

But Did They Hear?

Three Nuclear Regulatory Commission administrative judges sat in stony silence last week as hundreds of concerned residents spelled out in emotional terms the fears they harbor about the threat the Shoreham nuclear power plant poses for the future safety of their loved ones.

They listened, but did they hear? As promised by Suffolk Life, hundreds of letters received from residents unable to attend the hearings were presented to the judges, as was a paper evacuation game created by one imaginative reader. The paper game was a symbol of the paper drill held by the NRC and LILCO last February, a drill that proved nothing but was the subject of last week's hearings.

Drawing on much of the information I received during my experiences as a member of the Shoreham Commission, which ultimately rejected the possibility of a safe evacuation, I detailed to the three judges information that, if they paid any attention at all, should clearly illustrate the folly of the LILCO evacuation plan. They listened, but did they hear? In the event they didn't, we offer much of that information here to reinforce the presentation made at last Thursday's hearing in Riverhead:

I would like to remind the N.R.C. that evacuation is not a "new" question, but was fully discussed at the pre-construction hearings in 1970. On March 2, 1970, Irving Like, an attorney, pleaded with the commission to examine the evacuation question at that time. He logically brought out that Long Island is an island, a dead end, and that even in the 70's there was too much population to move on its limited road network. He pleaded for the AEC to decide the evacuation question before construction, not after it had been built and potentially millions of dollars wasted.

LILCO, through its representative Vice-President Andrew Wolford, on December 1 and 2, 1970, stated that for an evacuation drill to be ac-

cepted, for a license to be issued, the company was aware that the plan had to be acceptable to the Atomic Energy Commission, local governments, and to LILCO. By their own testimony, they were forewarned that they must have local governmental participation and accepted this fact as part of the licensing procedure.

A planner for the Atomic Energy Commission, who testified at these hearings that evacuation was possible on Long Island, was cross-examined. Mr. Spickle, the Atomic Energy Commission planner, did not know that Long Island was an island. He did not know that it was a dead end, nor did he know how Long Island was to be evacuated. I presume, by reading his testimony, all he knew was where his paycheck was coming from and that he was doing the job he was being told to do.

The Atomic Energy Commission, now known as the N.R.C., said at that time, the question of evacuation would not be taken up until the plant is built and we proceed with the licensing application, which brings us to today.

Suffolk County government, performing its duty as a governmental entity, attempted to prepare an evacuation plan. It spent over \$1 million dollars of our tax dollars to develop a workable scenario. During this procedure, the experts the government had hired, the top people in the field from around the country, concluded what we all knew, that a safe evacuation plan could not be developed that would assure a safe escape for Long Islanders.

People would die, be injured and trapped in a radiated environment. Long Island is an island, it's surrounded by water without bridges. The island dead ends on the east in the ocean and the sound. There are only three limited east-west highways. Two only go as far east as Smithtown-Islip. One goes into the evacuation zone, the Long Island Expressway. This road, under normal conditions, is overworked and the slightest accident causes traffic to stop and gridlock to be created. Just this past summer, a single acci-

dent caused an 11 hour gridlock. This accident took place on a normal, mid-week day, under normal road conditions. Think about it, gentlemen, an 11 hour traffic jam under normal, warm, sunny conditions with normal, non-fearful people. People not feeling threatened or intimidated.

The LERO plan developed by the Long Island Lighting Company is a charade. It's a paper plan that, according to testimony before the Cuomo Commission, was described by a LILCO official as a "test of a test." It has no meaning or bearing as real people are not moved, real conditions are not simulated and none of the parties who must be brought into play even notified that a crisis exists.

The plan was so bad and the results were so inconclusive, that the F.E.M.A. Regional Director, Frank Petrone, resigned a high paying position for he feared the consequences of approving such a falsehood and damnable outright lie. He was the man most directly responsible and intimately familiar with the workings of the plan, a career governmental employee with a rapidly accelerating position in government, saying that we are lying to the people if we say this plan will ensure their safety.

The real effects of an emergency evacuation were not taken into consideration. Real facts were not paid attention to, neither were the projections of experts.

May I remind you of the Sandia National Laboratory Report released in November, 1982, at a Congressional Sub-Committee on Over-Sight and Investigation. The report was based upon a WASH 740 study prepared by the Brookhaven National Laboratory in the late 60's and early 70's, concerning the consequences of a SST 1 accident and the effects of release in a Class 7 - 8 - 9 scenario. Although the study was done in the late 60's and early 70's, the results were never released until, acting under the Freedom of Information Act, the results were brought out by the Congressional Over-Sight Committee.

Let's take a look at these consequences and we will understand why they were hidden from the American public for so long. If an accident of this degree was to happen at the Shoreham nuclear power plant, the report states—peak early deaths - 40,000. Peak early radiation injuries - 75,000. Peak cancer deaths - 35,000. Peak fatal radius - 17.5 miles. Peak injury radius - 50 miles. Damage in billions, 1962 dollars - \$157 billion dollars. Gentlemen, according to this report performed right here at the Brookhaven National Laboratory, but kept from the public, an accident would virtually wipe out every living person within a 17 mile radius of Shoreham.

I heard many people from LILCO and from the atomic energy industry ridicule this report, saying we have never had a nuclear accident. We would never have consequences this severe. They used the "Probably Risk Assignment" to calculate that an accident of this severity would not happen but once in 100,000 years. When they brought out this information at the Commission hearings, I asked a very simple question: "Do we know which year in the 100,000 an accident will take place, the first or last?" Of course, there was no answer, but let us now look at the facts.

Three Mile Island was in com-

mmercial operation only 121 days when it had a major catastrophe.

The accident at Fermi in Detroit took place after only three years of operation. That reactor was nine seconds from total melt down before they stopped it, which would have caused the devastation of that city.

Chernobyl, although accurate information is still hard to come by, is probably the prime example of realism supporting the WASH 740 study. It had back up systems for safety that some scientists claim are superior to ours. It had a containment area. The accident is alleged to have been caused by a combination of human and mechanical errors. The plume of radiation was not contained within 50 miles, but has been carried over 1,000. The area of the worst devastation covers 190 miles. By comparison, this would be an area from Boston to Washington as the wind blows.

The effects of the Chernobyl accident will be felt for years to come. As projected in the WASH 740 report, the land will not be habitable for at least 20 and probably 100 years. People who eat foodstuffs that have been contaminated by sightless, tasteless, odorless radiation are receiving huge doses of radiation that are cumulative and will create cancer properties in the body, causing suffering and death.

I bring up the Sandia report because the facts were there, but were ignored under the LERO plan, making it a charade. Also ignored were the true facts pertaining to Eastern Long Island's population and how it relates to evacuation.

The respected Police Chief of the Town of Southampton, Conrad Teller, spoke at the Shoreham Commission hearings about the impossibility of evacuation. He stated there are just over 100,000 residents, according to the census, in the five East End towns. What is not stated in the census is that there are over 150,000 semi-permanent residents who own second homes on Eastern Long Island. Contrary to bureaucratic opinion, these people are not summer residents but year-round residents. They are here occupying their homes several days a week, at least 10 months a year, most 12. In addition, on any day from May to October, we can have up to 275,000 additional people here on Eastern Long Island. They are called "day-trippers," our vacationers. Their length of stay ranges from 12 to 24 hours up to one month.

Realistically, the 100,000 population jumps to a half-million people; 400,000 of these people do not call Eastern Long Island home, their homes and their families are to the west of the evacuation zone of Shoreham. In case of an accident, the vast majority of them are expected to flee en masse. Normally, many of these people leave in a systematic fashion starting at noon on Sunday and going through the early hours Monday morning. On a normal Sunday afternoon, it is not uncommon for these people to create traffic jams and gridlock throughout different areas on the North and South Forks. Teller predicted that it would be impossible to conduct a quick, orderly evacuation with this number of people on the East End of the island.

Donald Dilworth, then Suffolk County police chief, estimated that during a normal day without the East End effect, the best that he could hope for would be a 14 to 32 hour

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evacuation span. Based on this estimation, the Chernobyl accident and the WASH 740 report ring that much truer.

Gentlemen, I don't want to be one of those 40,000 fatalities. I don't want my readers to be. I don't want you or any of the other bureaucrats in Washington, or the financial wizards who have pushed the Shoreham nuclear power plant, to be sitting back in Washington or in their plush surroundings in Palm Beach saying, "Oh!, we erred, it's too bad those people had to die so that we could live the life we have become accustomed to."

Gentlemen, you have heard testimony from Long Island for the past three days, a lot of it emotional, most based upon fact and common knowledge. In good conscience, you cannot allow the N.R.C to grant an operating license to Shoreham. If the bureaucracy is too big to be stopped, I say at least be men enough to do what Frank Petrone has done--resign! It might start a new trend in Washington. Honesty and principles in place of greed.

And why not?

R'head Savings expands

Riverhead Savings Bank has completed expansion of its main office at 7 West Main Street in Riverhead.

The renovation of the building adjacent to the banks mortgage and consumer loan headquarters, gives RSB the valuable office space needed for the processing and servicing of loans and accounts, according to a bank spokesperson.

The 3,200 square feet of

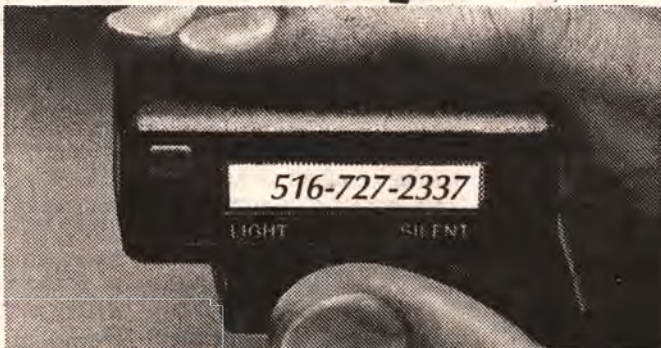
office space has a new glass front with a canopied entrance from the banks west side parking lot.

"The expansion of our main office illustrates our commitment to the community," said Riverhead Savings Bank President Gus Poulos. "With the banks continuing growth in loans, mortgages and commercial loans, there was a need for additional space. The ex-

pansion will allow us to increase the level of service, offer innovative services and better meet the needs of our customers and staff, now and in the future.

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His Own Worst Enemy

Suffolk County Comptroller Joseph Caputo must flinch every morning when he shaves for he looks eye to eye at his own worst enemy.

Caputo is up for re-election, an election he should normally win easily. Caputo's official opponent is Edward Young from Lindenhurst, a village attorney and an administrator. But Caputo's real opponent is Joseph Caputo himself.

Caputo has a history of making outlandish statements, wild accusations that impugn the reputation of those who disagree with him. Caputo has long been a staunch advocate of opening the Shoreham nuclear power plant. He has made numerous statements in support of his belief, most illogical, which demonstrate his lack of common sense and twisted intelligence. The most familiar of those statements concerns evacuation. Caputo, at a public meeting, stated that he believed that Long Island could be evacuated Dunkirk style by the flotilla of private boats that are moored on Long Island. When reminded that most of these boats are drydocked, out of commission, from November to April and the bays are frozen over, Caputo responded that the residents of Eastern Long Island could put on their skates and escape radiation poisoning by skating across the bays.

Now that he is running for re-election he says out of one side of his mouth that he is going to be against the plant because the people are against Shoreham, but that he is really still in favor of opening it. He is probably the best example of hypocrisy ever to come on the political scene.

