

The enemy is the same

Labor Day, which was celebrated last Monday, is traditionally a day set aside for men to rest. It is a day used by organized labor to flex its muscle and show its strength. Labor flexes its muscle to remind management that through organization there is power, and management should concern itself with the legitimate needs of labor as well as profits.

Tragically, labor flexes its muscle at the wrong enemy. The enemy is the federal and the state government. At will, they can cause inflation, and increase the tax burden on the private sector.

Businesses today operate in an almost totally regulated society. The profit incentive has been diminished.

Labor, likewise, has watched hourly wages increase astronomically, while seeing spendable income left after these in-

creases constantly decrease. Most labor raises over the last decade have been tied to keeping up with inflation rather than being given for increased productivity.

The federal government, and its junior partner, the state, are the only beneficiaries of inflation, since both labor and businesses pay income taxes on a progressive basis without considering the inflation's effect on real buying power.

Corporations and organized labor should join hands in a partnership to end the government's wanton taking of earned income through ever increasing taxes rooted in inflation.

Income taxes, whether individual or corporate, must be adjusted annually to compensate for inflationary factors, a procedure called indexing. It is economically devastating for labor and corporations to continually

pay an increased percentage of earned income in taxes when the buying power of this increase is diminished. Unless the indexing issue is resolved, all of us will be paying half of our earnings in taxes.

Having government tie income tax to inflation should be the priority for both labor and business. All candidates who are running for federal or state office this coming year should be made to spell out their position on

indexing before they ask for anyone's vote.

Those who feel the state and the federal government's needs are as or more important than the individuals' should not be elected, regardless of their stand on other issues.

Labor Day of 1978 gives labor and business an ideal opportunity to work hand-in-hand for the restoration of the capitalistic system through which they mutually profit. And why not?

The direct choice

Tuesday, September 12th, registered voters of the Democratic, Republican, Conservative and Liberal Parties will participate in a real grass roots election. They will vote in the primaries to choose the candidate to represent their party in a number of different races.

Primaries are the vehicle in which the voters have an opportunity to circumvent the deals made in the backrooms by bosses to hand-pick candidates. Some of the bosses' choices are good, others stink.

Because of limitation in staff and time, Suffolk Life is not endorsing any particular candidates as we normally do in the general election. It's our feeling if you can't do a thorough and competent job, don't do it half way.

There are certain things, though, you the voter should be looking for.

First, question the reason why the candidate was the choice of the bosses and the organization. Was it because he was the easiest to control or was it because he was the best qualified from the field of candidates?

Who will be the best person to represent your personal views as well as the philosophy of your particular party? This is key and crucial. To give an example, if Jacob Javits was initially challenged in a Senatorial primary, it would have been difficult for him to have sold himself to Republicans. Javits's record is clearly that of a Liberal-Democrat. Most of his votes violate the general principles of the Republican Party.

We have candidates running here in Suffolk County and in the state that

fall into this same category. They may be good men but are running under the wrong banner.

Of particular interest is the race for the First Congressional Seat. Although none of the candidates have gone public with their primaries, they have made a concerted effort to reach the enrolled voters of their party. These voters should have a general idea of who the candidates are, whether they can be trusted, and believed.

We have been really amazed the candidates for this race wasted the golden opportunity they had to develop a public image and make their qualifications known to all voters. A good September primary steamroller is hard to beat.

We hope all registered voters of political parties will take the opportunity to use their franchise, their vote, to select the candidate of their choice this Tuesday.

The worst thing they can do is stay home. This gives the party bosses the right to pick and choose candidates, who are loyal to them and not the people.

If none of the candidates have caught your imagination and sold you on their qualities, we encourage you to vote anyway. Go into the voting booth, lift up the lever on the top of the machine and write in Mickey Mouse.

A vote for Mickey Mouse at least will show the organization and the candidates you are still alive and kicking and dissatisfied with their choices. And why not?

Readers' Opinion

Dear Editor:

As we all know, in discussing LILCO it is imperative that we concentrate on facts lest some demagogic politicians decide they can garner votes by going after LILCO and we live to "rue the day"! Remember "public-operated and public-controlled" business means (a) "bureaucrat-operated and bureaucrat-controlled" and (b) eventual, if not immediate, loss of taxes from the company.

Having a small income, I probably pay a greater percentage of it for electricity than most; but, knowing the facts, my family and I realize it is the only bargain today! (We own no stock in the company and have no connection with any electric company.)

First, may I mention to those advocating public ownership that the "public-owned P.O." (business) has raised its letter rates 400 per cent since July 1958. For all concerned, may I mention that because of the "wild spenders" (for years) in the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives individuals and business suffer! The cost of food, housing, etc. has doubled in 10 years (or less).

The LILCO residential customer in 1955 spend about 1-1/7 percent of his disposable income for electricity but in 1978 he pays about 1-7/8 per cent for twice as much electricity. He uses twice as much today as he did in 1955. (He rarely pays 2 percent or over unless he is very wasteful or has a very, very low income.)

