

What goes up but never comes down?

Shark mania strikes Montauk

The current shark mania that has struck Montauk is great publicity for the movie. It should jam the village of Montauk with sightseers.

To this editor, it is sickening.

I have been a shark fisherman for more than 25 years. Sharks, like any other fish of the sea, are a living thing that play a part in nature's great plan.

Sharks, just like people, come in all kinds of shapes, sizes and temperaments. The mania that has struck Montauk has to end in tragedy both for the shark and for man. Many times before "Jaws", we had seen fishermen go off-shore in boats that were too small, without adequate gear, and, more importantly, with a lack of respect for knowledge about their prey.

Since "Jaws", we have witnessed an almost wholesale slaughtering of sharks, just for the sake of saying, "I caught a killer of the sea." In most cases, these killers turn out to be a normally docile blue shark.

Two years ago, we were about 30 miles south off East Hampton on a relatively calm day. Off on the horizon, there were two specks, which we assumed were other fishermen. At about 1 pm without notice, the wind changed, and the sea roughened.

As we were pulling in our gear to head for home, the two specks became distinguishable as boats. One a 16 foot wooden row boat, the other, a 14 foot fiberglass runabout.

We waited until the boats approached us, they had been shark fishing. Neither boat was equipped with so much as a compass and they were asking us directions on how to get back to Montauk.

We offered them passage on our boat, but they foolishly said they were going to try to make it on their own.

Miraculously, somehow, they got to port safely because we did not read of any drownings in the next day's paper.

Over the years, we have witnessed many instances of a shark's power and ferocity.

We have had more than one shark come up to the stern of a boat and chomp on our exhaust pipes not once, but persistently to a point we would see their teeth being broken and sliding into the deep.

We have had sharks larger than we cared to tangle with, circle the boat for hours.

We have been rammed and even had a shark darn near land in the cockpit.

The crew I fish with are all experienced and they have the greatest respect for their foe.

We fish for sharks for the sport, the pleasure, and for food. Most sharks we capture, however, are tagged and

released. There isn't much thrill in bringing home a shark and seeing the dead monster hanging from his tail.

Sure you may get a picture out of it, but the shark will never again perform the function nature intended it should, cleaning the sea of the weak and the dead so the strong may live.

It is particularly revolting to hear sportfishermen tell of the fearless anglers going off-shore and sticking harpoons in basking sharks.

Basking sharks are actually related to whales although they have many of the characteristics of sharks. You can't catch a basking shark on a rod and reel. They only eat micro-organisms or plankton. They don't even have a set of jaws worth mounting.

What fun, what thrill, what sport can there be in sliding a boat up along side a harmless basking shark and sticking a dart in it? This is just butchering for the sake of killing. No self-respecting sportsman could have any pride in this accomplishment.

Let one of these fearless anglers tackle a great white or even a giant mako on a rod and reel. Let him fight him to the finish and he will earn the respect and the admiration of sportsmen.

Bring in a shark, any shark by harpoon, and the feat has been reduced to digging for soft clams. It deserves no more recognition.

The Deep Sea Club of Montauk will host the United States Open Swordfish Tournament this coming weekend. This sportfishing tournament hopefully will return some semblance of order and respect to the sport of fishing.

Let's hope that the tournament is productive and broadbill are hanging from the scales so that recognition can be lauded on those who have participated in a legitimate pursuit as gentlemen and sportsmen. And why not?

The law of supply and demand controls the cost of goods in the free enterprise system that is not interfered with by the government.

A few years back, you probably remember the nickel bottle and the dime can of Coke.

The government interfered with the sugar market and a shortage developed. Sugar on the supermarket shelf went from 59 cents a bag to almost \$2. A can of Coke went from a dime to a quarter. The producers of Coke and other soft drinks blamed this increase in cost on the governmental interference with the free-world sugar market.

Over the last couple of years, sugar has come back down. It's pretty hard to find a 59 cent bag, but a couple of months ago it was not uncommon to buy all you wanted for about 89 cents. Coke and other soft drinks, on the other hand, remained high.

In fact, they increased in cost. We now hear our peanut farmer President, Jimmy Carter, wants to raise the price of subsidies. If approved, we, the taxpayers, would be paying the sugar growers. He also wants to increase the minimum price on imported sugar to protect the sugar industry.

The sugar industry is dominated by a couple of big conglomerates. It is

not made up of a bunch of small sugar farmers or independent refineries and producers. Congress is balking at his suggestion. If they continue to stand up to him, it will be a meaningful consumer-oriented move. Carter should let sugar, as well as all commodities, float and reach their free level of value. They should not be subsidized and kept artificially high through taxes paid by the people who buy sugar.

Only by keeping the government out of the act can prices be stabilized and inflation whipped.

With the government paying supports and guaranteeing minimum profits to producers of food, they are furthering inflation.

We, as consumers, taxpayers, and residents of the U.S. are paying more for food than we should and fueling the inflation fires out of our necessity to eat.

Remember, the only one who gains from inflation is the federal government because percentage-wise, they take more in taxes.

Write to Congress and support their stance on this issue. Write to Carter and tell him to get his hand out of your food basket, it ain't peanuts that he is stealing. It's your bread and butter. And why not?

What the Fourth of July means

I admit I've had little experience being outside of the U.S.

Last March when I was in Panama, I got my first taste of a dictatorship. I didn't like it.

Everywhere, and I mean everywhere I went, the dictator had Nazi-styled dressed, armed soldiers. They weren't just on the main streets, but in the cafes, the tourist attractions, the luncheonettes, the casinos, even walking the halls of the

hotels.

You would dive into a pool and when you came up there would be one of these soldiers by a palm tree watching you.

When you wanted to talk to people their heads would turn left to right, their eyes would scan the crowd looking for a face that might be a squealer.

Then the Panamanians spoke, their voice was nervous, they feared they might be overheard. Freedoms we take for granted, they long for. Panama, although a dictatorship, operates under a pseudo-democracy.

Seeing the oppression there, I could not help but wonder what life would be like in countries controlled fully by the Communists. I admit to having been a lazy American who took his rights and freedoms for granted.

