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HERE and THERE

by Marlene R. Sabba, Editor

In a neighborhood that gives new meaning to the phrase "melting pot," we look at the many immigrants and ethnic groups who call Sunnyside home as our friends and neighbors. But across this country, that welcome is not always the same as ours. Even in Washington, D.C., where immigration reform has been a topic of discussion for many years, change is slow. However, after years of arguments over "amnesty" and the "delusional belief" that the mass deportations of 12 million people [might be] realistic or desirable," President Obama and members of Congress met two weeks ago for their first major discussion on immigration reform with a real chance of getting a comprehensive reform bill passed this year, or possibly early next.

Give credit to our own Sen. Charles Schumer who gave a speech the day before the White House meeting in which he declared that illegal immigration is wrong, that our borders and workplaces need tighter enforcement, that illegal immigrants must be required to register, learn English and pay taxes or face deportation. But,

just as importantly, that they should also be allowed to seek citizenship. Polls show that an overwhelming majority of Americans accept these principles and we do too. As a neighborhood and a nation of immigrants, how can we not? And yet there are those who will go to whatever means necessary, including violence, to prevent these changes from ever taking place.

Take, for example, the "patriotic-sounding group, the Minuteman American Defense (MAD), a Washington State-based offshoot of the Minuteman movement, in which private citizens roam the American-Mexican border looking for people crossing into the U.S. illegally. While the Minuteman patrols, where hundreds of volunteers flock to border locations, initially drew praise from some political leaders, such as Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger of California, their activities have raised concerns that they were but "thin veils for racism and xenophobia." As proof of that, several killings in a small Arizona town near the Mexican border last month have now been tied to the MAD, described as a rogue

militia engaged in citizen border patrols.

With extreme anti-immigrant sentiments, we can see such groups as agreeing with all of Sen. Schumer's tough talk about what this country needs to do to control the flow of immigration, but not agreeing with the good senator's assertion that, upon doing all of these things, citizenship should be their reward.

Immigration is a volatile and emotional issue, but one that must be faced realistically, honestly and fairly. As the lifeblood of this country since the days of the founding fathers, we welcome those who have arrived here legally for a good education, a new opportunity, a better life. But, at the same time, we must also be realistic about those who have come here for the same reasons, but not by the same methods.

It is our hope and prayer that the president and Congress will find a better way to welcome all of those who seek that better life, but in a way that will be accepted by all Americans. Thanks to the "persuasive show of unity" among Republicans and Democrats, the chance to finally do that may have arrived.

SUNNYSIDE KIWANIS CLUB'S 40TH ANNUAL BENJAMIN M. SHAW ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS



Joseph Trostl with the Benjamin M. Shaw perpetual trophy with Dr. Kitson and Kiwanis President Pamela Winter

On Wednesday, June 3rd, The Kiwanis Club of Sunnyside held their 40th annual Benjamin M. Shaw Essay contest awards luncheon for local schools at Sidetracks Restaurant.

Winning contestants from each school were presented with certificates, medals and Staples gift cards by event Chairman Dr. Chris Kitson and past President and local attorney Marc Leavitt.

The grand prize was won by sixth grader **Joseph Trostl** from St. Raphael's school whose essay on the topic "If you could be someone famous who would you be" had him wishing to be Bill Gates.

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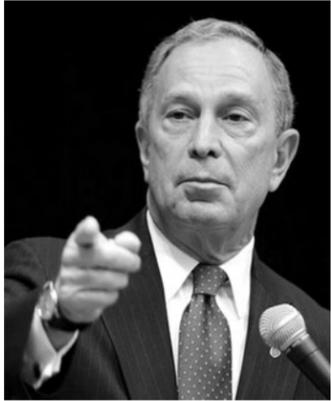
For over 25 years, the *Woodside Herald* has delivered their newspaper to the Berkeley Towers. We would like to thank their loyal doorman Jose Franqui for delivering them to all four of their buildings. We thank Al Volpe, for making us aware of their anniversary.

