

## Last Chance to Deliver

New York Senators who represent Suffolk residents, Senators Kenneth LaValle, James Lack and Caesar Trunzo, have but a short time left to deliver for their constituents, or face the voters in November as failures.

These men, elected to serve as our representatives, are part of the Republican majority in the Senate, a status which should give them the political power to push legislation to help their constituents here. But the Senate is controlled by Majority Leader Warren Anderson who has persistently aided and abetted the Long Island Lighting Company in their rape of the consumers. Rather than fight Anderson, our senators have in far too many instances gone alone to get along.

Efforts to pass a clarification of the "used and useful" principle of public service law that would protect the ratepayers from paying for needless and useless projects, such as Shoreham, have been bottled up in the Senate by Anderson. The Senate has been a dead end for a proposal that would reorganize the State Public Service Commission to force it to protect the consumers from abuse by utilities. The PSC currently bends over backwards to placate the utilities, at the expense of the ratepayers.

There are a host of other energy bills that have been stymied in the Senate, stalled by a leader with an agenda of his own, and by our local Senators who have been less than willing to do battle with Anderson to benefit their constituents. If these men were part of the minority, we could understand their ineffectiveness. But, in fact, they are all senior veteran members of the Senate, in the majority, with little excuse for their dismal track record of ac-

complishment.

The Governor has proposed, and the Assembly has passed, bills that would have gone a long way toward benefiting ratepayers here on Long Island. But the Senate has refused to even debate these issues. Anderson has been able to keep our senators under control not because he is so strong, but because they are so weak. They have shown little fighting spirit. They are satisfied with a crumb now and then while Anderson walks off with the whole loaf.

It is expected that the New York State Legislature will wrap up their agenda by the Fourth of July. If the Legislature leaves Albany without passing a statewide used and useful bill, a reorganization of the P.S.C., and enabling legislation for the creation of a Long Island Power Authority, Suffolk's residents will be the losers.

If our senators are powerless to do battle with Anderson, there may well be another solution. Since most of the beneficial actions are coming from the Democratically controlled Assembly, and being stalled by Anderson in the Senate, a solution would be the election of Democratic Senators. The balance of power between the Democrats and Republicans in the Senate is slim. Some Democratic wins in Suffolk could be the difference in power, which is one way of dealing with Anderson. If the Democrats controlled the Senate, Anderson would lose his power. If our Republican Senators can't persuade him of our needs, and they have precious little time left to do it, it might be time for the voters to kick him out of power by putting Democrats where the Republicans now sit.

And why not?

We believe there is a common sense and immediate approach to the housing crisis here in Suffolk County. It's called two family housing, not a new solution, but one that is not, unfortunately, utilized as it should be.

There are many large homes located throughout county neighborhoods that are larger than the changing needs of many residents. Some of these homes contain three and four bedrooms, family rooms, dens, and up to four baths. Some were built to accommodate three and four children who have now moved on. But the large home is still being occupied by the parents, many of whom are now on a fixed income. Why not allow these homes to be converted into owner-occupied two-family homes?

Occupied by their current owners, or sold to young marrieds starting out, these homes would alleviate the housing shortage a great deal, and help lower the cost of available housing here in Suffolk County.

Many of our older folks love their homes and do not want to give them up. The cost of taxes and of maintaining these residences drives many older people to sell their homes. Young couples can't afford to buy many of these houses because of today's inflated prices. Their income is not enough to cover all the expenses. If homeowners were legally able, with a minimum of red tape, to convert their homes into two-family units, the revenue produced by the

rented unit would be sufficient for older residents to remain in their homestead, or the young couple to buy the home of their dreams.

A couple of western towns experimented with legalized two-family houses. In Babylon the project was a dismal flop as residents refused to register their homes as two-family houses for fear of having their taxes raised substantially.

In Islip, the towns gave homeowners an opportunity to vote on whether they wanted two-family housing in their neighborhoods. In areas where the vote was affirmative, two family housing was permitted. In areas where the result was negative, they were not. Whether there are to laws allow two-family housing or not, two-family housing has become a way of life on Long Island. It has been estimated that as high as 20 to 25 percent of the homes in the western portion of the Island today are operating as illegal two-family homes. Why not make it legal for an owner to rent out a portion of his house to others? If this became possible, it would open up all kinds of new avenues for housing opportunities for the young and the old.

We would like to see each town board realistically discuss this need. Develop laws for the legalization of realistic two-family homes, and offer voters an opportunity to decide the issue as they did in Islip. And why not?

## Let the People Vote

Should the residents of Suffolk County have an opportunity to decide whether the current County Legislature is a workable form of government that deserves to remain in existence, or should the Legislature be abolished and replaced by the creation of a Board of Supervisors to decide county business?