Caputo has now outdone himself in the matter of insane logic and ridiculous statements. Caputo has charged that all of us who are opposed to Shoreham are part of a Communist plot being orchestrated by the KGB. Pro-safety people, do you realize that you are being paid to speak out

about your safety by the Russian secret service? We would like to ask Mr. Caputo, as one of the leading pro-safety advocates and anti-Shoreham voices, when can we expect our check? Since Caputo seems to have some inside information about the KGB, he should be privy to not only when we will receive our check, but how big it will be, especially since he has made Suffolk Life, and, more specifically, David Willmott his opponent in this campaign.

Somehow or other, in his confused mind Caputo has made this editor his opponent and he must defeat me in order to be re-elected. Sorry Joe, we are not interested in becoming comptroller. However, we are very interested in seeing that Suffolk has a comptroller who has common sense, rational thought powers, and the guts to do audits that may not be politically expedient but, in fact, could be politically embarrassing.

We have urged, and the Suffolk County Legislature has asked the comptroller's office to do a complete audit of the county's OTB operation. Your office has maintained that the OTB audit is "on the list" of audits to be done, but is "not near the top" of that list. Now we're told that your chief auditor is beginning to look at the state audits that have already been done, audits that were superficial in nature and not nearly as thorough as is necessary to weed out the financial shenanigans that are certain to be found in OTB activities. Your sense of priorities is suspect, considering the fact that you have spent much time complaining about the environmental ramifications of fumes being discharged by the Shoreham activists who were burning an eternal lamp during a vigil as a symbol of their fight against Shoreham. And spent a lot of time auditing the purchase of newspapers by county employees, ordering they clip coupons to justify the practice.

Why Joe? Would an audit of OTB strike too close to home?

Suffolk's OTB should be a highly profitable operation for the county. The organized crime families had been making millions of dollars through illegal gambling operations for years. The state legalized these betting operations and gave franchises to the county to set up quasi-public corporations to run legalized betting parlors. During the early days of OTB, the corporation was profitable and the residents benefited. Of late, however, we understand the profits have virtually disappeared and OTB has been subsidized, with indications they may seek more funds from the legislature, to stay in operation.

On the basis of information that came our way, we smelled a rat, as did some legislators, and asked you to investigate. You have been slow, in fact seemingly reluctant, to do so. As a result, Suffolk Life, acting as a conscience of the county and under the Freedom of Information Act, has obtained numerous documents, at considerable cost, and we are in the process of exploring this material to

see where our money might have been squandered, used as a private treasure chest for the political leaders.

Yes, we would like to see a comptroller who does his job and protects the money of the public, someone with a dedicated sense of eliminating wasteful spending rather than seeking headlines. It is no secret that we find your advanced case of hoof and mouth disease distasteful. It is no secret that we question the thought processes of a man who makes ludicrous statements from a position of importance.

We do think the voters should examine Mr. Young's qualifications carefully, putting aside political labels as they do so. We think voters should also examine your pro-LILCO stand and the wild statements and accusations that you have made against those who take an opposite viewpoint from yours. Suffolk County has had too many politicians who have disgraced its great name. It needs no more. It's time to put integrity, and sanity, in important positions.

And why not?

Who's Hiding What?

Suffolk County's \$60 million land acquisition program is the subject of a new proposal which would involve the well-respected Nature Conservancy as a "middle man" to expedite the purchase. While this proposal, advanced by Legislator Steven Englebright, is heralded as a means of utilizing the Conservancy's "negotiating expertise" and tax benefit status, Englebright's plan has a very serious flaw: it would eliminate a full disclosure requirement contained in the original legislation.

The county's land acquisition plan, however applaudible in the minds of some, already has some drawbacks. Although designed to preserve ecologically valuable lands, there is no environmental information which establishes an ecological priority list to ensure that the most valuable lands are targeted for purchase first. In fact, the acquisition program became a legislative pork barrel into which legislators were given an opportunity to dip in order to win their votes.

Also missing is a financial impact statement which would offer information about the impact on local areas when the land is taken off the tax rolls. Or, according to our sources, very little if any discussion with local officials about how the proposed takings would impact the local municipalities.

And now, Englebright wants to take away the full disclosure requirement which could keep the acquisitions honest. Targeted in Englebright's proposal is land in Southampton Town which we noted in an earlier editorial had been the subject of political pressure several years ago. We noted how former Suffolk Republican Leader Anthony Prudenti had come under pressure to garner legislative approval for the county acquisition of those same

lands. And now Englebright wants to prevent full disclosure of the real ownership of those lands through the use of the Nature Conservancy as a middle man, which would negate the full disclosure which would be required if the county was the purchaser. Why? Both Englebright and a Conservancy spokesman declared last week they do not feel disclosure is as important as is ensuring that the property is purchased at fair market price or lower. We think they're wrong. The only way this program can be kept honest is fully disclose who it is getting the money. As Legislator Joe Rizzo said last week, "I would want to know the (property owners') names. Who knows, we could find out later that (Suffolk Republican leader) Mike Blake owned half the property." Or anyone else with political connections.

If Englebright is really serious about the preservation of ecologically valuable lands, he will revise his proposal to include a requirement that full and complete disclosure of all those involved in the land ownership, either privately or through a corporation, is required. And if he is concerned about protecting the people of Suffolk County, he will also include a disclaimer that would hold the county harmless against any claims that may arise from a tax break arranged through the Conservancy which might be later rejected by the Internal Revenue Service.

If Englebright is serious he will amend his proposal. Unless and until he does, the members of the Legislature should reject his proposal, and make sure that full disclosure is guaranteed before even one dollar of taxpayer's dollars winds up in anyone's pocket.

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Way Above Inflation

Residents of Suffolk County towns should be flocking to the town board meetings demanding to know why the cost of their town governments has risen so far ahead of inflation. All towns, with the exception of Southampton, are posting increases in town taxes ranging from 10% to 70%. This is far beyond the cost of inflation, way beyond the value of increases we have received from toiling in the work place.

These town taxes have astronomically increased at a time when the value of real estate is doubling and tripling throughout the county. The value of real estate is the basis on which our town assessments are made. As assessments increase, tax rates should have gone down, compensating for inflation and showing reductions. Local taxes have shown the fastest rate of growth of

all taxes we pay over the last decade.

Local politicians who should be responsive to us probably have not caught our wrath because, during the past few years our economy has been strong and our demands to hold the line have not been vocal or forceful. We strongly urge all residents to turn out at their town board meetings and demand that the proposed budgets be chopped and that tax reductions be developed instead of tax increases. Most budget proposals are loaded with fat and have funding for projects that will never be used by the average person.

Our local town officials have caved in to the demands of special interest and these special interests are going to cause your taxes to increase unless you stop them now.

And why not?

Buy Now, Save Later

If you had an opportunity to purchase the home you have been renting and then own that home free and clear after five and a half years, and live rent free from that time on, what would be your reaction? We'd guess you would say, "Sounds like a good deal to me."

That is undoubtedly the reason why 100 per cent of the 27 school boards in the BOCES First Supervisory District have voiced approval of a BOCES proposal to purchase six buildings now being rented by BOCES. It does, indeed, sound like a good deal, and one that should be supported by all residents when the issue comes to a vote on October 15.

Here's the proposal: to purchase the presently rented Special Education Annex located in Westhampton Beach, and five rented buildings and property of 8.82 acres at the Harry B. Ward Technical Center in Riverhead.

The total cost of the proposal, which includes the purchase of the buildings and land, renovations, cost for the referendum and legal fees, is \$2,604,300. BOCES officials report the purchase price of the buildings and land is equal to 5 and one-half years of rental payments BOCES now pays for the facilities. After that period, the buildings would be owned free and clear, and rental payments, now distributed among the 27 school districts within the BOCES district, would cease.

The proposal is a common sense approach to using education money where it is best spent, providing occupational and technical education for our youth, rather than collect rent receipts. Voting will take place in most school districts at the usual location for school district elections. Why not go to the polls and say "yes" to a good idea?

And why not?

Letters to the Editor

'Instill pride in Shirley'

Dear Editor:

All this saintly talk of Walter T. Shirley. I can remember when he was cursed for using his money to buy a railroad station in Shirley. He took the station from Mastic and moved it to Shirley and in doing so put Blanche Burg out of business. She had the coffee shack at the railroad in Mastic.

Walter Shirley wasn't a saint, he was a smart business man who took advantage of a tax sale on delinquent property. He bought the property cheap, filed a site plan with the town and advertised in the Daily News, made a lot of money, and in the process, probably contributed to the pollution of our drinking water!

How, you ask. He sub-divided the land into 10,000 substandard sized plots. You and I have seen the results. Fifty foot plots where there

should have been 100-150foot plots. He didn't do any-thing to help the environment, he just made a hell of a lot of money!! Some of the people who are championing his name, made a lot of money too.

When Walter T. purchased the land, it was known as Mastic Acres, had been for years, but it was alright for Walter T. to change the name to Shirley, L.I. Now some 30 years later people want to change the name again to something more suitable to the area... "Floyd Harbor."

They are people like you and me who live here and are looking for some way to instill some pride in this place we call home. And it's being done in the democratic way, by petition. "Take Pride In Floyd Harbor!"

Gabriel Bovenzi
Shirley

'The Peter Principle?'

Dear Mr. Willmott:

So Peter Cohalan wants to be state Supreme Court judge! If this state had a death penalty and "Judge Cohalan" passed down that sentence on a human being and after the switch was thrown, changed his mind, does he say I'm sorry?

Peter Fox Cohalan should be considered "unelectable" by every citizen of Suffolk County. I resent the fact that my current taxes are paying his salary now and I cannot picture anyone "electing" to pay his salary for the rest of his life. I cannot think of a better example of the "Peter Principle."

Mr. Cohalan no longer has credibility in this county or state. Where is the "surplus" tax revenue from Suffolk that he promised to return to the tax payers? We didn't see it last year and we won't see it this year.

Peter Cohalan's buddies can endorse him all they want but when it goes to the polls the residents of this area will show their strength. He couldn't have enough voting age relatives to elect him. Let's face it. There is no longer a political career for the "Fox." Amen.

Very truly yours,
Susan Hartman
Central Islip

'Donations exceed goals'

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers of the Peconic Land Trust, I wish to thank everyone who made contributions and pledges towards the Trust's 1986 Challenge grant. With a \$25,000 goal, you exceeded all expectations by raising over \$36,000. I can assure you that your generosity

and support will enable the Trust to continue its efforts to conserve the farmland and open space so dear to our hearts.

Sincerely,
John V. Halsey
President
Southampton

'Find out what is important'

Dear Editor:

The Center Moriches Public Library Newsletter of July-August, 1986 reports: "Because of the long delay before ground breaking and start of construction, deletions had to be made - so your continued support of the New Library Building Fund is needed for such items as kitchen equipment and the Soundproof Divider Door for the Community Room." That is very bad fortune indeed.

But we do not know the extent of our bad fortune, caused by the "long delay," because the newsletter did not mention what "deletions had to be made." It does seem, however, that "such items as kitchen equipment" will be provided; does that make us all feel relieved?

What is the importance of kitchen equipment in our library? Are we going to serve hot meals to patrons or is the kitchen to be reserved for private parties and staff? Could such limited purpose be served by catering from local restaurants or could these private

parties bring their own food from home?

Many times when I made photocopies of important letters and documents at the library, the copies came out filthy. I had to go to Riverhead or other libraries to get clean, clear copies. When I reported it, I was told that the director said we do not own the machine and we can't do anything about it - that the owner feels it would be too expensive to repair. Sending a photocopy of an important letter or document or a resume to an employer is like sending your own photograph. A filthy picture is a bad reflection on you.