MAYOR'S CORNER

BY MAYOR MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG

Free and Fun Activities for a Great Summer Season

The summer is now in full swing – and if you forget about the near-record rains we’ve been experiencing, you can see summer all around us. Our public pools and beaches are open, summer school is running smoothly – despite the chaos up in Albany, and the Yankees are rolling while the Mets are just gathering their strength for a great second half. (You gotta believe!)



city is famous for.

So, before last winter’s holiday season, I asked City agencies to develop a huge range of free and low-cost activities in every borough. And now we’re doing it again. It doesn’t matter where you live or what you’re interested in, there’s something fun for you and your family to do this summer – for free.

For instance, why not take the free ferry to Governors Island, where there are free bike rentals and miniature golf? And this summer, a group of artists has taken over some of the Island’s historical sites with a series of interesting and interactive art installations. Or check out one of the many free concerts happening in parks and public spaces around town: R& B, classical music, jazz, a Billy Joel tribute, you name it.

Maybe you or your kids want to learn a new skill. Well, you’re in luck. In conjunction with the City Parks Foundation, we offer free programs in everything from the theater to throwing the javelin.

Volunteering for one of the many initiatives that are part of our new community service campaign – NYC Service – is also another great way to fill the summer. It doesn’t cost a thing, and the rewards are priceless. And don’t forget about the return of Summer Streets. Last year, on several Saturdays, we closed seven miles of streets running right through the heart of Manhattan. This year, in addition to that, there will be Summer Streets for joggers, bicyclists and pedestrians in every borough.

The possibilities to have fun without spending a dime are almost endless. In fact, we’ve put together a calendar of more than 1,500 free events and activities happening over the next few months – which you can see by visiting nyc.gov. Have a great summer.

Former Council Member Walter McCaffrey Endorses Deirdre Feerick for City Council Member



Former City Council Member Walter McCaffrey today endorsed the candidacy of Deirdre Feerick for the City Council from the 26th District.

Walter McCaffrey served as Council Member for sixteen years and was the Chairperson of Queens Community Board #2 for five years.

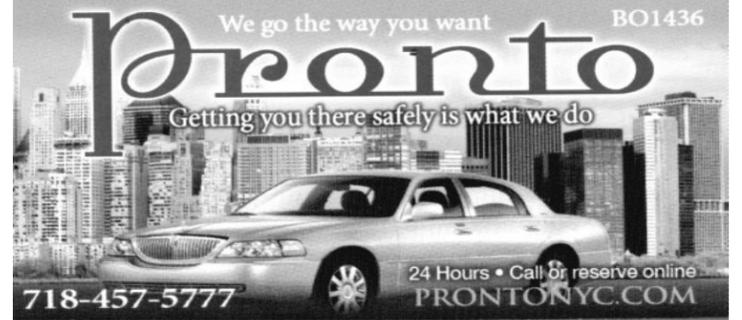
“My years of public service give me a unique perspective of who can do the best job for the district that I love so much. Deirdre Feerick will be a forceful champion for seniors, tenants and homeowners. She will fight tirelessly for those of every race, gender, sexual orientation and ethnicity. As a longstanding resident of the 26th Council District, she will use her local roots for the benefit of all”.

Angelo Maragos Shows Support for Veterans on Independence Day

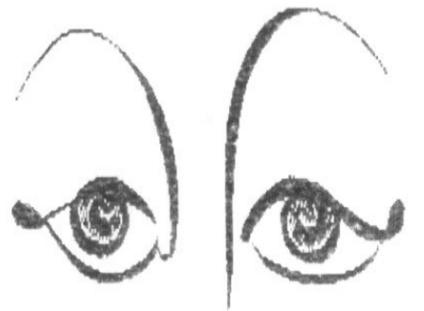


City Council Candidate Angelo Maragos and Veterans of Foreign Wars Queens County Council Commander Marvin R. Jeffcoat discussed Angelo’s plan to provide veterans with civil service employment commensurate with their experience. The two met on Independence Day to discuss a range of issues facing veterans at the Woodside On the Move Street Fair Saturday July 4, 2009 at 1 PM.

Angelo Maragos reaffirmed his commitment to support veterans issues. Mr. Maragos stated: “July 4th is a very special holiday celebrating the birth of our nation. Our veterans, through their courageous sacrifices, have helped protect the essential liberties we all enjoy as Americans.”



