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Glen Cove Mayor Joseph Suozzi's proposal to convert Mitchel Field into a television city, if the Air Force abandons the base, drew lukewarm response from the TV execs. Video moguls still hope to build a TV center in Flushing Meadows despite Park Commissioner Moses' opposition.



PERRY COMO
Birthday Today

banks, one in Nassau, the other in Suffolk, talking merger . . . Perry Como, Sands Point's answer to tranquilizers, is 46 today.

DISC JOCKEY Alan Freed's deal to broadcast his Rock 'n' Roll program this summer from Lido Beach's Malibu Shore Club was junked after his Boston indictment and split-up with WINS. Instead, the club's switched to record spinner Jack (Lake Success) Lacey whose show tees-off May 31. Bayside announces Paul Sherman is emceeding Freed's programs while talk mushrooms he'll soon rejoin the station.

THE EDWARD DAWSONS JR. of Holliswood, expect a July stork. He's a Navy lieutenant; she's the former Ellie Papy of Queens Village. . . . Retired Jamaica banker William Jones fell in love with Arizona's climate. Plans to dwell six months each year in Tuscon. . . . That new, odd-titled record album, "Joe Dixon plays Boom Chick" is the musical handiwork of Oceanside jazz clarinetist Joe Dixon, son-in-law of former Nassau Public Works Commissioner John Guibert. . . . Recession? You'd never know it the way Roosevelt Raceway betting has soared to record highs. . . . Woodmere's Max Harris, L. I. Jewish Hospital treasurer, shoves off shortly on a European holiday. . . . Eddy Manson, Kew Gardens harmonica virtuoso, matches wits with John Wingate on "Night Beat" Friday eve.

SPRING SCENE: Astoria Park youngsters skimming stones on the East River waters. . . . Jackson Heights matrons baby carriage-strolling along 82nd Street. . . . The fashion parade on Queens Blvd. on Sunday afternoons. . . . Eyetractive cuties in shorts ankling along Manhasset's Miracle Mile, putting the zing in spring for appreciative male viewers. . . . Duffers "ironing" out kinks on the links at Fresh Meadows Country Club. . . . Oldsters sittin' and sunnin' on Forest Park benches. . . . Lifeguards at Rockaway manicuring the beaches.

A WELL-KNOWN BLONDE Forest Hills singer is concealing her marital bust-up from even close gal pals. . . . Kew Gardens model Norma Seward and hubby Gilbert McCue, ex-swim star, are infanticipating. . . . Woodmere's Phil Cohen appears to be following brother Myron Cohen's comedy footsteps. Spends days as a textile exec and nights entertaining at local shindigs. . . . Danny Davis, Bay Shore singer-maestro, had to shorten his name to get up in lights at Glen Cove's Golden Slipper nitery. His full monicker is Danny Francis Aloysius Michael Davis.

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