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*Montesano endorsing legislation to make New York safer and better equipped to thwart terrorists' access to government facilities and information systems.*



*Montesano celebrating the 40th anniversary of Ben's Kosher Delicatessen and Restaurant in Greenvale.*



*Nassau Deputy County Executive Robert Walker, Nassau County Executive Edward Mangano, Assemblyman Michael Montesano and Nassau County Communications Director Brian Nevin discussing the impact of the 2012-13 state budget on their county.*



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A Special  
Report from  
**Michael  
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WESTBURY

## Stopping prescription drug abuse with I-STOP

A former NYPD detective and EMT for the NYC Emergency Medical Service, Assemblyman Montesano knows the dangerous effect prescription-drug abuse can have on our communities. That is why he co-sponsored and fought to pass legislation creating the I-STOP program.

I-STOP creates a “real-time” registry for doctors and pharmacists to track the filling of prescriptions, provides improved education and awareness of prescription-drug abuse and creates a safe disposal program for prescription drugs.

Montesano has been active in the fight against prescription-drug abuse since entering the Assembly in 2010. He helped to pass the Good Samaritan Act and has co-sponsored several pieces of legislation this year to help stem the tide of this social epidemic.



# Montesano builds a better Long Island

## Protecting taxpayers

In an effort to help reduce sky-high property taxes for Long Islanders, Assemblyman Montesano fought to increase state aid to our schools. He also joined his colleagues in capping the local share of Medicaid growth, ensuring this escalating cost doesn't continue to drive up property tax rates.

On an individual level, he helped pass a budget that has created the lowest middle-class tax rate in our state in nearly six decades. In an effort to help our residents with the rising costs of both fuel and mass transit, he co-sponsored legislation to provide commuters with a pretax deduction on their state income taxes.

## Helping job creators

Growing businesses on Long Island has been a major focus for Assemblyman Montesano. This year's budget, which he was instrumental in helping to pass, avoided the job-killing fees, tax hikes and surcharges of years past. He also led the fight to invest \$75 million in the NYWorks Economic Development Fund, creating new jobs and opportunities for our communities.

This is just a start, as Montesano plans to continue fighting to make Long Island a home for the good-paying, private-sector jobs our residents deserve. Currently, he is pushing to eliminate the small business franchise tax to save New York businesses hundreds of millions every year.

## Protecting our children

As the former President, Vice President and Trustee of the North Shore School District Board of Education, Assemblyman Montesano knows how precious our children are and how crucial education is to their success. To protect them, he led the push to pass legislation to prohibit cyberbullying and bullying in our schools. The bill establishes better monitoring and reporting systems for school administrators and faculty to combat bullying, as well as guidelines for instructing students on respect for others, tolerance and responsible Internet use.



Montesano with the Boys and Girls Club in Locust Valley for the annual "Pitch, Hit and Run" event.

## Long Islanders are not an ATM for the MTA!

Assemblyman Montesano has been a vocal critic of the MTA payroll tax on small businesses and school districts. Thanks to his action, this past December, the Legislature moved to eliminate the MTA tax on nearly 80 percent of small businesses, schools and libraries. Montesano is planning to continue this fight until the MTA tax is repealed in its entirety!



Montesano with recipients of his 2012 Women of Distinction Awards.