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Gioia Survey Shows New Yorkers Paying Too Much for Milk

Survey Finds Wide Disparities In Prices Within Neighborhoods

New York- Today, in tough economic times, when the cost of groceries and housing up, Councilman Eric Gioia (D-Queens) Chairman of the Council Committee on Oversight and Investigations, released a survey which found that there are wide disparities in the cost of milk within neighborhoods and across the City which over the course of a year could result in the loss of approximately \$500, or one week's pay, for a family with two young children. Gioia surveyed 60 supermarkets, bodegas, convenience stores, and drug stores in all five boroughs. One year ago, an investigation by Gioia found that 86% of supermarkets, delis and bodega's surveyed throughout New York City were potentially overcharging for milk according to the New York State Department of Agriculture's (NYSDA) price threshold data. However, today the NYSDA no longer lists price threshold statistics, leaving consumers and storeowners with no information on potential price gouging. Gioia called for the New York State Department of Agriculture to post the average cost of milk on its website so New Yorkers have a sense of what they should be paying for milk, and called for better enforcement of pricing and suspected price gouging. "Milk is not a luxury, it is a necessity," said Councilman Gioia. "Milk is essential to any healthy diet—especially for children, and it should be affordable for everyone. Families shouldn't be forced to give up milk for less nutritious alter-

natives like soda or sugary juices. All New York families should be able to afford milk. Right now we have system that hurts farmers, small business, and ultimately parents and children by allowing the middleman to keep prices high. The Department of Agriculture needs to step up and protect consumers.

Gioia's investigation found huge price disparities between gallons of milk across the city and even within the same neighborhoods:

In Bushwick, one bodega charged \$3.99 for a gallon of milk—48% more than a similar bodega within walking distance.

In Tribeca, one store charged \$6.00 for a gallon of milk—70% more than at a supermarket in the same neighborhood.

In one of the poorest Bronx neighborhoods, one bodega charged nearly 80% more than another store only a short distance away on the same street.

In East Harlem, there was nearly a 70% disparity in the price of a gallon of milk between nearby stores.

On the Upper East Side, milk prices varied by up to nearly two dollars between stores only blocks apart.

Children ages 4 to 8 are recommended to drink up to 3 cups of milk a day. Over the course of a year, that's up to 68 gallons per child. If a parent were to pay the most expensive price for milk found by Gioia's investigation, they would be paying \$255 more a year than if they purchased the cheapest gallon of milk found in

the investigation. In one Bronx neighborhood where the median household income is less than \$18,000 a year, a family could pay up to \$135 more a year per child if they purchased their milk from a more expensive shop bodega. And, since prices often aren't listed, and the state doesn't publicize what the average price of milk is, families often don't know that they're being overcharged

Citywide disparities in milk prices were vast. The most expensive gallon of milk found by Gioia's investigation was \$6.00, which is more than 165% more expensive than the cheapest gallon of milk, which was only \$2.25.

Bronx

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Least Expensive: \$2.69

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Least Expensive: \$2.89

Staten Island

Least Expensive: \$3.99
Most Expensive: \$2.89

Manhattan

Most Expensive: \$6.00
Least Expensive: \$2.25

Since July 2008, when the national average price for a gallon of fresh whole milk peaked at \$3.96, the average nationwide price has dropped nearly 30%. New Yorkers haven't seen an equivalent drop in prices—even though both the wholesale price of milk and the cost of transport

have decreased. In July 2008, according to the Department of Agriculture and Markets, the average price for a gallon of milk in New York City was \$4.32. As of October 2008, the department stopped providing this information to consumers on its website, but Gioia's survey of 60 stores this month found that the average cost for a gallon of milk is now \$3.72, more than 20% higher than the national average. This adds up to only a 16% drop in milk prices in the metro area. Additionally, fuel and transportation costs are down over the past year, meaning that delivery costs should have dropped in the past year. Furthermore, milk prices are not decreasing proportionally to the wholesale price of milk, which is why the Department of Agriculture and Markets started calculating the threshold price of milk in the first place. The price of milk is often measured as the price of milk per 100 pounds. In November 2007, when the last Gioia survey was conducted, this price was listed as \$24.60 in the New York metro area. This month, the price of milk per 100 lbs is listed as \$13.41—more than an 83% decrease. However, even though the wholesale price of milk has dropped dramatically, New Yorkers have seen the retail price of milk drop only 15% over that same time span. To give New Yorkers a better idea of what they should be paying for milk, along with protecting them from suspected price gouging, Gioia is calling for the New York State