That question has been bantered about in the county for a great number of years. Efforts have been made to place the question on the ballot for voters to decide, but the vehicle to put it on the ballot, Initiative and Referendum, was deliberately made so complicated that it simply cannot work in its present form. Thus the only means of putting the question on the ballot is through action by the Legislature itself. And that's where the matter stalls.

Time and time again, legislators have been successful in stalling this issue, preventing the question from being placed on the ballot, effectively denying the voter a say in the matter.

The legislators are involved in a prime conflict of interest because they are protecting their own hides, and nothing more.

The question is stalled in a Legislative Committee at the present time. A resolution by Legislator

Patrick Mahoney of West Islip is bottled up in the Legislative and Personnel Committee by a knotted three to three vote.

During the last meeting of the Legislature, an attempt was made to take the resolution out of order (remove it from committee) so the full Legislature could vote on the proposal. That attempt was unsuccessful, however, for the lack of one vote. Only nine legislators voted in favor, the rest, except Lou Howard who was absent, voted to keep it bottled up in committee, destined to go nowhere.

We applaud the nine who voted to give the people a voice in the matter. They are: Legislators Patrick Mahoney, Gregory Glass, Edward Romaine, Rose Caracappa, Michael D'Andre, Joseph Rizzo, Tony Bullcock, Michael O'Donohue and Gregory Blass.

The eight who chose to protect their jobs by keeping the resolution bottled up are: Steve Englebright, Donald Blybenburgh, Steve Levy, Phil Nolan, Sandra Bachety, Wayne Prospect, Jane Devine and John Foley.

Two of the eight voted "no" even though they said they would say "yes" while they were running for

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# Willmotts and Why-Nots

David J. Willmott, Editor

## Let the People...

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office. Those who promised to give the voters a voice, but then voted to deny them that right, are John Foley and Donald Blydenburgh. Of the two, Blydenburgh's switch is the most interesting since he was only recently elected in a special election. It certainly did not take him long to break his political promise. Had he lived up to his pre-election word, he would have been the tenth vote, and the voters would have the right to vote on the issue. Steve Levy failed to answer that question on the Suffolk Life questionnaire. He ducked the issue then, and is ducking the issue now.

The Mahoney resolution proposes placing the following proposition on the ballot: "Shall Resolution No.000, 1986, adopting a Charter Law to replace the current County Legislature with a weighted Board of Supervisors, be approved?"

That's a legitimate question that deserves an answer, once and for all. Placing that proposition on the ballot would not abolish the Legislature

unless the public so decided. Those who favor the current system would have ample opportunity to state their case.

The debate between the pros and cons would be healthy. The issue would be put to rest, one way or the other, at long last.

Let's clear the air here once and for all: The legislators are not voting on the matter of the future of the legislature by putting the proposition on the ballot. The question before them now is this: "Should the voters have a voice in the form of government that handles the taxpayers' business? Should we trust the voters to make the right decision?"

Those who vote to keep the proposition off the ballot have answered those questions with a resounding "NO." They have put their own political futures before the public's right to speak. They're wrong! Dead wrong! And the public should let them know it!

And why not?

## Letters to the Editor

### 'No need to panic?'

Dear Sir:

Just suppose, for one idiotic moment, that the world's biggest atomic disaster at Chernobyl in Russia had occurred here at Shoreham!

No need to panic! LILCO's very own evacuation plan would take care of all of us - the dead, the horribly injured, the badly burned, those suffering from radiation sickness, the dying and those of us fortunate enough to "appear" to be healthy.

LILCO would whisk us all off to a safe place like North Carolina or Ohio - or do these states have atomic generating stations too??

But no need to worry! Some of our clever atomic scientists loudly tell us it could never happen here, just like they would tell us it could never happen at Chernobyl in Russia, and could never happen at the atomic generating station in northwest England that blew up, and could never happen at Three Mile Island, and the Shuttle could never blow up!

So, sleep well, fellow residents of Suffolk, Nassau and New York City, safe in the knowledge it can't happen here at Shoreham. And even if those scientists are wrong and it did

happen here, LILCO is ready!!

Warning note to our fellow residents in Connecticut and Rhode Island, who are just a few short miles upwind across Long Island Sound from Shoreham. LILCO's evacuation plan does not include you, so if there were a nuclear disaster at Shoreham and the prevailing southwest wind carried a lethal cloud of radioactive smoke, dust and fallout to your shores, you will have to fend for yourselves! Sorry about that, but after all, LILCO can't be expected to take care of you all, too! Warning note to our nearby New York City Residents:

If the wind veered to the East at 20 miles an hour, as it sometimes does, that lethal cloud of radioactive smoke, dust and fallout would reach New York City in just 4 hours!!