My experience in Panama shook me out of this apathy and I will do what I can to protect our freedoms guaranteed by the constitution. This 4th of July, will you join me? And why not?


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LILCO responds

Jimmy thinks you are a millionaire

President Carter denounced Congress's intention to reduce the capital gains tax by claiming it would benefit two-bit millionaires.

Jimmy, in his denouncement, has thrown damned near every one of us into this class. Capital gains are those gains you and I make in buying a piece of property, like our own home and later re-selling at a profit. Any of us who own a home or any other real property are subject to capital gains taxes.

If you bought a home 20 years ago for \$20,000 and sell it today for \$60,000, you are subject to a capital gains tax on top of your income tax of \$40,000. Because you paid \$20,000 for the house pre-inflation and now sell it for \$60,000, which just about keeps up with inflation, it does not mean this is a real profit.

Yet, under the current laws, you will pay \$20,000 of this \$40,000 in capital gains taxes. Congress wanted to reduce the capital gains taxes from 50 per cent to 35 per cent. In this way, you would only pay the capital gains taxes of \$14,000.

Congress was not looking out solely for your interest, they are looking out for the country's.

Our country's oppressive capital gains taxes have dried up funding private enterprise needs to make the economy grow.

When an investor is faced with a choice of making an investment in a private corporation, he assumes a great deal more risk than if he invests a government bond.

His investment in a private company gives him no guarantee of a profit. He hopes the value of his investment will grow. When it grows and he sells, the difference between what he paid and what he sold for is subject to the capital gains tax.

If he has to pay half this gain to the government, his desire to invest in a profit-making, job-producing, tax-paying enterprise is diminished.

On the other hand, if he buys a high quality municipal bond, he has a guaranteed income coming back tax-free. Depending upon a person's tax bracket, a bond can yield the investor up to 18 per cent per year in real dollars.

Investors have been opting for this safe, sound, tax-free investment. Private industries are suffering from a lack of new capital needed to expand.

Congress recognizes this predicament and has attempted to equalize the impact by reducing the capital gains tax. Jimmy, in a populist speech, denounced this move and has threatened to veto the action.

In reality, it is not a very populist move because most people in America own a home or other real property.

Carter's attitude is that anybody who earns a family income of over \$12,000 per year are the rich and deserve to be soaked.

That's what we get for having a two-bit Southern, peanut farmer as President. And why not?

Dear Editor:

Your recent editorial that concerned LILCO's electric rate increase request (June 7) containing very basic errors that should be corrected.

The editorial's first paragraph has LILCO making an "astronomical request for a 147 per cent increase on top of the 60 per cent increase they just received in January." Those numbers are indeed astronomical; they are also incorrect. LILCO has asked to increase its revenues by \$147 million, not 147 per cent. The actual percentage increase would be 18.5 per cent. Similarly, LILCO was allowed to increase its revenues by about \$60 million in January, not 60 per cent. The percentage increase was 8.4 per cent.

Suffolk Life erred by about 179 per cent at the beginning of its editorial. The remainder of the editorial showed the same accuracy and logic.

The editorial goes on to complain that customers receive "not a damned thing" for paying electric rates. One wonders if the writers of the editorial produced his prose by candlelight using a quill pen. It costs money to produce electricity -- costs that must be recovered, as in any business, from the customers who buy and use the product.

Finally, in discussing the possibility of government ownership of LILCO, the editorial claims that Suffolk County could buy its "electric generating needs" from the Power Authority of the State of New York (PASNY) at rates far less than it allegedly

costs LILCO to produce power." This is simply untrue. The cost of electricity in a particular region is determined, in large part, by the cost of the fuel available to that region (in Long Island's case, expensive foreign oil). Right now the cost of fuel accounts for 42 per cent of every dollar Long Islands pay for electricity. Another 18 per cent is accounted for by taxes which the local government would still have to collect from taxpayers if the utility did not pay the charges.

In addition, as Westchester County recently discovered, PASNY does not have any low cost hydropower available. It has all been allocated. Even if PASNY had unlimited sources of hydropower, the Island would have to build prohibitively expensive interconnections and additional transmission facilities to get sufficient power down here. The cost of constructing these interties and additional transmission would raise, not lower, electric rates. (L-4N)

Very truly yours,
William D. Silkworth
Community Relations Division Manager

Ed. Note: Sorry we got our per cent signs mixed up with our dollar signs. Maybe it was just the shock of your asking for \$147 million dollar increase. We're not used to all these 000000's. You might be right, you might be wrong about public ownership. Why not support the study and let the facts stand on their own.

'Ban the legislature has taken hold'

Dear Mr. Willmott:

Enclosed are 34 more signatures of petitioners for banning the legislature. Suffolk Life should be commended for its efforts in trying to wipe out some of these unnecessary governmental expenses.

How about pursuing further the collection of school taxes, in Suffolk County, in Sept. instead of Jan. and wipe out those interest payments on borrowed money.

I have pursued this for three years, but while budgets are passed, the school boards appear to have little concern.

I have written to Perry Duryea and Leon Guiffreda and received replies that bills are pending, evidently tied up in committees. I have spoken to William Bianchi and members of our school boards to no avail. Senator

LaValle commented on this situation some time ago, but I have seen nothing since.

In my questioning of its possibilities, I received statements such as 'What will the bankers say' - 'never give it a thought' - 'it's an horrendous task' - 'I'll speak to the school boards' association.'

With the subject of school taxes uppermost in our minds, perhaps you might consider it worthwhile to pursue this question thru your news medium.

Ban the legislature has taken hold. Collection of school taxes should be next. (L-1N)

Yours truly,
Rowland F. Smith
Bellport

They are not getting it free.

We have often had subscribers write and ask "Why should I pay for the paper, my neighbor is getting it free."

Your neighbor is not getting it free; they are just not paying the bill.

There is a difference between being given something free of charge and being expected to voluntarily pay for it. The difference is honesty.

Next time somebody tells you they received Suffolk Life free - correct them. Say, "Oh! you haven't paid your bill."

All subscriptions for Suffolk Life are due for the coming year on January 1st. We normally send out a self-addressed renewal subscription envelope and ask each reader to put \$5 in the envelope and send it back to us. Thousands of people do, some don't.

