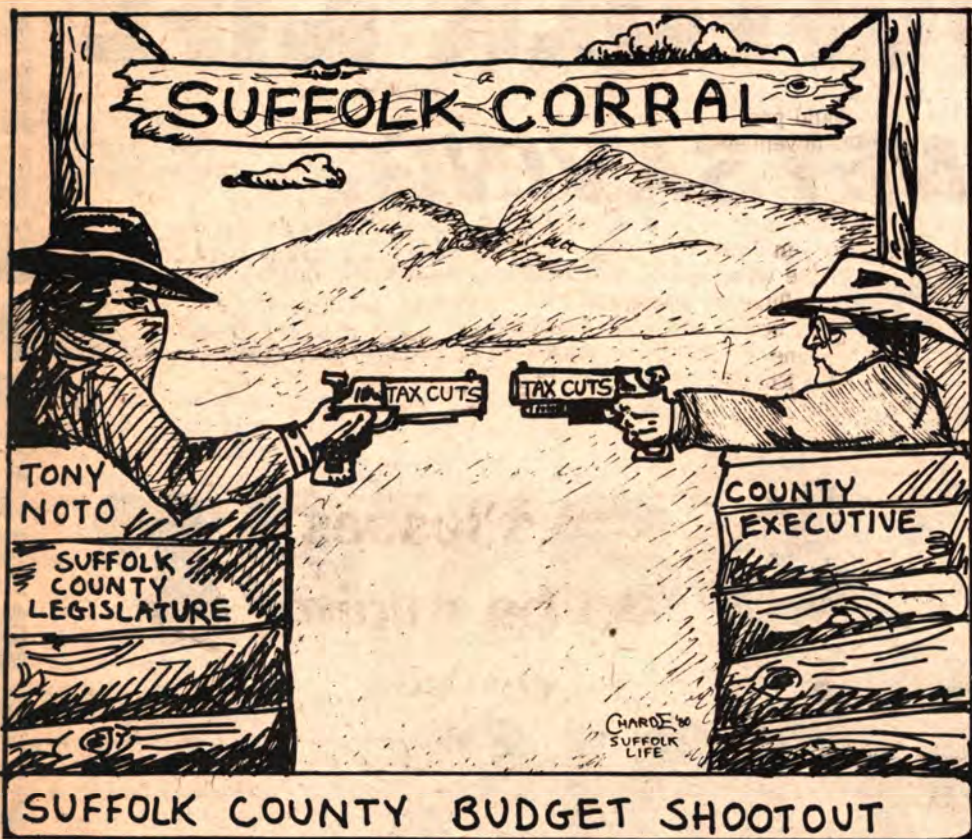


Willmotts and Why-Not's

David J. Willmott, Editor



Showdown at Suffolk Corral

County Executive Peter Cohalan has presented his first budget as the county's chief fiscal officer. True to our expectations, he offered a plan reducing actual county expenditures for the first time in the county's history.

Although the cut is nowhere near as large as we had hoped for, it is a reduction in the gross operating dollars. Cohalan has been able to accomplish this by taking out unfilled jobs that had remained on the books. This is a budget ploy used for years in Suffolk to inflate budgets. It gives the politicians maneuverability in making appointments that were in their political interest.

Cohalan also has eliminated a few positions in the County Health Department, which has swelled into a bureaucratic maze. It's very unpopular to cut the Health Department. Cries go up from the bleeding hearts that "you are being inhuman." One must put the Health Department in its proper perspective. That money doesn't come from Santa Claus. The department is funded by the hard-pressed working class which can't afford many of the services for themselves that the bleeding hearts

would give to those so-called less fortunates.

There are other areas the budget can still be cut. It is now up to Prince Charming, Tony Noto, and his white knights, the county legislators, to put their knives where their mouths have been all year.

Noto, leading the gang of three last year, promised the citizens of Suffolk County they could cut the size of county government by a third over three years, without affecting vital services. Cohalan has presented them with a well-thought-out budget as a base. It's time Noto gave us actions, not rhetoric. Prince Charming should live up to his promises to the taxpayers and eliminate from Cohalan's budget 11 percent of the fat he claimed was there as this year's proportionate cut.

We commend Cohalan for producing the first budget in the history of Suffolk County that went down in actual dollars. We hope Noto is a man of his word and reduces this budget without affecting the vital services he and his cronies have developed for the people of Suffolk County.

We do not expect, under any cir-

cumstances, the final budget approved by the Legislature and returned for the county executive's

signature, to be higher than presented.

And why not?

You Must Be Registered

As a citizen this year, you have a clear-cut choice of the type of government you wish on the federal level.

The Democrats are offering candidates whose political philosophies are liberal: Jimmy Carter for President, Liz Holtzman for Senate, and Congress, Tom Twomey, First District and Tom Downey, Second District. The Republicans on the opposite side of the pendulum offer for the first time in years candidates clearly identified as Conservative. Ronald Reagan for President, Al D'Amato for Senate, and Congress, Bill Carney, First District and Louis Modica, Second District.

More than just the election of a particular type of candidate is at stake. How this county is going to be run, how much it is going to cost, what services will be provided, and our military posture in the world will be determined by the voters this November.

Of equal importance will be the selection of future Supreme Court justices. It is probable the next President will name two, perhaps as many as four, new justices. Whether these men are of a Liberal or Conservative philosophy will be determined by the President's political beliefs.

We can easily understand why as many as 40 percent of the voters of the United States have in the past failed to cast a ballot. It was, tweedle dee or tweedle dum, what difference did it make who won? This year, the

Republicans have produced a slate of candidates and a platform reflecting the Conservative mainstream side of the Republican Party. The Democrats, likewise, have produced a slate of candidates reflecting their Liberal mainstream. You have a clear and unequivocal choice as to the way you want your country to go. Your vote will help determine whether you will be able to think, act and work for yourself, or whether the government will make all these decisions for you.

To be able to vote, you must be registered. If you have changed your address or have not voted in the last few elections, you must re-register. A special registration is offered at various sites on Oct. 10 and 11, the deadline. To be registered you do not have to indicate your choice of party. You must merely fill out a voter register form attesting to your age and address. To be eligible to vote, you must be at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States and a resident within the district for 30 days. The mail registration deadline is Oct. 6 and you have until Oct. 11 at local polling sites.

