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## Next Meeting

Assemblymember  
Barbara Clark

Also  
Census Speaker

April 6, 2000

8:00 PM

Refreshments

We meet the first Thursday of each month at the House of Hope Church, corner 248th Street and 85th Avenue at 8:00 PM

We hope you  
like our new  
look!

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## Creedmoor School Plan Changed

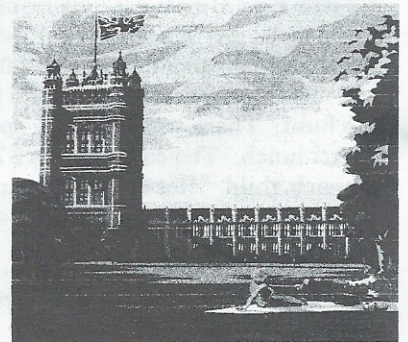
On March 26 local civics joined together to oppose a plan to place three schools for 2,550 students on ten acres of surplus Creedmoor Psychiatric Center property. Thanks to the quick intervention of State Senator Frank Padavan as well as Assemblyman Mark Weprin and Board of Education member for Queens Terri Thomson the plan was expanded to place the three schools on 32 acres as originally proposed by the Queens Civic Congress Master Plan drafted by several local civics, including the BCCA.

The potential community impact of the 10 acre plan would have been devastating for Glen Oaks and Bellerose. It must be noted that the Glen Oaks

residents packed the rally and spoke in strong opposition to the 32 acre plan, objecting that their community will be impacted by large groups of students wandering around the area.

The Queens Civic Congress and BCCA agree that it is not ideal for the Glen Oaks neighborhood. We also recognize the severe lack of schools in Queens. And we are quite excited about the possibility of a top notch educational campus serving local youth from pre-K through high school.

While many details have to be worked out, the deal seems solid, including adequate playground space, parking, bus



Schools are for Children

queueing and drop-off areas.

**Apologies:** My sincere apologies to anyone who went to Martin Van Buren Sunday to attend the rally. The venue was changed after publication and I had no way to get the information out. I went to Van Buren to try to head people off, but may have missed some. Sorry.

## Assemblymember Barbara Clark

Last month we were pleased to have Senator Frank Padavan swear our new officers in for the year 2000. In April, we are proud to announce that Assemblymember Barbara Clark will join us to discuss economic development in our area and

other local issues.

Barbara has been a good friend of the BCCA since her election and has visited many times. Barbara even came to local cleanup days and has brokered several meetings when it is necessary to

get something done. We are lucky to be represented by such dedicated and interested legislators.

Please join us in welcoming Barbara and bring some tough questions about state services.

## Local Activities

### Holy Trinity Church

**Ukrainian Easter Eggs:** Join Pastor Schulz in making Ukrainian Easter Eggs on Saturday, April 15th at 9:00 am. The cost is \$7 and a dozen eggs (raw). Reservations must be made in advance by calling 347-0278.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** All kids from 3 years to 12 are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on April 22nd at 11:00 am. There will be games, crafts and the hunt. There will also be a spaghetti lunch. The cost of all is \$7 for each child. Reservations must be made in advance by calling 347-0278.

**Lenten Observations:** Holy Trinity will be offering services on Wednesdays during Lent at Noon

and at 8:00 pm. The Noon service will feature scripture, discussions and prayer. The service will be followed by a soup luncheon. The evening service will offer the opportunity to integrate both our youth and our adults into the worship life of the church. Our Confirmation youth will help in the leading of our Lenten Services. Following the service there will be coffee and cake provided by the High School youth and their parents.

**Holy Week:** Holy Thursday, April 20th, begins with a celebration of the Seder at 6:30 pm. With a service following the meal. Contact the church office for the cost and to make reservations at 347-0278.

**Good Friday:** Services will be at Noon and 8:00 pm.

**Palm Sunday and Easter:** Services will be at 9:00 am and 10:30 am.

### House of Hope Church

On Sunday May 7th at 4:00 pm there will be a special service of thanksgiving in observance of our 60th anniversary in Bellerose.

The committee is working hard to make this an outstanding event. Many guests and dignitaries are being invited. There will be a display of some of the history of the Church, and a buffet, etc. are planned. Please plan to attend and watch for further details in the May issue of *Action News*.

Also, on Saturday May 15th, the annual Bid and Raffle will take place between 1:00 and 3:00 pm. There will be something for everybody.

**The House of Hope  
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248th Street and 85th Ave.  
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**Sunday:**  
9:30 am Church School  
11:00 Morning Worship

## BCCA Feedback Form

April 2000

To the B.C.C.A.:

I suggest the following article for action news, issue to pursue or general comment: \_\_\_\_\_

I suggest the following speaker topic: \_\_\_\_\_

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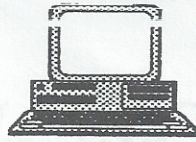
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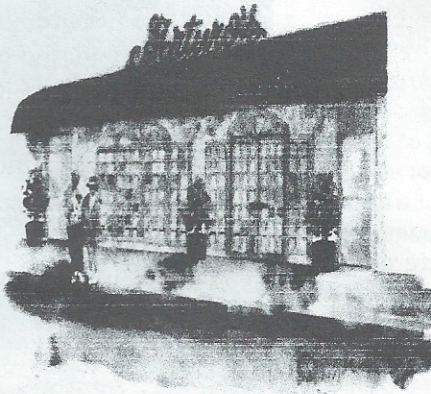
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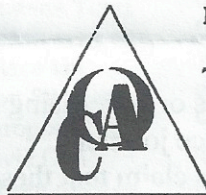
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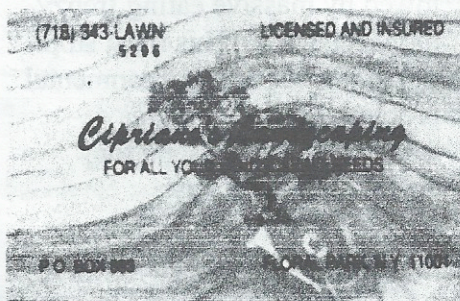
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## Police Report

The following is courtesy of the 105th Precinct Community Council.

Numerous groups are actively soliciting donations under the guise of "Police Department" affiliation. These groups, seeking to exploit the community's desire to support the police, often use the word Police or similar terminology in their titles. Additionally, their representatives are giving the impression that they are in some way associated with the New York City Police Department.

As an incentive for your donation they are offering items such as: official police decals, identi-

fication cards or advertising space in police journals. These groups claim that these incentive items will afford you favorable treatment from police officials. Some of these groups shamefully claim that portions of the donations received provide assistance to the widows and orphans of Police Officers killed in the line of duty. These groups misrepresent their relationship to the N.Y.P.D. and most of the donated money goes to administrative associated operations costs. If you are solicited by such a group, record as much information as you can, contact the 24 hour NYPD Internal Affairs office at (212) 741-8401. Information received will be added to the list monitored and investigated by the NYPD.

## Letters

We received the following unsigned letter:

How disturbing a simple act of kindness by one individual can affect others? I am referring to individuals in our neighborhood obsessed with being one with nature. Every day beginning at about 10 am near the corner of 253rd Street and 86th Avenue an individual feeds pigeons followed by massive eating frenzy of 50 sea gulls. This must stop. There is a serious environmental problem. Bird Droppings destructive secretions and they don't just wash away.