No need to worry too much - LILCO would evacuate all 7 million of you to some safe place like Nebraska - but not until all LILCO's customers in Nassau County had been evacuated first, which might take more than 4 hours! Sorry about that, too!

Thomas A. Moore  
Southampton

### 'It can happen-it did'

Dear Sirs:

We have been reading recently of the tragic results of a nuclear accident in Russia. I am sure that the Russians, like those in favor of opening Shoreham, felt that such an accident like this could never happen. I am sure that we will be told that this could never happen in the U.S.

I hope that this unfortunate accident in Russia will give a tremendous impetus in the drive to prevent the opening of Shoreham. I urge everyone who is opposed to the opening of Shoreham to contact the various groups

opposed to Shoreham and find out how they can help. These groups, like the Shoreham Opponents Coalition, can be found in the telephone books.

John Behan, our N.Y. State Assemblyman from Montauk, N.Y., is opposing Rep. Carney in seeking the Republican nomination for the congressional election this fall. John has always been opposed to Shoreham. To learn how you can help, call his office in Montauk.

Yours truly,  
Thomas Graves  
Shirely

### 'Circumstances made clear'

Gentlemen:

A recent letter written by Lawerence Kennedy suggests that I am employed by the Town of Islip, and for that reason, I had expressed a negative view on Jim Morgo's recent appointment to a position he is obviously not qualified to hold.

Unfortunately, Mr. Kennedy never bothered to research the matter, for if he had, he would have discovered that I have lived and worked in the community of Sayville for nearly a decade and I have never been employed by the Town of Islip in any capacity.

However, the fact still remains that Jim Morgo who today holds a newly created \$52,000 a year position of Assistant Deputy County Executive for Housing has not one stick of experience in this field. I believe that the circumstances surrounding Mr. Morgo's appointment to this position should be in-

vestigated. I don't say this because I am a Democrat, Republican, Conservative or Liberal. I say this because it is my personal belief that the integrity of our entire political system, the very fabric of government, rests upon the answers we receive to some very interesting questions.

I believe Mr. Morgo owes it to those who may have voted for him in the past to explain the circumstances surrounding his appointment. I also believe that Mr. Kennedy owes me an apology. The final twist to this letter has been verified. Mr. Kennedy's son was employed by Suffolk County as a Legislative Aide working for James Morgo during the periods that he held office.

So, as Mr. Kennedy claims, silliness and political paranoia continue to reign.

Sincerely,  
Peter J. Browne  
Sayville

### 'Counseling offered at center'

Dear Friends of the Ministries:

The Ministries, a counseling program located in Coram, provides drug counseling, treatment and prevention services to youth and adults.

The counseling is provided by trained professionals and is confidential. There is a fee for

this service, on a sliding scale basis.

If you, or someone you know, has a drug related problem, why not call us at 736-3314. Evening hours are available.

Sincerely,  
Linda Schmitt  
Secretary for the Drug Program

### 'Shirley marina needed now'

The boom in housing and the development of private marinas into condominiums has caused the erosion of Shirley and the Mastics' shoreline boating facilities.

The annual increase in the number of boating registrations, the red tape and the length of time it takes to receive a bulkhead permit is also causing a scarcity of boating facilities.

As a resident for 15 years, living adjacent to Suffolk County's Shirley Marina, I can no longer stay silent and watch this county owned marina deteriorate. The need for its development is essential to the development of the Shirley and Mastics' shoreline.

The time has come for work to be done, not talk and rhetoric as in the past.

I have seen plans, first formulated ten years ago by South Shirley Civic Association, and later by Suffolk County Parks Commissioner John Chester, and then by Suffolk County Legislator John Rosso, all to no avail.

The Shirley marina can easily be developed

as a joint venture between private industry and Suffolk County with input from the local community. The county would lease the marina to private industry to build a restaurant, gift shop, bait and tackle shop, install gasoline pumps, and build a facility for indoor storage of boats on the west side of the marina.

The expense to the county would be minimal to develop this marina. The county would only have to repair the marina's existing bulkhead, provide a trailer boat ramp, and a fenced in park for local usage on the east side of the marina. The monies received by the county from leasing fees would make the marina self sufficient.

As the area grows in population and the boating facilities erode, the cry for development of the Shirley marina will increase.

So, let's get started, Suffolk County, on the Shirley marina development now.