If you have any questions as to the location of your polling place, call the Board of Elections at 924-4300. Take part in your electoral process. It is a right for which men have died. Don't miss the opportunity by failing to register by Oct. 11. You may register at your local polling place or at the Board of Elections in Yaphank.

And why not?

He Who Pays Should Know

Through taxes, you pay for the settlements made between school boards, municipalities and their employees.

These settlements are the end result of negotiations between committees representing the elected officials and the employees. Although the public must fund the outcome of these negotiations, the public never knows what has been asked at the outset of negotiations.

Demands made by labor in these negotiations often border on the ridiculous. In a conversation we recently had with a group of elected officials, talk turned to current negotiations with the police department. They told of being presented with a list of 37 individual demands covering everything from pay increases to AM-FM stereo radios for the patrol cars to who was going to manage the work schedule.

A study of those demands shows the importance of holding negotiations under public scrutiny: the police department demanded tax-paid college educations for every member of the family, the officer's birthday as a paid legal holiday, a four-day paid period to grieve for anyone who dies that they consider a relative, and a new bill of rights that goes far beyond the bill of rights that protects the average citizen.

These are just a few of the items we feel could have automatically been eliminated if the police, as well as

town officials, had to make these demands known to the public from the beginning. The process we use in negotiating public employee salaries, fringes and working conditions, should be open from start to finish. The public is paying the bills. The public has a right to know what they are being committed to finance.

The cost of public employees, particularly in police and education, rapidly is reaching the point of no return. To keep up with the demands, although crime is rising, some towns are forced to cut back on the number of police.

Another factor must be taken into consideration by public employees and elected officials. The arbitrator should be required to consider the community's ability to fund the settlement. Where are the tax dollars coming from?

Today is the tomorrow we have all dreaded. The barrel has run dry. Those who can't afford increased taxes are being forced out of their homes, out of their communities and out of the state. Ironically, in labor negotiations the attitude once was if you can't afford to work for what we are paying, find yourself a better job. Here in New York, it is, if you can't afford to pay the taxes, to pay the salaries demanded, move!

Public awareness during negotiations will help the pendulum swing back to center.

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THE ADVENTURES OF NOTOMAN!



BEHIND EVERY
"GREAT" MAN
THERE'S...

Who's Pulling The Strings?

Peter Cohalan was elected chief executive of the County of Suffolk last November. He won the right to be county executive after a bitter Republican primary in which he defeated the incumbent, John Klein. He overwhelmingly trounced Legislator Martin Feldman in the general election.

The job of the county executive is the top spot in the county. Cohalan, as county executive, is the county's chief fiscal officer. As chief executive he is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the county, the employment of people, and their productivity.

From the day Cohalan was sworn into office, he has run into interference from the presiding officer of the County Legislature, Tony Noto.

Tony Noto was elected a legislator from the 12th District. The people of this district are the only ones who had the opportunity to vote on his competency and abilities. Under the organizational rules of the Legislature, the majority party, which happens to be Republican, selects one of its members as presiding officer. The Legislature's leader, if he is of the same politics, in turn acts as the whip for the executive. His function is to guide the county executive's programs through the Legislature and to encourage the other members of the Legislature to act in the capacity of reviewing the operations of the county. The Legislature, as a body, should

monitor the county's operations and develop laws and regulations governing the county, but should not duplicate the county executive's function by attempting to act in a management capacity.

The laws spelling out the role of the County Legislature and its leader are vague. The reason they are vague is the politicians who initially drafted the County Charter wanted this vacuum to operate so, if they happened to be out of power, they could manipulate the Legislature to thwart the will of the Charter and the people.

Using this void, Noto has consistently assumed powers never intended for the Legislature. This assumption of power has caused a near paralysis in the county. It has prevented Cohalan from acting efficiently and effectively. Programs that would have produced better services and tax cuts for the citizens have had to be laid aside.

A showdown came last week when in an act of desperation, Cohalan, acting within the law, eliminated the Form 20's which made the hiring of personnel a cooperative effort between the executive branch and the legislative branch of government. Noto, during this entire battle, has been out of character. He had a reputation of working for the good of the people of the county. He acted as a leader by sharing common sense in compromising to achieve his goals whenever possible.

During the last six months, his obstinate and arrogant manner is more in character with that of his chief aide, the former legislator and defeated county executive candidate, Martin Feldman.

This leads political insiders to the important question of who is the presiding officer? Is Tony Noto, in reality, the puppet for the voter-rejected Martin Feldman? Was Martin Feldman's loss and subsequent appointment by Noto a

blatant attempt by Feldman to become a county executive through the back door? Is Noto's usurpation of powers not specifically granted to him under the charter his handy work, or is it Feldman's?

Good government transcends politics. Good politics grows out of good government. Suffolk needs good government. Let's get the politics out of it.

And why not?

Count Again

According to census officials, the counting of heads in Suffolk is all over. The results they have are the results we get. As you have read in several reports in Suffolk Life, facts indicate whole tracts of people have not been counted. Suffolk is not going to be credited for the population, according to the census, that lives here. Because of these counts, we will fall short in federal and state aid. Our taxes will be affected, as well as our ability to provide services.

It's late, but not too late for our local and county officials to institute suit against the federal government demanding a recount. The evidence is overwhelmingly in their favor. Failure to institute such action could

be considered a direct dereliction of duty.

If you have not been counted in the recent census, or know of someone else who has not been counted, please send Suffolk Life your name and address. We will make sure it is forwarded to the Census Bureau.

Every person that is picked up at this time is worth additional funds in federal and state grants to our area, plus the added count will help us receive the number of representatives in the county, state and federal Legislatures we deserve. Send to: Census, c-o Suffolk Life Newspapers, P.O. Box 262, Westhampton, N.Y. 11977.

And why not?

Politics, The Last Consideration

In the very near future, based upon recent census figures, the Suffolk County Legislature, the New York State Assembly, State Senate Districts and the United States Congressional Districts will be reapportioned to reflect equal population districts. The reapportioning of these districts in the past has been subject to inexcusable cases of gerrymandering for political advantage.

A blatant example is the Suffolk County Legislature. The First Legislative District starts on the South Shore in the Town of East Hampton, takes in a small portion of Southampton, and then backtracking across Shelter Island, includes Southold, Riverhead, and even a portion of Brookhaven.

