

# Queens Deadline



Carol Hevesi watches as her husband Alan Hevesi is sworn in as comptroller in January.

## Hevesi's Wife Attempts Suicide

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The city's political leaders reached out Wednesday night to comfort New York City Comptroller Alan Hevesi, as he waited at his wife's side at Jamaica Hospital following an attempted suicide by his wife Carol.

According to police, the 48-year-old Hevesi, slashed her wrists with a kitchen knife, and was found by her husband in the bathroom of their home on Selfridge Street in Forest Hills. Alan Hevesi was home at the time of the attempt.

Responding to the 911 call made by Alan Hevesi at 12:50 p.m., police officers from the 112th precinct and Emergency Medical Service technicians arrived on the scene.

Hevesi was rushed to Jamaica Hospital, where she was treated for lacerations to both wrists. She was admitted and listed in serious condition Wednesday afternoon.

"My wife and I prefer to keep our personal lives private," said Alan Hevesi, in a statement released by his office.

"Carol has had a progressively debilitating spinal injury for 20 years," said Hevesi. "She had back surgery in 1975, 1980 and 1985, but the pain has continued and gotten increasingly severe."

Carol Hevesi had been hospitalized at the Long Island Jewish Hospital receiving treatment for three weeks, but was re-

leased from that hospital Tuesday night.

"Carol has received various medications for this pain, but recently she has developed a violent allergic reaction to them," explained Hevesi. "As a result, she was undergoing alternative pain management care at Long Island Jewish Hospital, but so far it has not been working.

"I would especially like to thank Mayor Giuliani, Borough President Claire Shulman, the police officers of the 112th Precinct, the staff of the Emergency Medical Service and the personnel of Jamaica Hospital for the aid and comfort they have provided to Carol and our family.

"As a public official, my actions are subject to public scrutiny. It has become necessary to discuss my wife's condition only because she is married to me. My family and I greatly appreciate the many expressions of care and concern we have received. But we would appreciate being able to resume dealing with our personal problems in private," he said.

A former state assemblyman and New York City's current chief financial officer, Alan Hevesi met his wife over 30 years ago in Albany when he was a legislative assistant to then State Senator Seymour Thaler.

Both life long residents of Forest Hills, the Hevesis have three children: Laura, Daniel and Andrew.