Yours truly,  
Pat Peluso  
Shirley

### 'Parking should be protected'

Dear Supervisor Acampora and Members of the Town Board:

Cedar Beach has three private establishments on the west end of a public recreational area. Parking for these should be on the leased or licensed properties. Most of the year, this really presents no problem. Few people compete for beach space in late fall, winter and early spring. During the latter part of spring and early fall, there is still little problem since boaters, fishermen and "day dreamers" are able to share the parking.

It is the warm and hot days of late June, July, and August which present the problem. Everyone wants to escape to the beach. Parking is

at a premium. Parking should be for town residents. Some residents of Brookhaven Town feel that people from "out of town" say they are going to "the yacht club," "the fishing station" or now "the boat yard" but actually will park elsewhere. Residents, meanwhile, are turned away.

Will this problem increase as the commerce develops on the beach? What can the Town do to protect the recreational rights and privileges of the citizens of Brookhaven Town?

Sincerely,  
Fred Drewes  
Spokesperson  
Mt. Sinai

### 'Bus transportation needed'

Dear Sir:

May I bring to your attention the plight of just one of the many daily riders of the #61 bus between Port Jefferson and Patchogue?

There's every indication that the said bus service will be discontinued as of the end of April. I am devastated to learn this as I am a handicapped, senior citizen (fortunately able to get around) and dependent of the #61 as my only means of transportation, such as appointments with dentist and doctor as well as my lifeline to the Patchogue-Medford Library.

There is great dissatisfaction amongst the riders, but it seems there is very little we can do

about this situation. For me, as well as others, there is no other means of transportation available.

I would be very grateful if you might be able to intercede on my behalf as well as all my fellow riders that use Bus #61.

Route 112 has become so important with all sorts of health and work services. Please, may I rely upon you to help resolve this dilemma.

Thank you,  
Sincerely,  
Helen Wagner  
Medford

## Public Power 20% Cheaper

Smith Barney spoke. According to the financial analysis the firm has done, a public take-over by a Long Island Power Authority would reduce the cost of power to consumers by almost 20% during the next 20 years.

The \$200,000 study conducted by Smith Barney was an independent attempt by a respected bond house to determine not only the feasibility but the economics of the public taking over the mismanaged Long Island Lighting Company.

The scenario that was outlined by Smith Barney included paying \$3.2 billion for the Shoreham Nuclear Power Plant, but closing it. The savings to the consumers would come from lower interest obtained by a public authority over that of the profit-making Long Island Lighting Company, and the savings and taxes paid on earnings by the profit-making corporation. The profits built into the rate base for the stockholders would be eliminated, and the new Public Power Authority would pass these savings on to the consumers.

Although not mentioned, the most important aspect of the public take over of the Long Island Lighting Company would be the control the public would gain by electing directors to run the authority. It is the intention of those who have supported this idea and the legislation proposed in both the Assembly and the Senate by Assemblyman Paul Harenberg and Senator Kenneth LaValle, that the directors of the Long Island Power Authority, 15 in total, would be elected by the citizens. An attempt has been made to keep the selection of these representatives on the Power Authority out of politics by having the election not coincide with the general election.

It was a feeling of many that having these directors, who would serve a single term, elected after the

general election would further enhance the non-political aspect of this election. Most of the political parties are broke after general elections, and would not be up to waging full scale political campaigns because of their expenses. If directors serve a single term, they would not be beholden to political parties for re-election.

Candidates who are qualified would be elected on their merits by the general public.

There will be two other reports coming out that we hold little hope will be favorable to the Long Island Power concept. One is a report ordered by Nassau County Executive Francis Purcell, who has been LILCO's most consistent friend and cheerleader. His group's report from the beginning was supposed to have a predetermined conclusion, and we expect little else from it.

The Governor appointed a panel to look into this question. Most of the members on the panel have either had, or still have, a relationship with LILCO and other utilities. They have been involved in the financing of LILCO's dreams and the nuclear development for other utilities in the United States. This panel has met basically in secrecy. The meetings are closed to the press and the public. They have not held public hearings or invited public input. We almost would be willing to bet the company store on the outcome of this panel's report because of the predisposition of membership.

The curious aspect of this Commission is that it was empaneled by Governor Mario Cuomo, who has spoken out publically in opposition to Shoreham and the nuclear power in general. There were strong indications that his administration had an open mind to the public power concept. In fact, the group here on Long Island, The Citizens to Replace LILCO, received early support and encouragement from the Cuomo ad-

ministration and officials. For Cuomo to appoint such a stacked deck would be indicative he wanted a report favorable to the continuation of the Long Island Lighting Company's private ownership of the corporation.