How was the above feat accomplished? LILCO knew and acted according to the true simple economic fact which all Americans should know. Productivity equal (1) human energy, mental and manual plus (2) tools plus (3) natural resources and that only "tools" is unlimited-- if you can make enough profit to replace same. Because of inflation a "tool" (Machine) which cost \$50,000. in '73, costs \$100,000. today. (A generating unit at Northport in 1968 cost LILCO less than \$41 million but \$110 million in 1977). The cost of OPEC oil to LILCO increased 400 per cent since the Arab oil embargo, so the company sensibly turned to No. 3 of the above formula. They sought a cheaper "natural resource substitute."

They have been buying cheaper electric energy whenever available from those upstate New York and New England electric companies with Nuclear Power Plants which can produce electric energy cheaper than LILCO. LILCO expects to have their Shoreham Nuclear Plant operating in 1980

and the other two by 1988 and 1990 so they, too, can produce cheap electric energy for their customers. They are, I am sure, hoping to bring those customer bigger bargains than they do now. Here is what 5 cents to LILCO will buy in electricity (below). Everything below costs 5 cents!

5 1/3 hours of watching color T.V., 1/4 hours of using the vacuum cleaner, 5/4 hours of using your freezer, 3 loads of wash in a washing machine, (OR) 1/4 slices of bread, Less than 1/2 cup of milk, 1 1/2 minutes of watching a movie in your local theater, 3 minutes of driving in an intermediate car, 1/3 ounce of coffee.

There are two fallacious arguments used against LILCO. One is that the cost of electricity is exorbitant compared to the cost of other things when, in reality, it is a bargain. The other is that LILCO is endangering people by building nuclear plants. Those making such false claims certainly are aware of the fact that not one of the public has died from the 70 nuclear plants across the Country but thousands have been killed in coal mines (through their own carelessness or the fault of others). Underground mining is very dangerous to man! More will be killed in the future! If these opponents of LILCO nuclear plants are sincere, would they not be demonstrating for clean and (seemingly) safe nuclear energy and against the dangerous coal mining? Could it be that deaths of others far removed from L.I. do not matter, as long as there is no tiny risk that perhaps, sometime, somewhere, some accident might possibly occur near them?

The argument regarding "dividends" is absurd. If the return on money invested in LILCO is so poor that people stop investing, the company must borrow more money at about 10 per cent interest compared to 5 per cent in '68-- adding to the cost of business and eventually of "electricity" to customers! Only the bank would gain from lend-the money!

The only real productive jobs for workers, manual workers and executives, come from private industry, not government, so let us "watch business" but not harass unjustly or "kill the goose that lays the golden eggs" because of erroneous propaganda from others who are either misinformed or have an ulterior motive such as "a desire for attention", "a penchant for (safe -- for themselves) 'trouble-making'", "a secret admiration for socialist-type economies", etc.

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Competing against Uncle Sam

willmotts and why-nots

David J. Willmott, Editor

Competition is wonderful if we all start off on the same basis. Competing normally means lower prices to consumers and a better quality of goods. Unfortunately, all competition is not equal, particularly when private business has to compete against Uncle Sam.

Recently, the Internal Revenue Service center in Holtsville advertised for help. The pitch was excellent salaries, and taxpayer paid

lengthy vacations. Workers could get vacations up to six months in your first year of work. Of course, they didn't call them vacations, they called them layoffs or furloughs. But they amount to the same thing because workers will receive pay through unemployment insurance when the IRS is not at peak season.

The unemployment insurance is being paid for by the taxpayers and the businesses the IRS is competing

against for these same employees.

The IRS is willing to pay these employees better rates than those established for similar work in private industry. This puts a strain on legitimate businesses who are striving to make a profit. Businesses have to meet these rates.

In meeting the rates, they add this additional cost to the prices that they charge for the services and goods. In effect, it is the consumer who ends up

paying for this unfair labor practice through increased prices. The IRS maintains because of the seasonal nature of their workload, they must pay more to gain the employees what they need.

It is a vicious circle that makes one question the value of having Uncle Sam as a tenant here on Long Island and as an unfair competitor in the labor market. And why not?

Why should I sign?

The other night, the first day of school, my son came home full of excitement. He was carrying several papers I had to read.

One was an outline of the free lunch program. It explained who was eligible and who was not and under what conditions. As this did not pertain to me, I skimmed over it and put it aside.

My son informed me I had to sign the form on the back. Hand written below the form was the notation, "My son is not eligible for the free lunch program, parent's signature."

It might be petty, but I will be damned if I can see why the onus should be placed on me for paying my own son's way. There is something mixed-up in this society when

somebody earns enough money to pay for their own food and then have to sign a declaration of this fact.

Could it be I am now in a minority? We think it is laudable that the school system is trying to remove the stigma from a child receiving a free lunch. But isn't it a little bit ridiculous to transfer the stigma to those, who are paying for their own?

You would think if you wanted to take advantage of the free lunch it would be up to you to make the application and fill out the forms, not the other way around.

We realize we may be making a mountain out of a molehill, but we do feel this attitude should be brought to the public's attention. And why not?

Readers' Opinion

The hysteria . . . must end

Bar room or Board room

It had all of the makings of a bar room brawl without the liquor. The bawdy language, shouts of "you're a liar" and the familiar "I'll fight any man in the house, were all in evidence at last Monday's meeting of the William Floyd Board of Education. If that meeting was a sign of things to come, we may have to open our classrooms for lessons in self defense, the martial arts and the seven forbidden words. It is totally beyond belief, how adults, sworn to uphold the law and work for better educational opportunities for our children, could have acted in such a shameful manner.

