

# Why did it take so long?

Over nearly 25 years, numerous studies and hundreds of thousands of dollars in taxpayers' money, the Army Corps of Engineers has come up with the same solution that local residents have been advocating: to stabilize Moriches Inlet, by a sand bypass system.

We're just sorry that more than a decade has been wasted by the federal bureaucracy in coming up with the answer that the people knew

was the best answer all along.

Now that they have come up with the right answer, we hope the Army Corps, the county, state and federal agencies will move quickly to implement the solution.

The thousands of people who use that channel deserve assurance that they will be able to navigate those waters without fear of destroying their boat or endangering lives. And why not?

## Who's on first?

## What's on second?

In today's cover story, our reporters have confirmed what we have long suspected --- namely, the people of Suffolk County do not know who their county legislators are.

It has to make you wonder how effective these legislators can be as representatives if no one knows who the heck they are.

Freshman county legislator Denis Hurley admitted if you went up and down the Main St. of Riverhead asking passers-by who Denis Hurley is they might well answer that he is a major league baseball player.

Defenders of the county legislature system of government will say the same thing could be true for other levels of government, like the town, village, and state.

We'll admit that many people may not know every official that represents them, but the ones they know least, according to our own informal poll, were county legislators.

From the start, the county legislature has been a very artificial level of government. Its members do not represent homogeneous com-

# willmotts and why-nots

David J. Willmott, Editor

munities or areas.

Because the districts have been gerrymandered by the political machines in the past year, boundary lines between the legislative districts make little or no sense at all.

John Donohue, for example, represents people who live in the \$100,000 plus homes along Dune Road in Westhampton, and the regular working man who has to commute from his Mastic home into the city every day to keep his family clothed and sheltered.

Unlike town supervisors who can readily be found at town hall, legislators scurry between both Hauppauge and Riverhead, and even local district offices, which are largely unknown to their constituents. Even finding out where to reach them can be a chore.

To justify their jobs and increase their visibility among their constituents, county legislators over the years, have tried to connect themselves with new programs.

Because the legislators spend a lot of their time dreaming up new ways to spend our tax dollars, it costs us

more in the long run.

What makes much more sense is for the town supervisors, who know the pulse of the community and are highly visible to the local residents, to run county government.

Town supervisors have to make up their own budgets and know the value of the buck. They must also run their own towns, so they don't have all that much time to scheme about ways of skinning us hard-pressed taxpayers.

Right now, you have a chance to bring back a more representative form of government. Petitions are going around now to get a referendum on the issue of continuing the county legislature. If you don't have time to collect signatures, at least fill out the one man petition enclosed below.

If enough signatures are obtained we can force the legislature to approve a referendum so you will be given a choice. You will be able to bring back the board of supervisors with a weighted vote.

At least then, you'll know who your county representative is. And why not?

# Readers' Opinion

## 'I am aware of the cost involved'

Dear Mr. Willmott:

I have been reading your articles in connection with the proposition to ban the legislature.

As I am sure you can appreciate, at my stage of life, I am not writing this letter from my personal viewpoint, as to my future success, I am writing in connection with the logical approach to this problem.

I am aware of the financial cost involved with a county legislature as opposed to ruling by the Suffolk County Board of Supervisors. I certainly would like to see these costs reduced. There is one problem, and a very important one as to the changeover you propose.

As a representative of my district, I have been able to speak to my constituents on a man-to-man basis and have, in some cases, been able to cut the red tape and solve their problems. I hasten to add that I am not always successful, but from my many years

experience in civic work, I have always found it difficult to speak to the top man, i.e., the town supervisor.

I do agree that the legislative sessions do not properly address themselves to the issues at hand. There is no way to thoroughly understand each and every resolution, unless you are a member of the Committee that is involved. Otherwise, you must accept the recommendations of the Committee itself, assuming of course that they have thoroughly investigated the reasons.

I reassure you that I am not concerned from a personal standpoint whether the legislature remains as is or is discarded, but I am concerned with the public and their needs.

Very truly yours,  
Ferdinand J. Giese  
County Legislator  
5th District

## 'I wish to commend your efforts'

Dear Mr. Willmott:

I wish to commend your efforts to request a resolution to provide us an opportunity to vote on whether the legislature should be replaced by weighted Board of Supervisors.

To this regard I am sending a list of names to support this effort. You will note that with the exception of myself not one of the other signers is from WHB. The individuals range from Babylon to Southampton, including two on the North Shore. This should say something.

Suffolk County is at a critical stage insofar as costs of government keep increasing and there is still a wide gap in the credibility and accountability. To date the legislature, even though many are sincerely dedicated, is developing the posture so well-known in politics and that is Empire building. If the legislature continues on it's present course in less than 5 yrs. every taxpayers will rue the day that they did not get involved.

The full force and impact of the Sewer project has still to be felt. True there is a very high proportion of homes for sale in the Sewer District area, but the worst is still to come. Each one of us must do everything within reason to hold our political representatives accountable for their actions.

To date the history of such indicated that no one is accountable. When was the time you heard one political representative say... Yes! I am responsible for (whatever).

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely  
Arma E. Andon  
Westhampton Beach

## 'The legislature group should be banned'

Dear Sir:

The legislature group should be banned. For the simple reason that they have not fulfilled their duty to the people. They have only succeeded in making life fruitful for themselves and are derelict in their consideration to the public. They have only justified their necessity to themselves. Selfish by grabbing more money and other benefits that their fellow citizens can neither afford or need.

We must have Government I believe. But I also believe too much of it serves no one. Duplication is waste.

Why add to what you already have. Except that it creates more expense.

Since it began the legislator was to assist the general public. Part time. Now it has become an elite branch of local government. Receiving salaries in excess of what town supervisors were getting not too long ago. If they are to be assistants, they should be paid what a helper deserves, not what a head of government is entitled to. So I say lets abolish it as Rep. Hurley has said right along, and then proceed to give Suffolk Co., the honest government it deserves. If not, Why not:

Sincerely yours,  
Frank Buonaicfo

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## Initiative now up to Trunzo

The public initiative bill which allows a citizen or group of citizens to petition the state to place in referendum, bills and measures which elected officials have been unable or unwilling to enact into law has passed the Assembly.