We don't mind sending Suffolk Life to those who can't legitimately afford it. We do mind sending it to those who can and deliberately refuse to pay for it because they think it is something that they can get away with.

The advertising carried in Suffolk Life pays its own way. The editorial

and news content is paid for by conscientious readers who appreciate being kept abreast of what is happening in their community and their county.

These people realize, only when they have a newspaper that is independent, fearless and willing to stick its neck out, can their interest be looked after.

These people know who they are as well as those people who have chosen to beat the system.

If you have neglected to pay for your annual subscription to Suffolk Life for 1978, please do so today. Six months have gone by and we do need your paid subscription to continue to be able to bring you the news.

Suffolk Life is not free. No more

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You have a right to choose

As an American living under the constitution, you have a right to choose the form of government you wish to be governed by. Newsday, the League of Women Voters and some of the power brokers from both the Republican and Democratic parties are doing their damndest to see you are denied this right.

Denis Hurley, legislator of the 1st district, has introduced a measure in the legislature calling for a referendum to have the county government changed from the current legislature back to a Board of Supervisors, under a weighted vote system.

All 10 town supervisors support this move. They all claim they have time in their schedules to handle the additional duties. They also feel by their serving, there will be less confusion, less duplication and more coherent representation for the constituents of their towns and their county.

The cost of running the legislature has jumped from under \$100,000 to over \$2 million. Returning to a Board of Supervisors will not bring the cost back down to \$100,000, but it is expected that the cost could be reduced substantially. More importantly, a Board of Supervisors would help cut some of the red tape and aimless spending by the county.

A Board of Supervisors would be a strong counter-balance to the County Executive's Office. A Board of Supervisors would be able to bring to the county the true feelings of the people. A Board of Supervisors would enable the small towns of the east to at least make the large towns of the west aware of their feelings on measures pertaining to them.

A weighted Board of Supervisors would meet the constitutional requirements as set down by the Supreme Court.

A Board of Supervisors can effectively look at the county government from an objective viewpoint rather than from an emotional, self-

serving force.

Whether you agree with these facts or not, you must agree you have a right to accept them or reject them. You should have a right to determine the type of quality of government you want representing you.

You have a right to make this choice at the voting booth.

No legislator, Republican, Democrat, Conservative or Liberal, has a right to deny you this opportunity to take part in your government.

We cannot understand the League of Women Voters blatant opposition to this simple question.

The League previously had earned the respect and admiration of the public. They would delve into controversial issues and present objectively both sides of the issue. By providing this information, they would allow an educated electorate to determine the course of their government by voting on the issue.

It was foolhardy for the League to jump on this issue with a bias opinion and because they have, they have diminished their credibility on future programs.

Newsday's opposition is understandable as they feel their power is enhanced by being able to dictate policy to disorganized and a misdirected bunch of legislators.

Do not allow anyone to sell you short by taking away your freedom to choose for yourself what type of government you wish to have serving you.

Whether you are in favor of or opposed to a return to a Board of Supervisors, demand your county legislator live up to their obligation of being of service to their constituents.

Demand they support your right to choose. Make them aware that if they think they know better than you do, you will replace them with somebody who believes his first obligation is to you. And why not?

His hole in the water

A couple of weeks ago, John Calflin of East Hampton is alleged to have done what every boat owner has thought once about doing.

After two years of frustration in trying to get his fishing boat running without problems, he took her off Gardiner's Island, poured gas over her and blew it to smithereens.

He carried no insurance, he was not looking for glory or reward.

He simply wanted to dispose of this hole in the water into which he had poured untold tons of money and hours of his life.

We can imagine the great satisfaction he felt as he watched it go up in a blaze of glory. He probably even went home that night and got his first good night's sleep in years.

For this act of independence, Calflin is being charged with littering

the water and causing a navigational hazard. It took some digging to come up with these violations. The system cannot tolerate any act of an independent man, driven by frustration.

It would have been okay with the system if he had placed an ad in the paper, suckered some other naive fool into a life of misery of owning this floating money trap.

We can only hope the judge is a boat owner and shows compassion. If he doesn't, the blindfold will slip on the scales of justice.

Even if he is found guilty of the horrendous crimes, it would not surprise us in the future to see Calflin with another boat. Once you become susceptible to the disease of owning a boat, you are never cured. And why not?

Readers' Opinion

'The lingering question in my mind is WHY?'

AN Open Letter

Last night our budget was defeated. It received 2884 positive votes which is probably more than any school district on Long Island this year. Unfortunately, there were 3120 negative votes (also probably more than any district on Long Island).

The question lingering in my mind (as well as 2883 other people's) is why? A "no" signifies there is something objectionable about the budget. Being at attendance at Board of Education meetings is minimal, I somehow suspect that the vast majority of the 3120 "no's" have never bothered to acquaint themselves with the workings of the board, the district or the budget. If they had, they would have realized that the school district's entire staff did an exceptional job in holding down costs. This year, with a new District Principal, a new Board President, and new board members (as well, a good core of veterans), the determination was made to revitalize our economic situation from top to bottom. The results were positive. While working with an austerity budget we were able to save \$400,000 which could be put into this year's budget to reduce costs. As a result, we came in with what we considered a very reasonable budget. Inflation was six per cent and increased enrollment was seven per cent. In order to break even, we should have needed a 13 per cent increase. Our defeated budget requested only a six per cent increase.

If a "no" vote signifies something objectionable - is this objectionable? Or are they voting "no" because they don't like the

system. The system's not our fault. We do almost everything possible to fight the New York system of funding public education, but we are forced to work within it. We are mandated to do what the state tells us about raising money, and in many cases, spending it. If you don't like the system, don't take it out on us - tell the state.

The last argument is perhaps the greatest; people just can't stand another increase. The answer is we can't afford to not have another increase. Every single individual in this community has a responsibility to educate the almost 8,000 students who go to school. That is the American system. Equal Opportunity through public education is the basis on which our entire society is based. It is the only way we insure our freedom and our democracy. I cannot accept the argument that, "I don't have any children, therefore, why should I pay?" Someone, somewhere paid for your child's education. Someone, somewhere even paid for your education. And someone, somewhere made it possible for you to become all that you were capable of being.

