

### Interrogating Victor Yannacone

(How do we save on the terrific amount we pay our police in Suffolk County?)

Well, there's nothing wrong with paying police officers a substantial amount of money commensurate with the risks of their jobs. However, there is much police work that is essentially inconsistent with the level of salary involved. For example, the Suffolk County Police Dept should be involved with felonies, felony investigations, homicide, and serious problems. ~~The policing of the highways for intoxicated drivers and the like do not require the same level of skill as the investigation of homicides and the prosecution of felonies, and the protection of citizens in areas of high risk of assault and other kinds of violent anti-social behavior.~~ The communities should be allowed to police themselves with constabularies in the incorporated villages and a town-wide constabulary in the unincorporated areas the entire purpose of whose existence is quality of life and the maintenance of quality of life and the establishment of a police presence. The key to successful county wide policing and protection for all the citizens both on the highways and in the communities is communication. The county police can maintain the communication network that links every unit everywhere whether it is a constable on patrol which is what the original meaning of cops...c-o-p...was or whether it is a citizen who has an alarm which goes off and instead of winging to some central station wings to the constable on patrol who immediately investigates within a minute or so within the area as they do in the village of Patchogue, for which the community pays a service based on homeowner use. That's one of the ways to resolve the economics of police protection. We need a police presence. We need efficient prompt swift prosecution of all crimes against person and property especially at the felony and misdemeanor level. That means running the courts on a full-time basis. That means getting rid of the district courts, county courts, supreme courts split and having a criminal division and a civil division of a unified court system. That means having courts open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. so that there is no delay between arrest and arraignment. So that there is no delay between arraignment and prosecution or grand jury indictment if that is the way the district attorney decides to go. We need sufficient prosecutors to make sure that every single criminal is brought to justice as quickly as possible and people do not languish in jail waiting for legal aide lawyers or their own council to get around to representing them and innocent people sometimes are held for months and even years

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*of knowledge the need,*  
~~received in that year, in greater depth~~ give them. ~~And the average student who finishes in the two term, has a third time and in that third term their enrichment continues. Perhaps not as far and wide as the very best and brightest but certainly it broadens their education.~~

**Special Education and the extended school year...**

*as it presently exists is destroying the PS system*

Special education is eating us alive. It is taking an enormous disproportionate share of the public resources to educate a smaller percentage of the children than those resources should be spent upon. We're not talking about the truly handicapped. We're not talking about the people who are visually impaired, have hearing impairments, who have needs for very special considerations because of their physical or mental or sensory impairments. We're talking about the large bulk of the children who are classified learning disabled or emotionally disturbed.

In both those cases a search of the history and records will clearly indicate that the learning disability is based upon the fact that it takes them longer to assimilate the same body of knowledge as 50% the class in which they are situated.

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**Our schools are the key to our economy...**

The key to improving the Long Island economy and making it the most attractive place in the country for business and business executives and professionals to want to settle permanently is our public school system. To make our public school system internationally competitive and reach the levels of educational attainment we are capable of achieving with the faculties we have assembled already we must make some dramatic changes.

**Curriculum standards and accountability...**

First and foremost, we must insist on a uniform statement of what knowledge is expected of a high school graduate who receives a diploma from a LI high school.

Q. What about the present New York State Regents Diploma?


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