This is the measure that will enable California state residents to vote on 13th to limit future real estate tax increases and put a halt to runaway taxation in that state.

The enactment of an initiative law is a mechanism needed by us to regain control of our government. The state bill is hung up in committee in the Senate. Senator Trunzo from Islip is one of the Senators sponsoring the bill.

Word comes to us from Albany that although Trunzo has sponsored this bill, he is getting tremendous pressure to back off.

We commend Trunzo for having the courage to have sponsored the bill. But for the bill to be passed by the Senate, Trunzo will have to display

political courage and leadership to bring it to reality. This bill gives Trunzo an opportunity to establish himself as a leader.

Trunzo has suffered in the past, from a wishy-washy image. This all would be changed if he is successful in warding off the pressures and twists the arms of his fellow Senators that would insure the passage.

We believe Trunzo has the ability to carry this off if he wants to. He should use his years of experience and call in the favors he is owed for supporting other Senators' favored legislation, when they were in trouble.

Public initiative is the most important legislative enactment since the writing of the constitution. There should be no excuse for the bill to go down the drain this year.

We encourage you to write to Trunzo and also to write to friends throughout the state encouraging them to contact their Senators and insist upon the passage of this amendment. And why not?

## Why is Klein stalling?

John Klein has had more than 365 days to seek out a new and qualified Industrial Commissioner.

King John during this period of time, has sat squarely on his duff and done nothing. In the wake of the Long Island Crossroads series, the legislature jumped on the bandwagon, passed a local law drafted by the county executive's office, giving Klein 45 days to act.

Klein now arrogantly says he won't be tied down to a 45 day deadline. It seems, he's more interested in headlines than results.

If Suffolk County's economy was boiling, unemployment was nil and the Industrial Commissionership was nothing more than a patronage spot, we could understand King John's negligence in this matter.

A top flight, professional Industrial Commissioner with a staff and a budget worthy of the office could right now be signing deals with businesses

and industries for their relocation in Suffolk County.

These new industries and businesses could create jobs for our unemployed and provide an opportunity for those stymied in dead-end positions.

It could develop economic growth and stimulation which would flow out to all ends of the community. Is John Klein so totally incompetent as a manager and as an executive that he is unable to attract qualified people to work for him? Or does he just suffer from an inordinate lack of ability and initiative?

The legislature, which he has traditionally had a stranglehold over, should force Klein to keep to his word.

If he doesn't act, they should take the matter into their own hands. Klein's arrogance and incompetency must be harnessed. Giving King Klein a mandated deadline is a step in this direction. And why not?

## We might as well own it

I detest socialism. I abhor the concept that government can do more for me better than I can do for myself.

But I am rapidly reaching the conclusion that it might be best for the people of Long Island to own our own lighting company. LILCO's unconscionable and astronomical request for a 147 per cent increase on top of the 60 per cent increase they received in January is just unbelievable.

A big chunk of this requested rate increase is for the construction of their new nuclear power plants at Shoreham and Jamesport. Let's face it, we are paying for the capitalization of LILCO through our rates, but not receiving ownership for our expenditures.

You might as well own it as citizens, if we are going to pay for it.

My concept of private ownership is the individuals, the owners of the business, the stockholders, put up the money for the development of the business and the building of the plant or facility. For this investment and risk, they take the chance they will make a profit.

As captive ratepayers, we are being forced to finance and capitalize LILCO's expansion, but we're not

receiving a damned thing back in tangible ownership.

We don't pretend to understand how this condition has been allowed to come about. But it is there -- it is law.

Instead of trying to fight the system, we would be much better off if we bought the system.

We had grave reservations when the idea was first proposed for the municipal ownership of LILCO, but we can hardly see how there is another way to go.

The Suffolk County Legislature should put at the top of their agenda, a study on the viability of taking over LILCO in Suffolk County. As a municipally owned lighting company, Suffolk could buy their electrical generating needs from the state owned PASNY at rates far less than it allegedly costs LILCO to produce power. LILCO's recent request for a rate increase will cost Long Islanders individually hundreds of dollars more in their annual electrical bills.

We can't afford these never-ending increases and therefore must come up with our own alternatives. The only viable alternative at this point appears to be a citizen-taxpayer-owned power company. And why not?

## Readers' Opinion

### Right to make choice is at core

Dear Dave:

In your May 24 article "Abortion Question -- 2 Views" there is one conclusion about which there need be no question. Vicki, one of the interviewees, states the case succinctly, when she says "... all you should do is tell them the alternatives, everybody is supposed to have a choice in America."

The protection of the right to make such a choice is at the core of the opposition to the restrictive legislation concerning abortion before the NY State Legislature and Senate as well as the US Congress. Both rights: Francie's for full term -- Vicki's for termination need equal protection under any laws invoked.

Both women struggled with their conscience. Both came to the realization that each had to decide for herself what was right for her. Each arrived at a different solution -- but most important, each had the right of choice. Isn't that the American way?

For centuries, past and likewise into the

future people will argue about "When Does Life Begin?" Judging from the past centuries there will never be absolute agreement. Therefore, in our pluralistic religious society, it is up to each individual to draw his or her own conclusions about abortion, and then to take full responsibility for the ensuing action. In this way those whose religious-moral belief are concerned with the "the pre-born" can opt for full term pregnancy, while those who deem that life does not begin with conception, can choose to terminate their pregnancies, both in good conscience.

We must all learn from the experiences of Francie and Vicki. Nobody has the right to force a religious-moral belief on another person. Yes, point out the alternatives, but each woman must make her choice and then live with it.

Millie Steinberg  
Co-Cordinator,  
Suffolk Abortion Rights Campaign

### Where will my wife and I go from here?

Dear Editor:

An editorial appearing in the issue of May 14, 1978 pertaining to victims of exorbitant real estate taxes in California revealed relief from this specific Mal-practice can actually be obtained.

Just how did they do it? How do we, here in Brookhaven, go about at least making an approach toward accomplishing similar deserving results? How do we undertake such a move? With whom does one speak? What is required of us senior citizens to alleviate this serious burden -- so serious that many of us living on Social Security may yet lose our homes -- for which we worked most of our lives.