Logic would have dictated the district should have been drawn to encompass entire towns along the

North and South Shores, not mix and match. There are similar Assembly Districts upstate that are almost as much of a nightmare. One of the small cities which does not, by itself, have enough people to support an entire Assembly District has been gerrymandered to such a degree that there are parts of five Assembly Districts within that political subdivision. Some Congressional Districts are even wilder. The result, people have inadequate representation.

Politics does play a part in reapportionment, but it should be the last consideration, not the first. You have an opportunity before Election Day to obtain a pledge from your legislative and congressional candidates that they will fight for realistic reapportionment based upon people's needs, not politics.

And why not?

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Where Do They Stand?

In today's Suffolk Life you will find a set of 120 questions covering everything from philosophy to specific issues relating to the campaigns being run by those seeking state office. The questions were developed by the Suffolk Life staff and reader input.

The issues are posed in the form of questions. The candidate answers yes or no, there is no hedging. The answers show the way you can expect candidates to vote if elected to office.

We recommend you go through the questions. Answer them yourself, compare your answers to the can-

didates' stands. The candidate who answers the questions the way you feel and believe should be considered seriously for support. Those who disagree with your beliefs before election generally can be counted on to disagree with you if they are successful.

Publishing these questions is another editorial service of Suffolk Life. It is our hope voters going to the polls in November can go as an informed electorate, with the needed information to vote intelligently.

And why not?

Does the System Need Reform?

In a debate last week, Senatorial candidate Liz Holtzman attacked one of her opponents, Al D'Amato, not on the issues important in that race, but on the political procedures of Nassau County which have been questioned time and again.

Her attack was surprisingly bitter, and for the most part based on innuendos and half-truths in true political fashion. In concentrating on what she detailed were "wrongdoings" in the political patronage system in Nassau County, Holtzman chose to ignore her positions on the important issues which the U.S. Senate will face in the days ahead.

Politics is politics, no matter which side of the fence you are on. All political parties depend upon patronage to fund campaigns. It makes no difference whether the office sought is that of local assessor or the highest post in the land, President of the United States. Campaigns today cost far more than campaigns of other years. Thus, patronage, and campaign donations from all levels of our society -- labor, business and citizen lobby groups -- become all too important to those seeking election to public office.

Is the system in need of reform? You bet it is! Congress and the Senate have had many opportunities to ad-

dress this problem, but didn't. They simply enacted a half-way measure which helps bring dollars into Presidential contests through the \$1 check-off system on federal tax reforms. Even with this infusion of funds, Presidential candidates must go out and raise millions through contributions.

The point here is that the matter of patronage and political contributions which Holtzman raises is not the result of action by D'Amato. It exists not only in Nassau County, but in Suffolk, in Brooklyn and Manhattan -- where it has often been acknowledged to be far worse. And the point is that Holtzman, as a member of Congress had an opportunity, but failed, to bring changes into the system to alleviate the effect of patronage and political contributions.

Is the current system good? Of course not. But is the current system the major pressing problem which will be faced by the Senate? Certainly not! Holtzman appears to us to be skirting the issues. Her remarks during the recent debate led a third candidate in that race, incumbent Sen. Jacob Javits, to remark: "It is beginning to sound like a contest for Hempstead Town Supervisor."

Holtzman is not a candidate for Hempstead Town Supervisor, and should begin to act accordingly. In-

stead of joining what appears to be a concentrated effort to slander D'Amato -- orchestrated by New York City politicians -- Holtzman should concentrate on her stand on the important issues. If Holtzman finds

herself incapable of dealing with those issues, she should redirect her political ambitions to the lower level on which she is campaigning.

And why not?

The President's Failure

Four years ago I walked into a friend's office. On his wall was a picture of a man dressed like Jesus. The caption underneath stated "J.C. will Save You."

When I first saw the poster, I assumed my associate had joined the Born Again Christian's movement. A few days later, I realized the face under the beard was Jimmy Carter. I was a bit offended. But, Carter had billed himself as a Born Again Christian, preaching equality for all, fairness, and love.

Carter was elected President. We didn't have much faith in him, personally, but hoped he would surround himself with qualified advisors. The economy was not in the best shape. Our prestige abroad appeared to be as low as it could go. Taxes were killing us. Inflation was impossible to cope with, was ruining our senior citizens on fixed incomes. It was the general belief that although we had allowed ourselves to slip militarily, we were still strong and offering a viable defense against any aggressors around the world.

Carter has been President almost four years. Inflation has hit 20 percent, three times the rate when Carter told us he had a solution. Carter failed to adopt an indexing system for our federal taxes. Because of this failure, all of us have lost real buying power.

What happened in Iran proved we're incapable of defending ourselves against Russia, but also are

vulnerable to pipsqueak nations run by religious fanatics. Our world-wide prestige, which we thought had bottomed out, has sunk to new lows to sink into.

At the onset of this Presidential campaign, although we felt Carter had failed as a leader, we believed he still possessed the Christian concepts of a fair and just man. Even this illusion has been blown apart.

Carter's charges that if Reagan is elected he would divide this country, Jew against Christian, white against black, is the most ludicrous and un-Christian thing we have ever heard in a campaign. Reagan is far from perfect, but hardly a war-mongering, bigoted fascist.

Reagan did a good job as governor of California. He instituted economic policies that turned the state around financially. California went from financial ruins to solvency. Taxes were cut and government was more productive. These results are impressive.

Philosophically, he is a moderate Conservative, hardly a racist or a religious zealot. He appears to have the ability to attract qualified advisors and supporters, rational men who are neither too far to the left nor the right. Carter's attempt to picture him as a dangerous extremist just does not stand up and can only be viewed as another of his glaring failures.

And why not?

Readers' Opinion

Misplaced enthusiasm?

Dear Mr. Willmott:

Your enthusiasm for reforming the State's accounting methods is commendable but misplaced, insofar as it focuses on the so-called "GAAP" bill Governor Carey vetoed on July 1. The bill's ostensible purpose was to require the State to implement "Generally Acceptable Accounting Principles," but in fact it went far, far beyond that.

It would have redefined State government so as to lump such separate entities as the Power Authority and MAC into the General Fund, for example. It would have set up a constitutionally questionable "review panel" dominated by the Legislature, making a major shift of budgetary authority -- but not responsibility -- to the Legislature. Imposing a separate, parallel budget system and requiring agencies to report directly to the Legislature would have been a fundamental change in the role of the Executive and Legislative branches in budget formulation and evaluation.

