

LETTERS

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 37

also fight the high rate of cancer on Shelter Island. (Witness the recent loss of Island friends to cancer.) Instead, we keep dumping the permethrin on this Island, which, according to the EPA, is a carcinogenic neurotoxin. And, no, this is not the end — it gets worse.

The existing administration in Town Hall would fight tooth and nail to prevent this contract from going on the ballot as a public referendum because, when you attach an item of \$3.75 million as a public referendum to the already swelling budget, it would be defeated by an overwhelming number of voters on Shelter Island. That is why this year's election is absolutely pivotal. Get out and vote! For more information on this, you may contact me at goldegg007@optonline.net.

RICHARD KELLY
Shelter Island

Funding Taylor's Isle

To the Editor:

Thirty years ago, in 1979, our town accepted Mr. Taylor's gift of his Island in Coecles Harbor with its landmark cabin. Our Taylor's Island Committee strives to fulfill Mr. Taylor's wish that Taylor's Island be "for the use and enjoyment of the general public."

We are in the process of restoring Taylor's Island after years of neglect. Once these restorations are complete, our intent is for Taylor's Island to be a self-supporting town-owned park property. Gratefully, we have the Shelter Island Country Club, Goat Hill, as a fine example.

Our committee recently applied for a grant from the state's Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to fund these improvements and reduce the expense to the town. During the grant application process there was some confusion about the potential expense to Shelter Island taxpayers.

As submitted, the only taxpayer funds to be used to match the grant are \$3,000 from the Shelter Island Highway Department. The remainder of the match will be met by funds from the Taylor's Island Foundation, a 501(c)(3) established by our committee to assist the town, funds left by Mr. Taylor, and donations of volunteer labor. The grant request totaled \$117,925 for the Smith-Taylor Restoration Project.

Our grant application included 28 individual and group letters of support, over 300 petition signatures, as well as excerpts from the Taylor's Island guest book, begun in 2006, containing over 600 signatures. We thank you for joining our efforts.

Please visit taylorsisland.org, write Taylor's Island Foundation, P.O. Box 524, Shelter Island Heights, NY 11965-0524 or phone 749-1603 for more information and to continue your support.

P.A.T. HUNT, Co-chair
RICHIE SUROZENSKI, Co-chair
Taylor's Island Preservation
and Management Committee

On legacy tree policy

To the Editor:

At the candidates' forum on Saturday, October 18, one of the questions asked was, "Do you find that the current safeguards in place are sufficient to secure the future of our local highest value specimens and legacy treescape?"

The only current safeguards in place are about trees growing on public land, along our roadsides and public places, and trees growing along the wetlands and the Near Shore Overlay District. In any other location people are free to clear their land of trees regardless of size or historical value.

In the past, 400 people signed a petition for limiting lot-clearing but nothing came of it. Hopefully, the future Town Board will consider adopting a policy of preserving our mature and legacy trees before they are stripped from our treescape.

YIOULA VAN RYNBACH
Shelter Island

Miracle at Paard Hill

To the Editor:

On the morning of Saturday October 24th, the prediction was for rain. The clouds parted, and the sun came out to shine on the children who attended the program Foundation GROW at Paard Hill farms.

Ellen and Peter Ruig have created this program for children with disabilities to participate in an equestrian event. To watch the happiness and confidence on the faces of the young people competing in the arena and paddock brings joy to one's heart. We spoke to many parents who told us how their children have improved with the training and contact with nature's magnificent creature, the horse.

The children come from another area of Long Island where they follow therapy with horse riding, and once a year Paard Hill creates the GROW Program, (Giving Riders the Opportunity To Win.) We have attended this event for a few years, and would like to see more of our neighbors participate, and have the privilege of watching these young people benefit, and learn from the miracle of contact with a horse.

MOLLIE and MARSHALL NUMARK
Shelter Island



**DeFriest-Grattan
Funeral Homes, Inc.**

Serving the North Fork
and Shelter Island

765-3850



ADAM HASHAGEN ART

SLICE OF LIFE

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 37

Who will watch / our precious town? / think clean / think "green" / vote for Brown.

To keep / Town Council / squeaky clean / we can't afford / to "Lewis" Christine.

Time to shuffle / when times / are hard / for the best deal / vote for Card.

"Springer" summer / winter, fall / a vote / for Linda / is best for all.

He'll stand firm / for another term / you know it / we owe it / to Dougherty.

Your house / may be new / it might be / an "oldie" / want the true value? / Vote for Castoldi.

Want the best / in town assessing? / The choice / is plain / choose / Joe Messing.

A seat on the council / a job that needs filling / for a real hard worker / Shillingburg's willing.

For roads and sandings / beaches and landings / who gets the job done / you bet'chem / its Ketcham!

The road ahead / has many / speedbumps / a vote for caution / is a vote for Kornrumpf.

To keep our town / on a course / that's steady / elect Bill Smith / a captain who's ready!

With so many issues / affecting the "Rock" / we need Paul / to "Shepherd" the flock.

And with a nod to our long-serving County Legislator, here's a final groaner:

To serve / us best / the choice / is plain / "lettuce" / re-elect Romaine.

So here are the rules and options for elections from now on:

1. All slogans for all candidates (limit two rhymes each) must be planted on Route 114 and nowhere else.

2. One set of slogans shall be on the southbound side and one on the northbound side. The resulting parade of dubious poetry will cause all drivers to slow down to about 20 miles an hour, thereby making it a safe road, at least for a month or so.

3. Other, boring signs shall be planted at each party's discretion, but with the full knowledge that they will be harvested by the sign police who will dump all signs on the appropriate candidate's lawn (or better yet, on the driveway right behind their car) for proper recycling.

4. All signs must be set up no earlier than the week before Columbus Day and must be dismantled within 24 hours of the election.

5. Defamatory signage is strictly prohibited. Only positive, jovial and good-spirited slogans allowed.

6. Violators of any of the above rules will not be permitted to erect signs for the next 20 years and must forfeit all rights and privileges in regard to Shelter Island Bridge and Tunnel Authority membership.

I guess it's time for me to "sign" off!



Buy, Sell
or
Hold?

Call Rudy Bruer
at 765-5100

MOORS & CABOT
FINANCIAL ADVISORS, LLC
MEMBER FINRA, SIPC

Main Road, Southold
(across from firehouse)