Is there anyone of our elected representatives sufficiently interested in this cause who might initiate such a move -- one who we can rally around and support -- for our own survival?

I pay \$1,800.00 taxes on a 1/2 acre five room ranch - ridiculous!

To continue to lie down and roll over like a dog (which has been customary) everytime a tax increase is imposed is tragic. Meanwhile, as I see it, the bureaucrats ponder "wonder where they get all this money".

But I have a dream - I see a county-wide tax revolution before this thing is over -- or until we organize and put a stop to it, as the Californians did.

Here in Brookhaven -- Shirley, Mastic section, a number of my old friends have been forced to put their homes up for sale because of excessive taxation which I shall be forced to do before long. We continue to complain but no one hears us.

In your opinion, what can we do? If I give you the impression that I am generally alarmed, it is because I am 74 and have this gut feeling of where will my wife and I go from here.

Sincerely,  
John W. Hopkins  
No. Shirley

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# Distinguished citizens award dinner

## Don't give away your vote

Monday night, the Republican Party will meet in an attempt to select candidates for the upcoming races in November.

Some of the candidates who have thrown their hats in the ring are exceptional. Others are not even worthy of consideration. Still others, who would make extremely poor candidates, mysteriously seem to have the backing of the bosses.

We have heard so many rumors about deals being made that it would make your head spin.

Generally, where there is smoke, there is fire. Leaders are able to make these kinds of deals only because committeemen have abdicated their responsibility to the election district they represent by signing over, in the form of a proxy, their votes to the leaders.

With these proxies in hand, the leaders can hand-pick candidates not worthy of the nomination. These proxies can be nullified and voided by the physical presence of the com-

mitteemen at the nominating convention.

A personal vote supercedes and overrides a signed proxy. We encourage every elected Republican committeeman to turn out for the nominating convention.

Republicans, in the past, have had too many losers offered to voters, who were hand-picked stooges of the leaders.

There is a good chance this year is going to be a Republican year, but only if the candidates nominated are of the highest caliber and can convince the public they will be responsive to their needs.

To help insure such candidates are nominated, we encourage every individual committeeman not to give his vote away by giving or allowing his proxy to remain in the hands of the leaders.

We encourage them to go in person to the nominating convention and take part in democracy in action and fulfill their obligation. And why not?

Dowling College is one of the best four-year colleges in the country. It is a Long Island college that all of us have a right to be proud of.

Dowling came through the efforts, dedication and work of a number of Long Island citizens. One of the more outstanding citizens who contributed heavily was Joseph A. Pinter.

On June 17, the college will present their 14th Annual Distinguished Citizen's Award to Mr. Pinter at a gala dinner being given in his behalf.

The dinner also serves as a fundraiser for the scholarship fund that allows many students who might not

otherwise be financially able to take advantage of this fine institution.

As Mr. Pinter and the college have given so heavily over the years to Long Island, we cannot help but encourage Long Islanders to turn out in force in recognition of this man's efforts and in support of the scholarship fund.

If you have not already received an invitation to this dinner and would like to attend, please contact the college or James J. Smith, the dinner chairman, at Suffolk County Federal Savings and Loan Association, 585-6300. And why not?

## Go to the problems

New elected officials often come up with innovative ideas for making government more responsive to the public. Marty Lang, the virgin supervisor from Southampton, did this last week. He packed the town board and department heads into a rented bus and took these officials to see the problems on which they are enacting legislation.

There is nothing like seeing firsthand the facts as they are. This unique and innovative idea gives us a hope that Lang is going to be a dynamic supervisor.

We kind of had that feeling when we pushed his candidacy. So far we have not been disappointed. We like what we see. And why not?

## Good bye good friend

We were saddened to learn of the untimely demise of Gus Stout from Center Moriches.

Gus has always been one of our heroes. We first became associated with him over 20 years ago when he ran a successful campaign to become supervisor of Brookhaven Town. It was a first for a Democrat in decades.

Gus's tenure as supervisor lasted only one term, yet his mark on government is still being felt today. The machine tried to tarnish Gus's image and hurt him deeply by falsely accusing him of improper conduct in office.

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servant of the nth degree. He was the leading force behind Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck, the summer camp that is run by the Moriches Rotary Club for disabled and handicapped children. The work this camp has been able to do is phenomenal and heart-warming.

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Gus also led the fight to reopen the Moriches Inlet, which he knew in his heart would be a boom to the Bay area.

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## Ban the legislature: Duplication of effort

Think about it. What can a county legislature do for you that isn't already being done by your town supervisor, your state assemblyman or state senator?

If you give it a good, hard look, you will probably come up with the same answer we have -- not much.

Yet, we are spending \$2 million a year to keep the legislature functioning. The legislature, in turn, is spending more than \$600 million of our tax dollars to duplicate the work that is being performed by the town and state governments.

Is this what you want -- a third layer of bureaucracy that is costly and performs little or no function?

You can change it by supporting a measure that would give county residents a chance to decide whether we want a county legislature or return to the Board of Supervisors with a weighted vote system.

Fill in the ballot following this editorial and send it to: Ban the Legislature, c-o Suffolk Life, P.O. Box 262, Westhampton, New York, 11977.

If you feel as strongly about this measure as we do and you would like to work on the project by soliciting signatures on petitions, write to our address above or call Legislator Denis Hurley at 369-2400 and additional petitions will be forwarded to you. And why not?

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## Tax revolt is coming

Proposition 13, the Jarvis-Gann Amendment passed in California with more than 60 per cent majority voting for it last Tuesday. We have been writing about this amendment and the California tax revolt movement since the first of the year.

This referendum was brought about through the public initiative laws Californians were smart enough to have passed during the Reagan years.

Four years of holding a gun to the public's head, the bureaucrats never thought citizens could ever organize enough to fight back.

California residents like New Yorkers have been lied to, cheated, threatened, and cajoled by their tin-horned demi-gods. Politicians, however, figured they can get away with it one more time. They poured millions into an advertising campaign which predicted horrors, reminiscent of the black plague.