It's time for the citizens of Long Island to start questioning Cuomo, his intentions and his commitment. We have been played as pawns by the politicians for the financial enrich-

ment of the banks and financial institutions too long. It takes megabucks to run for President and financial institutions, whether they be banks, insurance companies or Wall Street brokerage firms, have never been shy in trying to buy themselves a President.

We hope the "For Sale" sign that Cuomo is putting up is not the people of Long Island.

And why not?

## Nothing in Life is Guaranteed

Gregory Blass, presiding officer of the Suffolk County Legislature, was nominated last week to run for Congress of the United States from the First Congressional District. Blass secured the nomination as the result of a deal made with Michael Blake, the county Republican leader, and Walter Hazlitt, head of the Brookhaven GOP organization. The speculation is strong that the deal was struck to rid the county GOP of Blass and his maverick actions which have long disturbed the GOP leaders.

Another announced candidate, Assemblyman John Behan, whose name was also placed into contention at the GOP convention, lost the nomination, but won the respect and admiration of virtually everyone in the room. Behan withdrew his name from contention in an emotional speech in which he chided the Republicans that the congressional seat is one "which we ought to be placing our best candidates." He added: "Congress is not a place we should dump people into, moving them out or moving them up. We're not filling a seat on the Long Island Rail Road." He then withdrew his name, declaring he would not run a primary, that it was more important to defeat the Democrats.

Behan had a burning desire to become a congressman. But for Behan to make the primary run, he would have had to give up what many consider is a safe run for reelection to the Assembly. Blass, on the other hand, would not have to sacrifice his present position.

Behan almost went to Washington once before, as head of the Veterans Administration. A Vietnam veteran who lost both of his legs as a result of wounds suffered in Vietnam, he was considered a sure bet for the position. In fact, President Reagan's daughter, Maureen, made the announcement to 2,000 cheering Republicans at a Lincoln's Birthday dinner here in Suffolk.

It wasn't to be, however. Political skulduggery took its toll, and another deal was worked out in the back rooms, or to be more accurate, in the President's plane high over the Dakotas, that denied Behan this opportunity. He would have been a winner in the role. He has become a living inspiration to other veterans and handicapped persons for the way he has overcome his handicap.

Election to Congress represents the realization of a dream for Blass. How he gets there may not be important to him, but it should be to the public. Blake considered Blass a royal pain for his role as a maverick. As an independent presiding officer, Blass could stymie and dissipate what little control Blake has on the county level. The deal which gave Blass the nomination is a little too sweet for our sensitive stomach, for we end up losing an effective independent voice on the county legislature and get a candidate who may not be the best candidate the Republicans had for Congress.

The rank and file Republicans were the real losers at the Republican convention. Not only because a good man was the victim of a political deal, but because a majority of the Republican committeemen allowed themselves to become little more than sheep, doing the bidding of their leaders, rather than truly representing the people who elected them to committee positions. They didn't have the courage to stand up and be counted.

We don't think Behan realizes the depth of support he had going for him amongst the general population. If we were betting men, we would bet on Behan rousing the rank and file and being victorious in a September primary. An easy fight, a guaranteed win? No. But a victory that could have been and, quite possibly, is still within reach. Very importantly, a decision made by the people rather than the political leaders.

And why not?

## Rohl is Right

Judge Kenneth Rohl recently sentenced a convicted drug pusher to observe an autopsy on a person who died because of drug addiction. The county coroner has refused to carry out the sentence, however, maintaining it would represent a form of torture, because an autopsy is too gruesome and would represent cruel and unusual punishment. He cited,

too, the matter of privacy of both the victim and the victim's family.

Judge Rohl, in determining this sentence, said he wanted to send a message that drug purveyors would understand. Let them see first hand the damage they do to the innocent they suck into the clutches of drugs.

We think Rohl is right. Years ago,

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## The Time To Act

The Suffolk County Legislature has scheduled a public hearing on June 23 to discuss the ramifications of the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl and the implications of that accident and the emergency evacuation needs for the Shoreham nuclear power facility. We applaud the action for it gives the public an opportunity to have input into the matter, input that has been denied by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Federal Emergency Management Agency concerning the February drill of the Long Island Lighting Company.

Chernobyl has proved that accidents can, indeed, happen; that the ten mile evacuation zone required by the NRC is not sufficient. An 18-mile area in the vicinity of the Chernobyl plant was impacted by that accident, and areas far beyond were also found to have had high readings of radioactivity. While federal agencies seem content to ignore the realities of Chernobyl, the local area cannot afford to do so, in order to prevent the suffering of Chernobyl to impact the people here.

Another example of taking a stand now, before a Shoreham mishap sadly proves that the proposed ten mile evacuation zone is woefully lacking, came from the Rocky Point Board of Education, with the passage of a resolution which points out the impossibility of evacuation and calls for an end to the Shoreham licensing procedure.

