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quality to the community.

B. In particular with increasing development in an area of decreasing land resources in the city and its environs, it is absolutely essential to the city's residents and businesses to remove pollution from the air and supply oxygen. It takes approximately 20 mature trees to clean the air of gases produced by five gallons of gasoline consumed by vehicular traffic. Trees greatly assist in the battle against air pollution, since moist tree foliage traps dust and soot particles until washed away by the rain.

C. Through their contributions to the community's ecology, appearance, sense of local history and local identity, trees can be an enhancement to property values in the city, as well as making it a more attractive place to visit.

D. The existing mature, healthy trees found in the city are an increasingly precious resource in urbanized areas, which once lost are not easily replaced.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Cathy Alvarez
Chairperson, Glen Cove Tree Commission

Simonized Again

Once again the monarchy has spoken. With a 6-to-1 vote, John Simon, the director of the Glen Cove Golf Course, was given a new one-year contract. Shame on those council members who gave this man, John Simon, a vote of confidence!

The Glen Cove Golf Course is about to enter its silver anniversary and having Mr. Simon at its helm tarnishes its image. Let's look at the important facts which were so conveniently overlooked at this meeting by the council and the mayor. By the way, Mr. Simon was conspicuously absent from the council meeting so as not to be allowed to engage any critics. The mayor could not chance another display of those unpolished "interpersonal skills." The question is, and the one the members of this council should have asked themselves is, what has Mr. Simon done to be allowed to continue on as its director?

First and foremost he has not achieved the goals and objectives set by the City because as the mayor says, "They've changed," but from what? Let's review a little past history of Mr. Simon's tenure in the golf course and his relationship with it, so the people can judge.

This man, John Simon, attempted to build a new maintenance barn on the 18th Hole out of an abandoned building, which by the way, is the building which burned because a minor was allowed to refill gasoline golf carts without any supervision. After this, he obtained used structural components from a building the county demolished. He was ready to start

construction of this burned-out building without a permit, without an architect and without the permission of our city council. Thank God some of the city council came to their senses and stopped the folly.

This man, Mr. Simon, as the most visual representative of the City at the golf course has, engaged in ongoing arguments from tee to green with numerous golfers of Glen Cove actually culminating in a fist-a-cuff with an 80-year-old man. He has been openly chastised by Cub Scout Pack #5 in the *Record Pilot* for his yelling and screaming at the scoutmaster. Mr. Simon has spared no one his insults and unkind remarks, even the dead. A widow asked that a tree be planted in her late husband's name, but John Simon rebuffed her in the most unsympathetic manner. I know that at least two of the council members have unfortunately shared in this woman's disbelief. This man, Mr. Simon, has continually and without any mayoral reprimand lashed out at the senior community of Glen Cove. At golf commission meetings he has stated that "they overrun the golf course" and that Glen Cove subsidizes their rates and fees. "They need to be thinned out." He has endorsed, and the mayor has approved, raising the senior citizen age limit from 60 to 62 years. But, he has suggested - and been opposed by the golf commission - to restrict seniors from playing more than once a day. These comments are well documented in the taped minutes of the golf commission, which meets every third Wednesday of the month. The mayor and city council should have reviewed some prior meeting tapes of the golf commission before they were so quick to vote Mr. Simon in.

This man, John Simon, has almost totally ignored the recommendations of the golf commission's requests to develop and implement a "total marketing plan" for the driving range as well as taking over two years to introduce the cashier's computer that the mayor and city council had requested. In addition, non-discretionary repairs such as the bridge crossings at certain holes have been put on the back-burner. These are accidents waiting to happen which will be costly litigation that the city will ultimately be engaged in when an accident on them occurs. And then of course there was the mysterious three-week suspension that Mr. Simon was put on by the mayor. And why? No one knows? The mayor now says that it was because of Mr. Simon's poor skills in relating to people. Mr. Simon can be frequently quoted as saying, "I'm no [expletive deleted] traitor'd." All of this and the council voted him a new part-time salary of \$40,000. This represents a \$10,000 increase. In today's marketplace

that represents a 33 percent increase over his last contract. How many of you can boast that kind of increase? Can you, Councilman Granger, tell us how many teeth must be filled to make \$10,000, or Councilwoman Holzkamp, can you tell us how many flowers have to be sold to make \$10,000, or Councilmen Worth and Maccarone, how many hours must you be at a trial to make \$10,000? Well \$10,000 is a lot of money and in all due respect, this man, Mr. Simon, is not entitled to have. The mayor says, he owes it to him! Is Mayor Suozzi so delusional that he has been convinced that Mr. Simon is the only individual that can run a golf course? Mr. Maccarone and one speaker from the audience got side-tracked with discussions on the cutting down of trees and the daily raising of the American flag at the golf course, or whether Mr. Simon was a veteran. It's all bunk!