California residents wisely disregarded the political B.S., threats of disaster and failure. They took matters of taxation into their own hands. In doing so they have tied the hands of the bureaucrats by reducing their own property taxes up to 60 per

cent. They voted to ban a reassessment increase of more than 1 per cent per year as long as an individual owns a piece of property they have also cut off other avenues for shifting the tax burden.

The result of this legislation will be useless and wasteful projects throughout the state will be eliminated. Staffs will be cut to productive sizes and taxpayers will have money left over to spend on themselves.

The tax revolt will spread throughout the nation. Here in N.Y., the mechanism, a public initiative law, has already been passed in the Assembly.

At present, it is bottled up in Committee and in the Senate, but with the pressure from you it could be uncorked. Public initiative gives you and your neighbors the right to petition the government to place on the November ballot, laws and measures elected officials have been unwilling or unsuccessful in bringing to a vote in the legislature.

Public initiative does not only apply to the taxes. It applies to the total functioning of the government. It is

the absolute way of Democracy. It puts back in the hands of the people the government they are supposed to control.

Whether it is tax relief or any other reason, every state should have a public initiative mechanism as part of their governmental progress.

We urge you to write today to Senator Caesar Trunzo, an Islip Republican from the 3rd district, who sponsored the bill in the Senate, of your support.

We further recommend you clip the enclosed message and mail it to Warren Anderson, Presiding Officer of the New York State Senate demanding he use his powers to get this measure out of the rules committee and onto the floor where it can be voted on by the rest of the Senate.

Like California your personal stake in the passage of this measure could amount to several thousand dollars in taxes for the year. And why not?

### I support the Bianchi-Trunzo Public Initiative Law S-9875 for Suffolk County

S-9846 would allow Suffolk County residents who obtain 250 names on petitions to submit proposed laws for enactment to the county legislature. If the county legislature fails to act, additional signatures, representing at least 10 per cent of the last gubernatorial vote would put the proposal on the ballot in the next general election.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_

## An infuriating double change

School board members often wring their hands in anguish as they watch their budgets go down in defeat. For the life of them, they can't figure out why the taxpayers are reacting negatively to their efforts.

Here in Westhampton, the taxpayers have generously supported a fine school system. Many of these taxpayers are part-time residents or full-time residents without children in the schools.

These people don't show up at school board meetings to moan and groan about the taxes they have to pay.

But if you could have been at the school tennis courts last weekend and heard some of the bitching and complaining from taxpayers with no children attending school, you wouldn't at all be surprised to see

future budgets go up in flames.

As one young lady put it, "It is absolutely asinine for these clowns to sit back and think I am going to pay their outrageous school taxes and be charged \$12 an hour to play tennis on my own courts."

"Why in the devil couldn't they issue a permit for taxpayers granting them a privileged status as to the use of these courts and eliminate this horrid fee which constitutes, in my case, double taxation."

The lady has a point, a very valid one. As tennis has become popular, the pressure on the municipal and school courts has grown.

Many of our school boards have reacted by turning what were once free courts into paying facilities.

We are not against a school district renting out their facilities and tur-

ning a profit, but we do question the fairness of charging resident taxpayers a fee.

They are already paying for these courts and the whole educational system through their taxes; they shouldn't be charged a second time around.

At \$12 an hour per court, the district should be able to raise sufficient funds by renting out free time, to out-of-towners who visit here in the summer.

We have watched budgets go down

in defeat over less trivial matters than this. Taxpayers whether they be rich, poor, year-round or part-time are in a rebellious mood.

We would think any school board that cares at all about the passage of their budget would attempt to avoid confrontation with taxpayers.

Charging twice will only bring about a confrontation in which the school board will lose. Think about it. And why not?

## Readers' Opinion

### 'You have just lost a reader'

Dear Mr. Willmott:

Michele Block's article "Trap Family Tirpak treks the wilds" (May 28, 1978), glamorizing trapping, was despicable.

What is wrong with you, Mr. Editor? Can't you comprehend that animals feel PAIN? It is not a "sport" to slowly kill any creature. In a sport, the animals would have an equal chance to snare Gene Tirpak and his sons.

How would you like to have a car door slammed on your hand, stand in the snow for

twenty-four hours, not have a sip of water, and finally have some dumb kid finish you off? Trapping is ugly and vile. You should be ashamed of yourself for publishing the article.

Stop delivering your tabloid to my home, and revise your mast to read 194,999. You have just lost a reader. (L-5J)

Sincerely,  
Dale Berta  
East Setauket

### 'Leave Sundays to family life'

Dear Editor:

On page 5 of June 6th issue of the Daily News, it was gratifying to read that Gov. Ella Grasso signed a bill, giving the state of Conn. a new blue law, that will force most of the larger stores to close on Sundays. Hooray for her! I still am a firm believer in the day of

the Sabbath. How could there be a "so called" energy shortage when it must cost millions to keep stores open on Sunday? Leave Sundays to family life. (L-3J)  
Catherine LaCurto  
Patchogue

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## Don't let 'em scare you

Panicsville has struck. Newsday, the great defender of the establishment, and the League of Women Voters, the epitome of sainthood in politics have joined hands to quell the grassroots uprising by people who are sick, tired and fed-up with the shameful waste created by the Suffolk County Legislature.

In the lead editorial, Sunday, June 11th, Newsday had the audacity to claim that Legislator Denis Hurley's motivation to eliminate the Suffolk County Legislature and return to a

board of supervisors was a diabolical plot of the Suffolk Republican bosses.

Newsday's editorial belonged in the comic strips.

This diabolical plot was hatched on the editorial page of Suffolk Life, a newspaper that is about as grassroots as you can get.

Legislator Denis Hurley made this an issue in his campaign. Hurley's campaign was never supposed to be successful. He ran against the machine and everything that the machine has stood for.

The voters of the 1st District recognized Hurley's sincerity and honesty. They made him their legislator. Hurley made good on his pledge. He has introduced a resolution which will allow the voters to make up their minds whether they want to continue the current county legislature or see it returned to a board of supervisors with a weighted vote.

He is saying, "I am not in a position to decide the fate, the people are."

The League of Women Voters, which has always prided itself on doing research and study and then presenting both viewpoints, has abandoned their normal course. They have come out in opposition to voters being given the choice to exercise their own free will. Another virgin deflowered.