If you can find a way to provide the kitchen equipment, but cannot get clean, clear photocopies at the Center Moriches Library, I think we have very bad fortune indeed - and it is not entirely the fault of the aforementioned "long delay." Who cares?

Very truly yours,
John P. Hassan
Center Moriches

'Thanks to all who cared'

Dear Editor:

I don't know how to thank the people who cared except through your paper.

On Friday, August 29 my daughter was hit by a car on Route 25 and Crescent Bow in Ridge. Thank God she is alive and home.

I want to thank everyone that stopped and helped us. I Don't know who they were, except they were people who cared and prayed.

The Ridge Fire Department responded immediately, thanks to a phone call made from two men in a red car.

Everyone helped out one way or another. Thank you again for stopping and caring.

God Bless all of you,
Kathryn K. Kull
Ridge

'Plea for animal care'

Dear Editor

I'm writing to inform our town residents how our cats are treated in the local pound. On September 3, I went to my local pound to adopt a pet. I looked around for about one hour and decided not to adopt a dog. I wanted a cat. I asked our guide and he told me maybe I can save a cat. They were scheduled to be put to sleep in a half hour.

He took us to a fair-sized room with 42 animals waiting to die. In this room were eight dogs and 34 cats and kittens. I started crying thinking about their fate in 20 minutes.

My niece was with me and noticed a pregnant cat awaiting the same fate as all the

others. We adopted two kittens, one of which was only three weeks old. The pound said they were both ready to go.

We had to bring one of the kittens back so it could stay a little longer with its mother. We were informed the mother was to be destroyed that night along with her other kittens.

We asked the pound officials how long does a cat have before they destroy them, they told us 48 hours.

If anyone decides to adopt a cat or kitten please spay or neuter your animal so this senseless killing can come to an end.

Yours truly,
Catherine Cafiero
Mastic Beach

'Thanks for coverage'

Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Holbrook Country Fair Inc., I would like to thank you for your excellent publicity and coverage of the Fourth Annual Holbrook Country Fair on August 9 and 10.

We are eagerly anticipating next year's fair and will decide on the date in the near future. We would like to request your participation and assistance for our Fifth Annual Holbrook Coun-

try Fair for 1987.

The spirit of harmony runs strong in Holbrook, and I hope we can continue to work together toward that goal for the betterment of the community.

Sincerely,
Jean Melcher
President
Holbrook

Taking Long Island for Granted

You would never know there is a gubernatorial campaign going on if you live on Long Island.

We don't know about the rest of the state, but Governor Cuomo has made only limited appearances in either Nassau or Suffolk. We have heard almost nothing from him about Long Island issues, what his positions are and what his solutions would be to the problems concerning our region.

Cuomo may be resting on his laurels, figuring he has the undying gratitude of the people who favor the closing of Shoreham. We are indeed grateful to him for he has stood up for the safety of the people and has been consistent on this issue. But Shoreham is not the only issue that deserves comment here on Long Island.

We are faced with problems caused by agencies directly under his control. The D.E.C., most notably, has been making rules and regulations that affect our daily lives. Their dictates on garbage are

neither reasonable nor responsible. The only person the D.E.C. is answerable to is the governor and the governor is not making himself available to hear the people or give them the answers they need. There are numerous other issues we wish the governor would express himself on, issues that gubernatorial candidates normally speak out about.

Maybe the governor is too busy putting together his presidential campaign to worry about getting re-elected. He may think that the polls are right, and he will win by 70% plurality. But then again, the voters may surprise the governor and stay home because of an apathy caused by him not running a campaign, and Andy O'Rourke could win by default.

We still have a couple of weeks left. We hope the governor uses them to tell the people his positions on the various issues of importance here on Long Island.

And why not?

York because of the high taxes.

If our legislature and the governor fail to readjust New York State's taxes and, instead opt for more spending, we will lose many more people and companies. And when they go, a lot of our tax base will go with them. And what might be a

windfall now could become a mighty big deficit later. Let's hope our state officials handle this matter with a great deal of common sense so that this windfall doesn't turn out to be our downfall.

And why not?

More Museum Antics

For a brief moment of time recently it began to look as though the county's Vanderbilt Museum, long used as a political plaything by the politicians in power, might become untangled from the political web and begin to concentrate on historical matters without political interference. Unfortunately, however, that hope died as political games started almost immediately.

The hope was raised by the resignation of Suffolk Republican Leader William M. Blake from the board of trustees at the Vanderbilt. With fanfare and headlines, Blake urged that the politicization at the museum end. Not long after that, hopes that the political games would end were dashed. The legislature's presiding officer, Gregory Blass, put forth the names of most of the current board members, who have come under fire for secret bank accounts and closed meetings, for reappointment. Then a list of prospective board members who are well qualified and would bring a breath of fresh air to the board of trustees was tabled in the Parks Committee. Blass said he was not involved in that tabling action, and will strive to have the names voted out of committee.

Interestingly, the list of incumbents put forth by Blass did not contain the name of one trustee who has been outspoken in his efforts to eliminate political shenanigans at the museum. Instead, Blass put forth

a new name, who, according to one angry legislator, happens to be the next door neighbor of the current board chairman. Blass insists the new name is of a well qualified individual, and admits leaving the one trustee's name off the list is probably a mistake. He said he will add that name to the others proposed. The elimination of the name of the one individual who has stood up for integrity in the operation of the museum leads us to wonder if an attempt is being made to solve the complaints by eliminating the complainer.

What the county's political powers fail to realize is the fact the Vanderbilt is a county museum, not the private toy of the politicians. If efforts continue to reseat all the incumbents, nothing will be accomplished and the Blake resignation and his call to end the politicization of the museum, will have been nothing more than a scam.

The members of the Suffolk County Legislature will have an opportunity to show where they stand when the names of the trustees come before them for approval. Their votes will show whether they are political pawns, or public officials who will do what is right rather than politically motivated. Those votes will be under intense scrutiny and could have a dramatic impact on their own political futures.

And why not?

It's Not Windfall

During our interview with candidates for the State Legislature, we have had interesting discussions with them about changes in the new federal tax law which will bring a windfall in additional revenues for New York State. How the state will deal with these unexpected and undeserved funds should be a matter of great interest for us all.

Under the federal tax reform, many of the deductions, tax shelters and tax advantages individuals used to keep their taxes down have been eliminated. Since the filing process for state tax is based on the majority of deductions for the federal taxes, the elimination of these deductions will result in additional dollars in state taxes. The federal reform compensates with lower tax rates. As it

stands now, the state could receive \$2.2 billion in added taxes.

Instead of looking at these funds as a windfall, the legislature and the governor should be looking at reducing corporate, personal and sales taxes collected by the state. If they fail to reduce taxes and, instead, opt for new spending programs, the exodus of wealthy people and business will accelerate.

There is little reason for many businesses and many business people to remain in New York State and pay exorbitant taxes when they can live elsewhere much more reasonably. We learned this painful lesson during the 70's and early 80's. New York lost over 900,000 jobs. Vast numbers of our more highly qualified residents and affluent senior citizens left New

Letters to the Editor

'Keep funds for Sunrise project'

To the Editor,

In the last few months much has been said and much has been written about Sunrise Highway. In the next two months there will be much more.

As one who drives along that roadway almost every day, I feel qualified to make some observations and comments. First, I would like to publicly thank Assemblyman Paul Harenberg and Senator Ceasar Trunzo for working together to obtain an additional 10 million state dollars to be used exclusively for the reconstruction of Sunrise. Second, I wish to chide Sen. Trunzo for originally selling out the people of Islip to gain votes in Brookhaven. When Trunzo originally supported the reconstruction of the Brookhaven portion of Sunrise, before the Islip section was completed, he hoped to garner favor in an area where he did very poorly in the last few elections. In fact, Trunzo was so worried of his loss in this area that he also opened a separate district office in Patchogue to increase his visibility. Third, I wish to give a full set of raspberries to the Transportation Coordinating Committee (T.C.C.). The T.C.C., which is

comprised of County Executives Cohalan and Purcell, as well as the chairman of the Mass Transit Authority and the Commissioner of Transportation, for not sufficiently funding the Sunrise reconstruction and for allowing the hairbrained reconstruction schedule to ever come to pass.

Fourth, more raspberries to the Town of Islip for doing everything possible to encourage development and then blaming others for the harmful effects overdevelopment brings.

Last, I would like to urge Senators Moynihan and D'Amato to work together to make sure that the \$3 million for Sunrise reconstruction that Rep. Downey has passed in the House remains in the Senate bill. Harenberg and Trunzo have appropriated an additional \$10 million for Sunrise. The state has done its fair share. Since funding is based on the 70/30 formula, it is time the federal government came up with its fair share.

Respectfully,
**Michael L. Wilson
Holbrook**

(The writer is a former Democratic candidate for an Islip Town council seat.)

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Willmotts and Why-Nots

David J. Willmott, Editor

Did They Hear Too Well?

Two weeks ago, we published an editorial questioning whether the N.R.C. licensing hearing judges who sat through three days of hearings here on Long Island heard what we were saying. Based on recent actions, they may have heard too well, at least by N.R.C. standards.

Last week, the N.R.C. announced it was removing two of those sitting judges and replacing them with people who have not had any direct involvement in the Shoreham case. Then, after a furor developed over this arrogant slap in the face of Suffolk residents, the N.R.C. backtracked. Now, they say, the two replaced judges, panel head Morton Margulies and Judge Jerry Kline, along with Judge Frederic Shon, will continue with the Shoreham case, but only deal with issues sent back to them by the N.R.C. commissioners and an appeal board.

The new judges, the N.R.C. now says, will consider the February 13 drill by LILCO to decide if it demonstrated that the public could be protected by the LILCO plan in the event of an accident. By way of explanation, the N.R.C. claims little evidence has been presented on this issue thus far. Hogwash! More than that, it's an outright lie! There has been much discussion over this drill, numerous hearings, and a paper flow that reaches toward the sky! To name new judges to start anew to consider a plan that LILCO has no legal authority to implement, is an outright attempt to push approval for Shoreham despite the merits of the opposition, and the truth.

The Margulies panel had earlier ruled that LILCO did not have the legal authority to implement its plan, and thus Shoreham should not open. The N.R.C. commissioners overruled that decision, and directed the Margulies panel to reconsider. Apparently the Margulies panel is a rarity in the ranks of the N.R.C. The way we see it, that panel may well stick to its original decision and to

avoid that, the N.R.C. simply acted to remove them from making that decision.

We raised the issue of collusion following the revelation that the N.R.C. copied LILCO's words in filing a brief arguing the position taken by the county and state. Suffolk Life Managing Editor Lou Grasso has formally requested, in a letter to Judge Margulies, that an investigation be made into this apparent partnership between the N.R.C. staff and the utility. We have received no response. We have forwarded this request to Congressman Edward Markey of Mass., who heads a subcommittee which has, in the past, held congressional investigations into other charges against the N.R.C. We are hopeful that Markey will explore this issue and the most recent game of musical chairs as well. We are hopeful that Long Island congressional representatives will speak up on this matter, and push for investigations by the N.R.C., and by Markey's committee.