These provisions are major policy questions about which there has been no public debate or professional consensus and about which the governor and the comptroller, the two elected officials with direct responsibility for the State's finances, were not even consulted by the Legislature.

Further, the bill was not even necessary to achieve a GAAP system, to which both the Governor and Comptroller Edward Regan are committed. Indeed, as Comptroller Regan contended, the Constitution empowers

the Comptroller to determine the method of keeping the books, and this bill should have been vetoed in any event as a legislative infringement on that prerogative.

The Governor has a strong record as a fiscal disciplinarian and reformer. He has kept the growth of State spending well below the inflation rate even while implementing the largest tax reduction program in State history. He recommended a statutory limit on State spending. Not only has he publicly endorsed the conversion to GAAP accounting and reporting, but shaped his budget recommendations this year to reflect some of the changes, particularly in school aid financing, that will be required under GAAP.

The Division of the Budget is working closely with the Comptroller to develop and implement a workable GAAP system for New York State as rapidly as possible. Your readers can be assured that this veto will not delay that process.

Sincerely,
Howard F. Miller
Director Of The Budget
Executive Department N.Y.

Editor's Note: Hope you are right. New York accounting methods must be brought into the 20th Century. Most businesses today operate on an accrual method of bookkeeping. New York State should, too. If legislation isn't necessary, let's make the changes immediately. Imagine the governor will appreciate your endorsement of his fiscal integrity.

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America Remembers Day

Nov. 4 will mark the first anniversary of the taking of Americans as hostages in Iran, and we apparently are no closer to a solution which will bring our countrymen home as we near that infamous date.

While American fervor was strong at the beginning of this crisis, the pressures of everyday living have seemed to push this outrageous action to the back of our minds.

A group of Sayville residents have determined this should not be. They have decided that we, as Americans, have a responsibility to raise our voices, to let the world know we have not forgotten our hostages. They have scheduled in the community of Sayville on Sunday, Nov. 2 a number of activities and special ceremonies to give notice that we, as Americans, remember.

"America Remembers Day" is designed to bring people together in a common cause. It is an example of grassroots America at its best, a plan which will bring to the Main Street of our community its residents to stand together, to speak out together, and yes, to pray together for the return of the American hostages.

The Sayville plan includes a conscious effort to curb the use of energy -- gasoline, oil -- as a form of protest against the Iranian action. It is suggested residents walk to the Main Street area if they can, or drive to the village and then join fellow residents

in the activities. The organizers suggest cutting back on gasoline purchases on that day if possible, and perhaps making an effort to use one less light or some other use of electricity.

We applaud Sayville for leading the way in this effort and urge groups in other communities plan similar "America Remembers Day" activities. We urge town board members and our county officials to officially proclaim Nov. 2 as "America Remembers Day." Even more, we urge them to participate -- and if necessary to provide the leadership to arrange for ceremonies within local communities they serve. The leaders of our churches and synagogues also should be in the forefront of this effort. Our veterans groups must certainly be involved. All Americans should participate to make "America Remembers Day" a meaningful happening.

It is time for grassroots America to stand up and be counted to let the leaders in our own land and those throughout the world know our hostages are still very much in our minds and hearts, and we want them freed!

Let's stand together on Nov. 2, all of us throughout this county, and voice our feelings very loud and very clear: "We want our people freed!"

And why not?

The same is true in Congress. Without indexing, the federal bite on our salaries grows as inflation increases, giving these "leaders" of our land found money to control. With indexing they would have constraints placed upon their spending habits. Without it, they increase the taxes through the back door, getting advantage of added taxes without facing the wrath of the voter by approving tax hikes.

Of all the issues in the current election campaign, indexing is the most important for the taxpayer. With indexing, the taxpayer gets a fair deal. He gets to keep more of his salary when inflation increases, and can use that money as is necessary to meet the needs of his or her own family. Without indexing, the government gets added salary dollars to be used as the politicians choose.

By continuing this system of non-

approved increases of tax dollars at their disposal to spend -- which they most certainly do -- these politicians are coursing the inflationary spiral. While they point fingers in all directions at the "causes" of inflation, they themselves are the real culprits.

Check carefully the position of candidates on indexing. We urge you to support those who favor this important measure and turn out of office those who have -- through their lack of legislative action and leadership -- blocked this important measure. Unless we as voters act to reject the philosophy of those who have failed to act to curb the influx of windfall taxes, inflation will never be controlled.

It is up to the voters to take a strong stand on this important issue.

And why not?

Suffolk Life Endorsements

Next Wednesday, Oct. 29, Suffolk Life will publish our endorsements. These endorsements are the result of painstaking investigation conducted by the staff of Suffolk Life since the candidates first announced.

Suffolk Life is a non-partisan newspaper, we have no ties to any political party. We are not dependent for our financial survival on the goodies that go with supporting a political point of view. It is our concerted belief our responsibility is to the readers of this publication.

The process for making our endorsements is exhausting. We carefully research and interview each candidate. We are particularly concerned about the candidates' true beliefs, philosophy, honesty and integrity. We try to go beneath the surface; a warm smile and a firm handshake are not enough. What does the candidate really believe? How did they develop those feelings? How do they react under pressure? Are their beliefs shallow and easily changed?

The candidates who voters elect generally are the best choices, but

this often is not true. One aspect often overlooked is the capability for leadership, one of the most important criteria. For as good as the candidates may be, if they are not leaders initially, once they become members of the club they become a follower.

To be a leader you must be persuasive, while still able to see the other person's point of view. Long Island's past lack of leadership in the Legislature has been a cause in our declining economy and our failure to receive our fair share from the federal and state governments.

Those who take part in our editorial endorsements reflect most points of view, ranging from Conservative to Liberal. If a consensus is not reached by the editorial board, the dissenting members have the privilege of writing their own endorsements for an opposing candidate. It is not our intention to tell voters who to select, but to give voters the benefit of our research and information. Based upon our conclusions, we want to help them reach their own.

And why not?

Accounting For Inflation

Inflation has touched the lives of each and every one of us in different ways. It has demolished the retirement dreams of our senior citizens. The working people of our land have been rendered helpless by the continual increases in the cost of living, far outpacing any increases in salary. Many of our youths, who have harbored dreams of higher education, may never see the inside of a college because of the impact of inflation upon their lives.