Newsday, in their emotional Sunday editorial, claimed returning to a board of supervisors will be a return to bossism.

Somehow or other, they want you to picture supervisors as little puppies who beg and crawl before their bosses and dare not step out of line.

Obviously, Newsday's editorial writers, who are based in Garden City, are not familiar with Suffolk County government.

Town supervisors, almost to the man, are a cursed, independent, ornery and cantankerous lot. They take orders from the people, not the bosses.

They have their own power base and because of the job most of them do, they can afford to be independent and tell their bosses to go fly a kite.

Legislators, on the other hand, have had a tendency to be weak-kneed, disorganized and wanderers. They have had to depend upon the machine and the bosses for their existence.

Most of them would be totally at loss on how to vote on bills and measures without the guidance and assistance of the power brokers. As long as they do as their bosses say -- win or lose -- their future is assured.

Look at the former members of the legislature that the public kicked out of office. They are working in plush jobs gotten by political appointment, where they draw high salaries and benefits that the public never wanted them to have.

You would think Newsday, who claims to be Long Island's newspaper, would be concerned about the average person and his survival.

Newsday's reasons, best known to itself, have failed to stand up for the public and the public's needs. They used the same scare tactics to get the Southwest Sewer District okayed. Today you know where that situation is.

Their claim that the issue is the creation of the bosses is an outright fabrication of the facts. They are deliberately twisting the truth to cast doubt on the issue.

The issue before the legislature is simple and plain. The resolution only asks that the voters of Suffolk County be given a free choice as to whether we should continue the legislature or disband it in favor of the weighted board of supervisors.

How could Newsday oppose the people having the right to decide for themselves?

After all, they do favor democracy, don't they?

If this measure is passed as it should be now, Newsday will have ample time between now and Election Day to editorialize and sell the voters of Suffolk County on keeping the legislature.

Newsday claims to be Long Island's newspaper and to have the largest circulation. They are in eminent position to reach people throughout the entire county. They have got the odds with them. They can confuse the public with facts, and by using the skills of their large editorial staff, develop a case for keeping the legislature.

What do they have to fear? Or is it in their own hearts they know weighted board of supervisors would be more economical, would be less controllable and would give better representation to the people and, therefore, they do not want the people to have the right to choose?

We encourage you, if you have not already done so, to fill out the coupon printed below asking the county legislature to put the question on the ballot this November.

Let the people decide this issue. Don't let Suffolk Life. Don't let Newsday. Don't let the politicians. And why not?

### Ban the legislature

I, the undersigned, a Suffolk County resident 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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## Swordfish Tournament July 4th Weekend

The fourteenth annual Shinnecock Anglers Swordfish Tournament will be held again this year at the height of the North Atlantic run of the swordfish in this area.

The tournament, which supports and maintains the Shinnecock fishing reef, is expected to draw anglers from the entire Eastern seaboard.

This tournament is considered a classic -- the world series of swordfishing. Competition is keen. Excitement is feverish.

The three-day contest will start at a Friday evening captain's meeting. Fishing days are designated as Saturday, Sunday and Monday, July 1, 2, 3. Fishing will be continued on July 4th, in case any two of the three days have been rained or blown out.

Entry fee is a modest \$125 per boat fee. There is no additional fee for the anglers. This fee covers all tournament expenses, including a crew party on Saturday and Sunday nights and a superb clam and steak bake to end the festivities on Monday, July 3rd.

Kevin Clemenz, president of the Shinnecock Anglers, announced the board of directors had voted on the elimination of the traditional cash prize.

It was the directors' feeling this is a

sport fishing tournament and it should not be tainted by cash. Trophies will be given in recognition of the successful anglers' efforts and the winner of the tournament will be awarded a custom built Shinnecock Swordfish 80 lb. rod crafted by Altenkirch Tackle and a matching, customized Penn 80 International.

The profits from the tournament are used to build and maintain an artificial reef located in 90 foot of water, southwest of the inlet.

This artificial reef has successfully attracted fish over the years and is particularly responsible for having made the Shinnecock area one of the world's finest fishing ports.

Tournament headquarters is Indian Cove Marina, which just recently changed ownership and has undergone extensive repairs and rebuilding.

All festivities will be conducted in the Shinnecock Anglers tent as usual on the Point over-looking Shinnecock Bay and the marina.

Captains, desiring to enter this competition, are urged to contact President Kevin Clemenz, (516) 728-6110 immediately. Entries are being taken on a first come, first serve basis and are limited to 50 boats.

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# It should go bankrupt

New York City got itself into a financial mess through financial gimmickry and borrowing against tomorrow. The city is now looking to the federal government for a bail-out.

If the federal government gives into the pressure being created by friends of the city, they will be opening the federal treasury to a raid by all cities and municipalities. When you give to one you must make available to all.

The city's financial position is as bad as it appears to be, it would make sense to allow it to go into bankruptcy.

The cry about how unfair this would be is being raised by the large banks and other investors.

These investors assumed the risk of losing their money when they invested in city bonds and loans for a profit.

These investors deserve no more protection than does an individual who invests in a business, buys stock or puts his money on the crap tables at Vegas. You invest your money and once it is invested, it is no longer yours. If an investment was a prudent one, it will return your principal, plus interest. The higher the risk, the more interest or profit you make and the greater the chance there is you will lose your entire gamble.

City bonds not only have been paying a high interest rate, but are also tax-free. When you put the interest and the tax advantage together, the return has been approximately 18 per cent.

This is the maximum legal interest rate second floor loan shops can charge to people without credit. Most

of the investors know what they are doing when they go after these high profits. They know the risk that they are taking.

Even with loans from the federal government, it will be an almost impossibility for the city to climb its way out of the financial predicament it is in. These federal loans will only put off the inevitable. If the city is allowed to go bankrupt now, it will have protection from its creditors. It can start on a serious rebuilding of its financial structure.

We believe the talk about a ripple effect that the city's bankruptcy would have on other municipalities is more scare tactics than fact.

It definitely will have an adverse effect on municipalities and projects that are a sham on their own.

Investors will withdraw their support from these political subdivisions, but will invest in communities that have kept their spending within the bounds of the ability of the taxpayer to finance.