In closing I would like to address those people who didn't vote. More people voted "no" in the eastern section of the district than even voted in the western section of the district (even though the population is concentrated in the west). Where were you on June 26th when our children's education was at stake? (L-3P)

William J. Rostron
Middle Island
Board of Education

Like to see Klein go diving in Great South Bay

Dear Mr. Willmott,

Your editorials in the Suffolk Life seem to be the only ones that tell us all the facts. Not just one side, such as Klein. It seems that every week almost, this clown is doing something for us. But it's never the right thing. If I remember, he's the one that decommissioned our dredge for Suffolk. I'd like to see him go diving in the G.S. Bay and tell me he sees more than 10' in front of him.

I seem to remember wasn't it faithful John or Sir John that said we don't need the tick and mosquito control. Well it's John Clown who sits behind a desk or in his chauff. limo (at \$35,000 salary for chauff.) that never sees a tick or has his children come in the house with one stuck in their scalp. If John Clown got a tick stuck on his

—, you'd see overnight changes.

Now last but not least is John Clown's sewer mess, because the whole thing is a pile of garbage. Where does he get the darn right to make you and I pay for his mistake. Were the ones in Shirley, Westhampton, etc. that willing to pay for this in an increase of taxes.

There should be a full investigation into this dealing because if you or I did this we'd have a vacation in Riverhead. The repetition of John's mistakes constantly does call for the removal of John to a nice desk job in Johannesburg and let's get someone who is more competent. For that sake, my 4 1/2 yr. old son said he could do the job better. (L-1P)
Thank You
Joseph L. Gassick

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How much is your house worth?

We suspect many Long Islanders think their house is worth more than it really is in the open market. Because we have strong feelings about our own homes we settle for the high property tax levies that are placed against them.

It may well be wise for you to have your house appraised to find out what it actually can bring in today's open and depressed real estate market. You may find out the house is actually worth a lot less than you thought it was.

You may also find out your local tax assessor has the same erroneous idea about your property values. If they do, you are paying too much in real estate taxes. You should not be paying any more taxes on your house than what the real value of the house is.

If the assessors say your house is worth \$50,000 and your house will only bring \$40,000 on the open market, you are paying 20 per cent more in property taxes than you should.

On July 18, the third Tuesday in July, each town in Suffolk holds a grievance day.

If you can substantiate that the current fair market value of your house is substantially different from that of the current assessed value, you have a right to ask for your taxes to be reduced to reflect the real, true value.

Grieving is a relatively simple procedure. You obtain a grievance form from your tax office and substantiate through sales of comparable houses the difference between the real market value and what you're assessed at.

Your grievance is heard by an impartial board. The assessors will attend and will defend their assessment. You do not need a lawyer for this procedure. If you are paying more than your fair share of taxes, utilize this system that has been set up to equalize this injustice. And why not?

How will we finance education?

According to a recent ruling in a suit brought by Levittown and more than 50 other school districts, schools can no longer be solely financed through real estate taxes.

The basis of the suit contended that districts with less assessed valuation were not capable of providing the quality of education of more wealthy districts.

The court rules this to be true and ordered the state to develop other means of financing public education in New York.

We can't say we are thrilled with the decision as it opens up a Pandora's Box that may end up being far more costly. We also may end up losing what little control we have over school costs.

The New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) the teachers' union, has long been an advocate of regional or state-wide taxes for schools. This powerful union feels the further they can get control of the spending away from the people the easier it will be for them to negotiate fat contracts.

It will be devastating to the economy of New York State if the financing of schools is transferred to either corporate or income taxes. New York State already has the highest corporate taxes in the nation as well as the highest state income taxes.

The other big area of tax funding is sales. To finance our school system we will have to impose another two, three or possibly four per cent on top of the seven per cent sales tax our economy is suffering under. This will further deteriorate the economic climate in New York. It will be

worthwhile for residents to make a trip across state borders for all major purchases.

We believe everyone should be entitled to a basic education. The ramifications for the Levittown court decision will be felt here in the state for years to come.

As our state stands now, unless great amounts of courage are shown, the big winner in this court decision was the teacher's union and not the student. And why not?

How to grieve

In Sunday's paper Suffolk Life will run a special report on Grievance day procedures, tips and hints about the Grievance process. Watch for the special report in the July 16 Suffolk Life.

'It probably was before your day, but ...'

Dear Sir,

It probably was before your day, but there was a time - and I am old enough to remember - when an employer was dictator to his workforce, and competition in the labor market alone determined the extent of his power. Conditions and wages were strictly on a take it or leave it basis, and the axe was always at hand.

The pendulum ever swings, so along came the union and all that changed. It changed so much, in fact, that now the shoe is on the other foot and the union calls the tune. By negotiation, of course. Therein lies the difference, before nobody negotiated.

If a man enters a liquor store, pulls a revolver and offers the owner the choice between his life and the contents of his cash drawer, they're negotiating in a way, aren't they? Somewhat the same seems to be the case when society is confronted by a union making ever escalating demands under threat of withholding vitally essential services, such as police - and fire protection, tuition for its children, collection of its garbage, etc., etc.

We have arrived at a juncture in union internal politics where the tail is wagging the dog. Union leaders, in order to protect their own jobs, must continue to provide ever more of everything, - and they do, for human greed is working on their side and they have caught the goose that lays the golden eggs. As in the

fairytale, however, they are now carving up the bird to get at the mechanism, and the pendulum has swung full arc again, as witnessed N.Y. City and California.

It will continue its relentless tick-tock till all sides finally get the message that nothing in the long run is any good for anybody unless it is right for all. There are in nature certain immutable laws governing compensation. Quite obviously, we can't all own 150' pleasure yachts and castles on the Riviera. Nature compensates in the precise area, and to the precise extent of ones contribution to life, whenever and wherever made in the infinite expanse of space and time. If one, somewhere, somewhen, somehow has grandly given of material well-being to his fellow man he is paid in that tender with interest. Often, however, not with happiness, for that doesn't necessarily go with the yacht, but only follows what happiness he has himself brought to the overall picture. You can't fool mother nature, as the commercial has it, for whenever these values are forcibly changed she promptly moves up the whole base and the so-called gains are wiped out, as so vividly demonstrated in our present inflation.