Department of Agriculture to reinstate listing the average price of milk to give New Yorkers an approximation of what they should be paying, and allow them to help monitor for price gouging. Additionally, in a letter to the New York State Department of Agriculture, Gioia asked them to step up enforcement, especially in low-income neighborhoods where milk prices tend to fluctuate dramatically from block to block. Gioia also announced he would explore legislation which would mandate that stores post the phone number and website for New Yorkers to use to report suspected gouging wherever milk is sold.

Studies show that nationwide, milk is the second most commonly consumed beverage, and the most heavily consumed beverage among children ages 4-8. However, milk consumption has dropped significantly over the past half century, with consumers opting towards less nutritious and often less expensive soft drinks, fruit juices, coffees and teas. Milk is known to be very important part of a healthy diet. Milk is good source of calcium and other nutrients, which are essential for growing children. Milk also is known to reduce the risk of osteoporosis, hypertension, while also strengthening bone structure. If you suspect this store of price-gouging for milk products, report it to the NYS Dept. of Agriculture & Markets at <http://www.agmkt.state.ny.us/DI/MilkPriceGouging.html>

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Angela Perez, Caressa Suarez, Branden Warders and Danielle Daiz from St. Sebastian School



Kristine Cui, Majriha Naosin, Keanna Faulkner and Kunjal Daji from IS125



Lisette Moscoso from PS199 with Chris Kitson and Marc Leavitt



Nicholas Trostl, Joseph Trostl, Alyssa Shanderson and Pratyusha Mutyala from St. Raphael School



Efaz Choudhury, Nashia Choudhury and Sayeeda Rab from Razi School (Mariam Ansari not pictured)

GANTRY PLAZA STATE PARK OPENS IN LIC



Carol Ash, Commissioner of the New York State Office of Parks cuts the ribbon with Councilman Eric Gioia.

On Wednesday, July 1, 2009, a Six-acre extension of the Gantry Plaza State Park, located in Long Island City, Queens, was opened to the public.

The New York State Parks Department and various local officials, including Carol Ash, Commissioner of the New York State Office of Parks, Councilman Eric Gioia, Empire State CEO Dennis Mullen, CB 2 Chairman Joe Conley and State Assemblywoman Cathy Nolan, sponsored a dedication/ ribbon cutting ceremony. The new extension includes a promenade along the East River with views of the Manhattan skyline and the United Nations, hammocks, Adirondack chairs, a wetlands area and various other facilities. An additional Three-acre section will be added in 2 years.



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Tips on Paying for College

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Don't panic - You don't have to pay the full year's tuition, room and board up front - you will likely be billed in installments that may correspond to the school's quarter or semester system. This payment system doesn't lessen your overall costs, of course, but it does give you a bit of time to come up with additional funding sources. For example, if you have a bond coming due in the middle of the college calendar, you can use the proceeds to help pay for school.

Liquidate assets in timely manner - If you've earmarked certain investments for college, try not to liquidate them until it's absolutely time to write out a check - the longer you can keep your investments growing, the better off you'll be.

Look at Roth IRA - If you have a Roth IRA, you can withdraw contributions, tax- and penalty-free, to help pay for

your child's education. Certain conditions apply to penalty-free withdrawals, so you should talk to your tax advisor for more information. And keep in mind, if you start withdrawing earnings, you'll have to pay taxes on them unless you meet certain conditions. **If you have more time** (If you still have a few years before your children head off to school, you may want to take advantage of some of the more popular college-savings plans. Here are two to consider:

Section 529 plans - When you set up a Section 529 savings plan, you put money in specific investments, which are managed by the plan administrator. If you participate in your own state's Section 529 plan, you may be able to deduct your contributions from your state income taxes. Your plan contribution limits are high, and your withdrawals are free from federal income taxes, as long as the money is used for qualified college or graduate school expenses. Withdrawals for expenses other than qualified education expenditures may be subject to federal, state and penalty taxes. Section 529 tax benefits are only effective through 2010, unless extended by Congress. Also, a Section 529 plan could reduce your child's or grandchild's ability

to qualify for financial aid. Because tax issues for 529 plans can be complicated, please consult your tax adviser.