One humorous side to the city's financial plights, is gubernatorial candidate Perry Duryea's plea in Washington for the feds to bail out the city.

Back four years ago, Duryea and his aides came up with a scare campaign claiming that if the Democrats were elected from suburbia, they would give the state to the city. Ironically, it is Duryea now who wants to do the same.

Of course, he is now running for governor and must do well in New York City to be successful. And why not?

# How much do you want to pay?

One of the East End supervisors commented to me that while in contract talks with the town's police force, the negotiator callously commented, "Why are you getting bent out of shape? The people don't know how much they are paying the cops and could care less."

The supervisor took exception to the negotiator's comments and has enlisted our aid to ask you, the taxpayer, who pays the police officers' salaries, what you feel is a fair wage for your town policemen.

As most East End towns are in the process of negotiating with the uniformed police, as a public service, we are publishing and asking you to respond to a survey.

We have printed various amounts based on a per hour wage scale. These amounts reflect the full amount that will be paid by the town. They include everything it costs you per hour to keep a uniformed policeman engaged.

We ask that these surveys be returned to Suffolk Life. We will compile the results of your sentiments

and present these findings to the supervisors as an aid in their labor negotiations with the police.

Please send your survey this week as negotiations are going on right now and the information will be helpful to the supervisors as they will be able to present the viewpoint of the people who are going to pay the bills. And why not?

## Clip & Mail

I feel I would be willing to pay uniformed policemen the following amount per hour. This amount includes the gross pay per hour and includes the dollar amounts that it will cost me as a taxpayer for the fringes that he will receive as part of his salary.

- \_\_\_\_\_ I favor: \$5.00 per hour.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I favor: \$10.00 per hour.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I favor: \$15.00 per hour.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I favor: \$20.00 per hour.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I favor: \$25.00 per hour.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I favor: \$30.00 per hour.
- I favor: \_\_\_\_\_ more per hour.

Send to Police Survey, c-o Suffolk Life Newspapers, P.O. Box 262, Westhampton, N.Y. 11977

# 'We have as much as we can take'

Dear Dave:

I am happy to be able to send the enclosed petition. I wish I could have sent a hundred of them - and then some, but we are almost retired folks down here, so we are very much aware of what is going on. I don't know all the people who signed this, but I started with my own neighbors and asked them to pass it along, which they did. - Everyone is "for it". We have taken just about as much as we are able to take!!!

All these legislators sitting on their 'butts' and raising their salaries, whenever they can't think of anything constructive to do, has just about gone past reason. Don't they realize that some day they are going to be senior citizens - or have they feathered their nests sufficiently??? I can appreciate trying to help the elderly-but Welfare???? Forget it!!!!!! Everytime they think their checks may be reduced they have another baby -- out of wedlock.

It burns me when I have to pay 99 cents for chuck chopped, which is all we can afford

and then to have to stand behind one of our n'er do wellers in the supermarket with not only the top of their carts filled, but the bottom so full that it is tumbling out of the bottom.

I don't know if our dear Denis Hurley will see this, but if you do - Dear - my husband and I are behind you in everything you do-and I have been telling all my firends and neighbors who aren't out here permanently that you are a "grand fighting Irishman" (even though we are of German descent, American born from Queens).

All I was going to do was address and envelope this, but I had to get it off my chest.

Dave, I have a suggestion for the people who do not pay for their paper. Why not get little slips printed saying your subscription is DUE and just mail it to them??? (I had to go thru my check stubs to find out when mine was due - which I have another year to go) GOOD LUCK!!!!!! L-5K

Mae H. Lohlein  
So. Jamesport

# Tax revolt has started

Dear Mr. Willmott:

I admire your speaking out on all the pressing needs of the people. Now that California has passed its Prop. 13, the momentum has started. I work in Grumman and meet people from all over the Island and everybody feels the same about exhorbitant taxes. I had an idea, of starting small groups from all school districts to fight the high

taxes. The question is how to get people together to fight for survival.

If you could put me in contact with people who want to work on this thing, I would heartily appreciate it. L-2K

Yours truly  
Isadore Fried  
116 Shorear  
Oakdale

# 'I've about reached the end of my rope'

Editor of Suffolk Life,

Enclosed is my individual petition to Ban the Legislature - keep up the good work.

I, like Mr. Christopher in your cover story, am about ready to throw in the towel.

I have many friends that have sold out and gone to other parts of the country - not because they wanted to, but felt they had to. It certainly isn't something one wants to do - uproot the family, leave friends, change schools, buy or sell houses, leave your doctor and dentist and change jobs to start over again - throwing all the work of years over to start again. It's sickening to think one has to do this - but I've about reached the end of my rope.

Between excessive car insurance, taxes, etc. - it's beyond me to cope anymore. Outside of 1 or 2 other states, N.Y. has gone mad and Long Island along with it. It costs me

about \$4,000 - after tax dollars - a year to live here. Elsewhere it would cost \$1-\$2,000 including the car insurance. This is why Long Island is probably one of the very few places in the United States where that wonderful hedge on inflation - your homes - have depreciated over the past few years, in a period of high inflation. Elsewhere homes have kept up with inflation - but not here.

When will the politicians wake up - when no one is left? Now it is virtually impossible to sell a home - so many people want out! The market is flooded. Does anyone seriously ask why?

I honestly don't know whether I will leave or not - but I'm close to making the break, and I don't want to - but I'm tired of killing myself just to keep my head above water. L-7K  
A cry of the desperate

# 'We would more than welcome changes'

Dear Mr. Willmott,

Here are the "One Man Petitions" for myself, my husband and my son, who just turned 18. I have urged some of my neighbors to send in theirs, too. I hope it will do some good.

We have four children, ages 18, 16, 14 and 11. I am 38 and my husband is 39. We moved out here 5 years ago from Brooklyn (Flatbush) to give our children and ourselves a better life. Since we've been out here we've had nothing but financial hardships due to

taxes, inflation, etc.

