend to blur at a distance, you are probably nearsighted. Normally, when a person looks at an object, light rays travel from object and enter your eyes through the cornea. The cornea blends the rays slightly inward, and then they are narrowed when they travel through the lens.

This narrowing continues until they converge and are in focus when they reach the retina at the back of your eyes. This is the image the retina sends to the brain. However, the retina can only transmit as good an image as it received. The problem in nearsightedness is that the image is focused before it gets to the retina and then begins to diverge or go out of focus.

You need to see objects as clearly as possible, no matter how near or far away they happen to be. If you think you may be nearsighted see your eye doctor for an examination.

**SUNN Hosts Graffiti Cleanup**

On Saturday May 2nd the Sunnyside United Neighborhood Network (SUNN) will hold a massive anti-graffiti event. Volunteers from the community will paint over or remove this ugly, offensive and illegal vandalism from houses, businesses and public fixtures throughout the Sunnyside area.

Since 2002 SUNN has been keeping a 40-block area in Western Queens graffiti-free through an aggressive strategy of removing the vandalism as soon as it appears. SUNN is a non-profit, all volunteer effort. The organization supplies the paint, and members of the community contribute labor.

SUNN President Tony Rohling remarks, "The vandals have been busy this past winter, and there is plenty of work to do! Bring your worst clothes and join us for a productive and enjoyable day removing graffiti."

The Cleanup will meet at 10:00 AM on Saturday, May 2nd in front of the Sunnyside Reformed Church at 48th St. and Skillman Ave. For further information please call SUNN at 646-298-8669.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP**

10,000 unwanted animals are put to death each year notes the American Rescue Society. We must all do what we can do to reduce this number. We presently have our own running operation in the neighborhood to offer support for 30 cats. Cats as you know return the favor by reducing unwanted vermin. To continue this import work, we are asking for your help when shopping to pick up canned or dry cat food and deliver it to the address below or make a small donation. With your help we can succeed. Please drop off donations to the Canine Club located at 43-47 44th Street (off Queens Blvd.) or call 718-729-0664 or 718-361-2944.



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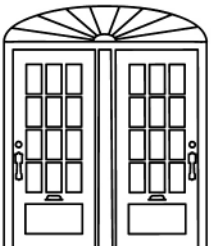
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*This weeks pet is.....*



Sarah and Amy Rice pose with their dog Dena.  
Owner: Helga Rice Freni, Sunnyside.

## Letters to the Editor

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Dear Assemblywoman Markey,

We appreciate your service and commitment to our community through the many years that you have been our N.Y. State Assemblywoman.

However, we are dismayed and disappointed that you have introduced into N.Y. State Legislation Bill #A2596 "The Child Victims' Act".

The bill you introduced would lift the statute of limitations for one year for child sexual abuse crimes. Your bill applies to non-profit organizations and institutions. It does not apply, in the same manner, to municipal or county governments, including public districts. In the case of the public sector the "late notice of claim" is left up to the discretion of the court, the discretion of the judge. Non-public institutions would be held under the law rather than under the discretion of the court.

The child who was a victim of a sexual abuse crime in the non-public sector would have the protection of the law. Whereas, the child who is a victim of a sexual abuse crime in the public sector would be under the discretion of the court/judge. This is not INCLUSIVE. It is DISCRIMINATORY.

It is bewildering to us why you would introduce and even

re introduce a bill in our New York State Legislation that does not provide EQUALITY regardless of where the child sexual abuse crime occurred.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Coleman,  
Woodside  
Al Volpe, Woodside  
David J. Rosasco,  
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Dear Readers

*We at the Woodside herald have received this reply to your letters from Assemblywoman Margaret M. Markey.*

Extending NY Statue of Limitations for Child Sex Abuse Crimes Gives Victims the Opportunity to Get Justice for Wrongs Done Against Them

My Proposed "Child Victims Act of New York" Will Also Provide a One-Year 'Window' for Victims of Past Instances of Child Abuse so They Get Their Day in Court

Sex crimes, particularly those committed against children, are among the most heinous and deeply disturbing in our society. They leave lifelong scars and have multiple victims. As awareness has increased about the terrible human tragedy at the root of this issue, society has also become aware of how important it is for victims of sexual assault to have the opportunity to get justice

for the wrongs done to them.

In New York State that is difficult right now because of the current statute of limitations laws. I have introduced legislation in the New York State Assembly to change that and give abuse victims the opportunity to get their day in court when my proposed "Child Victims Act of New York" is adopted.

Under current law, the criminal statute of limitations in child sexual abuse cases when the crime is not reported to law enforcement is not applied until the victim reaches age 18. My bill would extend that to age 23 by adding five years to the statute, with additional provisions for civil actions, thereby extending the threshold age to 28. My bill also provides a one-time one-year "window" for victims of any age to seek civil damages in past instances of child sexual abuse.

Several studies have found that one in five children in the United States are sexually abused, at least 20 percent of boys and 25 percent of girls, the majority by family or family acquaintances or other people they trust and respect.

Far too many of these crimes go unreported or are not reported for many years. Then, when victims finally and courageously do speak up many of them are denied justice, because arbitrary statutes of limitations prohibit them from seeking the legal resource they are due.

The proposed Child Victims Act of New York and the "window" it provides will also be more effective in stopping molesters from continuing their abuse and assaulting new victims. The U.S. Justice Department estimates that only about 10 percent of sexual predators are ever identified. This law will allow victims to expose their perpetrators and those who enabled them.

Some have argued that the proposed Child Victims Act of New York might put an unfair burden on agencies, institutions and organizations who must address events that happened de-

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- 20 oz. Cool Whip, Free or Fat Free

Mix it all together, Refrigerate until chilled and enjoy a healthy dessert!

acades ago. This is not correct. No organization or agency would be held liable under the law unless it was aware of an employee who was a predator and failed to take action. It has also been argued that this proposed law will result in an avalanche of lawsuits. In other states where similar legislation with a "window" is law, including California, the result was only a small number of cases.

The Child Victims Act of New York was adopted by the NY State Assembly in 2006, 2007 and 2008, but the State Senate failed to take any action. This year, thanks to the support of the new Senate Majority Leader, Senator Malcolm Smith, I expect a different outcome. My bill, A2596, has been approved by the Assembly Codes Committee and has been calendared for debate and vote in the full Assembly. An identical bill to mine has now been introduced in the Senate. It is important that New Yorkers reach out to their

local legislators who are members of the Assembly and the State Senate and let them know how important it is for our children that this measure is adopted.

My legislation has won the endorsement of 10 current District Attorneys around the state as well as the national and state Associations of District Attorneys, with other support coming from the NY State Coalition Against Sexual Assault, the Crime Victims Bar Association and a number of grass roots organizations, including Voices of the Faithful and SNAP.

At present, New York State law enables predators to avoid the consequences of their crimes. It permits abusers to continue their predatory actions and assault new victims. We have a responsibility to past and future generations of children to ensure that predators are identified, stopped and punished. This legislation helps do that more effectively.

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