With Mr. Simon's appointment the possibility of twilight golf is still very much alive and well. This will transform the GC6C from a semi-private municipal course to a public operation. The reason for this is that Mr. Simon says that we have lost revenue from November to December 1995 and through January and February 1996; with the numbers reflecting a possible loss anywhere from \$40,000 to \$60,000. Has the mayor even verified these numbers?

The golfers of our beautiful course have been used and abused by Mr. John Simon long enough, and yet he is rewarded as well as compensated for his behaviors. I have one last question for those who are representatives of the people of Glen Cove...Hello, is anyone out there listening!!

Phil Gavosto

Mayor Should Provide His Own Car

Mayor Thomas Suozzi is not naive.

He should not be sponging off the taxpayer for a car. His income is well above the average in Glen Cove, so he should be responsible to provide his own transportation and be reimbursed for gas mileage used on official business.

Once the City Council approves this "perk" of providing a car for Mayor Suozzi it will set a precedent that is going to cause no end of resentment and cries of "foul play."

He should know better!

Anna M. Kimble

Secure the Vote For Glen Cove

As you may know, residents of small cities like Glen Cove do not have a say on how their tax dollars are spent. However, we are now closer than we've ever been to providing residents of small cities this opportunity.

Recently, both the assembly and senate

April 18, 1996

To : Thomas R. Suozzi
From: John Simon

Lou Larice of Junior Baseball has requested a day to use the golf course for a "baseball outing".

It was my understanding that last year was a one time excursion and that they would pay the fees and THEN an allocation from these receipts would be made to them. On the contrary Mr. Larice did not make any payments. Mr Larice has indicated that he expects to make this an annual outing at no cost to Jr. Baseball.

I will be telling Mr. Larice that the golf course can be rented on Mondays to organizations at the set fee.

This is and has been the policy since the golf course's inception. The golf commission concurs.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

Thanks.

August 6, 1996

Mr. Louis Larice
106 Water Road

August 6, 1996

To : Louis Larice
From: John Simon

As of this date we have not received the return of a signed contract sent to you agreeing to the conditions relative to reserving the Glen Cove Golf Course for the Junior Baseball's golf outing the afternoon of August 26, 1996.

Your conversations with Mayor Tom Suozzi and his relating of that conversation to me does not preclude you from making payment per the terms of the contract sent you.

I am enclosing a copy of this contract.
Please sign and return.

My understanding of the arrangement made is that you will make all payments. The funds received will be transferred to the Recreation Department who will allocate same to your group for the sole purpose of "capital improvements" to the City's baseball facility.

Thank you for your cooperation.

cc: Mayor Thomas R. Suozzi
Glen Cove Golf Commission
Recreation Department
Pamela Grella, City Controller

FROM : VERATEX INC.

PHONE NO. : 1 212 889 5573

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or appearing on, a page in a newspaper, usually the one opposite the editorial page, as columns, free-lance articles, letters, etc. expressing varied opinions and observations.

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ial policy with letters is best in a quote attributed "I disapprove of it but I will defend your right to say

ing application or leading the charge to acquire Jakobson Shipyard, we recognize our responsibility to protect our natural resources and are meeting the challenge.

In order to continue to maintain Oyster Bay's rich maritime culture and to enhance our working waterfront we need every voter - Republican, Democrat, or Independent - to vote Yes on the "Clean Water Clean Air Bond Act" (New York State Proposal #1).

This \$1.75 billion investment in our

and as such he should deal with the public with respect. The Mayor should rethink his hiring of Mr. Simon and put someone in that position who can deal with problems tactfully and treat residents with the utmost consideration. Glen Cove residents deserve nothing less!