Human relations will always be a matter of give and take. Too much take, and the whole thing gives - at the seams.
Oldtimer

'I think I can solve the problem of exhaust'

Dear Mr. Willmott:

I am writing regarding the June 28th article in "Suffolk Life" about horse and buggy service in Port Jefferson.

I think I can help solve the problem of "exhaust."

We have just returned from a vacation to Charleston, South Carolina, where one of the main sightseeing attractions is a horse & buggy tour through old Charleston. The first thing the guide points out is that all the horses must wear "diapers" according to a city

ordinance. The "diapers" resemble a large leather pampers! I have taken the liberty of writing to Mr. Kenneth Baron (who is proposing this idea) about this and suggesting to him he contact the "Charleston Carriage Company" for further information. Needless to say, the streets in Charleston are spotless! (L-2P)

Yours truly,
Mrs. Rosemarie DiBenedetto
Port Jefferson Station

How can you print the article?

Dear Mr. Willmott,

In reference to your article of June 28, A Big One That Didn't Get Away, I don't see how you can print an article condoning the slaughter of this harmless sunfish.

Anyone who can consider himself a fisherman or a sports fisherman, should be

able to identify the difference between a shark and a harmless sunfish.

It's a shame we have people doing this sort of thing, let alone giving them recognition. Please withhold my name and address. L-4P Annoyed

'I think we have taken all we can'

Dear Editor:

I think we have taken all we can from LILCO. If they get the latest increase as requested, and I know they will, this will certainly break the backs of a lot of people.

Your newspaper appears to be against LILCO, but you don't continue the drive against them. You should have an article in your bi-weekly paper. Get the people up in

arms. Lookat what happened in California. The people spoke up and won a tax reduction. Let's get the ball rolling for a public takeover of LILCO. Get the people really riled-up. And further more if they don't have the money, demand that they forego a dividend payment. Quite a few large companies like Con-Ed and Chrysler at one time or another cancelled a dividend for a quarter or two. Why should LILCO stock holders be an exception.

Also I believe an investigation into the number of the Public Service Commission is in order. Check into their assets before they were appointed and their present worth. Also check to see if they are heavy holders of stock in the company. I personally believe the utility has them in their backpocket.

If you are for real and you have the small man's problems in your heart, you will do what I have stated in this letter. We have had enough.

Thank you. L-3K
Overloaded LILCO customer

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David J. Willmott, Editor

You can't be trusted

You are dumb. You are un-dependable. You act out of selfishness and you are self-serving.

That's you -- the residents of Suffolk County as seen by the power brokers who have been bleeding you dry systematically and with regularity.

They don't want you to exercise your right to vote on the type of government you want to serve you.

They have pulled out all stops. They have fabricated theories just as they did in selling you the Southwest Sewer District. They are using scare tactics. They have marshalled all forces to deny you, the citizens of Suffolk County, the right to choose whether you want to continue to be governed by the county legislature or a weighted Board of Supervisors.

It is only out of pure arrogance and a belief you are too stupid and apathetic to fight back that they dare say you should not be allowed to vote on the issue.

Maybe they are right. Maybe you do not deserve the right to make this choice.

If you are one of the people who have not taken the time to petition the legislature by signing the sample form like the one printed here, you really should not complain about the cost of government or its lack of responsiveness to your needs.

You may feel your signature will do no good. Just look at California and what the taxpayers did out there when they finally had had enough.

Evidently our tolerance point is

higher or the political bosses and power brokers have more control over our lives for we here in Suffolk County pay an estimated 30 per cent more taxes per capita than our Californian contemporaries. Having the county legislature returned to a Board of Supervisors will not bring the relief Proposition 13 would, but it is at least a step in the right direction.

Just the simple matter of you being allowed to say "yes" or "no" in the voting booth on the type of government you want in Suffolk would be a huge step. We have and are under a system of government where the politicians act like they know better what we want than we do ourselves.

Insist upon your right being honored to determine the type of government you want by demanding your legislature vote positively on placing the future of the legislature on the ballot this coming November. More than 8,000 have already responded, but thousands more are needed. Tear out the petition printed here, circulate the petition wherever you go.

Ask your family, your friends and neighbors to sign. If you have the time make copies and set up a card table at a supermarket or shopping center.

Ask every Suffolk resident you see to sign your petition requesting that their rights be honored. Please return all petitions to Suffolk Life Newspapers no later than July 22nd. Do your part. And why not?

One Vote is enough

Every year local residents are asked to approve or disapprove the schools' operating budget for the coming year.

It is the school boards' responsibility to develop a budget providing an effective education within the limits the taxpayers can afford to fund.

The school boards should present to the voters their best efforts first. The voters then evaluate the budget and cast their ballots. The results should be binding and not subject to revotes.

Yet, what happens across LongIsland is revolving door democracy. School officials, who have their budgets defeated come back at the voters with many of the same budgets, untouched or not changed substantially. This is wrong and it is undemocratic.

What is the sense of having a budget vote in the first place if the district

feels they can just keep putting the proposition up for a revote and hopefully wear down the opponents?

No budget vote should be put up for a revote unless it represents a valid reduction and reflects at least a 20 per cent savings; and it should be put up on a line-by-line basis where the voters can pick and choose the areas of education they wish to fund or not. The state legislature should have had the courage to enact legislation making it illegal for school budgets to be voted on more than once annually. Possibly next year such a law can be passed.

In the meantime, as you are faced with an increasing number of revotes we recommend you take the law into your own hands by flatly and arbitrarily voting "no" whether or not you supported the budget on the first vote. And why not?

further insulates Klein from having to face the people.

Klein only had one real choice. That was to resign and allow the county legislature to appoint a temporary county executive, who could have the power to clean house.

Klein instead showed his typical arrogance by keeping Flynn, and adding Jones as a go-between.

We hope the county legislature does not buy this flim-flam and puts pressure on Klein to resign. While they are at it, they should fire Flynn so the legislature can confirm a new commissioner who might be able to straighten out the sewer district chaos and save the county from eventual bankruptcy. And why not?

