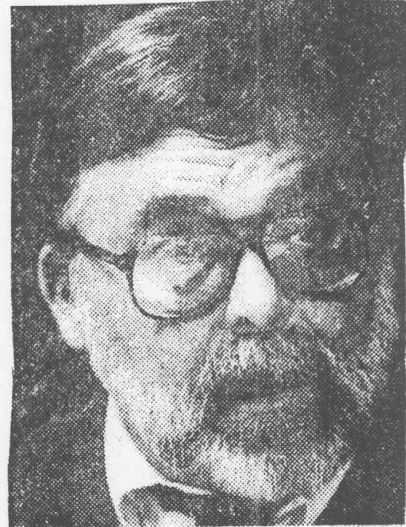




Jane Ernst, deputy executive director, Mount Loretto: "I think that if we don't do this (vote yes in the referendum), we're missing the boat."



Robert Witkowski, director, S.I. Developmental Disabilities Office: "I don't honestly know if anyone is in tune (on the secession issue) until we get all the information . . ."



Dorothy Doran, executive director, S.I. Center for Independent Living: "I feel that Staten Island has been self sufficient in the past, but we've lost a lot of that self sufficiency. I think we can regain it and have a better island."



Jo Kelly, executive director, S.I. Teen Pregnancy Network: "I think many Staten Islanders do not like to recognize we have real problems (teen pregnancy, AIDS, etc.) Perhaps those needs will not be recognized, and therefore not supported (under secession)."

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