It need not have happened this way.

Inflation for 20 years was held at approximately two percent per year. During the mid-'70s it jumped from four to seven percent. During the last two years it skyrocketed, from the start of double digit impact to as high as 20 percent per month.

Who benefits from this uncontrolled inflation? The beneficiary is the government, both on the state and federal levels, who have received through inflation windfall tax increases. These tax increases were not planned, nor were they voted upon. They accrued at the rate of a billion dollars for each percentage point increase in inflation.

The public could have been spared this tremendous impact on their lives through a system called indexing. Under indexing, tax rates are adjusted to reflect the real value of the dollar. As inflation makes the dollar worth less, the percentage of

taxation, under indexing, decreases accordingly. This system has been in effect in Canada for the last eight years, during which the government, operating with these fiscal restraints, increased the Canadian budget by an average of only two percent each year.

It's easy to understand why the elected officials we have sent to the State Legislature have failed to take action on this very important taxpayer-benefiting system. Now, with every increase in inflation, these same legislators wind up with more tax dollars under their control. They use these added tax dollars which they did not vote for to fund new projects, or to create illusions by announcing "more aid" to our local schools or communities. In reality they are giving us nothing more than the money they should not have collected in the first place.

Indexing would permit our hard-pressed taxpayers to keep more of their salaries to meet the higher costs of living. It would have given the taxpayers the opportunity to utilize that money in their own family budgets. But the politicians did not give the public that opportunity, for very selfish reasons. When you hear a state legislator talk about how much money he was able to give back to the schools or the local municipalities, remember -- they're using your money to build a political record.

Readers' Opinion

Dear Mr. Willmott:

Just finished reading the story and your opinion on the beer bottle incident. I, too, am hopping mad. I, too, have been the target of punks. Incidentally, I like that descriptive term, exactly what I have been calling them -- punks..

Well, I have been thinking, have you? We know the police are effete and the law useless - (which) leaves one alternative. We must take the law into our own hands. Who has the guts and who has the money?

And why not?
Jack L.

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Suffolk Life's Endorsements

We are proud to offer our readers, the voters, our endorsements.

We make these endorsements as a guide, not as an attempt to impose our will on our readers.

The candidates we back have not been chosen lightly. They have not been chosen because of the political party whose banner they are running under. The process of selecting candidates for endorsement is an

exhausting one. The endorsements are the collective view of our news and editorial departments.

The candidates we have chosen to support we feel will best represent the people and perform according to their wishes. Some candidates we enthusiastically support, for they not only philosophically, but individually reflect the character we are seeking.

Unfortunately, some candidates we are supporting are not of the caliber we would like to see, but they are the better choice.

We hope that you will read the endorsements carefully so you may understand how and why we reached our conclusions. Of the utmost importance, regardless of whom you support, we encourage you to vote.

Major elections have been decided by a single vote. Often, the percentages have been less than one percent.

Proudly go to the polls November 4. Cast your vote with pride. Support the candidates whom you feel philosophically and individually believe as you do and will give you back representation you desire. And why not?

U.S. President

Ronald Reagan

Republican



During the last four years, the United States has experienced dreadful inflation. Four years ago an inflation rate of six to seven percent was troublesome. America elected Jimmy Carter to correct the situation. During his term of office, inflation hit 18 percent, as did the prime interest rate -- the backbone of our economy.

Retirees have had their incomes wiped out. They now are living from month to month. The only thing keeping them alive is their Social Security benefits which are indexed to reflect inflation.

Workers have less food money than ever before. Their wages have gone up, but they moved into higher tax brackets. Thus, they are making more money, but paying more in taxes, and paying a higher percentage of what they earn. They are left with dollars that buy less at the grocery store, leaving many unsatisfied appetites.

I personally spoke to Jimmy Carter when I spent a day with him in Washington in January 1979 about the need for an indexing system to correct this situation. I left with the feeling he considered the federal government's needs paramount to the people's needs.

The cost of gasoline in the past four years has doubled, as have the costs of electricity and home heating fuels. Carter's answer has been to impose new taxes and advocate rationing, both which will increase costs even more. During Carter's term, he has been unable to develop or produce a sensible, understandable, workable energy policy to address today's energy problems, and those of the future.

Our country's military might have been greatly weakened by the Carter Administration. Internationally, Iran has made us look like fools. Carter botched this situation by failing to have advance knowledge of what Khomeini's regime would do. Carter failed to protect our Embassy, lacking prior knowledge, or refusing to act on the situation before the Iranians took over. His handling of the Iranian situation has caused Americans to fear traveling abroad. Carter failed, even with a

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U.S. Senate

Alfonse D'Amato

Republican



The voters in New York State have a very distinct, clear-cut choice in their selection of a U.S. Senator.

Congresswoman Elizabeth Holtzman and Sen. Jacob Javits both represent the liberal philosophy of government. Holtzman came into office as an anti-war candidate. She has opposed every meaningful defense project designed to keep America safe. She has been an advocate of most social programs designed to tax the working middle class.

Jacob Javits, as senator from the State of New York, has allowed the state to lose major federal programs to the South and the West. His care and concern, like Holtzman, has been for everybody but the middle class worker. As a ranking member of the Ways and Means Committee, he should have known the tax legislation he helped pass would cripple the productive workers' ability to stay even. It has.

Both Holtzman and Javits have had an opportunity to introduce and support indexing, which would have reduced taxes as inflation pushed up the value of the dollar, making it worth less. They didn't. They placed the interest of the United States government over that of their constituents. We know what their track records are. They may say they will change after election, but history tells us they won't. They think liberal, they vote liberal and they will tax the middle class to pay for their social programs.

Alfonse D'Amato, the Republican, Conservative and Right to Life candidate for this position, is one of the sharpest young men we have met in public life. Philosophically, he is Conservative, but he has an aptitude for being attuned to the needs of those less fortunate. He has proven this as presiding supervisor of the Town of Hempstead, which is larger than 14 states. He reduced taxes and made the government function more efficiently. The people who are his judges, the voters of the town, overwhelmingly returned him to office, obviously approving his leadership and management. They did this fully aware of the Nassau County Republican patronage system which Liz Holtzman has tried to use to cover up her own abhorrent record on defense.