Taxes alone have increased \$1,100. So as you can see we would more than welcome some changes. We read your column faithfully and agree with just about everything you comment on. In fact, I think you ought to be running the government instead of these idiot politicians. You would certainly have our endorsement. Keep up the good work. Thank you. L-6K

Yours truly,  
Mrs. B. O'Malley

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# Why 13 will work

# willmotts and why-nots

David J. Willmott, Editor

Prophets of doom are evangelizing the idea Proposition 13 will cause havoc in California. They point to potential cutbacks in schools, police and fire.

They zero in on essential services in their rhetoric instead of the areas of fat that have been built into the bureaucracy through years of spending and lack of productivity.

These prophets of doom obviously have no faith in the American free enterprise system. They have no faith in the American people.

They fail to realize when landowners start to see the results of Proposition 13 and have a couple of

thousand dollars a year to spend on themselves, they will spend this money.

The expenditure of this money will expand by seven times. Every property owner in California, who will receive a \$2,000 per year reduction in taxes, will enjoy an expanded economy by \$14,000.

This expanded economy will create an enormous market for new jobs. It will allow employers who have been forced to hold back deserving employees' raises to finally have the economic base to accomplish this feat.

Thousands of Californians have

deliberately held back on modernizing and improving their homes because they could not afford the upward assessment and increased taxes. They now will be able to use their money to repaint, re-side, add a room or redecorate.

This surge in remodeling and construction will open up thousands of new jobs. Government workers, facing lay-offs, will now find jobs open to them in private enterprise.

Yes, they will have to work at these jobs to earn a living. But many of those who have the capabilities and the desire to be productive will end up earning more.

Between the increase in sales taxes,

resulting from growing private purchases and the increase in state income tax revenues from more people working, California should be able to maintain all necessary services without any reduction.

California might even give some of our liberal economists, who have dominated government economy over the last four decades, renewed faith in the free enterprise system.

Who knows, it might once again become popular to believe the individual can do better for himself than the government. Proposition 13 is going to work in California because the people want it to. And why not?

## Readers' Opinion

### 'Massive reduction in federal spending grows on trees'

Open Letter:

We have been on austerity budgets more often than I like to see. Yet, in over 20 years, none of you have given a damn about the taxpayers. As far as you're concerned, money grows on trees. "Sock it to the Suckers", that is your attitude. We're living in an Energy Crisis, fuel - electricity and money should be saved. Yet, you keep on creating more and more departments. Adult Education - driver education - extra Curriculums - sport activities - camping trips etc., do not belong into the budget in these times.

As I see it, all teachers not handling at least 40 students in all classes should be dismissed including all Phys. ed. Teachers. Any Teacher not capable to teach ALL SUBJECTS, should not be on the payroll. If we

have to teach Teachers to handle gifted students, then we have no Teachers. As I stated back in Feb., 1977, you people are raping the taxpayers. The revote and the library budget could have been held the same day, not double spending. One or two dollars a week less to spend, means less food in many households. But you wouldn't know nor care, you live off the taxpayers, and quite nicely.

Please help the taxpayers: Stop using the taxpayers' trucks and amplifying equipment, calling for the budget to be passed. If that isn't legally wrong, it sure is morally wrong. Especially for people that claim to have the taxpayers' interest at heart, to condone such actions. (L-5 L)

An irate overtaxed Senior Citizen  
Fred Meisenzahl  
Yaphank

### People have a right to choose their government

It's plain and simple. Under our constitution, under the democratic system of government, we, the people, have the right and should exercise this freedom to choose the type of government we want.

The people of Suffolk County are speaking out in massive numbers. They want the right to determine whether they should continue to be governed by a legislature or a Board of Supervisors with a weighted vote.

The question of which system is best is not the issue. The people are clamoring for the right to make the choice at the polls by way of referendum this November.

There isn't a member of the county legislature who, in good conscience, can deny the people the right to make this choice.

The last we heard, the Good Lord had not appointed any one of these 18 legislators his modern-day prophet. These 18 swore to uphold the Constitution of the United States, which gives the people the right to choose which form of democratic government they want.

We believe enough people have taken the time to contact the legislature to sign petitions asking for a referendum to be placed on a ballot in November.

Newsday, a daily newspaper on Long Island, opposes the people

having the right to make this choice.

We are sorry to see that they want to make the decision with county legislators without consulting the public.

Newsday has brought the full force of their editorial voice against a referendum. They have also used their news space to publish distorted stories to create false issues and causes for concern. But even raising of these questions should not eradicate the very simple fact and premise: the people of Suffolk County live in a democracy, protected by our Constitution and have an unequivocal and unquestionable right to choose the form of government they wish to be governed by.

If you have not already done so, contact your legislator and demand your right to choose, by ballot, whether you wish to continue being governed by county legislature or by a weighted Board of Supervisors.

Below is a sample petition. We encourage you to sign and to have it signed by your neighbors and friends. And why not?

### 'Massive reduction in federal spending needed'

Dear Mr. Willmott:

I have long been an advocate of tax reform. However, this Jarvis-Gann Amendment is only a partial solution to the problem. What is really needed is a massive reduction in federal spending, especially in the area of so-called social welfare programs.

Big government was spawned by the New Deal and fueled by a succession of do-gooder, bureaucrats, such as those of the Great Society. Our capitalism, which produced the

most affluent society in history, has been on the defensive long enough. It's time to turn the tide away from socialism and back towards capitalism and freedom.

The federal government must be prevented from overtaking and overspending. This is not only undermining our economic system, but eroding our freedoms as well. A constitutional amendment limiting the spending power of the federal government, except in times of national emergency, appears to be the only way the knee-jerk liberals who have been attempting to save mankind, at mankind's expense, can be stopped. (L-11 L)

Very truly yours,  
Paul John Cirino  
A capitalist and proud of it

### 'Middle-class taxpayers have had enough'

Dear Mr. Willmott:

We strongly support a major property tax roll-back, such as the one recently mandated by the voters in California.

It is our hope that our legislators will have the responsibility to respond to the will of the people of New York before a similar public referendum is necessary.

Middle-class taxpayers have had enough. We will not remain apathetic very much longer, especially after the momentum gained by the dramatic landslide victory of Proposition 13 in California. (L-7 L)

Sincerely,  
Marti and Mark Kauffman  
Medford

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# willmotts and why-nots

David J. Willmott, Editor

## Klein must resign

Traditionally in business, when the Chief Executive officer of a corporation fouls up, he has the good sense and decency to resign.