At the very beginning of the meeting the mood was set when board member James Kaiser demanded that he read a certain report "right now." This report should have been read later, during the new business segment of the meeting. Kaiser finally read his report, which contained suggested cuts in the recently defeated school budget. His proposals included, eliminating all assistant principals, the assistant district administrator and all program coordinators. He stopped just short of teachers and textbooks. Kaiser's report was worded in the form of a motion which received a second from John Linehan. The other members of the board begged for time to read and discuss the proposals before voting on them. Kaiser and Linehan refused, in a take it or leave it manner. The motion was defeated by a vote of 5 to 2. In the wee hours of the morning Kaiser held true to form when he admittedly

threw two punches at board member Mark Matthews.

This past Wednesday's edition of Suffolk Life, which played up Kaiser's proposed budget cuts, is an example of how a newspaper failed in its prime obligation to inform the public. That article was written on Friday prior to the board meeting with a press release supplied by Kaiser or Linehan. Reporter Roy Kahn has confirmed this, but refused to say which one actually gave him the report. I am sure that there is some "fat" in the school budget, but I dare say Kaiser's proposals are going to eliminate them. Do not be fooled by an offer of pie in the sky.

In another incident, board member John Linehan, the uncrowned "heavyweight" champ of the school board, challenged if there was any man in the house big enough to stop him from continuing his out of order tirade against another board member. Linehan's remarks ended with a motion to remove from office long standing board member and community activist Pat Pulsonetti. The motion was ruled out of order for being non-factual. Linehan did not object, for I am sure that the "roar of the crowd" satisfied his own personal needs.

In closing I urge that these two men be stopped from promoting their own political fortunes at the expense of the children and taxpayers of our district. The hysteria and polarization in our area must end before it spreads further like an unseen cancer, and destroys us all.

Dan McNamara, Mastic Beach

Remember last winter?

You don't have to look too far back to remember the horrors of last winter. The impassable roads, clogged with autos that had either been abandoned or parked hindering speedy snow removal.

Last winter more people than ever deliberately parked their vehicles on the roads to avoid being plowed in. This selfish act singlehandedly was the worst problem with which snow removal operators had to contend. It caused paralysis on Long Island.

Now is the time for our town boards to act to make sure this condition does

not repeat itself. Off premises parking must be banned during snow emergency in every area of Long Island. No cars should be allowed to park on main or residential streets.

A snow plow operator can clean a street in a fraction of the time if he is not hindered with having to wind his way through parked vehicles. Rather than put off the implementation of this measure, all town boards should act immediately to set up regulations for their respective towns and publish the penalty for non-compliance. And why not?

I would like a revote

Dear Mr. Editor,

It would be stupid and asinine of me to vote for a school budget of some \$19.4 million of my proposed school budget, when even the school board cannot agree among themselves.

When one reads of "Fat in the budget", and children receiving news that unless the budget is passed they will have to walk to school, I'm wondering of whom is putting a gun to whose head, because of the children used as pawns. Twice like a good decent citizen I voted for the budget, and I also took some of my neighbors to vote with me to help along, but I don't think that I would do it again any where, any time after I have been disfranchised on two consecutive counts. As a matter of fact, I can't see any reason why should I be used as sucker for the school board. Not for a third time. I also believe that since the entire board cannot agree among themselves, and are burdening the

taxpayers with their problems, in all good faith, I would suggest, that if they cannot solve the school problems, then it is time for them to step aside and give those that can do it a chance. What we got here is a group of people that I would not trust with the future education of my children. When the principal of the district, tends to discriminate to have half of our children walk to school, unless he gets his way for the district to purchase some portable classrooms, only for the use of one year, then in my opinion I believe that we question if he is the one to dictate of how our tax monies should be used.

As for the school board? I would like a revote. No one is indispensable. If we have had a transportation proposition on the ballot the first time, all of these problems never would have happened, that is the sword that has been held over our children's head and used whenever a budget did not pass.

E. Frank Perra, Shirley, N.Y.

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What a way to go

John Flynn was head of the Department of Environmental Control. As head of this department, he was in charge of the planning and construction of the Southwest Sewer District.

Over the years of development, the Southwest Sewer District has become a confused, disgusting disaster. People who are life-time residents of Long Island are losing their homes because of the mistakes that have been made. In charge of this program from conception, Flynn has to take the blame for the fiasco.

From all over Suffolk, there have been outcries for his resignation. Flynn has been hard-nosed. He has refused to resign. The only man he is directly answerable to is John Klein. Klein, like Flynn, has refused to acknowledge that the sewer district

has become a scandalous mess.

For years, Klein has steadfastly dodged the issue hoping the controversy would subside. Once someone started calling for his hide, Klein finally got the message. To save his own skin, he cowardly fed Flynn and the whole Department of Environmental Control to the wolves. Effective January 1st, the department will cease to exist.

It's amazing to what lengths King John will go to avoid making a meaningful decision. The facts have been there and they are clear-cut. Klein's appointment had messed up the job and should have been fired long ago.

Yet Klein lacked the courage and the integrity to do the job he was hired for -- to be an executive.