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U.S. Congress First District

William Carney

Conservative



Suffolk Life's Editorial Board was confronted in this race with the unpleasant reality of finding the three candidates individually underqualified.

Richard Cummings, the Liberal candidate, although bright and articulate, entered this race as a joke. It was the consensus of the board he is using his Congressional campaign to promote a book he recently had published. Many of his ideas are sound, others are so far-out he could not be considered seriously.

Tom Twomey, the Democratic candidate, is handsome and likeable, but not entirely believable. After investigating his background, and a conscientious effort by each editorial board member to understand his views, we are left with an empty feeling. We don't feel sure about where he stands, his true beliefs or whom he would be loyal to. Much of his financial support comes from wealthy East End summer residents closely allied with powerful liberal Democratic interests.

His claim to fame is his work as an environmentalist and anti-nuclear advocate. But he was paid for his services; he was not a dedicated volunteer. We liked some of his ideas, particularly on energy conservation. We had expected him to run a broad-based issue-oriented, forceful campaign. With one exception he failed to address the issues of major concern: taxes, inflation, welfare, and national security. He ran a single issue campaign: Tom Twomey vs. nuclear energy and the Long Island Lighting Co.

Energy is of a major concern today, and perhaps it lies at the root of many other problems, but, we felt Twomey is ill informed on other issues. We fear as congressman he would become another clog in the liberal Democratic party block. To get along, he would go along with perpetuating costly tax absorbing, failure-prone social programs financed by the middle class.

Twomey tried to make an issue out of incumbent Republican William Carney's attempt to develop a 100 percent voting record. As a freshman

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Suffolk Life endorsements

Reagan...

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Democratic Congress and a Democratic Senate, because he is an ineffective leader even within his own party. We can't stand four more years of being had.

Ronald Reagan is a viable and palatable alternative. He first came to our attention during the Goldwater campaign. We have watched him carefully ever since. We didn't take him as a serious candidate until he won the nomination for governor of California.

As governor, he successfully turned that state around. When he took office, it was on the verge of bankruptcy. When he left office, California had a huge budget surplus. Reagan successfully performed this governmental miracle while at the same time making services in California more meaningful for its people and cutting taxes.

Philosophically, Reagan is a conservative and could be expected to surround himself with advisors of conservative leaning, but not necessarily of only Republican registration. One of the strong points he had as governor was the people he surrounded himself with. He, much like our own County Executive Peter Cohalan, gave positions of trust to the very finest talent he could find. Like Cohalan, it didn't make a difference if they were Republican or Democrat. They had to be the best available, loyal to the man at the top.

In many ways, the President is the figurehead, the imagemaker, the father figure. The nitty-gritty, the nuts and bolts are performed by the management team that serves him. This has been Carter's biggest weakness. He appointed people who did not know the system and could not be counted on to perform as intended.

Reagan already has proved his capabilities in assembling the right kind of people and the ability to direct them to achieve his purposes.

Of equal importance in the man we choose as President is the philosophy he represents. For 30 years, this country has been run by the Democrats. We have either a Democratic President, a Democratic Congress, or both. The costly New Deal, the Fair Deal and the Great Society's liberal policies have had their day in the sun. They have been tried, and they have failed for the taxpayers are still paying for them.

America was built on a capitalistic system, a system that encourages every person to try as hard as possible rewarding individual efforts. Under the liberal system, we have constantly given up more of our earnings with little to show for it. The social programs have failed, the problems are still with us - compounded by high taxes and low morale.

Many in our society have forsaken ambition for just going along. Our tax policies must be adjusted to reward those who produce, whether it be an individual or a company, with tax incentives and outright grants. Business and labor must be stimulated to become more productive. New jobs would then be created and our gross national product meaningfully increased.

We can never turn our back on those who are less fortunate, who cannot take care of themselves. But our first obligation must be to keep the system healthy so it can provide the funds to take care of those who can't help themselves.

We believe Reagan and the people who will make up his staff can do it. Suffolk Life supports Ronald Reagan for President.

D'Amato...

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D'Amato has campaigned vigorously from one end of the state to the other. He reminds voters that he, himself, came from a middle class working family. His family, his friends, his neighbors are not wealthy. He knows the problems of the middle class, the burdensome taxes breaking the average working person's back. He is opposed to New York's scandalous welfare system and believes he can correct it

on the federal level. This is where it all starts.

D'Amato is pro-military. He favors a strong defense as the best offense. D'Amato is concerned about this country's ability not only to defend itself in all-out war, but in a local skirmish.

D'Amato opposes the signing of Salt II. He is not convinced we are getting a fair deal. Do we have the ability, under the terms of the treaty, to adequately and accurately monitor the Soviet defense build up? He effectively points out that the Russians, by tradition, do not live up to treaty commitments. As examples, he points to the Soviets' recent use of nerve gas and chemical warfare in Africa and Afghanistan.

All of us have bitterly complained about taxes, the cost of government, and the effect it has had on our lives. Our complaints have led to frustration. We have felt there was nothing we could do about it. D'Amato is not the whole answer, but at least he is a step in the right direction for his philosophy is at the opposite spectrum of the liberal Javits philosophy which has been running this country for the past 30 years.

D'Amato also offers another character trait which we have heard little about, and that's leadership. He is a forceful, convincing individual who, we suspect will not only be a dynamic senator, but within a short period of time, a leader within that great body. This is what New York desperately needs -- leadership on the national level to bring back to the state the federal projects which have slipped away, contributing to our demise as the Empire State.

Suffolk Life is proud to endorse a fellow Long Islander -- Alfonse D'Amato, for United States Senate.

Carney...

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congressman, Carney spent most of his time listening to and participating in debates, and voting on bills on the floor of the House. We were disturbed by Twomey's outright manipulation of Carney's actions.

Twomey claimed Carney is a no-show congressman because he missed a number of committee meetings when he was on the House floor. Logic says you can't be in two places at the same time. At committee meetings testimony is taken, some of it boring and an absolute waste of time. Twomey might have been justified in attacking Carney's judgment as to how he spent his time; instead, he tried to picture Carney as a no-show congressman with an abominable attendance record.