The N.R.C., which is as phony a regulatory body as a \$3 bill, has become the disinformation center of Ronald Reagan's government. It is the curse of his administration, a black eye that he should not have to wear. The N.R.C. practices boldface lies, subterfuge, changes its rules and regulations and now its judges, to meet its own questionable motives. It is playing games with the lives of our residents, dangerous games that could have a terrible impact. Just as the nuclear tragedy at Chernobyl had a terrible impact on the lives of innocent people there.

It's a crying shame that Reagan, who has an excellent record of being an excellent president, has allowed his own Watergate to develop. What Richard Nixon did with Watergate was kindergarten stuff compared to what Ronald Reagan has allowed to happen with the N.R.C. It's frightening that Ronald Reagan is no longer in control of his own adminis-

tration. If he is, indeed, a man of conscience, with any concern at all for the people of Long Island, he will

act immediately to stop the insane actions of the N.R.C.

And why not?

Ban The D.E.C.

As Ronald Reagan has the N.R.C. as the yoke around his neck, Mario Cuomo has the D.E.C. Both are agencies of the executive branch, which has oversight over their operations. Rules and regulations not particularly designed to serve the public, but to perpetuate the built-in bureaucracy, and are too often created by these agencies, with little or no control exerted by the executive branch.

The D.E.C. and the governor came under fire this past week on two fronts. On the East End, they have banned not only commercial but recreational fishing for striped bass. They claim that the bass contain an unhealthy dosage of PCB's, yet we have not heard them dispute the statement that the chicken we buy in the supermarket contain more PCB's than striped bass.

Striped bass fishing has been the mainstay of many commercial fishermen. We can almost understand the D.E.C.'s concern for not allowing the marketing of a fish they feel may be contaminated, but we cannot understand its outright ban on the recreational fishing for the species.

For years, the D.E.C. has warned upstaters against eating too much of such recreational fish as bass, pickerel and pike found in the rivers and lakes that are numerous upstate. The D.E.C. warned that these fish are also chemically contaminated, but knew full well that an outright ban would kill off a huge vacation and tourist economy. The screaming from upstate politicians would have been deafening. The D.E.C. was content to go along allowing the fishing to continue, but they warned people against eating these fish. They knew with that warning most of the people would not consume their catch.

The same logic could have been applied to the striped bass here on Long Island. They could have allowed the bass fishery to continue, put limitations on catches, issued a warning about the consumption of the fish, a warning most people would have heeded. Instead, they opted for an outright ban which is killing the Montauk and Orient charter fishing fleets. Hundreds of boats are idle, captains and mates faced with the prospect of economic ruin and the loss of their boats. Most of these boats are heavily mortgaged and the owners depend upon char-

tering on a daily basis to cover their payments.

Why an outright ban on Long Island and not upstate? The answer is simple and it does not have to do with contamination of the fish. It lies in the fact that the Long Island delegation of the Assembly and Senate are mute. They do not act as a delegation. With a few exceptions, they allow petty bureaucrats to stomp on the rights of Long Islanders without complaining and demanding just treatment.

The D.E.C. is an agency that operates under the governor's control. The governor apparently feels he is safe on Long Island because of his Shoreham stance, and that the other pertinent issues that pertain to this region can be swept under the table.

The governor's D.E.C., in the west end of our circulation area, has ridiculously ordered that Islip Town, the only town moving toward a mandated resource recovery project by 1990, be able to expand an existing landfill for use until the resource recovery facility is finished. The result of this unilateral action is that the current landfill will not be able to accept any further commercial garbage. The cost of hauling this garbage out of state runs from \$18 to \$24 per ton, a cost the carters cannot absorb nor can businesses afford to pay.

On November 1 commercial garbage will start to mount in Islip, within days the town will be paralyzed and a serious health condition could develop because of the action of the D.E.C. The D.E.C. is ludicrous and without defense. The law banning landfills does not go into effect until 1990, an arbitrary date, and everyone agrees there will be postponements after that date.

Islip had agreed to meet all environmental needs with the new landfill, clay bottom, triple linings, and other rules and regulations. The D.E.C. just arbitrarily said no, offering no alternatives nor money to meet its mandates, and despite the fact the D.E.C. has, in the past, ordered towns to use the very same liners they now reject.

The D.E.C. is out of touch with the people and is out of control of reality. Unless the governor harnesses this runaway agency, his presidential aspirations could sink into the mountain of garbage that he is creating.

And why not?

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We Take Elections Seriously

Statistics have proven without a doubt that people look to newspapers more for information about candidates and elections than they look to all other mediums of communication combined. Knowing this, and knowing that Suffolk Life is the communities' newspaper, we take the selection of our candidates very seriously.

Suffolk Life Newspapers does not have a political identification. We are independent. Our staff is made up of people from different political persuasions and of different age groups.

In the spring, when candidates first announce their intentions to

seek office, these candidates are assigned to members of our news staff. The staff follows the candidate's campaign, digging as deeply as possible into the background of the people and compiling lengthy resumes on not only who they are and what they stand for, but more importantly, their credibility and integrity.

During the months leading up to the election, much rhetoric is waded through. Genuine new ideas that the candidates present are printed on a systematic and balanced basis in anticipation that our readers will

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become familiar with the candidates. The news department and editorial staff compiles a lengthy questionnaire covering the basic philosophy of the candidate and the issues.

The candidates are sent these questionnaires which they are required to answer in a yes or no format, just as they would vote. The questionnaires and the candidates' answers are published in Suffolk Life today for your perusal. We recommend that you read the questions, answer them yourself with a yes or no, then check to find out how the candidates who are aspiring to office answered the questions. In doing so, you can obtain a good idea of those candidates who agree with you and those who don't.

From the latter part of September through the middle of October, our staff and editorial board meet personally with the candidates for a two hour interview in each race. During these interviews many questions are asked and explored in depth. We look for candidates who have a knowledge of the issues and solutions to the problems. We do not expect candidates to agree with our beliefs, but we do look for candidates to be honest and be true to their own beliefs. We despise cute answers, efforts to avoid the question, and answers that are purely political in nature. These interviews are held both individually and jointly with the candidates.

At the conclusion of the inter-

viewing process, the various reporters who have covered the campaigns and the members of the editorial board who have interviewed the candidates sit down to a round table discussion. The merits of the particular candidate are discussed, sometimes, argued. Each member of this group is free to speak his or her mind as to how they see the issues and the facts. At the conclusion of the discussion, a vote is taken and the result of this vote is the endorsement of the candidate.

Each member of the board has the right, if they disagree with the consensus, to write an opposing endorsement. On occasions this right has been exercised, once by the publisher, once by the managing editor, and twice by staff members. In most cases, but not in all, there is a unanimous consensus as the candidates being chosen and their qualifications far outweigh their opponents.

Next week in Suffolk Life we will publish our endorsements, concluding our pre-electoral coverage. The process at Suffolk Life is grueling and involves over a thousand man hours from start to finish. We attempt to do our job the best we can. We are interested in hearing from our readers what their opinions of our efforts are, and any suggestions for improvements or perhaps eliminating part of the process. We do this for you and we care about your input.

And why not?

Letters to the Editor

'Support for Caputo'

Dear Mr. Willmott:

The last time that Suffolk County Joseph R. Caputo ran for election (and about one month before election) you wrote in your paper that no one would vote for either candidate.

I do not want to get into the issue of Shoreham. A lot of people (not just one who is responsible for books and audits) have changed their minds back and forth since Chernobyl--they want the cheaper rates that will be had with nuclear power (that is available all over the world), but with safety.

Since we all know that there is just no

fighting with a newspaper (as you would of course have the last word) it would be foolish for me to go over the vicious report in the North Fork Edition of Suffolk Life dated October 8, 1986.

Joe Caputo has done his job as incumbent comptroller and protects the money of the public, one of the few with fiscal responsibility.

It's time to put integrity and sanity into your paper.

And why not?
**Susan E. Tasker
Greenport**

'Controversy over name change'

To The Editor:

I'm in favor of changing the name of Shirley to Floyd Harbor. Before the area was Shirley it was Mastic Acres.

Walter T. Shirley came along, built his homes and felt he could glorify himself by renaming the town. Mastic Acres was rich with history dating back to pre-colonial America. Who did Walter T. think he was anyway changing an historical name like Mastic Acres to Shirley?

There were many builders after Shirley, Mauro, Kingman, Selter Tech, Horizon etc.

What if one of these builders decided to be egotistical and change the name to Mauroville, or maybe Kingman Land?

Nobody would stand for it now, and nobody should have stood for it back in 1952 either.

Floyd Harbor reflects part of the history in our area. If not Floyd Harbor, go back to Mastic Acres, but please get rid of Shirley. And if people say "There's no harbor" then call the area "Floyd Acres."

**John Raiser
Mastic**

'Protection for L.I. groundwater'

Dear Mr. Beiswanger:

I'm pleased to tell you about an important victory that we achieved recently in the fight to protect Long Island's fragile supply of groundwater. My program to protect sole source aquifers was signed into law on June 19th along with other changes in the Safe Drinking Water Act. Knowing of your interest in the protection of our groundwater, I'd like to bring you up to date on this new program.

Let me explain how it will work. Long Island is eligible for up to \$4 million a year in federal funds to prevent contamination of our groundwater. The money, which requires matching funds from the state, could be used to buy land within the Suffolk Pine Barrens to protect the underlying aquifer. The U.S. En-

vironmental Protection Agency will be working on the regulations necessary for the program's implementation. Consequently, it will be at least a year before Long Island actually receives the new Federal funds.

I am proud that this new program will help guarantee that we will be able to rely on an ample supply of clean drinking water for many generations to come.

As always, I hope you will feel free to share your views on this and any other issues of importance to you.

Sincerely,
**Thomas J. Downey
Member of Congress
Washington, DC**

'Prerequisites for judgeship'

Dear Editor:

I would appreciate it greatly if you would print this in your letters to the editor column.

The G.O.P. leaders of Nassau and Suffolk have chosen the Suffolk County executive to run for the N.Y. State Supreme Court.

I wonder if this designee can meet any of these stipulations, e.g.

#1 Has he ever been a prosecutor or defense attorney?

#2 Has he ever sat and served with distinc-

tion on a lower court bench, district, county etc. which would merit his promotion to a higher judicial post?

Small wonder our judicial system is often viewed in an obtrusive light!

Ancestral antecedence and/or political favors should not be a prerequisite for this job.

I prayerfully hope the electorate shall overcome in November.

Sincerely,
**William H. Conklin
Ronkonkoma**

'Increase law enforcement for youths'

Dear Editor:

This writer will be raising a subject that may be very controversial. Hopefully your column will provide further comment.

Acts against law and order have been on the increase by youthful offenders. Because of the ages of these offenders, there has been very little in disciplinary action. Someone has to offer protection for the victims. Punishment for the crime should be suitable and the damages paid in full. Parental responsibility does enter into it. If Mom and Pop have to shell out some bucks, it's sure to create more discipline at home. The respect for law and order begins at home. That fact has to be realized as we grow into adulthood. To permit crime without punishment would then permit more serious acts in the future. What may have begun as a mischievous act, would result in the realization that crime does pay. That is a miscarriage of justice.

Collectively everyone of us has been some-

what apathetic, and shutting our minds and eyes to what is happening. Our youths, the parents, the police and the courts included.

Vandalism goes on and after that comes the drinking, drugs, pregnancies and it gets worse so quickly. It will not go away if it's ignored. Reliable statistics are available that indicate our nation, compared to all the industrialized nations, have the greatest problem. It is a shame that we take no action to erase it.

All areas of the media, newspapers, magazines, radio have been active when it comes to politics, national possibilities with a nuclear war, etc. None of these, or even all combined, can be as bad as what is happening to our future generation.