Coverdell Education Savings Account - Depending on your income level, you can contribute up to \$2,000 annually to a Coverdell Education Savings Account. Your Coverdell earnings and withdrawals will be tax-free, provided you use the money for qualified education expenses. (Any non-education withdrawals from a Coverdell Account may be subject to a 10 percent penalty.) You can fund your Coverdell Education Savings Account with virtually any investment you choose - stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, etc. And you can contribute to a Coverdell Account in the same year that you put money into a Section 529 plan. **Consider all options** Putting together a good college-funding plan - either at the last minute or years in advance - can test your resources and ingenuity. But by diligently exploring all your options, it's a test you should be able to "pass."

This article comes as a courtesy from your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor Vincent Renda located at 47-01 Queens Blvd. Suite 203 Sunnyside NY 11104. You can phone him at 718-361-1306.

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE Liquor License Applications and Sidewalk Cafe on Vernon Boulevard

Date :TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2009

Time: 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Place:ST. MARY'S ROMAN RC CHURCH BASEMENT
10-08 49th Avenue, Hunters Point

COMMUNITY BOARD 2 HAS RECEIVED MANY LETTERS AND EMAILS REQUESTING NO NEW LIQUOR LICENSES BE GRANTED ALONG VERNON BLVD. A PUBLIC MEETING IS SCHEDULED AT THE ABOVE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

1. TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS ALONG VERNON BLVD. AND TO HEAR COMMENTS SO THAT A FAIR AND BALANCED APPROACH TO LIQUOR LICENSES APPLICATIONS ARE CONSIDERED RECOGNIZING THE INTERESTS OF BOTH RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES IN THE AREA WHILE

PRESERVING AND IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN HUNTERS POINT.

2. TO HEAR PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING APPLICANTS FOR LIQUOR

a. **MANDUCATIS RUSTICA VIG**

- On Premises Liquor License

- Consumer Affairs Application for An Unenclosed Sidewalk Café For 12 Tables And 28 Seats.

b. **LIC RESTAURANT LLC,**

- On Premises Liquor License

c. **SEMILL INC. D/B/A LOUNGE 47,**

- Renewal Of On Premises Liquor License

d. **ROSCRANA LLC,**

- Transfer Of On Premises Liquor License from Semill Inc. D/B/A Lounge 47

3. PUBLIC COMMENT. THERE WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, AND ANY INTERESTED PARTIES MAY SPEAK AND OFFER COMMENT WITH RESPECT TO THESE MATTERS FOR UP TO THREE (3) MINUTES. WRITTEN STATEMENTS MAY ALSO BE SUBMITTED.

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A Message From the 108th Pct.

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Your vehicle is **NOT A SECURE** place for the storage of personal property. Do not place packages on the rear seat of your car and leave them unattended.

If you must leave packages in your car, place all packages in the trunk, and make sure the trunk is locked. A cylinder guard plate should be installed to protect your trunk lock.

Do not store any valuables in your vehicle (G.P.S. SYSTEMS, LAPTOP COMPUTERS, CREDIT CARDS, JEWELRY, CASH, ETC.) If you must place this type of property in your car, keep the property out of view from someone walking near your car. **DO NOT LEAVE SUCTION CUPS OR MARKINGS FROM SUCTION CUPS ON THE WINDSHIELD!!**

Always try to park your vehicle in an area where there is good lighting, a well-lit street or parking area is a very good deterrent.

Any questions, contact P.O. Chimento of the 108th Pct. At 718-784-5404

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CONGRATULATIONS!



Worcester Polytechnic Institute has announced that **Lisa Song**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chun Song of Woodside, NY, a sophomore majoring in Environmental Engineering, was named to the university's Dean's list for academic excellence for the Spring 209 semester.