But to Carney. When he ran in the primary, we were disturbed by his lack of integrity. We are more so today. There still appears to be collusion between Carney and big oil. He has made no attempt to clarify this situation. Was it based on his conservative philosophy -- pro-business? In last week's questionnaire, Carney failed to answer almost 20 percent of the questions. As an incumbent, we doubt this was out of lack of knowledge. It appears he did not want his views known to the voters. This strikes us as outright political dishonesty. It does not speak well of his character as a man or as a candidate.

You can't be all things to all people on all questions. You have, as a seeker of public office, a responsibility to tell the people where you stand, so they may make an intelligent decision on who should be their representative.

We also are disturbed by Carney's lack of communication with the people of his district. We wrote earlier how he had failed to respond to his constituents' worries regarding Peconic County, the estuarine study and the gasoline shortage of 1979.

There were those of us on the board who wanted to go with Twomey, but we felt he was no more believable than Carney. On balance we concluded for the sake of America and the need for a more conservative approach on the federal level, we had to support Carney because of his political philosophy.

This endorsement should not be considered an approval of the man, as we find his character flawed. But without a viable alternative, we do endorse William Carney as congressman from the First District.

N.Y.S. Assembly 1st D.

John Behan Republican



Two years ago we had difficulty deciding whom to endorse for this seat. After much deliberation, we chose John Behan's opponent.

This year's endorsement in the First Assembly District was the easiest choice we faced. Behan has been a super assemblyman. He quickly earned the respect of his colleagues in Albany. He has a reputation in the Capitol as a fighter for his beliefs, a man not easily compromised.

One of our major concerns when he first ran was the fear he would only pay lip service to the Peconic County creation, as had Perry Duryea, the former assemblyman from this district. Behan not only resurrected the concept, he devoted a major part of his time and effort, bringing it nearer fulfillment.

Behan's office has been open and responsive to his constituents' needs.

As a man, Behan has shown a capacity for learning and an ability to re-think set positions. We had been disturbed by his opposition to dredging waterways, creating state-owned and maintained marinas and boat launching ramps, which we consider of vital interest to our region's economy. He now says he favors them, and is fighting for our fair share of the state recreational funds which have been used, almost exclusively, upstate.

During the last two years, Behan also has developed a trait we find admirable: a capacity for leadership. In his second term, he will hone this asset further. Using it properly will produce more state dollars for this area.

His opponent, Jeanne Dickhoff is a non-entity in this race. Dickhoff is a registered nurse who is in the process of completing a law degree. Outside of the social-health field and her apparent opposition to Peconic County, she has failed to develop a campaign.

Suffolk Life enthusiastically endorses John Behan for re-election to the First Assembly District.

N.Y.S. Assembly 2nd D.

Lois Fricke Republican



Lois Fricke, the Republican, Conservative and Right to Life candidate, is an unusual person.

Fricke comes from a middle class background. She has only a high school education, yet within 15 short years she rose from a position of clerk to executive vice president of one of the largest milk-producing companies in the state. This incredible accomplishment is testimony to her natural abilities, her leadership qualities and the type of dedication and determination that motivates her. Part of it can be explained by the fact that twice during her life she has been on the verge of death. This seems to have made her quest for perfection and achievement more pronounced.

In addition to being a corporate executive, Fricke is a civic leader and consumer advocate. Her decision to run for Assembly came when her parents were forced to leave New York State because of the crushing taxes. She also witnessed the unpleasant experience of foreclosure on a friend's home, which

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Editor's Note: Voters on Shelter Island have a councilmanic race: Alfred W. Tuthill on the Democrat and Conservative lines; William F. Romanchuk on the Republican line.

**N.Y.S. Senate
1st D.
Kenneth
LaValle
Republican**



Kenneth LaValle is seeking his third term as senator. LaValle is a quiet man who methodically goes through the Senate routine without flash or fanfare. He has done a good job of constituent service. He is available to listen to constituent problems, but has a tendency to study things to death rather than produce meaningful solutions. Legislatively, he is a mediocre representative. After two terms of office, we expected him to emerge as a leader -- he hasn't. LaValle doesn't seem to want to rock the boat. As a member of the Republican majority of the New York State Senate, he should have been able to accomplish more. LaValle is chairman of the Committee on Higher Education. He obtained this important position because of his experience as an aide to a former state senator from the First District, Leon Giuffreda. To LaValle's credit, he was able to pass legislation requiring college-bound students be allowed to see the results of their Scholastic Aptitude Tests. However, LaValle's work on education was not overly productive. LaValle called for a meeting between all elected officials to explore ways of saving taxpayers' funds. The results of this meeting and the subsequent studies have centered on con-

solidating, purchasing, insurance and elimination of overlapping transportation costs. Studies are fine, but after four years LaValle has still failed to address the crucial problem of high real estate taxes. Long Island's parochial and private schools, covered by the same state mandates, are turning out better educated students at one-fifth the cost of our public schools. LaValle has had experience as a teacher, principal, an Albany aide, and now four years of experience as a senator. He should have been out front seeking fundamental solutions. Instead, he seems determined to keep the taxpayers' eyes off the obvious problem by talking about Band-Aid cures for the problem. LaValle's opponent is Democrat Robert Gottlieb, a bright, energetic young attorney from Setauket. He has campaigned hard with little aid from his party. He is idealistic and a pot stirrer. We were impressed with his bold ideas on criminal justice reform during our editorial board interview. His vigor vs. LaValle's lackluster record left us favorably inclined until we re-examined his answers to our questionnaire. His views, revealed in the

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N.Y.S. Senate 3rd Dist. Caesar Trunzo Rep.



Caesar Trunzo is considered by Republicans and Democrats as one of the most accessible, hard-working senators in the state. He is pure politics before election eve; the day after he gets down to the serious business of being a good senator. He performs for his constituents regardless of their political affiliation. Two years ago, Trunzo led the fight in the Senate for passage of the Initiative and Referendum bill for Suffolk County. His knowledge of the system, plus his persistence, paid off. Fifteen minutes before the session ended at 3 a.m. he was able to persuade Senate Majority Leader Warren Anderson to affix his signature, concluding the legislative process. Although there have been many other attempts by counties throughout New York to obtain this right for their residents, no one else has succeeded. Trunzo is a sponsor of a bill in the Senate to

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**JOSEPH O'DONNELL
DEMOCRAT**

The candidates for District Court Judge in Brookhaven, Democrat Joseph O'Donnell and Republican Armand Araujo both are eminently qualified. We have no trouble endorsing either candidate.