Could it be that Klein feared Flynn

might not have taken his forced dismissal sitting down? Could it be Flynn might, in retaliation, start talking about where the bodies are buried? That's conjecture but it may become fact in the future. The Southwest Sewer District affairs will now be handled by Frank Jones, the competent, former deputy supervisor of Islip. Jones has done a good job as Peter Cohalan's chief aide, but his real test will come in trying to put the pieces of people's lives back together again within the district.

We doubt he is going to be successful enough to ward off the bitter

resentment that has been built up towards John Klein.

Klein must take the responsibility for the incredible pork barrel, boondoggle the Southwest Sewer District has become. If Klein had been a good executive, and paid attention to the problems surrounding the district when they were small, much of the heartache and wasted millions would have been avoided.

The departure of Flynn should be followed by the departure of Klein. One has been as bad as the other. And why not?

Now down to business

The results of the primaries are in. They were predictable. The challengers allowed themselves to be trapped by the organization.

The organization had the list and the manpower. To counter this, the challengers would have had to go public with their campaign. They failed to do it. What money they had, they spent on ineffective direct mailings to the committeemen and the registered voters. These mailings cost upwards of \$20,000 each. They stripped the candidates of funds needed to build a steamroller and create an image with all the voters. Unfortunately, after the ballots have been counted, it was too late to do anything about it. The voters will be offered a choice between the organizations candidates of the Republican and Democratic parties. These are the candidates of the bosses. The candidate's deals were made around.

During the next two months, Suffolk Life will, as in the past, make a concerted effort to bring to you, the voters, all the information we can about the candidates, the issues and their positions.

All candidates will be reviewed and profiles will be published. Each candidate will also be invited to fill out a lengthy and extensive questionnaire covering the issues and their positions and stances. This questionnaire covers everything from their philosophy to specific instances on important topical issues pertaining to you, the voter. The questions and the answers will be published in easy-to-read chart format prior to Election Day.

Our news and editorial staff will interview each candidate separately to try to determine and evaluate the real candidate and the depth and beliefs of each. Based upon the campaign, the questions, past experience and most important the interview, we will make endorsements.

Suffolk Life is an independent newspaper without any party affiliation. We are dedicated to the people of Suffolk County, who look to us for honesty, guidance and advice. We will attempt to satisfy your needs in bringing you objective and factual political reporting between now and November 7th. And why not?

Let the people know

Shelter Island is a unique town. It is a town where people know those who are running their government and know what their government is doing.

Leonard Bliss, the supervisor, has been negotiating with his police department for a new contract.

Bliss has called for the negotiations with the police department to go public. He can't see why the union negotiators or the town should hide behind closed doors. He wants the public, his constituents, the taxpayers, to know exactly what their employees, the police, are asking for.

He wants the public to know what he and his town board are offering, which will be financed through their taxes.

You can bet some of the ridiculous demands being made will be tempered. If the police charges are true, that Bliss and the town are being belligerent and unreasonable, the public will know.

We'll bet Shelter Island's negotiations are settled quicker and much more to everyone's satisfaction, due to these open hearings than any settlement could be reached behind closed doors. Certainly, it will be a far better settlement for all concerned, than one imposed through binding arbitration. Bliss's move is one that should set a pattern and a precedent for all public negotiations.

Why should these negotiations be held behind closed doors? Why not have them out in the open where the public can see first-hand what is being asked for and what is being offered.

Why not let the public participate in these hearings for they are the ones who are going to foot the bill and pay the price.

Congratulations Shelter Island, you are showing a rare quality in government --- common sense. And why not?

Readers' Opinion

'I wish to respond'

Dear Mr. Willmott:

I am an officer of the Southold Town Police Department and I wish to respond to the story in your August 27th edition, "Rapes Covered Up". It is the policy of this department to investigate any and all complaints of sexual assault. These investigations are carried out by members of this department with the assistance of the Suffolk County Police Departments Sex Crime Unit. These investigations are done in a professional, courteous and compassionate manner. The legal rights of the victim, as well as the accused are always protected.

The study by the Crimes Against Women Committee as reported in your article says that information regarding these crimes are frequently withheld from the public. The policy of the Southold Police Department is to

release information relating to all crimes committed within its jurisdiction unless still under investigation, or of a confidential nature. Needless to say the identification of the assault victim is withheld.

In closing I would suggest to spokeswoman Gigi Spates of the Crimes Against Women Committee not to make such a quote as "We're sure (the coverup) is going on in all East End towns and villages". I think she should check each department and see how these cases are being handled. To issue such a blanket charge is unwarranted, and untrue. Should I for one form an opinion of the Crimes Against Women Committee on the misinformation of one spokeswoman, or should I seek the opinions of other members of the committee?

Michael T. Burke

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Why the stall?

Initiative and Referendum is the procedure through which California voters enacted the now famous Proposition 13. Before "Prop 13", there was no Initiative and Referendum in New York State or in Suffolk County. There still isn't.

Early in the spring, the Suffolk County Legislature unanimously voted a home rule measure calling for the enactment of the Initiative and Referendum for Suffolk County.

It passed easily for the legislature for this was just an idle gesture they were making to keep the natives happy. No one gave this measure a snowball's chance in hell of passing the state legislature.

Then Proposition 13 broke into the headlines. The assembly passed the measure. The bill went to the state senate. Through an organized campaign, the pressure was brought to bear on Senate Majority Leader Warren Anderson, who released the bill from committee as a home rule measure. It was voted on and passed.