Robert Kormoski
Commissioner of
Glen Cove Junior Baseball

Thank You

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Polish National Home, I express my appreciation to Gold Coast Gazette, and especially O'Connell, its managing editor, for a

ing and for giving so much welcome

port at our recent Miss Polonia Page

Dance. His help at that function and

other events throughout the year, as well

as the publicity the Gazette gives to our

events, helps us to celebrate our Polish

dead and Glenwood Lane

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WANT A PUBLIC APOLOGY

Dear Editor:

On August 29, 1996, Glen Cove Junior Baseball held its annual golf tournament to raise money for our leagues. We arranged this through the Mayor's office and all money received by the city was to go directly into improving the city stadium.

The tournament was a success in that it did raise money for our children. However, the event was marred by the actions of the golf course manager, John Simon. Mr. Larice, our chairman, was at the tournament and the person who was to pay for our tournament was called away on business. Mr. Simon demanded a check on the spot. When he was told that he would get the check later on in the day or the next day, Mr. Simon told his workers to remove the keys from the golf carts. Mr. Simon came to the golf course later with a police officer for "protection" and to arrest Mr. Larice for failure to pay.

Our league is staffed with volunteers who work hard to provide our city's children with an outstanding baseball program. This treatment was unacceptable especially when the money received by the city was going into the field. Obviously whether the check was there immediately or a day late, Glen Cove Junior Baseball would honor the deal with the city.

We feel that a public apology is in order from Mr. Simon. This is not the first time he has over stepped his bounds. He was out of line with Mr. Larice and has been extremely rude to other resident and non-resident players. Mr. Simon is a city worker

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WANT A
PUBLIC
APOLOGY

August 6, 1996

Mr. Louis Larice
126 Walnut Road
Glen Cove, NY 11542

Dear Lou:

Let me be the first to wish you great success on the upcoming ~~Junior~~ ~~Baseball~~ Golf Tournament to be held on August 26, 1996.

This letter is to confirm that the monies paid to the City of Glen Cove by Junior Baseball for the use of the Golf Course will be earmarked solely for improvements at the John Maccarone Stadium. Furthermore, the spending of these monies will only be made in consultation with yourself and the other members of the Junior Baseball Board.

Let me thank you once again for your volunteer efforts on behalf of the City's residents and its children, and be assured that Junior Baseball will have my continued support.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Suozzi
Mayor
Tel. No. 676-2004

Cc: Mr. John Simon
Mr. Kenneth Chiarella

September 30, 1996

To: Timothy Edwards
Chief of Police
City of Glen Cove

Dear Chief Edwards,

I refer you to a meeting I had with you on Monday, August 26, 1996 wherein I requested advice on how to deal with an organization who had rented the golf course and refused to pay the agreed on fee.

I am asking you confirm or correct the details of that meeting.

1. I showed you a letter from Mayor Suozzi to the Jr Baseball organization that stated that the organization was to pay for use of the golf course and that they subsequently would be reimbursed from the city for a capital improvement project at the ball fields.

2. I then told you of a phone conversation I had with Mr. Lou Larice the morning of August 26 and his statement that he was not paying.

3. I asked you how to handle this situation inasmuch I was enroute to the golf course to obtain payment.

4. You replied by asking me what did I expect from the police department in the event they did not pay.

5. I replied inasmuch as this was a sensitive issue involving a youth organization and especially since the Mayor was out of town it behooved me to make the collection with the least amount of publicity.

I expected the police to do nothing, even if there was a continued refusal to pay. Since Mr. Larice was particularly hostile and belligerant in the phone conversation, I felt threatened and suggested a police officer be present at the golf course in the event hostilities escalated.

I requested that the police do nothing but observe and not get involved except to protect the parties involved.

I am requesting confirmation of the above inasmuch as a claim has been made that I brought a police officer to the course to make an arrest in the event of non-payment.

THE CITY  OF GLEN COVE

POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO: MR. JOHN SIMON, GOLF DIRECTOR

DATE: OCTOBER 14, 1996

FROM: CHIEF TIM EDWARDS

SUBJECT: YOUR LETTER OF SEPT. 30, 1996

DEAR JOHN,

YOUR RECOLLECTION OF OUR CONVERSATION AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS IS BASICALLY CORRECT. THE POLICE OFFICER ASSIGNED TO THE GOLF COURSE WAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF KEEPING THE PEACE ONLY. THE POLICE WOULD NOT MAKE AN ARREST UNDER THE DESCRIBED CONDITIONS AS THIS WAS A CIVIL NOT A CRIMINAL DISPUTE.