That resolution points out the Rocky Point Board of Education is cognizant of its responsibilities relative to the health and safety of students and school personnel. It notes that the Shoreham evacuation plan developed by LILCO "makes unwarranted assumptions about the willingness and capability of Rocky Point school personnel to undertake emergency actions in the event of a Shoreham radiological emergency." The resolution notes that a board survey reveals the board "cannot assure adequate participation and

supervision from school personnel and bus drivers, and on the basis of the limited transportation and other resources available to Rocky Point, it is clear that Rocky Point school personnel could not and would not implement early dismissal, evacuation, sheltering or other protective actions" in the event of a Shoreham accident.

The resolution notes "the Rocky Point School District is informed that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Licensing Board concluded that Rocky Point School preparedness is adequate for a Shoreham radiological emergency evacuation," and that FEMA "appears to have ignored the fact Rocky Point School District has adopted no plan and performed no training" for a Shoreham disaster.

The Rocky Point Board of Education is to be congratulated for considering the problem and taking action. But what about all of the other school districts who would be faced with evacuation problems? Is their silence an indication that they have plans in place? Can they assure the safety of the students they are responsible for? Are they prepared? Can they be? If not, what are they doing about it? Will they simply sit on their hands until the sirens go off and then run around in circles, unprepared to ensure the protection of their students?

The boards of education which have shied away from dealing with the possibility of a required evacuation from a nuclear accident have one of two choices: They can stand up and be counted now, or pay the price later. Unfortunately, the largest price will be paid by the students who will suffer the consequences of an unprepared school district.

In our view there is only one responsible answer: The boards of education must deal with the issue now, determine the shortcomings of a safe evacuation, and speak up loud and clear to ensure the safety of their students. Since federal agencies, and

LILCO, are gambling with the future safety of our children, it is up to the school boards to deal with the mat-

ter, and to the parents to see to it that this is done.

And why not?

## We're Mighty Proud

Suffolk Life each week is a product of a dedicated staff from the beginning of the publishing process until the time it reaches your home. We are mighty proud of the dedicated and professional members of our staff who work hard and long hours to produce this newspaper each and every week.

We are especially proud this week of the accomplishments of two members of our editorial staff, Doreen Ercolano and Dan Aug, who earned honors from the Press Club of Long Island at their sixth annual Awards Dinner last Thursday evening. This pleases us most because the honor comes from their peers in the field of journalism who have recognized in both Doreen and Dan the dedication and talents we see every week.

Doreen was the recipient of the coveted James Murphy Memorial Cub Reporter of the Year award which honors the outstanding young journalist with less than a year's experience in the field. At the time she was nominated, Doreen had been a reporter for but nine months. But in that short period of time she earned the plaudits of everyone who came into contact with her. An extremely talented writer, Doreen has been able to make dull stories interesting, and sensitive stories heartfelt. We're mighty proud of this young journalist, and applaud the recognition she has earned.

Dan Aug, a member of our staff for just over a year, has made his presence felt in the coverage of county, Brookhaven Town activities, environmental issues, and a variety of other topics. Dan is also a very talented writer, able to present the complexities of the stories he covers in an interesting, readable fashion. Dan was a finalist in two categories--Best Environmental Reporting for a weekly newspaper and Best Non-Deadline Reporting in the

weekly field. He received Certificates of Achievement for that accomplishment. We're proud of his achievement.

We're proud, too, of the efforts of our entire editorial team. That includes our copy editors Don Meyers and Don Moog, a recent edition to our staff, but certainly not to community journalism. Don was editor of the Long Island Advance in Patchogue for 40 years; important members of our reporting staff Joey MacLellan and Jeff Sievers. Sievers was recipient of the James Murphy Memorial award in 1981. Also our special columnists and writers who help enhance our coverage of important topics and behind-the-scenes looks at governing bodies, including Karl Grossman, Chuck Adams, who provides sports coverage for our east end editions, Alan Chartock, who offers an insight to happenings in Albany. Also: photographer Kevin Kennedy whose expert efforts enhance our photographic coverage; Maureen McEnroe, who efficiently handles our dark room activities, photo assignments and photo captions; Edith Figueroa, who handles our organizational calendar, Maddie Cyriacks, who nimbly and accurately transfers press releases to finished copy via our computers, and Trudy Ash, news proofreader who catches as many of our typos as is possible. They are part of a news team effort to produce a concerned, informative newspaper that strives each week to keep our growing family of readers informed about the important issues that touch their lives.

We're mighty proud of our entire Suffolk Life family, and when something special happens to any one of them, we pop a few extra buttons because of our increased pride.