From there, the bill went to the Governor. Right down to the wire, no one seemed to know whether he would sign it or not. He received thousands

of letters and telegrams from Suffolk residents requesting that he sign this measure into law.

He did with the announcement "when the people want something, they should be given it. No politician should stand in their way. They have a right to choose how they want to be governed."

In mid-summer, the bill came back to the Suffolk County Legislature for final enactment. The legislature was now faced with having to pass this measure so it could be put up for a public vote this November.

The ramifications of this measure are clear. The measure would give the people the right to override the county legislature and the county executive when they fail to perform the tasks for which they were elected. This is the way a government in a democracy is supposed to operate.

There are those on the Suffolk County Legislature who still have not learned that Suffolk is part of the democracy. It's part of the United States of America.

Since this bill has been back, they have done everything in their power to delay enactment of this measure

and make it cumbersome, burdensome and costly.

Originally, the proposal called for the legislature to consider any measure backed by a simple petition or 250 citizens. If the legislature did not act on it, the citizens could get their idea on the November ballot by getting 10 per cent of those who voted in the last gubernatorial election to sign petitions.

To confuse matters and to make it more difficult and less democratic, opponents of Initiative and Referendum have been tinkering with the original measure. They are attempting to change the initiative law so that a minimum percentage of the petitions must come from each legislative district or town. They have wasted valuable time that may keep the Referendum and Initiative question off the November ballot. If it misses the November election, it will certainly cost the taxpayers of Suffolk an additional \$250,000 to hold a special vote.

Initiative and Referendum issues will be voted on by all the residents of the county. They will not be voted on by only special groups of citizens

from a particular geographical location. Therefore, there is absolutely no need to have the names on the petitions representative of a particular geographical location.

The change is only a delaying tactic to stall this measure and cause the waste of \$250,000 of your hard-earned tax dollars.

The only way the Initiative and Referendum measure can now be placed on the ballot for this coming November's general election is for County Executive John Klein to sign a certificate of necessity and supporters of the Referendum law don't expect him to help advance the cause.

We encourage you to contact your county legislator and the county executive now. Contact Klein's office and ask for the certificate of necessity to be issued. Contact your county legislator and demand that he quit stalling and vote on the measure at the next meeting.

If changes are necessary, they can be accomplished later either by a legislature working for the people or by the people working through Initiative and Referendum. And why not?

willmotts and why-nots

David J. Willmott, Editor

Readers' Opinion

'Let's continue to carry our load'

Dear Editor:

As concerned citizens of Southampton town, we would like to thank you for your continued support in our cause. Pure water, and the removal of Southampton town's health hazard, with respect to management of the township's wastes, are important and emotional issues.

We, the concerned citizens of Southampton town, are just and only that: we are not engineers, we are not ecologists, we are merely people, least of all are we politicians. We have formed our organization for the sole purpose of being heard. . . many voices are louder than one. We are now several thousand in number, thanks again to good journalists and media personnel who, like yourself, hold truth and the general health and well-being of Southampton's Citizenry as high ideals.

Just because we have achieved some of our primary goals, it does not mean that we can disband, dissolve or disintegrate. We have not heard and amplified the many individual voices of public conscience only to not further listen and further amplify these small cries for help.

How many times have we known of the single voices speaking at a town meeting or gathering . . . speaking clearly, petitioning the mechanisms of government. . . town, county, state, or Federal? These mechanisms of the people, created by the people, for the people, have those many times failed to hear those single cries, only because of the very nature of these mechanisms.

Our government is good. Nowhere in the world is there even any indication that there might be a better way, nor one as good. History, to date, proves this. Our government is quite capable of serving the needs of the people, yes, our needs.

The men and women we have elected to represent us, from village and town to county, state and Federal offices need only know our needs. We have entrusted to them the power to act on our requests and they are ready, willing and able to do so. However, to do so, they must hear us . . . we must speak

loudly and in unison, as we have, in order for government to not only hear, but realize that our needs are crucial ones.

As concerned citizens, let's continue to carry our load, our part of the process of Democracy! Let us continue to speak, yes, to cry out, giving our elected officials a better picture of our needs.

At this time, we would like to give credit to Southampton town's Supervisor, Martin Lang, and Southampton Town's Councilmen, Alpert, Gil, Halsey, and Robertson. They have taken some very concrete steps toward the creation of our long-awaited scavenger waste treatment facility. We thank and praise them for this. Let's continue to encourage them until the plant is built and every drop of Southampton Town's scavenger waste can be processed with the resulting water re-charged to our precious water table.

Above all, let's keep the wheels of progress turning until the other half of the ground water polluting leachate problem is satisfactorily resolved. The one remaining landfill (dump) in the town of Southampton must be up-graded, at least, until our town governments can solve this waste problem in a more acceptable fashion.

Concerned citizens we remain, with encouragement and hope that our many voices have been heard and will continue to be heard.

Please encourage your good subscribers and readers to speak out, let their voices be heard, in unison with ours. We are thankful for the voices of support coming from every corner of the Town of Southampton. May we please hear more! May we all be concerned citizens of Southampton Town, it's the best possible way to get something accomplished in our Democracy. If this sounds unbelievable, any and all are encouraged to call one of our concerned citizen's pure water information lines. Someone will tell you what has already been done, what we hope to accomplish, and how you may contribute your ideas as a concerned citizen.