Karen M. Abbas, a sophomore at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, was named to the Dean's list for her outstanding academic achievement during the Spring semester of the 2008-09 year. Abbas is the daughter of Lourdes Martir Abbas of Woodside, NY and Syed Abbas of Endicott, NY.

Jean Moncada of Woodside made the Dean's list for the Spring semester at SUNY Canton.



The following Woodside, NY students graduated during the Spring commencement ceremonies from the University at Albany:

- Sergio Zuluaga- B.A. in Rhetoric and Communication
- Howard Zhao (Cum Laude)- B.A. in Science Accounting
- Monica Singh- B.A. in Interdisciplinary-Human Biology
- Jessica Farley (Magna Cum Laude)- B.A. in Criminal Justice
- Jacqueline McDermott of Sunnyside (Cum Laude)- B.A. Business Administration
- Christian Velasquez (Cum Laude)- B.A. in Business Administration

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CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT. TO: Attorney General of the State of New York. The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of Frank Howard, 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. Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of **Frank Howard**, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 208-30 Grand Central Pkwy, 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 **Frank Howard**, 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 20th day of August, 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 \$1,033.73

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 June 25, 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, NY 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. 7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24/09**

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There are income limits for claiming the credit of up to 10% of the home's purchase price, which maxes out at \$8,000. If your modified adjusted gross income (on IRS Form 1040, line 37) is less than \$75,000 for individuals or \$150,000 for married filing jointly, you can claim the maximum credit. For incomes up to \$95,000 or \$170,000 respectively, the credit is reduced.

This is not a tax "deduction," but a tax "credit," meaning that the amount you claim is reduced from your total tax bill! If you will owe less than \$8,000 on your 2009 return, you'll get a REFUND from the IRS for the difference!

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 by
DR. IRVING ROVIN, OPTOMETRIST
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Normally, you don't think that much about blinking your eyes. Yet it's something you do between eleven and twenty times every minute. It's natural and necessary for everyone, but it is especially important for contact lens wearers. It can mean the difference between comfort and discomfort, clear vision and cloudy vision, and being a successful contact wearer and an unsuccessful one.

Blinking cleans the eyes and brings fresh oxygen to them; it also cushions the lens. Unfortunately, many new lens wearers neglect blinking frequently enough, or they don't blink correctly. With each blink your eyelids feel the lenses and shift them ever so slightly. This sensation takes some getting used to and causes some lens wearers to inhibit the urge to blink or to squint constantly in order to avoid blinking fully. Yet it's a sensation you will soon get used to if you let yourself. If you are having trouble, your eye-care professional can recommend some eye exercises to help you.



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ASIAN TURKEY BURGERS
 RECIPE INGREDIENTS:

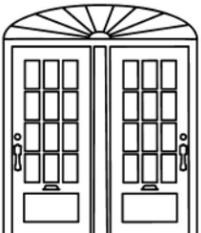
1 1/2 pounds lean ground turkey	2 tablespoons sesame oil
1 small onion, very finely chopped	1 tablespoon sesame seeds
1 large egg, lightly beaten	2 teaspoons red chili paste
1 cup panko (Japanese-style bread crumbs)	1 green onion, chopped
1/4 cup freshly chopped cilantro	1 1/4 teaspoon coarse salt
2 tablespoons freshly chopped parsley	1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

- Mix together the turkey, onion, egg, panko, parsley, cilantro, sesame oil, sesame seeds, chili paste, and green onion in a large bowl until well combined. Add the salt and pepper, or more to taste. (To test the flavor, cook a teaspoon or two of the mixture in the microwave or a small skillet.)
- Divide the mixture into 6 equal portions and shape them into patties, gently pressing the center of each to create a slight indentation. This will prevent the patty from bulging in the center, so that you end up with a flat, evenly cooked burger. Refrigerate the patties until the grill is ready.
- Prepare a charcoal fire or a gas grill to medium-hot. Wipe the rack with canola oil and lay the burgers on it indentation-side up. Let them cook, without pressing down on them, until the bottoms are well seared, about 5 to 7 minutes. Flip the burgers and continue grilling until they are completely cooked through (the juices will run clear), another 5 to 7 minutes.