Klein's answer: insulate

We were not surprised, but we were disturbed to see Klein hire Islip Deputy Supervisor Frank Jones as an overseer on the Southwest Sewer District. Jones has developed an excellent reputation as deputy supervisor in Islip. He has exceptional qualifications, but he is not the answer the public needs in the Southwest Sewer District.

The Southwest Sewer District is in a chaotic mess, nearly bankrupt, because it has been turned into a pork barrel by County Executive John Klein and Commissioner of the Dept. of Environmental Control, John Flynn.

Adding another layer of bureaucracy only adds to the cost and

Grieve or pay the price

This Tuesday, July 18th, is Grievance Day in Suffolk County. As outlined in articles appearing in today's paper, the grievance procedure is fairly simple.

If you feel you are over-assessed or have been wrongly assessed, don't just complain about it to friends and

neighbors, argue your case at the Grievance Day hearing.

This is the purpose of these hearings and your efforts may well be rewarded if your premise is legitimate in a reduction in taxes. And why not?

Ban the legislature

We, the undersigned, Suffolk County residents, request the county legislature to pass a resolution to hold a referendum of whether the county legislature should be replaced by the Board of Supervisors with a weighted vote.

Name

Address

Form with horizontal lines for writing names and addresses.

Send to: Ban the Legislature, Suffolk Life, Box 262, Westhampton, N.Y. 11977

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The Brookhaven Town Ostrich

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David J. Willmott, Editor

Ostriches are known for sticking their heads in the sand. They do this to avoid problems and danger.

Brookhaven Town has acted like an ostrich on the housing issue. Most Brookhaven officials have repeatedly refused to even admit there is a housing problem, even though the number of abandoned and run-down dwellings are there for all to see.

They have maintained they do not want to become involved in federal programs with all its red tape and traps.

They have also refused to recognize housing needs for young marrieds and elderly within Brookhaven Town.

There are several pockets of almost slum conditions throughout the town. Portions of Center Moriches, Mastic, North Bellport, Patchogue, Blue Point and Coram are just a few of the locations of out and out slum conditions. Other patches are developing in the center of the Island and along the North Shore.

The worst position a municipality can take is to ignore the existence of these areas out of apathy or fear of political problems. The cancer spreads and within a year's period of time, can change a respectable middle-class area into a frightening slum.

Karen Lutz, a Brookhaven councilwoman, has asked for the cataloguing and identification of the problem areas within the town. She would like to see the town take advantage of funds available through the federal government for the upgrading of this housing by bringing it back into middle-class status.

The Town of Riverhead, which is more conservative than Brookhaven, was faced with the same problem.

Under Supervisor Allen Smith's guidance, the worst areas were identified and are in the process of being rehabilitated. Because the town has taken a leadership role, Riverhead has decided what should be rehabilitated and on what terms.

This is being accomplished through the cooperation of the public and the private sector. Private corporations, having track records of accomplishments in rehabilitating deteriorating housing, have been induced to partake in Riverhead's efforts.

These corporations are in the process of coming into the area and will upgrade the properties. The construction loans are being guaranteed by the federal government.

Once upgraded, the properties will be rented out to a more diverse clientele. Some rents will be subsidized to aid the legitimate poor, the struggling middle-class and those who are suffering because of inflation and who are on fixed incomes.

By blending people from different backgrounds, but with mutual incentives of pride and concern, what once was slum housing can become responsible, safe living units.

Like Riverhead, Brookhaven does not need any more low-income cost housing. There is definite need though to take the current slum housing and upgrade it and provide

decent and adequate living facilities for those who could not otherwise afford it.

The term low-income housing is a misnomer. Instantly, when you hear those words, you envision a slum or ghetto. Properly managed, subsidized housing projects can become productive and responsible living quarters for those who are less advantaged.

Management is the key. For those who refuse to adhere to the rules are evicted so that the rights of others and the community can be protected.

Federal funds are available with limited strings for these properties. Where slum conditions do exist in Brookhaven Town, it is in the community's best interest for the town board to cautiously investigate the ways and means of implementing these federal funds to improve Brookhaven's quality of life.

If Brookhaven continues to act like an ostrich, it will place itself in the position of danger, for its body is exposed and it is vulnerable.

They are vulnerable to situations like the Port Jefferson Station application for subsidized units okayed without town consent. They are also open to minority suits and court-ordered changes and involvement that will not be controlled locally or in the long run, in the interest of the average town resident. And why not?



That's The Spirit

A group of off-duty Suffolk policemen have done more for the image of the county police than a P.R. agent could hope to achieve.

Several officers have been contributing their time and patrolling the Patchogue area in an attempt to curb wanton vandalism and petty crimes, which has been on the upswing in the area.

These officers, recognizing the financial limitations of the taxpayers and their inability to fund more police, voluntarily have patrolled the area on their own time after working full shifts they are paid for.

This is the kind of cohesive effort that has always been needed for the community to have a decent quality of life. It's what builds a community and not just a development.

In contrast to this outstanding contribution, the teacher unions let it be known their members would not be allowed to work on extracurricular student activities without being paid.

In the Riverhead School District, on austerity for the first time in many years, some of the more dedicated teachers wanted to continue to help in after-school activities without pay. A coach had volunteered time so there could be a football team. A couple of the language and science teachers were willing to continue leading the after-school clubs where students learn on a more informal basis.

These teachers were told in no uncertain terms that if they engaged in these activities they could be considered "scabs" by their colleagues. The public had to be

taught a lesson. They weren't going to get anything from the teachers for nothing.

Union tactics worked. They scared off the dedicated teachers and their activities were canceled. When the budget came up for a vote again this year, the public acted in kind and voted "no."

This means the school will have to operate again on austerity and a 1976 budget. This budget does not allow for any raises for the teachers. In effect, the teachers bit the hand that was feeding them and the hand bit back.

Most governmental workers today, whether they be police or teachers, enjoy salaries which are on par or way ahead of the private sector.

They work far fewer hours per year and enjoy enormously better benefits than the people who are funding their existence. Resentment has built towards not only the unions, but the membership, the rank and file, because of their continued cry of wanting more and willingness to give less.

The example set by the police in Patchogue may be the turning point. We are sure the community appreciates the effort and will be more open-minded in listening to the police's story now that they have had visual proof some police do care.