Richie Sellentin
Southampton Town

'Reaping what has been sown'

Dear Editor,

Your editorial "Free Contraceptives for Kids" was very moving. One would wonder why it should be surprising that our school kids of the age 12 are pregnant.

This could very well be the results of the trade-off made years ago when Bible Reading

and Prayer were removed from our educational system; the replacement being sex education.

Are we now reaping what has been sown.

Sincerely,
Ignatius Di Guardia
Holbrook

'Oh so true'

Dear fellow peasant,

Oh so true some of the words you speak, but perhaps thy vision hath been impaired by the knight in tarnished armor who had hoped to dethrone the king.

The words I scripted in '66 still hold true in '78. The West has total control under either the legislative form of government, or a weighted board of supervisors. This is a fact of life we, the sub-peasants of the East End

must live with, for the Court Supreme has in its wisdom decreed it.

Under a weighted board of supervisors, our vote will still be small, but at least we will have a voice. Where there is a small voice of knowledge, there is hope, which is more than we now have, with men on the legislature who feel they know better than you and I do what is good for us.

Your faithful scribe

'Please help these young folks'

Hello:

I read your article on 7-19-78, Birth control for Kids.

Page 5 NWS has a box where people (kids) can obtain help.

Everything is located on South Side, one place on the North East End.

What happens to the youngster on the north side from Nassau line to Greenport. They can use our help to control pregnancies.

And why not?
Please help these young folks.

Yours truly
William Knall

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When teachers strike - fire them

Public school teachers are expressly forbidden from striking under the Taylor Law, which governs the terms of employment.

Although striking is illegal, teachers and teachers' unions are resorting to this weapon more and more frequently.

The reason is simple. Teachers do not fear the consequences. Under the penalties in the Taylor Law, teachers lose two days' pay for each day they are on strike. They can lose their teaching check-off privileges and can be put on probation for a year.

But, the most potent weapon of the Taylor Law is that it allows a school board to permanently terminate the employment of any teacher who strikes.

School boards have been reluctant in the past to enforce this provision. With school strikes being threatened on a regular basis, school boards must use this mechanism to bring teachers' unions back under control.

When teachers go out, they are not striking against the board, they are striking against their students, and the taxpayers, who pay their salaries.

There is no doubt about it, teachers have a sweet deal. Their current average salary is in excess of \$20.00 per hour and when fringes are added on top, the average teacher costs the taxpayer over \$40.00 per hour. With

tenure laws in effect, a teacher who has worked more than three years is virtually guaranteed life-time employment. Every school has teachers, who once having obtained tenure, become a detriment to the teaching profession and a road block to a child's education.

Teachers' groups have refused to clean up their act by ridding themselves of incompetent teachers. The feeling is "Keep them on, the taxpayers can afford it." So the kid gets a bad teacher, or a series of bad teachers. That's the breaks of the game.

Using the Taylor Law, a school district could legitimately and legally rid themselves of the striking teachers who are known to be not cutting the mustard.

When a school district is faced with a teacher walkout, they should accept it as fact, fire all those who walked out, and rehire only those who have proven they are exceptional educators.

There are thousands of qualified teachers looking for jobs who are locked out of the system and who would gladly go to work in place of the striking teachers.

School boards, who are holding tight in negotiations and refuse to give in to further demands by teachers' organizations, are following the in-

structions graphically given by local residents in recent budget defeats. Residents have spoken out loud and clear. They cannot afford any more for education.

It is the consensus of the residents, teachers are more than adequately compensated and their demands for bigger and better increases must be stopped. Long Island taxpayers are paying more than any other in the nation for education.

More than two-thirds of our local taxes go to support education. There isn't room in the average person's

income for increases.

If teachers fail to perceive this message and insist on their demands by illegally striking, then the board has no option other than to allow them to do so. Once the teachers violate the Taylor Law, fire them en masse and rehire from the large teacher labor pool available.

If teachers want a showdown, now is the time to give it to them. The people fired up by the tax revolt, will stand behind the local school board. And why not?

Lucky to live here

It's really too bad that the summer people leave before the East End's truly best season gets into full swing.

The combination of wonderful fall weather, fantastic fishing, gorgeous countryside color, roads which are again relatively traffic-free, and stores and restaurants which are no

longer overcrowded, and can again offer top-notch service all combine to make fall here even better than summer.

And we, who don't have to run back to the canyons of New York City, are lucky enough to be here to enjoy it. And why not?

Readers' Opinion

'And that's why!'

Dear Sir Wilmott, Jester of Why Not:

We, who are peasants in the Land of Suffering, hath found fault with thine proclamation known as the Suffering Life. Bewildered, we suspect a hex of tomfoolery was placed on thine Jester's page of 8-13-78, when thou chastised some of the Robinhoods of King John's domain. We can not believe that the great, independent Jester of the Eastern Kingdom could write such misleading blasphemy about some of the true champions of the people.