Hopefully your newspaper will pioneer with more coverage, and print the response that is sure to result from your readers.

Yours truly,
**August Egelhofer
Shoreham**

'Radioactivity limits should be lowered'

Dear Mr. Willmott:

Attached is a copy of a letter sent to the NCR in response to your article entitled "Radioactivity limits being hiked by NCR" published Wednesday, September 24, 1986.

I enjoy reading your newspaper and find it very informative. Keep up the good work!!!

Sincerely,
**Mildred Sepulveda
Bay Shore**

Dear Sir:

This letter is in reference to the (NCR) Nuclear Regulatory Commission's plan entitled "Changes to Radiation Protection Requirements." I also feel that the standards for exposure to radioactivity should be changed. However, I feel that they should be lowered.

I am quite disturbed that your agency is considering increasing the levels presently permitted by as much as 17 times that permitted for most radioisotopes. I strongly object to this. Especially since no environmental impact studies will be conducted and no public hearings will be held.

If the NCR is allowed to increase the present standards for radiation exposure, it will be in effect causing the people of Suffolk County, as well as the United States, to be exposed to more and more radioactive poisons.

Nuclear energy is a threat to society. There is no way electric power can be generated in nuclear plants without generating nuclear poisons. Many independent research scien-

tists have shown that there is a direct connection between radioactivity and cancer. This "cancer connection" will increase if you allow the levels of permissible radioactive emissions to increase.

As a Suffolk County resident for 30 years, I have been exposed to radioactivity emitted from Brookhaven National Laboratory and the Millstone nuclear plants in Connecticut. The water surrounding Long Island is used by many people for fishing, swimming, and boating. Many of us farm or buy farm produce that is locally grown. If you allow the permissible levels of radioactive poisons to be increased, you are increasing the chances of exposure to carcinogens for many more people.

I fail to understand your reasoning for this irresponsible act of changing the standard other than political pressure. Perhaps those in favor of contaminating our earth and permitting this nuclear holocaust live on another planet. Perhaps one that is free from radioactive poisons and they have come here only to inflict pressure on the NCR.

I feel you have a total lack of the elementary principles for sound public health. You lack the responsibility of meeting the moral obligation to provide the public with honest information regarding the real health hazards of radioactivity. You are pushing society towards a nuclear disaster--not one that kills many at once, but one that kills just as surely over a period of years.

Sincerely,
**Mildred Sepulveda
Bay Shore**

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Governor

Mario Cuomo

Four years ago Suffolk Life endorsed Lewis Lehrman for governor. We felt he was one of the most intelligent men seeking public office we had ever met. Mario Cuomo won the election. We looked upon his victory with a jaundiced eye, and because of his reputation as a liberal Democrat we feared we would see a return to the ruinous spending policies that had taken place during the liberal Rockefeller years that almost bankrupted the state.

Cuomo, although concerned and attentive to the needs of the poor and the disadvantaged, has kept firm control on the state budget. He has successfully headed an administration that has reduced personal and corporate taxes.

In our interview here at Suffolk Life, Cuomo seemed to be keenly aware of the fact that New York State is one of the high tax states and that taxes must be brought down to make us more competitive with our neighbors in other parts of the country for businesses, jobs and industries.

Unlike many of the other politicians who are seeking state office, who are looking at the changes in the federal tax laws as bringing a windfall to New York, Cuomo insists, and has pledged, to return these revenues to the taxpayers, making the effect of the Reagan reform on federal taxes revenue neutral in New York.

Cuomo has received excellent marks for most of his administration. Most certainly he should be given high grades for his interaction with the residents of

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Suffolk Life endorses

U.S. Senate

Alfonse D'Amato

When a candidate runs for reelection, he must bare his record in seeking approval from the voters for a new term in office. In the case of Alfonse D'Amato, his record as a freshman senator has been excellent.

Representing the State of New York is no easy task because of its size, its population and its extreme diversity. Interests here on Long Island are of no concern to upstaters, and vice-versa. On balance, D'Amato has successfully met that challenge.

D'Amato has been part of an administration that has helped create the economy that has reduced unemployment, halted runaway inflation and created a tax system that gives people incentive to invest and to work. That's a big plus in his first-term track record.

As a freshman senator, D'Amato has brought home the bacon. During our interview here at Suffolk Life, D'Amato went through a list of programs that he sponsored which brought money back to New York, funds that senators in the past have allowed to slip away.

When he first went to the senate, D'Amato was known for his political rhetoric, and his partisan emotionalism. He matured and grew in office, earning the respect of his fellow senators and elected officials from both sides of the aisle here in New York State. Many Democratic officials, including New York Mayor Edward Koch and New York Governor Mario Cuomo, have praised D'Amato for the way he has put

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Mario Cuomo



Alfonse D'Amato

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George Hochbrueckner



Thomas J. Downey

First Congressional Dist.: George Hochbrueckner (D)

George Hochbrueckner has earned Suffolk Life's endorsement this year in the First Congressional District race because of three major factors: his dogged persistence as a problem-solver, his outstanding work in providing constituent services, and his proven record of integrity as a government official.

As a New York assemblyman from 1974 to 1984, Hochbrueckner was recognized as a legislator who would burn the midnight oil at his desk, determined to find ways to bring additional state aid to local schools. Largely because of his work, assessments on homes were adjusted and millions of dollars more in state aid was received by area schools.

Hochbrueckner, a Democrat, was one of the first officials to develop a common sense plan to bring low-cost hydropower to Long Island. Without grandstanding, he rallied support for his plan. By acting on the problem rather than reacting to it, Hochbrueckner showed genuine leadership.

Hochbrueckner was highly respected by assembly colleagues from both sides of the political aisle. Although he participated in the process of partisan politics, he mostly represented his constituents, not his political bosses.

He was accessible to people and the media in his district, and surrounded himself with a competent, sincere and hardworking staff. Hochbrueckner not only listens to the complaints, he hears them, then acts to find solutions.

Hochbrueckner is known for keeping his word, which means that First District residents can bank on his continued opposition to the Shoreham nuclear power plant.

As a congressman, he will be in a position to sponsor a law requiring local governmental approval of an emergency evacuation plan before a nuclear power plant is licensed. The sponsoring of such a law is, of course, no guarantee it would gain approval in a formal vote. But such action would serve notice to the Washington scene, including the President,



George Hochbrueckner

that we have, at long last, a congressman who is going to fight and fight hard to protect the safety of his constituents.

Republican Gregory Blass, the other major party candidate in the First Congressional District, is a polished and competent politician. As presiding officer of the Suffolk Legislature, he has created a system of open government and worked with Republicans and Democrats alike.

He has shown some disturbing tendencies, however, especially since gaining the Republican nomination to run for congress.

Blass reversed his stand to support a \$128 million western court complex, which will cost taxpayers \$285 million over 30 years, after voicing long and loud opposition to it. The project was promoted by Republican leaders in Suffolk, and we feel Blass buckled under to political pressure by supporting it.

At one of his congressional fundraisers last month, attended by U.S. Vice-President George Bush, Blass confined his comments on Shoreham to a private conversation during a 10-minute car ride. Doing so, Blass took a political time out so that he would not offend Bush, a member of the administration that wants to force the plant open. Blass defends that action as a "matter of style." We consider it an act of submission, however, submission to the wishes of the Republican leadership which had demanded the issue not be raised during Bush's visit.

During his campaign, Blass has said that as a Republican congressman, he would be effective because he would have the ear of Bush, Reagan, and other leading Republicans. We feel, however, that Blass blew the best chance he had to prove that.

Congressman William Carney not only had the ear of the president, he also had the president write a letter during the last campaign stating that the federal government would not impose an evacuation plan over local objections. We know now that this was an outright lie.

Based on the past history of political figures being able to manipulate Blass to do their bidding, we fear that Blass will be a continuation of Carney, doing the bidding of the administration and fostering, but probably more subtly, its termination to open Shoreham.

We do not feel at all confident that Blass will be an effective and strong anti-Shoreham advocate once he falls into the clutches of the Reagan administration and the whole Washington scene.

Suffolk Legislature colleagues say that, many times, Blass does not keep his word. This has been Blass' biggest problem all during his political career. Credibility and integrity are the two mainstays of any career politician. Your word is your bond and when you don't keep it, you are considered dishonest and not trustworthy.

Almost everyone who has had dealings

with Blass, from politicians to civic leaders, has been left with the same belief—he can't be trusted. There is too much riding on our having a trustworthy congressman in Washington. We should certainly not gamble on one that we have questions about from the start.

Hochbrueckner does not have the looks or the personal presence of Blass, but he has what Blass doesn't have and that's believability and integrity, and this is more important than a pretty, smiling face.

Also, we remember the reasons why Blass became a candidate for congress. He is despised by some Republicans because of his maverick tendencies, and suggestions have been made that political leaders are trying to get rid of him by moving him out of Suffolk and into Washington. That would be a bad reason for voters to elect Blass.

Philosophically, we have often disagreed with George Hochbrueckner. He is a liberal Democrat and we have not always felt that his votes have reflected the sentiment of his district, which is mostly Republican-Conservative.

If elected, Hochbrueckner must remember his pledge in Suffolk Life's questionnaire that he will serve as a conduit of his constituents' feelings, rather than his own.

One example is that during his campaign, Hochbrueckner expressed strong opposition to President Ronald Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative. If elected, Hochbrueckner must remember that national security is a serious issue that deserves serious consideration, not a wave of the hand and a closed mind.

George Hochbrueckner's previous record as a legislator gives us confidence that he will be an efficient and effective congressman. We strongly support his election and urge you to do the same.

2nd. Congressional Dist.: Thomas J. Downey (Dem.)

Tom Downey was twenty-five years old when he first ran for Congress. We supported him. Downey is now running for his seventh term. In the subsequent years between, we did not support him. We felt that Downey was one of the most ardent liberal Democrats and that he voted contrary to the conscience of his district. Downey's strength was his constituent service and his interaction with the people of his district. His constituents obviously felt he treated them right, and that is what counted to them.

This year, Suffolk Life offers Tom Downey our endorsement. Maybe we have grown up, maybe he has changed and modified some of his positions, probably, a combination of both. We found Tom Downey, in our interview this year, refreshingly honest, nowhere near as abrasive or defensive as in the past. He speaks on fiscal matters from a new prospective. He has learned that what is good for business is also good for the employees. What is good for one is not necessarily opposite of what is good for the other. Speaking on the tax bill, he says there must be incentives to earn wealth in contrast to his former position of redistribution of wealth at all cost.

Downey served on the Armed Services Committee, is intimately familiar with most new proposed weapon systems, and has a track record of opposing most new military spending. When we discussed

the SDI, or Star Wars as it is most commonly called, Downey said he has reservations about the implementation, but supports the President's call for research and development. He speaks of giving the President the backing and support he needs so that he may negotiate from a position of strength with the Russians, rather than from a position of weakness.

When Downey went to Congress he was single, young and his claim to fame was only governmental experience. He was a student out of the Viet Nam era, filled with ideologies that did not allow room for other opinions. He is now married, the father of two children and has felt the problems and responsibilities of being an entrepreneur, having established a small restaurant in Washington that his wife operates. This broadening of Downey has given him the opportunity to see the world through a different perspective and has made him realize that he must think in more than one dimension to grow and be renewed.