We commend and congratulate these Suffolk officers and hope their example will be followed. And why not?

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What about regulating the Japanese?

The United States tuna fishermen, commercial and sport, have willingly complied and accepted the regulations imposed by the United States government on the harvesting of tuna.

Blue Fin tuna, once abundant, have been decreasing rapidly over the last decade. They range from football size, around 14-15 pounds, to giants, topping a half ton.

The giants are the spawners which renew future crops. They are found in the United States from the Gulf of Mexico to Maine and into Nova Scotia. To fish giant tuna, you must have a special federal license. You are limited to one fish per day. Every catch must be registered and when the annual quota is caught, the fishing is closed for the season.

Last year, American fishermen were allowed to take 2,000 Blue Fin tuna. The fishery was closed early in September, which killed a prime six weeks of the season.

This past winter and spring, however, the United States government allowed the highly sophisticated Japanese ships to come into the northern Gulf of Mexico, the prime spawning grounds during the height of the spawning season, and take over 10,000 giant Blue Fin tuna. This is five times the amount allocated for the entire Northeast coast. This is sickening.

A spawning area is the only area you want left undisturbed. Taking of these giant Blue Fin within this area is suicidal. It guarantees the breeding stock will be eliminated. This is no way to manage a fishery.

The State Department has insisted the Japanese be allowed to continue this wanton slaughtering of this semi-endangered species under the pretense it is basic food, needed by the average Japanese people.

This is poppycock. The giant Blue Fin tuna is considered a delicacy in Japan. It fetches up to \$30 per pound in the specialty shops frequented by the affluent. It is on par with caviar.

Giant Blue Fin tuna does not feed the masses, but only the appetites of the aristocrats, who have grown rich by selling to the United States products manufactured by Japanese workers who are paid standard wages.

If the United States fishermen, commercial and sport, willingly

restrict their catches, the Japanese profiteers should be harnessed also. These Japanese long line ships are plucking from United States territorial waters giant Blue Fin tuna that on the wholesale market brings up to \$6,000 per fish.

When you consider for the last three years they have taken over 30,000 of

Each summer your local fire department has a fundraising drive that should be supported by everyone.

These fundraising efforts take place in the form of door-to-door solicitations, carnivals, bazaars, raffles and barbecues.

The fire department uses these fundraisers to fund the extra community service activities performed by the departments. These help fund the Little League and Pop Warner sports, their marching bands, their racing teams, their annual banquet and the sandwiches and beer after fires and training exercises.

It is estimated every volunteer fireman contributes over 200 hours of his time per year to protect our homes and our businesses.

No one in the fire department receives one red cent for this time. The only taxes we pay for fire protection is the maintenance and purchase of equipment and buildings. The labor that keeps us safe and keeps our fire insurance rates down is contributed by the men and women who are our neighbors.

Whether that alarm blows at high noon or in the middle of a snow storm at 3 am, these dedicated people respond with a knowledge of how best to protect us.

Sure, some have their egos reinforced by wearing a uniform with brass buttons and riding on the shiny red fire truck with their lights flashing and their sirens blaring.

But reinforcement of their egos is not the reason these people give selfishly of their time and effort. They do so because they care about you. They place their lives and their health in jeopardy every time an alarm goes off.

Once a year, they ask the community to support their fundraisers to pay back just a little of what they

these fish, we have given up millions of dollars in non-recoverable resources while more importantly causing the destruction of this natural resource.

Americans must stand up in unison and demand the United States Fishery Management Service impose the same rules upon foreign coun-

tries, even friendly foreign countries that we impose on ourselves.

Further, they should ban all fishing during the spawning season in this spawning area, until this magnificent fish has had time to rebuild its species. And why not?

Supporting your fire department

have given.

A contribution to your volunteer fire department is the best darn investment you can make in your community -- the only one that returns far more than is given.

When your doorbell rings and you are asked to buy a chance, take a ticket to a barbecue or attend a bazaar or carnival, give as much as

you can afford.

These men truly appreciate your contribution whether it be a dollar or \$100. It shows them you do care about the efforts they are making on your behalf.

Please be as generous as you can when you are approached this year. And why not?

Readers' Opinion

'Here . . . Here . . . Bravo!'

Dear Mr. Willmott:

"Here...Here...Bravo," and sundry other accolades! SHARK MANIA STRIKES MONTAUK is as clean a thrust as any ever made with one of Casey's darts.

Although I'll always bring home a sizeable mako, and sometimes consign a small blue to the fate of strip bait when all else fails -- the remainder belong from whence they came. Trophy specimens, of course, excepted.

Only last week, I tried to put across the same point in an assigned piece for the October issue of SALT WATER SPORTSMAN. If enough of us preach the same message we might just get through -- even to the small (fortunately) handful of charter skippers who feel they'll never sail again unless transom and gin pole are festooned with results of their prowess.

It was only yesterday (and wasn't it a beauty with just enough breeze to push us down a weed line, sharks roaming the slick and bluefish streaking from the depths to explode

all over popping plugs throughout the day) that I wasted my first shark. The poor girl was covered with bite marks attesting to her picene desirability, even the tip of her dorsal was gone -- but she wore a tag and Jack deserves the utmost in accuracy when reporting a recapture. (My crew also deserves the best in safety procedures.) Still, I feel some undertone of guilt in the method required. Then again, I seriously doubt that we'd have ever retrieved the tag without resorting to the gaff because the love-worn critter was frolicking at the end of a 15-pound pinky rig tipped with bluefish bait and 12 inches of wire.

As I said, before these ramblings started, you made a fine thrust. Keep jabbing! The best to you and the WHY NOT.

Tight lines,
Ray Hendrickson
RAMP RAT
Hampton Bays

'Cops, stop your complaining . . .'

Gentlemen:

In answer to your editorial, "How Much Do You Want to Pay" (for policemen), I have a few comments to make. I, for one, am tired of hearing police forces complain about their "meager" salaries and poor benefits. I have many friends and relatives on the Suffolk police force and am aware of their salaries and their benefits. After five years of service Suffolk policemen receive \$21,000 per year. Detectives, Sergeants, Lieutenants, Captains, etc. receive considerably more. I don't begrudge them this salary but as a taxpayer I'm sickened at the fringes I pay for.