John Klein, Chief Executive officer of Suffolk County, has blundered badly, but like Richard Nixon, he does not seem to have the good sense to get out when the getting is good. The revelations over the past few weeks about Klein and his aides' actions are intolerable and must be drawing even his most avid supporters to the conclusion he should resign.

It was revealed that Klein was given a report by a subordinate who was entrusted with checking on the quality of materials used in the Southwest Sewer District. This report indicated cement being poured was of an inferior and cheaper quality than the contract called for.

In addition, the inspector ordered a halt to the pouring of concrete in January because the temperature had fallen below the minimum acceptable level to meet standards. The inspector's work stoppage order was ignored and the concrete was poured.

When Klein was given this information and requested to take appropriate action by suspending the contractor, Klein ignored this dangerous situation and allowed the contractor to go on.

It was further revealed Klein's office had allowed a contract to be signed with wording which gives away the county's protection and right to redress.

Klein, himself, is a lawyer. As a lawyer and Chief Executive for the people of Suffolk County, he should know he must read every word of every contract.

When he signs his name on it, he obligates the people of Suffolk County to the contents of this contract. Klein either failed to read the contract, is unable to interpret English, or chose to ignore this glaring, costly mistake.

Also, Klein allowed the purchase of \$55,000 worth of laboratory equipment without bid. The law specifically states that purchases over \$1500 must be submitted for bid.

To further complicate this situation, Klein blamed the purchases of this equipment on subordinates and even had the audacity to say he had reprimanded these individuals, who were involved.

Only after he was confronted with facts that he could not deny did he own up to having authorized these purchases himself. He then attempted to weasel out of it by making an apology to the people he had wrongfully blamed.

This does not change the situation. Klein had acted contrary to the law and had spent \$55,000 of our money improperly. Assemblyman William Bianchi this week charged Klein is deliberately attempting to bankrupt the Southwest Sewer District.

If the Southwest Sewer District goes into default, all residents of Suffolk County will be forced to pick up this obligation. Klein had forced through the legislature a year ago a resolution packing the full faith and credit of the residents of Suffolk County behind the Southwest Sewer District bond issues.

Klein has made such an incredible mess of county finances he now is attempting to shove down your throat a 14 per cent increase in sales taxes to bail himself out. Suffolk County residents are paying the highest sales taxes in the State of New York outside of the City of New York.

We are paying the highest real estate taxes of almost any county in the nation. We are paying these taxes to finance Klein's inability to be a rational, intelligent and scrupulous manager.

Klein has used the County Executive's office as his private domain, almost a dictatorship. He has used it to build up his image nationally. Like every politician, he has an ego that can only be satisfied by his being called President. Klein has failed miserably as county executive. For his sake and for the sake of the people, the residents of Suffolk County, he must resign from this title and return to private life. And why not?

# Suffolk public initiative passes

Suffolk County residents' right to petition the County Legislature for referendum has passed in the New York State Legislature, Thursday night. For the passage of this law to become final it only needs to be signed by the Governor.

When the Governor signs this measure into law, Suffolk County residents will be able to enact laws on their own.

If you want a law to be considered, you will only have to gather 250 names on a petition asking the law to be brought before the legislature for vote. If the legislature fails to vote or to affirm the action desired by county residents, within 60 days, residents can circulate petitions and force a vote if they can get signatures from 10 per cent of the county's voters in the last gubernatorial election.

This will give Suffolk County residents the right to enact legislation such as California's Proposition 13. This is a grand day for the residents of Suffolk County.

We are putting back our voice into government. It is inconceivable the Governor could possibly veto this legislation. It would most assuredly cause his defeat here in Suffolk, as he would be saying to the people, politicians know better than you do.

To insure the passage, we encourage you to clip the coupon following this editorial and send it off

immediately. Send to: Governor Hugh Carey, Capital Building, Albany, New York, 12248. A special thanks should go to Assemblyman William Bianchi, 3rd A.D. and Senator Caesar Trunzo of the 3rd Senatorial District. Both of these men, a Democrat and a Republican, introduced the bills in their respective houses and have used their experience and influence to guide them to passage.

Both men are up for re-election and with this victory have an enormously strong platform to campaign on.

It's imperative that the Governor recognize the public's support of the passage of this measure.

Send off your petition today. And why not?

**Dear Governor Carey:**  
I want you to sign Senate Bill S-9875 granting initiative to Suffolk County immediately. This bill gives me the right to partake and determine the type and scope of government in the County of Suffolk. I want and am willing to pay for.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET: \_\_\_\_\_  
TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_

## 7,081 sign petition

Suffolk Life's petition drive to get the county legislature to hold a vote to determine whether local residents should be governed by a legislature or a weighted board of supervisors has gotten 7,081 signatures as of June 26.

The signatures keep coming in at the rate of 150 to 200 a day.

We urge Suffolk residents who don't want to leave the decisions about how they are to be governed to politicians to send in their ballot today. Unless the show of support is strong enough, the county legislators will bury the idea so they can keep a hold on their jobs.

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## Readers' Opinion

### 'What's happening to wonderful Patchogue?'

Dear Mr. Willmott,

I respect your opinion very much, and therefore would like to give you mine.

I don't know what has happened to the wonderful town of Patchogue that used to care about its people. People have lived here 20, 40, and 60 years. Why weren't they asked if they wanted the tier parking lot? Why weren't they asked if they wanted to walk 1/2 mile to go to the library perhaps on their lunch hour? Mr. Waldbauer and Mr. Gutte are worried about business and they have reason to be. I for one, will think twice before I go to town on a hot, humid day and hunt for a

parking space. Also, what about the laundermat? Can you imagine lugging your laundry for several blocks?

Perhaps if the public was asked, maybe Mayor Reese and others would have found out that the people of this lovely town would prefer a nice park, centrally located, to sit, relax and eat their lunch instead of additional parking. But we weren't asked and in my opinion it is just another waste of government money. **OUR MONEY!** When is it all going to stop? L-4K  
**J. Blakeslee  
Patchogue**

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