As a court Jester, you are quite entertaining. We think thou shouldst stick to jesting since editorial commentaries should conform to the guidelines of professional journalism, reflecting responsible, informed accurate opinions (terms such as "jackass are inappropriate). Your jestorials do not. Sirs Martin Feldman, (who, incidentally lives in Dix Hills, not Linderhurst) Michael Grant and Anthony Noto never supported the referendum to abolish the legislature. The referendum referred to in thine August 13 jestorial is not the Initiative and Referendum resolution which Sir Feldman sponsored and Sirs Grant and Noto co-sponsored, which is designed to give the people in the Land of Suffering a greater voice in county government. Yet, the resolution you are endorsing calls for the abolition of the county legislature and the resurrection of the Board of Supervisors. Unlike the past Board of Supervisors, this new Board would have votes weighted according to the populations of each of the 10 towns in Suffering County. If this proposal were passed, government in the Land of Suffering could easily degenerate into demagoguery, since the 3 most populous towns-Brookhaven, Islip and Babylon-could control county government with their weighted votes.

Aye, Sir Wilmott, the local peasantry does have a right to reiterate their belief in democracy. That is why we peasants are appalled that the Jester, whom we believed to be the voice of the people, would sanction a proposal that significantly impairs any

impact the peasantry could have on the political decision making process. Surely, some evil wizard has bewitched thee, for thou hast condemned such a weighted board of supervisors as "tyranny" in the past. To quote thee from thine commentary of June 8, 1966, "One Man One Vote Is Tyranny": "The . . . Board of Supervisors . . . will strip the East End of any effective and practical representation . . . Obviously this (the weighted vote system) reeks of taxation without representation . . . Surely our two sections (East and West) are as different as day and night. Our needs and wants are not at all alike. If the West is given complete control and power over the entire County we will be taxed without being represented. . . We in Eastern Suffolk have no desire to be ground under the heels of heavily populated Western Suffolk." The validity of your 1966 editorial was recently reaffirmed by Howard A. Scarrow, Political Science Professor at SUNY Stony Brook: "three towns, three elected officials could run Suffolk County, the other seven towns could be completely frozen out of the decision-making process."

In conclusion, we, peasants of the Land of Suffering, respectfully request the great Jester of the Eastern Kingdom to banish misleading propaganda from thine jestorials. We find it curious that thou commends Sir Caputo as a brave man, when he alone voted against the Initiative and Referendum resolution sponsored by Sir Feldman. Those you classify as enemies of the people are those who are truly brave. Despite your presence at the Great Hall, which was calculated to pressure dissenting knights into approving Sir Hurley's resolution, despite Allen Smith's warning that "Mr. Wilmott is prepared to campaign against those of you who vote no," these valiant Knights stood up and were counted, wittingly incurring the wrath of a powerful man, one who attempts to control the thoughts of 196,000 minds - you, Sir Wilmott. And that's why!

Concerned peasantry of Laurel Hollow,
Wading River, New York

Comparing the LIE

A friend of mine just got back from a trip to Minneapolis. He told me of the eight-lane superhighways which expedite traffic through what is the 16th largest urban area in the U.S.

I couldn't help but contrast that with the lousy Long Island Expressway, that six-lane monstrosity which is known throughout the nation as "the world's longest parking lot."

Why is it that smaller cities like Minneapolis, Miami, and others have such wonderful highway systems, in spite of the fact that they have so much less traffic?

Why does Los Angeles have 12-lane highways when we're stuck with our inadequate six-laner? Why indeed!

Nassau-Suffolk is supposed to be the ninth biggest urban areas in the

nation. Lord knows, we have the biggest taxes in the original 48 states!

What does it take for our politicians to learn that people demand more than gorgeous government buildings which crumble. They want things which they can use. . .like roads. . .like service. . .like something for their money besides supporting an overwhelming government.

One of these days, the people will decide they've had enough. A Proposition 13 will happen here. Then, maybe, some smarter politicians will take the time to find out what the average guy wants for his money.

Among them, is a chance to drive on our roads, rather than park on them. And why not?

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King John continues shell game

In the County of Suffering, the Poor King continues his attempts to dazzle and confuse the peasants in this Land of Unreality.

It is that time of year again when the leaves are turning crimson and thy King unveils his budget to support all those services he claims the peasants have been clamoring for. To pay for these alleged demands this year, peasants must dig deep into the hides to pay additional tribute. Of course the King's herald wrote in their press release that the tax would be decreasing. Ooops! They did mention police taxes would rise but failed to note that it will make the

overall taxes higher than last year.

Have you noticed how much more in services you have received? Don't you feel safer from the robbers and rapists? Hasn't your health improved? Look at thy glorious recreational activities that are yours for thy snap of a finger. Look how thy economy has improved. Jobs are abundant, raises in your income are almost an everyday happening.

Hasn't 1978 been a glorious year brought to us by thy Poor King with the aid of his 18 knights in tarnished armor from ye old hall of unreality.

Now for all these good times, which you have so much enjoyed, made your

life easy and fun-filled, the King would like you to give just an itty-bit more of your hide.

One sad note to this report from the County of Suffering, the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus

playing at thy Coliseum this November can no longer be billed as the Greatest Show on Earth. The King has upstaged them. And why not?

Political attitudes

Senator Lowell Weicker, from Connecticut on a campaign tour this past Sunday, typified in his speech what is wrong with the American political mentality.

Weicker came out strongly opposed to Initiative and Referendum, Proposition 13's, and other people participation measures.