And why not?

## Capping Our Government

If County Executive Peter Cohalan signs a bill approved by the legislature, the voters this November will have an opportunity to put a cap on the county budget.

The legislature passed a bill, by a vote of 16 to 1, that would place on the ballot a budget cap referendum. If approved, the cap would limit the growth of the county budget to four per cent, or the inflation rate. For this cap to be removed, approval by a two-thirds majority of the legislature would be needed. This is a safety valve that protects against an extreme, unusual occurrence forcing the budget out of wack.

Suffolk County's budget has grown at an unprecedented rate, way over inflation, during the last two decades. The county executive prepares a proposed budget and submits it to the legislature. The legislature, made up of 18 vested interests, regularly adds on goodies wanted by special interest groups. When the

legislature finishes with the budget, the county executive must either approve the budget as a whole or reject it. He does not have line by line veto powers. The result has been increased spending by the county for dubious purposes cloaked as needs, wants or desired projects, many of which have benefited a limited few.

All of us must live within our budgets in our daily lives. We live within our income. No matter how much we may want something, if we can't afford it, we don't buy it, for we must pay the bills. There is no reason why the county government or any other form of government should not have to live within the same restraints.

A mandated cap would place these restraints on the free spending, free-wheeling officials that we elect to office. For you to be given an opportunity to even approve or disapprove this measure, County Ex-

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## Capping Our Govt...

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Executive Cohalan must sign the legislative initiative. Don't count on Cohalan's signing the proposal, however. Cohalan is famous for reading the wind and doing what is politically expedient. If you contact him and demand the right to vote on this cap, he might be influenced to vote for the people. If not, being the political animal he is, he might just vote against it so that he can protect his

own turf to fund his political future.

There is room below this editorial for you to sign. Why not affix your signature to the editorial and send it to his office, he will get the message.

And why not? Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: County Executive Cohalan, County Center, Riverhead, New York 11901.

## Compensating Jurors

A few days ago a vendor we do business with, a commissioned salesman, was lamenting to us about serving as a juror. He had been called for jury duty and was forced to go through days of waiting only to be dismissed as unqualified. He felt he was lucky, for if he had been chosen for the case that he had been assigned to, it was projected that he would have been impaneled for a period of four weeks.

The salesman said, "I could never have afforded the loss of income. I am a good citizen, I believe in the jury trial system of justice, but how could I have been fair and impartial knowing that I was losing at least \$1,000 per week by doing my duty. I would have been angry at somebody and probably have taken it out on the wrong people." The wait alone, he calculated, cost him between \$1,500 and \$2,000 as this is his busiest time of the year.

He said many other people from business felt the same way and pulled every stunt they knew to be excused. He noted that most jurors end up being civil servants who are paid for jury duty by the government, retired people, and housewives who no longer have small children at home. He asked an interesting question: "Would this be a jury of your peers?" Obviously the answer is "no" on all too many occasions.

The sum of \$8 a day hardly com-

pensates a person making \$700 or several thousand dollars a week. This is income needed to meet bills and maintain a standard of life that has been predetermined by the past earning power of the individual. Should private industry be mandated to compensate their employees for serving on a jury? Not hardly, as this would place an undue burden on a business that might be marginal to start with.

In the case of commissioned salesmen or hourly workers, lost time is lost money. The government, through our collective taxes, runs the judicial system. Would we not have a fairer and more equitable system of justice if the system itself compensated the jurors for their average earnings over the period of time they have incurred losses. If we are serious about having a jury of peers, this must be done.

We can no longer turn our backs on the loss of compensation a person must endure to perform a civic duty. The individual can endure the inconvenience but, in too many cases, cannot afford the loss of income. There are too many precalculated demands on this income.

Our legislature should address this serious problem and enact the laws that will enable the system to make up for the losses incurred by jurors for performing their civic duty.

And why not?

## Letters to the Editor

### "Open letter to Connetquot"

It is with deep pride that I acknowledge the mandate given me by Connetquot voters in our recent school district election. You have had the opportunity of registering your opinion in the privacy of the voting booth. The results are gratifying as well as encouraging.

Connetquot has earned and deserves the reputation of being a prestigious, innovated, exemplary school district. We are proud of our community, our students, and the willingness of our taxpayers to provide the necessary funding which will ensure the continuity of programs and activities so vital to our youth.

I wish to assure my constituents that I shall

continue to carry out by Board of Education responsibilities with no limiting campaign promises made to anyone. My decisions will be objective and in the best interest of not only all students, but the entire Connetquot community.

Thank you for your support, trust, confidence, and commitment to quality education. It will be my honor and privilege to continue serving you.