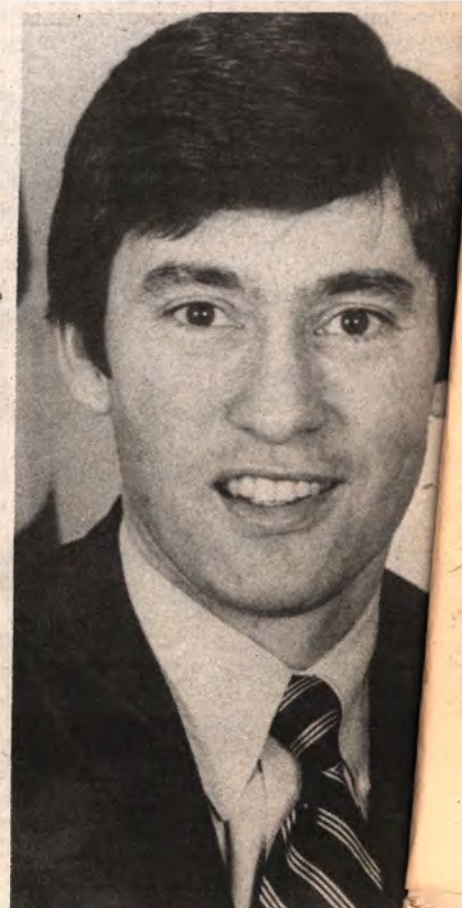
Downey's opponent is Jeff Butzke, a bright young man who works for Merrill Lynch as a financial consultant. Butzke has been around politics since his early twenties, working on fund raisers, campaigns and PACS in Washington and as a legislative aide in Suffolk County. He claims that Downey has not done enough

to oppose the Shoreham Nuclear Power Plant. Perhaps Downey could have done more, yet, whenever hearings were held in Washington, Downey was there strongly voicing his opposition to the N.R.C., to LILCO, and opposing the opening of Shoreham. Downey has consistently kept in contact with Senator Markey of Mass., an ardent foe of Shoreham, who heads the Congressional Over-Sight Committee on nuclear power.

Butzke has also charged that "Tom Downey doesn't live here anymore," pointing out that Downey has moved his wife and children to Washington and they are being educated in Washington public schools. We see nothing wrong with a family being together in Washington. Downey reiterates that he has made more trips home to his district under this arrangement than he made when he lived in Washington and his family lived on Long Island.

Downey has garnered years of seniority and is an important representative for Long Island. He serves on some of the more prestigious committees, including the House Ways and Means Committee. Downey's moderation, maturity and years of experience are too valuable to throw away for a newcomer who has failed to prove himself during this campaign.

Suffolk Life endorses Tom Downey.



Thomas J. Downey

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1st A.D.

Joseph Sawicki

(R-C-CCAL)



Joseph Sawicki

Incumbent Republican Joseph Sawicki has gained the endorsement of Suffolk Life as the superior candidate for election in the First Assembly District.

Two years ago, Sawicki came before Suffolk Life's editorial board and received our endorsement because he had been active in his first term of office.

At that time, we recognized him as an early advocate of organizing the state Public Service Commission, and an outspoken representative on issues of local importance.

Among Sawicki's attributes was his effort to seek out the concerns of his constituents on tough issues such as Shoreham, the Long Island Lighting Company, the shellfish industry and the protection of the rights of seniors, then voting as a true representative of the district.

This year, Sawicki returned to our board with an even broader depth of information on alternative energy sources. Through his travels to Canada and his strong advocacy of hydropower transmission through the Marcy South power line, Sawicki became identified as a legislator who not only spoke out against Shoreham, but also worked to promote solutions.

His staff is recognized for the service it provides to the public. Sawicki, too, makes himself available to make phone calls and make contact with representatives from other levels of government to find answers to difficult questions.

Sawicki has taken on the state Department of Motor Vehicles, demanding better service on the East End, a unique area that is many times ignored by other officials.

We feel that the Democratic assembly candidate, Remy Bell, was a poor choice by his party. He espoused few new ideas, and spent more time feuding with Democrats than Sawicki during the campaign.

We cannot support Bell as a choice for the state assembly because he has flip-flopped on Shoreham. He ran a miserable and losing campaign for county legislator last year, urging that we end the fight against the plant, then said this year that he opposes Shoreham.

Bell was not only a late-comer to the issue, but appeared to us to be basing his new opinion solely on the hope that it might give him a chance to win election. It would be scary to have him as a representative in the state legislature.

With our endorsement, we continue to urge that Sawicki work even harder as a legislator. In coming years, he must stand up and do battle with state agencies such as the Department of Environmental Conservation, which apparently makes and breaks regulations to suit its own purposes rather than the peoples'.

We believe that he still has a lot of developing to do as a state legislator. We hope that if he is given the opportunity to serve in the assembly for another two years, Joseph Sawicki is motivated to become an official of even greater stature.

2nd A.D.

John Behan

(R-C-CCAL)



John L. Behan

Incumbent Assemblyman John Behan of Montauk, running for his fifth term in office, has an eight year record of providing dedicated, and sometimes hard-hitting, representation for the people of the Second Assembly District.

His light and lofty personal air creates a friendly character that has been known to fiercely bite during legislative debates if issues important to his constituents are not taken into consideration.

Behan has been a staunch opponent of the Shoreham nuclear power plant, sparing no words or effort to voice his opposition. He has been in the forefront of the fight against escalating LILCO rates, and has battled endlessly against decisions by the Public Service Commission which have favored the utility at the expense of the public.

3rd A.D.

Salvatore Prisco

(R-CCAL)



Salvatore Prisco

Salvatore P. Prisco is our choice for the Third Assembly District, a race which pits him against a veteran incumbent who has failed to carry the district's voice to Albany.

We support Prisco, as we did two years ago, in the same race against the same opponent, despite the fact he has no experience in political office and has not compiled a list of political successes. We support him because he has shown a sincere desire to represent the voters in Albany, and has demonstrated his ability to grasp the issues and offer practical solutions. Given the chance, we believe Prisco would, indeed, fight and fight hard for whatever is beneficial to his constituents.

Last time around, our endorsement of Prisco was based as much on a desire to see Bill Bianchi, his opponent, locked out of Albany's legislative building as any desire to see Prisco in the assembly. We were concerned then, and still are, about Bianchi's placid

The weak campaign of Behan's Democratic opponent, John Morris of Yaphank, complains that ever since Behan has been elected as an assemblyman, he has attempted to get other jobs. Behan did express interest in becoming a candidate for congress, was strongly considered for the top spot of the Federal Veterans Administration, and has been mentioned as a potential candidate for state senator, county executive and, more recently, as a member of the PSC.

We believe the complaints of his opponent are good for campaign rhetoric, but do not seriously undermine Behan's assembly record as a dedicated representative of his district. The fact that he is considered for these other positions is a mark of his talents, and the respect he has earned not only in his district, but far beyond.

Behan has been a staunch fighter for the baymen in his area, strongly battling against the ban on striped bass fishing and other curbs which have threatened to economically ruin this segment of his constituency. There are some who feel that Behan has concentrated much of his attention to the East End sectors at the expense of the western parts of his district, and we would urge that he seriously consider this criticism. While that criticism may result from the lack of visibility because he is a Montauk resident, and thus is more visible there, he should consider ways to become more responsive to all areas if there is any credibility to the complaint.

On balance, Behan stands head and shoulders above his opponent, who offers no promise that he would represent the constituents of the Second Assembly District anywhere near as forcibly and effectively as has John Behan. We strongly support the re-election of Behan.

support for Shoreham. Although he now says he's against the plant, his views are weak and his credibility on the subject suspect.

But Prisco has earned our endorsement this year in his own right. He has become a stronger candidate in the last two years. He is able to knowledgeably discuss the issues confronting his district—from Shoreham and LILCO to pollution of the Great South Bay and the state Department of Environmental Conservation. He exhibits an intense sincerity to represent the people, to fight for their rights, and to bring home the dollars and projects to improve their lives.

Bianchi, on the other hand, has virtually ignored the concerns of his own constituents during his 14 years in office. He has been ineffective, and his lack of leadership abilities has earned him little respect in Albany.

Bianchi's sponsorship of a bill mandating a regional ashfill that, because of political manipulations, wound up being located in his own district is a perfect example of Bianchi's disregard for the welfare of his constituents. Of course Bianchi is now opposed to the regional site proposed for Yaphank. That's because he now knows that his constituents are opposed, and it's politically expedient to do so. To be fair, Bianchi is not the only incumbent state legislator to first vote for the law, and then register opposition. But this is his own district. If he had any clout at all he would have been able to make a difference. He didn't. Just like he has made little difference in any other issue which affects his constituents.

Prisco, by his own words, is a fighter. We need a fighter in Albany for the people of the Third Assembly District and hope that if Prisco is elected, he will keep the people uppermost in his mind and not cave in to political pressure or special interests. We think he can, and that's why we strongly endorse his election.

4th A.D.

Robert Gaffney

(R-RTL-CCAL)



Robert J. Gaffney

Every once in a while an outstanding candidate comes to the public's attention. Bob Gaffney is one of those few. He not only has a basic intelligence, integrity and the personality, but has the formal training to be an outstanding public servant. We felt this way when we first met Gaffney. We still do.

Gaffney is completing his first term as a legislator. He is a member of the minority party in the Assembly, a normally difficult position to obtain any recognition or achieve any productivity. In Albany, among his peers, both Republican and Democrat, he is known as one of the real bright lights, intelligent, persuasive, cooperative and basically non-political. As a result of this perception, the majority allowed him to author a number of bills of importance to his district and to the residents of New York State. Some of these measures, although he

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5th A.D.

Paul Harenberg (D-PPAL)



Paul Harenberg

New York Assemblyman Paul Harenberg has become a leading representative for Suffolk residents on the state level and has earned Suffolk Life's endorsement for election to a seventh term of office.

Unlike some other area assemblymen who have grown too comfortable and complacent as public officials, Harenberg is continuing to gain respect near and far as a hardworking, respectable legislator.

Before the ink was dry on the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) legislation, other area officials were proclaiming that their actions played a leading role in its

approval. In fact, it was Harenberg and his staff counsel, Steve Liss, who spent endless hours writing and polishing the bill. People familiar with the legislative process recognize Harenberg as the main LIPA man.

As chairman of the legislature's Committee on the Aging, Harenberg authored a bill to help the elderly by reducing their pharmaceutical expenses. As a legislator responsive to his community, Harenberg fought for the closing of the Pilgrim State Psychiatric Center. As an elected official who is able to see beyond party labels, he has joined Islip Town's effort for expansion of the Blydenburgh Landfill.

Republican candidate Carmen Hines has run a good campaign but is far outclassed in this race. She has criticized Harenberg for lacking foresight, and calls for studies to research issues including the garbage crisis and pollution.

We feel that the issues have been studied to death and now is the time for tough, gritty legislators to make hard decisions that will bring change and resolutions to the problems.

Hines has a proven record as a civic activist and shows the potential to be a responsible official on the local government level. We urge her to continue speaking out and bringing important issues into the public spotlight.

Harenberg's accomplishments go on and on, and for 12 years, people in the Fifth Assembly District have realized it. Despite a wide Republican enrollment edge, the residents have returned Harenberg to office continuously. We at Suffolk Life feel that this year should be no different.

6th A.D.

Robert Wertz (R-C-RTL-CCAL)



Robert Wertz

Robert Wertz, incumbent Republican in the Sixth Assembly District, is a leader, as he has proven to us in the past and is still proving. For that reason and others, we are supporting Wertz in his race for re-election.