A touch of chili paste gives these burgers a little kick. Many grocery stores carry a variety of good-quality pastes in containers that resemble toothpaste tubes (look in the produce department near the fresh herbs). If you can't find any, you can also use a bottled variety. Serve the burgers on buns with lettuce, sliced avocado, and, if you like, wasabi mayonnaise.

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Letters To The Editor



The following letters are the opinions of its author and not necessarily those of the Woodside Herald.

TERM LIMITS

Dear Editor,

In reference to your editorial of April 10th, I agree that term limits, excepting for the daunting office of the Presidency of the United States, is a bad idea. We always had the power to retain or dismiss an office holder based on their performance by the power of our vote.

However, The voters of New York City decided that they wanted term limits and expected that to mean a two-term limit. Mayor Bloomberg and his cohorts in the City Council may have found a legal loophole to thwart the will of the people, but that does not mean this action was moral or served the spirit of free elections.

When urging citizens to register and vote, so that their opinions will form policy, shall we say that this is not necessarily so when exceptions can be made by self-serving individuals in power?

Can New York City survive, recover and revive without Michael Bloomberg at the helm? After the tragedy of September 11, 2001 many felt that our city would be devastated without the continued leadership of Rudy Giuliani. Obviously that was not the case. We have lost sitting presidents to natural death, assassinations and resignation, even in times of war, and our great country more than survived.

To suggest that the Democratic Party allow Bloomberg to run on their line is tantamount to establishing non-partisan elections. This, in effect, will destroy the two party system in this city and ensure that only those who can finance their own campaigns without grass root party support can attain office.

Non-partisan elections is a favored project of Mayor Bloomberg who is likely to spend \$100,000,000 on his campaign in the next few months. Remember, the voters rejected this concept as well. Will mayor Bloomberg and his conspirators on the City Council find another "legal" way around this too?

You diminish the value of the "process". Well, the process is always more important than the candidate.

To vote for Michael Bloomberg under these circumstances is to collaborate in the

dismantling of the cornerstone of our democracy, the will of the people as expressed through peaceful elections.

ANGEL FLIGHT

Dear Editor,

To the Editor: Each month, volunteer pilots from Angel Flight Northeast fly patients needing specialized medical care, including chemotherapy and dialysis, to hospitals throughout New York. Many of these patients are from rural areas and would otherwise be hard-pressed to receive the care they need. These flights are part of General Aviation (GA), which includes all flying except the scheduled airlines and the military. Right now GA is being imperiled by misguided plans in Washington, D.C. If these proposals are enacted, the outlook could be grim for patients who use Angel Flight Northeast, as well as for millions of other people throughout the country who depend on General Aviation for services and jobs. Among the proposals are new costs and regulations. Since Angel Flight Northeast pilots already donate their time and planes and pay for their own fuel, these increased costs could ground them. The impact on patients who live in rural New York could be devastating, because they would have to drive long distances to receive care. The new charges and regulations would involve not only medical volunteer organizations. With an estimated 65 percent of General Aviation flights conducted for public service and business, many industries and services would be affected, including agriculture, emergency medical evacuation, law enforcement, aerial firefighting, package delivery and the Civil Air Patrol. In addition, millions of jobs depend on GA, which pumps more than \$150 billion into the U.S. economy. Two members of Congress deem GA so essential that they formed a caucus to educate their peers on its value to the American economy and transportation system. Recently, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), the world's

largest pilot organization with more than 415,000 members, launched General Aviation Serves America. The goal of this national grassroots campaign is to educate policymakers, opinion leaders and the public about the vital role GA plays in our local communities and the nation's economy. Actors Harrison Ford and Morgan Freeman, both avid pilots, are volunteering their services in support of the campaign. (To learn more about the General Aviation Serves America program, please take a few minutes to visit www.gaservesamerica.com.) The importance of GA and its impact on the citizens of New York cannot be overstated. For more than 80 years, General Aviation has played a significant role in the lives of millions of Americans across the country. I hope you will join me in our efforts to ensure that it's around for another 80 years, and well beyond.

Sincerely
Craig Fuier
President Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association

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