Sincerely,  
Betty L. Hennigan  
Oakdale



**ELECTRICAL SAFETY WEEK--Suffolk County Executive Peter F. Cohalan, center, recently joined with Consumer Affairs Commissioner Harry Withers, right, in proclaiming the week of June 15th Electrical Safety Week in Suffolk County. Joining Cohalan and Withers from left are: Theodore Kapela, Vice President, Suffolk County Electrical Contractors Association; Russel Calemno, President of the Association; and David Hervey, President of the National Electrical Contractors Association. (FULL 347-X)**

### "Use the opportunity to learn"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

I write this letter in hopes that the American people and the nuclear power/weapons industry take this opportunity to learn from the tragic Soviet reactor meltdown/fire which has just recently occurred. The total number of dead due to this accident will not be known for some years, (even if they had a free press) as many cancer related deaths will not show up for a number of years. Nuclear power is one big experiment and we are all guinea pigs in the hands of a Goliath \$150 billion dollar power/weapons industry.

Concerning our situation here on L.I., let me backtrack a little. LILCO purchased the Shoreham reactor after General Electric had discontinued its production. The reactor was obsolete when purchased. Many safety features required by the law had to be included into the design after construction had begun. One of the most glaring design flaws, the Mark II Containment System, led to the simultaneous resignation in protest of three highly placed nuclear engineers at General Electric. In testimony before the U.S. Senate, these engineers, Gregory Minor, Richard Hubbard, and Dale Bridenbaugh, described the alarming inadequacy of the reactor's containment system - the most basic safety feature of the reactor. The testimony of these three former G.E. nuclear engineers had demonstrated the inadequate containment system and an emergency core cooling system which has failed to operate properly in every simulated accident. In spite of the testimony, the Nuclear Reagan Regulatory Commission and F.E.M.A. has once again demonstrated that its primary concern is not the safety of American citizens but the protection of a utility's \$4.5 billion investment.

The three engineers, Minor, Hubbard, and Bridenbaugh, resigned from G.E.'s Nuclear Division after a combined total of forty years experience in the design, sale, manufacture, construction, and operation of nuclear power plants. They resigned, simultaneously, their management positions at G.E. as a matter of conscience after deciding that nuclear technology was a deadly threat to mankind. They testified at great length before the joint committee on Atomic Energy about the alarming limitations in design, testing, and safety of the G.E. reactors. (Their testimony can be found in the very informative book 'The Silent Bomb' by Peter Faulkner.)

With the type reactor used at Shoreham, it is possible that a steam explosion, or hydrogen gases generated by melting fuel combining explosively with oxygen would make a missile out of the head of the reactor vessel, breaching the containment and leading to a massive release of fission products. The area surrounding and downwind of the reactor would be hit by radioactive fallout identical to that released by the simultaneous explosion of many atomic bombs, leading to massive immediate deaths and the long term contamination of the N.Y., N.J. and Conn. Metropolitan area. Isn't it about time that we took back control of our U.S. Government and put this monster of a military-industrial complex, (which is gorging itself on the arms race) in its place?

The time to act is now as never before as the Auschwitz Concentration Camp depended upon a silent majority! Turn off the TV/videos for a while as their biggest job is to keep us logotomized and distracted from the life and death issues which face us all.

Frank J. Simonds  
Selden

### "Thanks to Helen Rosenblum"

Letter to the Editor:

Prior to reading the March 26th edition of Suffolk Life, I knew nothing of any letters or stories, concerning Helen Rosenblum and the animal shelter in Bridgehampton. I would like to say this about efforts regarding same. I answered an ad she had in Suffolk Life about adopting a dog. When I called, she was in her office in Riverhead, and after speaking with her for a few minutes, I knew I had a real dog lover on the phone. Having just lost a dog I had had for years, I was hesitant before taking on another one. Helen actually talked me into taking this dog on a trial basis. She had a friend, Stephanie Bucola, ride this to my house from Setauket at her expense. This girl brought the dog, some dog food, and a toy he had used. She asked me to keep him for a few

days, and if things did not work out, she would come and pick him up. Helen and Stephanie both called me to find out how things were and inquired of the dog's health. Ms. Rosenblum told me to take him for a check up, and when I did I was told the bill had been paid for. I don't think a better person could have been picked for the job Helen does. Thanks to both of these ladies for their caring and time consuming efforts. I have the perfect mutt. He is affectionate, very gentle with adults and babies alike. My son-in-law sarcastically, but in a nice way, called him Wonder Dog, not knowing he was absolutely right. Again, many thanks to Helen and Stephanie for "HOGAN".

Robert T. Walsh  
Hampton Bays

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