Wertz, who is currently assistant minority leader in the assembly and chairman of the mental health committee, has made his voice and the voice of his constituents heard in Albany, something that is not always easy to do. His leadership role in Albany puts him in the position to foster what he cites as a vital need for Long Island: the creation of a coalition of Long Island state legislators to fight for Long Island's needs. It is that kind of cohesive leadership that could bring to our area many of the state dollars now going upstate for improvement projects, such as improved transportation, urgently needed here.

Wertz was one of the few elected officials who outwardly opposed the state landfill bill, debating and voting against it for all its financial and technological shortcomings which are now becoming painfully apparent. He voted against the ban not because he is against eliminating water pollution, but because he had the common sense to consider the problems such a ban would create.

Wertz is a working channel of communication between the Town of Smithtown and the state

Assembly, putting partisan politics aside when dealing with his constituents.

Democratic candidate Jerry Garguilo, a Long Island City, N.Y., St. James resident, is making his first bid for public office.

Part of his campaign has focused on improvements at the Kings Park Psychiatric Center, including the creation of an advisory board made up of administrative and staff personnel, and a study of the security services at the facility.

Garguilo has complained that incumbents often become paper-shufflers, instead of legislators. But from our perspective, Wertz is not among that group.

We think that much of Garguilo's finger-pointing at Wertz is misdirected. Wertz has affiliated himself with mental health concerns since his first years in public office, and he has made progress, as civic representatives will tell you.

Wertz is an admitted latecomer to the Shoreham fight, joining the tide of public opinion after the Chernobyl disaster. While he has not been an adamant opposer of the nuclear power plant, in our estimation he will defend the rights of his constituents in supporting the closing of the site.

We at Suffolk Life believe that Wertz has earned another term in office, and strongly support his re-election.

4th A.D.

Robert Gaffney (R-RTL-CCAL)

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authored them and wrote the law, carried someone else's name. Gaffney willingly gave up the sponsorship to the Democrats to insure their passage. Gaffney believed it was more important to have a good law passed than to have it not passed under his own name, a true sign of a statesman.

We believe Gaffney has done an outstanding job of constituent service in his district. He has eagerly met and makes himself available to the citizens, the civic groups and anyone who wants access to state government.

Gaffney has been a strong opponent of the Shoreham Nuclear Power Plant, fighting the battle when it was not popular, long before some of the "Johnny come lately's" hopped on the band wagon. He was co-sponsor of the Long Island Power Authority Bill that gives hope for the establishment of our own utility to replace the Long Island Lighting Company and shut Shoreham once and for all. As a freshman Republican Assemblyman, he did no less than we expected; he did far more.

Gaffney's opponent in this year's race is Francis X. Burke, a former trustee from the Village of Port Jefferson. Burke is 33-years-old, a sociology major who

professionally makes his living administrating group homes and provides support services for recovering mental patients. Burke, in our interview, consistently agreed and paraphrased Gaffney on the problems and the solutions, but offered little or nothing of his own. He claimed Gaffney had not accomplished enough, and said he could deliver because he would be able to get the attention of the Democratic majority because he is also a Democrat. We don't view that as a reason to elect the least qualified of the candidates, and wonder why, if Burke has any clout with his own party, he could not have talked them in to supporting his campaign more vigorously. Considering the fact that state Democrats had targeted Gaffney for defeat, anxious to defeat him in his first try for re-election before he can accomplish too much and become too entrenched, we find the lack of support curious, a less than resounding Democratic Party endorsement of Burke's candidacy.

Bob Gaffney's qualities as a man, his intelligence, and his desire to work for his constituents, should make him everyone's clear choice to continue in his office. We strongly support his re-election.

heat for doing so. Assemblyman Barraga is not afraid to take a strong stand on tough questions once he is convinced he is right and we applaud him for that. His strong constituent service record is commendable.

During the interview process Hoard showed us little to prove that he would surpass Barraga as a legislator. If elected he would work part-time in the assembly, while continuing to operate his insurance business, which could, considering the many problems involving insurance that the legislature must attempt to resolve, constitute a conflict of interest.

Hoard struck us as a man of common sense and we would hope he continues to be politically active. He could be a good choice as a candidate for local office.

The people of the Seventh Assembly District are going to need a dedicated, experienced representative in the coming two years. Barraga has proved he is that kind of representative in the past, and would be so again. We strongly endorse Thomas Barraga for re-election.

7th A.D.

Thomas Barraga (R-C-RTL-CCAL)



Thomas Barraga

Residents of the Seventh Assembly District have an excellent voice in Albany to represent them and we see no reason not to return the incumbent Thomas T. Barraga to his current office.

Since his election in 1977, Barraga has shown himself to be a hard worker with a genuine concern for the people he represents. He has also been a consistently strong voice in opposition to the Shoreham nuclear power plant. His challenger, Democrat John W. Hoard, also wants to keep the Shoreham plant closed.

During the campaign Hoard proposed the use of state aid to help localities solve the need for affordable housing. Barraga opposes that concept and says that one solution to the problem is to legalize owner-occupied two family houses.

On this issue, as with many others, Barraga has demonstrated why he is regarded by his peers as an excellent legislator. He is willing to analyze an issue and take a stand, even though he may have to endure some political

8th A.D. John Cochrane (R-C-CCAL)

Residents of the Eighth Assembly District must choose between a long-time incumbent and a political newcomer. In our minds the choice is clear: Assemblyman John C. Cochrane should be returned to office.

Cochrane was first elected to the assembly in 1972. Since then, we believe he has served with distinction. He is respected by his colleagues as an able legis-

lator and has a record of good constituent service.

Opposing him this year is Democrat Raymond J. Nugent, an attorney who says he is running because he believes the Democratic voice should be heard in the assembly. While we welcome his position of opposition to the Shoreham plant, he offered little else to convince us that an able incumbent should be turned out of office.

Cochrane is a former naval officer and as such, a long-time supporter of nuclear power. He has become an opponent to the Shoreham plant in the wake of lessons learned from Three Mile Island and the Chernobyl disaster. He says he is also now convinced that the Long Island Lighting Company's evacuation plan is unworkable. We welcome his

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John Cochrane

1st S.D.

Ira Costell (D)

Senator Kenneth LaValle is running for his seventh term in the Republican-controlled New York Senate. He has won by large margins each time out and has gained seniority in the majority of a Republican legislative body which operates like an old-time men's club.

Running against LaValle this time around is Ira Costell, a youthful Democrat making his second try at political office. When he came before us last year in a local race, we considered Costell to be a brash young man without the necessary tact to hold a position which requires the support of others.

This year he proved to us that you can mature a great deal in one year's time.

Costell was one of few challengers this year who exhibited a willingness to research hard facts. He presented information on votes where he felt LaValle had not voted in the public interest. Unlike too many other candidates, he had apparently done some homework. He also went a step further by suggesting alternatives that he would consider if elected.

We believe the time has come to rock the boat in the State Senate, a body which we have often criticized for being followers rather than leaders, and where individual senators have lost touch with the common man.

Specifically, we believe that LaValle has failed to stand up to the entrenched senate leadership and represent the interests of the people of the First Senatorial District on the most important issues.

On the questions of Shoreham and protection for rising utility rates, LaValle has gone along to get along. On the important issue of giving the weight of law to the used and useful standard, LaValle did not face up to Republican Majority Leader Warren Anderson and demand the chance to bring a potent bill to the Senate floor. We believe that someone else in LaValle's shoes, someone with even a little grit and backbone, would have been a stronger fighter on our behalf.

LaValle does deserve a measure of credit for his work on the bill to create the Long Island Power Authority, even if the final approved bill was a weakened version of the original plan. While we appreciate his efforts in support of public power, we are left with the feeling that stronger efforts from LaValle against the wishes of his own Senate leader could have resulted in a LIPA bill that would have been much stronger.

In the past we have endorsed LaValle primarily because of his seniority, his experience and his ability as committee chairman to produce on a range of education and tax issues.

To his credit he has always had a strong record of constituent service, though recently we have heard local officials speak critically of an apparent lack of interest by LaValle for their concerns.

On balance, it is a difficult choice to make, but believe that at this time Ira Costell would better serve the people of the First Senatorial District.

There is no doubt in our minds that Costell would fight hard on the question of Shoreham and other energy matters. Costell has rightfully criticized the incumbent for being too timid on Shoreham and has promised to be a strong voice on that issue. We believe he will. He remains just abrasive enough to fight against the dic-



Ira Costell

tatorship that exists in the senate under Warren Anderson.

If the Republicans retain control of the upper house he will bloody a few noses. If the Democrats win the majority, which is possible this year, he will be sure that the new leadership pays attention to his agenda.

Either way, Costell offers promise to be more effective on the important issues than the tired, complacent LaValle, and for that reason we choose Costell.

An opposing view

Although I concur with the majority of our editorial board that LaValle should be replaced because of his lackluster performance and his go along to get along attitude in the Senate, I feel Ira Costell does not have the age, the maturity or the qualifications to be a New York State Senator.

I also believe that LaValle must be given credit for the passage of the Long Island Power Authority Bill, the first meaningful energy legislation to get through the Senate since Warren Anderson became presiding officer.

Anderson is the darling of the utilities and has stopped any meaningful reform of the P.S.C. or the enactment of laws that would harness utilities and make them more responsive to the needs of the ratepayers.

LaValle, contrary to the illusion he presents here in the district, is no lightweight in Albany. It's been said that he is one of the 10 most important men in the state because of his years of seniority and the important committee heads. Creating the illusion of being a lightweight in his district gives him the opportunity of not having to deliver on the sensitive issues, particularly those dealing with energy and utilities.

Although Anderson has been targeted for the blunt criticism for his failure to deliver on the energy bills important to Long Island, Ken LaValle has to assume a good part of the responsibility.

We, LaValle's constituents, have not demanded enough of him and, as a result, Anderson has not felt the pressure to be responsive to downstate needs. LaValle can do much more, and if we let him know that we are on to his game, he is in a position of influence which can benefit Long Island. He proved this influence by twisting arms and getting the L.I.P.A. bill out of committee. He must be given credit for this initiative. LaValle can do much more for Long Island if it is demanded of him, and it is for this reason that I break with my editorial board and am backing his re-election.

With LaValle, we have more than a pipeline to the Speaker. We have a man who is capable of delivering even if he has to be pushed to do it. I am endorsing Ken LaValle with a feverish hope that he will become, on his own, the Senator for Long Island he is capable of being. If LaValle is re-elected, both the public and the elected officials from Long Island should put the pressure on him and keep it on and not accept his platitudes or rhetoric on why he has not delivered. David J. Willmott, Publisher

2nd S.D.

James Lack (R-C-CCAL)



James J. Lack

The decision for endorsement in the Second Senatorial District is a clear one for Suffolk Life. We choose Republican James Lack.

And that may be a surprise for voters in the district and the incumbent himself, considering Lack was rejected by our board four years ago and was given a luke warm endorsement two years ago in bids for re-election to the same post.

Some of the criticisms we had then still hold true—Lack is missing the fighting spirit that is necessary in Albany to stand up to the Senate Majority Leader's administrative whims.

Lack does not represent the outspoken leadership that we at Suffolk Life would like to see in all of Long Island's state senators. But considering the incumbent's experience and legislative accomplishments, he does stand head and shoulders above his opponent, Democrat Robert DeGregorio.

To describe DeGregorio, a former Huntington Town Attorney who is running his first political race, as a reluctant candidate would be an understatement.