Their biggest fringe, which they never mention, is a 1/2 pay pension after 20 years of service. Theoretically if a man enters the police force at age 21 he will retire at age 41 at \$10,500 a year (if he goes no higher than patrolman). The average life expectancy of a male is presently 71. That means 30 years at \$10,500 a year, a total of \$315,000 for no productivity. If you divide the \$315,000 by the actual 20 years of service, that benefit alone amounts to \$15,750 per year. With just this one benefit their yearly salary costs taxpayers \$36,750. Not bad for a high school

graduate. The rest of us slobs have to work to age 62 or 65 and go on meager Social Security or pension plans far inferior to theirs.

As far as other fringes, their health insurance is inferior to none. They receive many paid days off in the form of sick time, personal leave days, holidays and vacation days. Other unofficial fringes are discounts on purchases and services because they are "on the job", free admission to many movies and shoes by displaying their badge & free or discounted meals while in uniform. Mr. Average Taxpayer must pay for these things.

They say their job is dangerous. Well to a degree it is. So are many other jobs; construction workers, firemen, linemen, miners and even window washers. I have yet to hear of an incident involving 51 policemen such as the W. Virginia tower collapse killing 51 construction workers. (Construction workers don't retire after 20 years on their job!).

I could go on -- but am sure space is limited. All I say is "Cops, stop your complaining, count your blessings and give us other hard working taxpayers a break."

Sign me,
One of Those Tired of Footing the Bill.

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Carey signs Suffolk Initiative

Tuesday, July 25, 1978 was a day of mammoth importance to all Suffolk residents.

Governor Carey courageously signed into law the Bianchi-Trunzo Suffolk County Initiative Law. It was a great day for it upholds our rights as free citizens. Now we may directly make laws the legislature and the executive had refused to even consider in the past.

We, the people, now have direct control over Suffolk County's spending, its programs and its regulations. Suffolk residents have been freed from the bureaucrats just as the slaves were freed by Lincoln. Now when we want to halt uncontrollable taxation as our counterparts in California did, we can petition the legislature for this action.

If they refuse to pass the laws necessary to bring about this reduction, we have the right to circulate petitions to place these measures on the ballot, where, we, the people, can decide our own fate. We no longer have to be at the mercy of the self-serving politicians and career civil servants.

It took a lot of courage for Carey to sign this measure into law. Newsday, a powerful daily newspaper, was strongly opposed to the people having

the right to determine their own destiny. Not only did it editorialize against the law, our sources in Albany tell us the paper applied every bit of pressure they had to try and persuade Carey to veto this measure.

Carey was also subject to pressure from the County Executive's office and from politicians on both sides of the fence, who feared giving any sort of decision-making power to the people.

This is a gubernatorial election year and Carey is running for reelection. He is opposed by the assemblyman from the first district, Perry Duryea. There have been threats that if he signed this measure into law, all stops would be pulled out in support of Duryea in Suffolk in retaliation.

When Carey's office called and announced the signing of this bill, we were told Carey did so because the people had spoken overwhelmingly in support of the measure. He believes the people should have the right to determine the type, quality and cost of government they want.

This is in tune with Carey's plea to the legislature since he has been in office to cut back on the state spending, to make the state government more productive, more opened and

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more responsive to the people.

It is also in line with his criticism aimed at both Nassau and Suffolk government and the outlandish inflationary spending patterns and enormous increase in budgets they have made their citizens shoulder.

We are glad to see the Governor feels that if politicians won't do what is good for the people, the people have a right and responsibility to do it themselves. Now that he has taken this bold step forward in bringing the government back to the people of Suffolk, we hope he campaigns from

Buffalo to New York for a state-wide Public Initiative Law. New York State residents may have the same options as our California counterparts had when they used the Public Initiative Law of that state to develop and pass Proposition 13 which has resulted in real estate taxes being slashed by up to 500 per cent.

We are grateful to Carey for the courage he has shown by signing this bill and thwarting those who believe democracy is good only if it serves them exclusively. And why not?

Last chance

The question of having a referendum of the abolition of the Suffolk County Legislature in favor of a weighted Board of Supervisors will be taken up at the Aug. 8 meeting of the county legislature.

It is a simple matter really. Are county residents smart enough to decide for themselves what kind of government they want to represent them? We believe Suffolk residents are intelligent enough to make their own decisions. By Aug. 8, we will

know whether county legislators feel the same way.

We already have gotten close to 10,000 signatures in our office asking for a county-wide vote. If you haven't yet signed a petition and sent it in, this week is your final chance.

Sign it, and have your friends and neighbors do the same. We will make sure the message will get to the legislators. Do it now, so your voice will be heard. And why not?

Less money, less education

An interesting side note to Kevin McCoy's lead article in last Wednesday's Suffolk Life comparing the cost of education in the Shoreham-Wading River vs. Rocky Point district is the disparaging achievement results of the students in the wealthier district.

Rocky Point, which is currently spending less than half the money of their neighbor on education is teaching more children to read and do math better than Shoreham-Wading River.

This confirms what many of us have suspected for a long time. A lot of the cost of education is a waste. It does not produce a better educated student, it only produces poorer taxpayers.

Also discouraging in this particular comparison is the attitude of the managers of the Shoreham-Wading River school system. With LILCO paying about 75 per cent of their taxes

in the district, the district is on a spending rampage that may eventually bankrupt many of the homeowners within that community. Much of the current spending is for facilities that will have to continue to be maintained after the district loses the LILCO tax advantage in the future.

What may now seem like a mecca of low school taxes may overnight become a deserted ghost town when LILCO's tax base is spread throughout the region.

You might even be able to find some justification for this uncontrollable spending if it had resulted in a better educational system. As the tests indicate, it hasn't.

The fault lies with the board, but it should lie with the people of the district who have been lulled into apathy. It is they and their children who will suffer. And why not?

Ban the legislature

We, the undersigned, Suffolk County residents, request the county legislature to pass a resolution to hold a referendum of whether the county legislature should be replaced by the Board of Supervisors with a weighted vote.

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