O'Donnell is a sitting district court judge. He also has an excellent reputation outside of the bar association. He has handled almost 40,000 cases during his tenure. His decisions have been appealed only six times, and he was reversed but once. That is quite a record. He has used alternative sentencing, such as restitution and volunteer work.

O'Donnell got himself into trouble with the "lawyers club," the Suffolk County Bar Association, because he believes a court should serve all people equally. A growing number of attorneys apparently disagree. They think because they have passed the bar exam they deserve first-class treatment in a

**SUFFOLK COUNTY CLERK ARTHUR FELICE
REPUBLICAN**

making a decision between two candidates in any political contest, the voter must decide who has the better qualifications to meet the responsibilities of the office sought. In the current campaign for the Suffolk County Clerk's position, the incumbent, Arthur Felice, stands head and shoulders above his opponent in that regard.

The Democratic candidate for County Clerk, Thomas Young, himself admits the incumbent is doing a good job, and could give no indications on how he could do any better. It is our view he is running not for this seat, but for exposure for a later political run.

Arthur Felice, on the other hand, has worked more than two decades in the county clerk's office. During his first term as the head of that office, he has worked to cut costs, while at the same time expanded services to the public.

In our view, there can be only one choice for this position. Suffolk Life strongly urges the re-election of Arthur Felice.

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simple yes-no format, were much farther left than it had seemed during the interview. We had perceived him as a mainstream Democrat. On closer consideration, he's a reformer with a strong liberal bend.

We expect to hear more from Gottlieb in the future. He is one of the few bright, young rising stars the Democrats fielded this year.

Suffolk Life endorses Kenneth LaValle for re-election, based on his experience and seniority. As important as these qualities may be, however, they are worthless unless leadership is applied. LaValle has within his grasp the power to attack the real culprit of high real estate taxes, the cost of education. If he fails to utilize this power for the benefit of his constituents, he will have proven, to us at least, he is incapable of becoming the leader we hope he can be. We are counting on LaValle to come through.

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mandate indexing of the state income and sales taxes, the most needed measure facing New Yorkers. His own Senate leadership is opposed, as is the leadership of the Assembly. We believe we can count on his doggedness and determination as we did on the I&R bill to produce the same kind of results within the next two years.

Trunzo is comfortable with the Senate and has earned the right to return.

Trunzo's opponent this year, William Quinn, refused to be interviewed, refused to answer the questionnaire. We suspect the reason is that he has not changed from two years ago when we first met him.

We perceived him as an ultra-liberal, an unbending, unyielding, uncompromising union candidate. His arrogance toward the voters in refusing to answer the questionnaire indicates he is no more worthy of being considered this year than he was before.

Suffolk Life endorses Caesar Trunzo for re-election to the Third Senatorial District.

court of law, while everyone is second. O'Donnell noticed a pattern developing where some of these elitists would have cases scheduled in his court. The day before a scheduled appearance, those attorneys would be notified they were to appear in a higher court, which takes precedence. Instead of notifying the other parties in the action, they would let everyone concerned appear on the day of the action, and then ask for a postponement. As a result, parties to the action and their witnesses would be inconvenienced, wasting everyone's time and money.

O'Donnell demanded common courtesy, and ruled that if an adjournment becomes necessary, those requesting it must inform all parties involved in advance or face a judicial assessment of costs. The lawyers didn't like being chastised for their rudeness and lack of common courtesy. It seems to us they got their revenge by influencing the Suffolk County Bar

Association to drop its qualified endorsement to unqualified. A reading of the bar association's explanation of this action is vague and politically suspect.

This judicial race is not between Joseph O'Donnell and Armand Araujo. It is between the people of Brookhaven Town and the elitists who influenced the bar association. O'Donnell has attempted to correct an abuse of the system, a system badly in need of correction! The bar association opposes these reforms.

Suffolk Life believes the people should rebuff the bar association and give members a strong, unequivocal message: "Stop being prima donnas, clean up your act," by re-electing Joseph O'Donnell to the position of Brookhaven Town District Court Judge.

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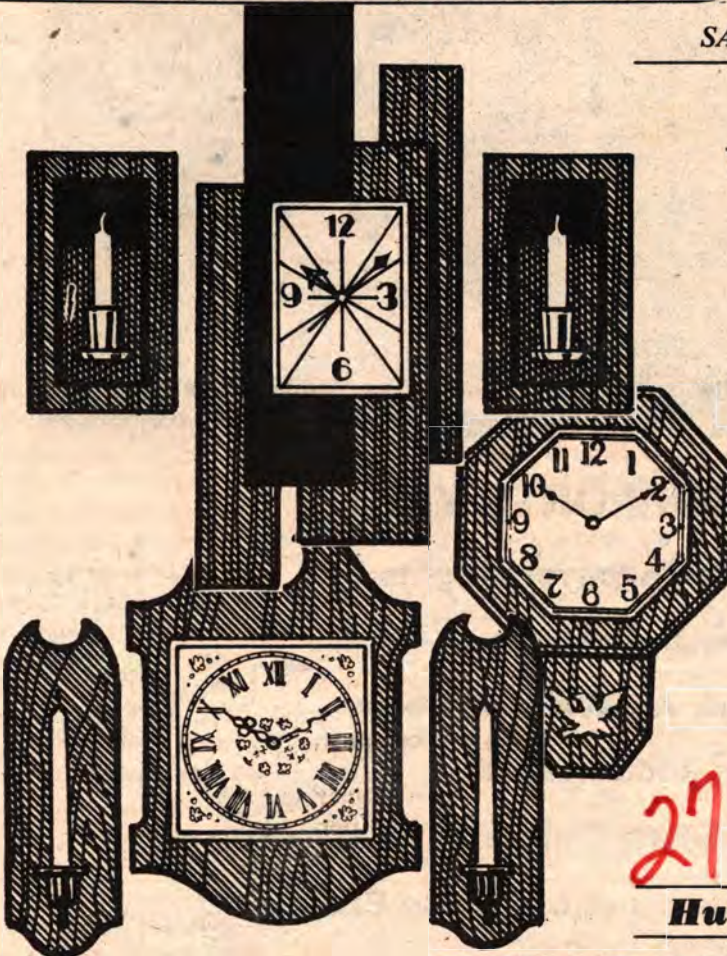
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