DeGregorio, who admitted that the state Democratic party convinced him to run at the last minute, has offered a poor argument to the voters and to our editorial board as to why we should

remove a multi-term incumbent who has fared well to place a freshman senator and political newcomer in his stead.

According to the Democrat, he is offering voters "an alternative" to choosing Lack, and promises that he will be "an active and outspoken" lobbyist for his constituents.

But DeGregorio's campaign has proven otherwise. Instead of offering alternatives to the voters, he admits that he stands alongside Lack on most of the top issues—Shoreham, resource recovery and the tax reform bill.

Lack's biggest claim to fame has been his prime sponsorship in the passage of the "Used and Useful" bill, legislation that takes the financial burden of a killed Shoreham Nuclear Power Plant away from the ratepayers and hands it to the Long Island Lighting Company.

We at Suffolk Life have not failed to recognize Lack as one of the first to submit such a bill, but we also believe that Lack could have fought harder with his Senate leadership to pass a more powerful piece of legislation, one that particularly would take effect a lot sooner.

In the current contest, Suffolk Life supports James Lack for another term as state Senator with the hopes that he rises even further to the occasion.

3rd S.D.

Caesar Trunzo (R-C-CCAL)



Caesar Trunzo

Senator Caesar Trunzo is seeking his eighth term in the New York State Senate, and is our choice for re-election because he is clearly the best candidate in the race for the Third Senatorial District seat.

Trunzo's opponent, George E. Kalbaugh, ran last year for Islip Town Supervisor and was soundly defeated in that contest. In following the current campaign for Senate, and in our interview process, we found no reason why Kalbaugh should not be soundly defeated again.

Kalbaugh's major issue in this race is the creation of a regional planning authority, insisting that Long Island should be looked at as an overall entity. While others have advocated the same regional concept, Kalbaugh's views are somewhat interesting because he worked his way up the political ladder to candidate status by becoming a leader in the civic fight against Islip MacArthur Airport. That fight concentrated on the problems being generated by what many consider is a regional airport upon the local community. A regional planning authority, as proposed by Kalbaugh, would, we suspect, be quite willing to endure local problems to benefit regional concerns.

Kalbaugh's position on this issue appears to us to be contrary to the home rule philosophies he once espoused.

Kalbaugh, in our interview, made many claims about the actions and voting record of his opponent, but when pressed for full details declared it was up to us, not him, to verify the accuracy of his statements. Had he done his homework, he would have had the documentation to back up his claims. He didn't, and when Trunzo was queried about the bills Kalbaugh cited, much of what Kalbaugh claimed was less than what he initially declared.

Caesar Trunzo exhibits in human concern what he may lack in innovative, hard hitting spirit. He cares about people. He is genuine. Perhaps not as much as a hard hitter as we would like, nor as innovative as he could be. But he is, in our view, sincere. We differ with some of his actions, but are confident they were taken with all good intentions. We may question his judgement in those instances, but not his motives.

We strongly support the re-election of Caesar Trunzo, and urge voters in the Third Senatorial District to return him to office.

Cuomo...

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the state. Time and again we have seen him get out of Albany and go to the masses, not to tell them what they want to hear, but to ask them what they want. He heard our pleas on Shoreham loud and clear. Cuomo personally questions nuclear energy and has an inward adversity toward it. Specifically, he speaks out on Shoreham by saying it can't and won't work, it shall not open; Long Island cannot be evacuated.

One must remember Cuomo has taken strong stands on controversial issues before. And, somewhat unusual for someone in the world of politics, he has kept his word when he gives it. An example: During the 1982 campaign he promised to close the controversial state prison opened in Brentwood. When he became Governor, he did. He took a lot of heat for that action, but he stood firm.

The legislature gave Cuomo the authority to establish the Long Island Power Authority bill for the purpose of taking over the organization of the Long Island Lighting Company with a mandate to close Shoreham. Cuomo is in the process of negotiating with LILCO, and has demanded that they close the plant and withdraw from the licensing procedure by January 15 or he will implement the L.I.P.A. legislation. LILCO should not take this as an idle threat. We believe Cuomo will do as he says, for his whole reputation and credibility rest upon it.

Cuomo also has an additional ace up his sleeve in the composition of the Public Service Commission and the designation of its chairman. Through the control he has over the P.S.C., Cuomo can make it very difficult, financially, for the lighting company to exist, and he has the additional leverage of putting pressure on all other utilities within the state to bring LILCO into line.

Cuomo's weakness is his Department of Environmental Conservation. The department's commissioner feels he is untouchable and is neither interested, responsive nor responsible for the dictates issued by this department. If the voters send Cuomo back to Albany, he should make as a priority the replacement of his D.E.C. commissioner and a revamping of the department to make it workable and responsible and capable of carrying out its mission.

Cuomo's opponent, Republican Andy O'Rourke, the County Executive of Westchester, started his campaign by announcing to the editorial board of Newsday that he was pro-Shoreham. He quickly learned about the mood of Long Islanders and reversed his stand publicly. Subsequently, when the editorial board at Suffolk Life interviewed him, we found that the change in his position dealt more with the awareness of the polls rather than a firm belief that Shoreham must be stopped. O'Rourke has an operating nuclear power plant in his own district, and is considered friendly to the utility. We are not confident he would remain firm in opposition to Shoreham.

O'Rourke, during the campaign, has failed to catch the imagination of the voters either by offering arguments of substance opposite to Cuomo or programs of his own to solve the ills of New York State.

Andy O'Rourke is no Lew Lehrman. We have been surprised and pleased by the Governorship of Mario Cuomo. We have found him very human, honest and refreshing. A man in control of his own destiny of this great state. It is a pleasure to offer him the firm endorsement of Suffolk Life Newspapers.

County Clerk Juliette Kinsella (R-C-RTL-CCAL)

Suffolk County needs a clerk who will conduct business with efficiency and professionalism. Suffolk Life solidly endorses Republican Juliette Kinsella for re-election as clerk this year because she does that, and even more—she fights to make operations better.

As the caretaker of important court papers and documents, Kinsella convinced county officials that a modern computer system should be purchased to speed the processing of records. With up to 40,000 court files to be handled a year, the new computer should go a long way to doing that.

Also, Kinsella fought for funds to move deteriorating records from the old county courthouse in Riverhead, a cramped and atrociously-kept area, to a newly-conditioned, larger building in Riverhead, adjacent to Suffolk Life.

Kinsella went to meetings of the legislature to press the emergency of the situation. The lawmakers agreed, even though they were wary of smear campaigns at election time because the county's lease was made with Suffolk Life Publisher David J. Willmott.

The cost of the two-year rental lease is \$8.55 per square foot, which was called "competitive" by responsible fiscal officials, including Legislature Budget Review Director Donald Gruen.

Although the county pays upwards of \$10 per square foot for some of the other office space it rents, Democratic clerk candidate William Holst has charged that the lease with Suffolk Life "stinks." Kinsella set up the lease, he says, to give her leverage for the paper's endorsement in an election year.

In making the charges, Holst displayed an amazing disregard for the truth and a lack of objective fact-finding. His opinion was based on information given by detractors of the newspaper.

He said his research on the matter consisted of several Freedom of Information filings with the Clerk's Office and reviews of stories from other newspapers.

Ignorantly or purposely, Holst did not seek the information from the County



Juliette Kinsella

Office of Space Management, which had studied the situation in detail.

Ignorantly or purposely, Holst did not call Willmott or anyone at Suffolk Life to verify what others had told him.

Ignorantly or purposely, Holst did not call Gruen or the Counsel to the Legislature Paul Sabatino to find out that the terms of the lease were equitable, legal and available for full public review.

Holst's disregard for objective fact-finding is even more astounding considering that he is a former journalist who currently works as an attorney for CBS in Manhattan.

Holst's problem in dealing with facts was apparently not limited to the lease issue. He also campaigned on the platform that county records should be indexed by section, lot and plot. During an interview with Suffolk Life, Kinsella distributed a manual of records. The enclosed was indexed by section, lot and plot.

Kinsella deserves credit for placing the clerk's fees in interest bearing accounts for the first time in history, earning about \$500,000 in interest. In all, she reports having made over \$1 million for Suffolk taxpayers.

As part of our endorsement, we urge that Kinsella resign her position as Huntington Town Republican leader. We believe her role as a political leader conflicts with her position as county clerk. Resigning would further improve her reputation as a distinguished governmental representative.

County Comptroller Edward Young (D-RAL)

The position of comptroller is primarily a position of an administrator, one that does not make or set policy. The comptroller oversees a branch of government and the employees that deal with auditing the financial records of the county.

Edward Young is well-suited for this position. He is a practicing attorney with a general practice here in Suffolk. For the past seven years he has gained experience in the management of people and the operation of government. He has assisted in budgeting,

labor negotiations and given advice to the Village Board on the management of the town. Lindenhurst, like Patchogue and Port Jefferson, is one of those villages that is generally Democratic, although it is located in the midst of a Republican stronghold. They stay Democratic because the office holders put politics aside and the residents recognize that the office holders do an excellent job of operating the village and holding taxes down.

Young is a graduate magna cum laude from New York University



Edward Young

Law School. New York University is one of the top law schools in the country and has a reputation of being highly competitive. To graduate magna cum laude is no small feat. It says something about the man's ability to think and

D'Amato...

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aside partisan politics to fight for programs that were good for the people of New York State.

Some of us have felt that D'Amato could have done more on behalf of his constituents here in Suffolk to prevent the arrogance of the federal government in the matter of the Shoreham nuclear power plant. D'Amato explained during our interview that he was committed to permitting the issue go through the required procedures. But when the actions of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) proved to him that they were being dishonest, underhanded, and were continually circumventing the law to benefit the utility, he jumped into the fire with both feet. He is now as committed as the rest of us to stop the plant from opening.

He has given his personal pledge to use all of his strength and the powers of his office to protect the safety of the people. An important action in that direction has been his success in having the General Accounting Office (GAO), the one independent arm of the federal government, agree to investigate the NRC and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in their handling of Shoreham matters. The results of these investigations could well be the turning point in this long, drawn out battle.

With D'Amato now a strong ally in the fight against Shoreham, we at long last have a strong and effective spokesman on the federal level, speaking out on our behalf.

D'Amato is a man of the streets. He comes from a very middle-class background, and remembers well the plight of the average American citizen. His approach to law-making is based upon the struggles he and his family endured.

His opponent is Mark Green, a public interest and consumer activist. Green is an articulate and impressive candidate. But our editorial board was left with the impression that Green is a man who has not paid his dues in the vineyards, who has lived a comfortable, easy life without concerns for employment or financial security.

Green was, for a number of years, a chief aide with Ralph Nader. He ran an unsuccessful campaign for Congress, and authored several books. One of Green's books focused on the buying of political power by Political Action Committees (PACs), and he has used this theme in his race against D'Amato. He has charged D'Amato with accepting large sums of monies from PACs, and from those with questionable backgrounds.

He stressed that Green is clean. In response, D'Amato pointed to the fact that in Green's congressional race, he received about 20 per cent of his contributions from PACs, and despite the fact that Green had agreed then to a cap on campaign spending, he exceeded that cap by more than \$50,000.

According to D'Amato, Green's emphasis on PACs now is not born out of commitment, but of a need to create an issue in this race.

In the long run, D'Amato's record, his support of administrative programs that have improved our economy, and his link with and understanding of the plight of the average person make him the best choice for U.S. Senate.

Suffolk Life endorses the re-election of Alfonse D'Amato.