All of these provide the mechanisms and are laws to limit the ability of elected officials to tax and spend wantonly. The Connecticut Senator, who played such an important role in the Watergate-Nixon investigation, stated, "If people don't like the politicians, they should throw them out of office."

The trouble is once they have voted for an individual, they have given and entrusted unto him the right to tax and spend as he sees fit, regardless of the public's feelings.

Unfortunately, Weicker's concept is held by most elected officials. Instilled with this concept, they proceed blindly along this path and because they are men and not gods, they make horrendous mistakes. These mistakes have come close to toppling the great American capitalistic society.

Businesses no longer have the incentive or can afford the risk to invest in new technology, develop new products and ideas, which create jobs. Individuals have their ambition stilted and get the attitude of wanting more for less work. This attitude has bred a whole generation of people who feel it is their due not to work and not to produce.

It makes our senior citizens virtually indentured servants, dependent upon the dole for survival. No matter how carefully the average senior citizen had planned and budgeted for his retirement, taxes and inflation caused by the Weicker's attitude has

brought them to their knees and made them dependent for their survival on Social Security and other socialistic programs.

Weicker's attitude has caused the collapse of small Mom and Pop businesses, ranging from the farms to the grocery stores. Today, it is even causing the giants like Lockheed and Grants and other major contributors to the economy to either accept welfare or go bankrupt.

We are glad that Americans live in a free society where speech and thought are not controlled exclusively by the government.

Through free speech and a free press, ideas such as Proposition 13 can become publicized and the politicians' idiotic ideology can be countered by people who still have some self-respect.

No matter what politicians like Weicker espouse, we are sure ideas such as Proposition 13 are going to make sense to the people who are struggling to keep themselves afloat.

They are the only alternatives we have left. They put a cap on the politicians. The public, in effect, is saying, "There is no more you can take and no more we can afford to spend."

Without these caps, the Weicker attitude will eventually draw us to an absolute socialized state, where our work will be rewarded not in cash but in uniform services.

Do you want this? We doubt it. Let's continue to fight and support Proposition 13's. It's our money they are taking in taxes that has been earned from our labors and our investments.

The biggest service any politician can perform for us is to leave us with the maximum amount of money to dispose of as we see fit. And why not?

Readers' Opinion

'None quite like the last one'

Dear Sir:

As a resident of the William Floyd School District I have observed many meetings of the Board of Education in the past few years but none quite like the last one. Differences of opinion are inevitable when you have eight individuals concurring on policy matters. This may have even been refreshing after several years of conformity so solid that one might tend to think that the decisions made there were preordained. One could even try to overlook the fact that there are now two distinct factions on the board, polarized on every issue. At least observing taxpayer's who do not have easy access to all the facts can entertain two opinions.

The one aspect of the whole matter that disturbs me most is the fact that I fear the board is rapidly losing credibility in the wake of all their animosity. I refuse to choose sides and I do not attend meetings to cheer for my friends as do some observers. My interest is solely in attaining the best possible education for my children at the least possible expense. However, there were several discrepancies that I cannot let pass without comment. Aside from the fact that the moderator was clearly not acting impartially in chairing the meeting (as one observer put it, "Speaking to two grown men as if they were children."); I was also upset to hear that Mr. Kaiser and Mr. Linehan were not given the opportunity to present their budget proposals to the budget committee prior to the public meeting. Without access to all the facts, I am sure it was possible that they could have made some recommendations that were, as Mr. Poulos put it, "Fiscally unsound." But that is not the issue here. The fact remains that their suggestions were not even entertained as such by the rest of the board and

this is what bothers me. At least listen before you reject. As far as I'm concerned, with the possible exception of Mr. Blanco, there isn't one other person on the board that is any more qualified than they are to propose budget reductions. Whether or not I voted for these two men is irrelevant when I attend a meeting. The fact remains that they were voted into office by a majority of the voters in this area and the board president might do well to remember this before she insults our intelligence by dismissing them as insignificant.

I think it is absolutely scandalous that a man, legally elected to office, could be ignored and provoked to a point where he might be removed from the board entirely, only to be replaced by someone whom they could then appoint. On the same evening they sat there and did not even admonish another board member with an appalling attendance record, just because he never makes waves. While it cannot be denied that a discussion on the budget brings out the beast in us all, individual board members might maintain better credibility in the eyes of the public if they would refrain from the snide insinuations and accusative remarks so prevalent at the last board meeting. This sort of behavior, especially on the part of the moderator, only angers people and makes everyone more aggressive and disorderly. Perhaps less open hostility and more serious discussions of the facts would reap more productivity. I certainly wouldn't want to sit on that board; I only hope those that do can handle it.

Patricia Carrozza
Mastic

'The most flagrant case'

Dear Editor:

The most flagrant case of child abuse we have ever seen is going on in our school district. Children are being denied their right to a good education. Simply because their parents are not exercising their right to vote. The price of toys and clothing go up every year and parents pay the higher prices. Yet they are unwilling to spend a penny more for education.

Let's put our priorities in proper perspective. Say no to the ice cream man more

often and yes to a better education. Our parents wanted the best for us let's give our kids the same.

Our school system has been making rapid improvements our test scores prove this. On austerity this could be lost.

Please vote yes on the 13th and join us in our fight to make Albany change these ridiculous laws. The real fight is in Albany not on the door steps of our schools.

Pat Matthews
Jean Dawson


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