

# Tax property not improvements

# willmotts and why-nots

David J. Willmott, Editor

# READERS' OPINION

## "Fisherman allowed to use electric motor"

Dear Editor:

It was with great interest that I read the article "Town Studies Motor Boat Ban on Fort Pond" in your March 23, 1977 issue. There were several erroneous statements on the part of the reporter and the person being interviewed.

Fort Pond is a freshwater pond or lake, not a fragile salt water inlet. In reference to the use of "motor boats," I personally feel that gasoline-powered craft should not be allowed, and as far as I can remember, they have not been used there. An electric motor on a boat is again something else.

Mr. Russell Stein of the Montauk Village Association granted your interview before obtaining facts, if he did bother to obtain them at all. The fisherman is about the only person to use the electric motor on the lake. Where Mr. Stein obtained his information on excessive litter, noise and safety hazards is beyond me. The fisherman is a sportsman and a conservationist, not a litterer. If Mr. Stein wants to control litter, control the children of the local residents who come to the shore to do whatever they do. Noise, if Mr. Stein can hear my motor from more than a few feet, and it's only a hum, I will junk it. Safety hazards, did Mr. Stein ever watch the tourists who rent the paddle boats and sail boats, they are the safety hazard.

Mr. Stein then states that if they allow electric motors they would have to limit horsepower. Maybe Mr. Stein should check into this a little better! These motors are rated in pounds of thrust, and the ones used average about 15 pounds of thrust. This is less than 1/2 horsepower.

The fisherman wants to preserve the lake and the land surrounding it as much as anyone, and as long as he pays for a state fishing license he should have the right to fish. The statement that the organization should have the right to demand concessions because "many of them own land surrounding the area", is akin to me stating I am going to regulate traffic on my street because I own property on the street.

It is about time that village associations, town trustees and town boards realize we all live here and we all have to share our resources, unrestricted.

Very truly yours,  
Andrew D. Powell  
President

## "When will environmentalists comment?"

To the Editor,

When will the environmentalists comment on the latest news story about OPEC's oil heist and its effect on every Long Islander?

OPEC has raised the price of crude oil again. Some countries have generously increased by a mere 5 per cent; others, have increased it 10 per cent now, with an additional 5 per cent added by July. Estimates I've already heard of are that all gasoline prices will only be raised a penny or two, but that will eventually total some seven billion dollars per year. Also, they tell me that the cost of oil for home heating and utilities will cost an additional three hundred to five hundred million dollars more per year.

Why don't some of the environmentalists take pencil to paper and figure out how much that has to cost each and every Long Islander out of their already hardpressed pocket-books?

We know the ecosystem is important to us all, but so is our daily livelihood. No alternatives are offered and we are still unwilling victims of Middle East sheiks and dictators and their ransom demands.

Long Island is particularly dependent on imported oil for its heating and for its electricity. Also, the basic geographic shape of Long Island makes us an economy on wheels. So, we use proportionately more gas than most other areas of the country.

Environmentalists should take these things into their consideration and realize how vulnerable we are to the whims of these power brokers who have shown only their greed. (L-2B)

Respectfully yours,  
Michael Sigismondi  
Wading River



# Parents are responsible

Youth crime has reached epidemic proportions in both cities and right here on eastern Long Island.

Everyday we hear of acts committed by punks under 18 years of age, ranging from petty vandalism to terribly brutal crimes. The blame for the acceleration of these crimes can be placed on our courts and penal system, but the parents, who brought these children into the world, are the ones who should be held responsible.

Under our present judicial system, the juvenile criminal is almost guaranteed to get away scot-free. It seems no matter how horrible the actions, these kids are given youthful offender treatment. This amounts to little more than a slap on the wrist.

Once they see that nothing is going to happen to them, they return to the streets, repeating the same crimes, and others more violent. A friend of ours, who is a cop, explained his and his fellow officers' frustration.

He spoke of a 14-year-old boy who has been arrested repeatedly. During one police shift, they caught this punk in an act of burglary. He was released a few hours later, and before this cop went off duty, he caught him again breaking into a store within a stone's throw of the police station.

We asked where were the parents and what was their reaction. The cop told us, "They didn't give a damn." They were suffering no more inconvenience than for them to stop down to the police station and pick up the kid.

Our courts today treat criminals under 18 with kid gloves. They bend over backwards to protect their rights while ignoring the rights of society. They are reluctant to throw a kid into the clink for fear of his being exposed

to hardened criminals, allowing him to be released with a slap on the wrist.

We will be damned if we can see where this has led to any kind of improvement.

If the courts are reluctant to hold the youth responsible for his actions, then they should put the responsibility squarely on the shoulders of parents who brought these children into the world. Force the parents to make retribution for their offspring's criminal behaviour.

Permissiveness in a society has gone too far, when any element can snub their nose at the law and trample on the rights of others. We are sick and tired of hearing daily about punks terrorizing the community.

Why should we have to fear walking on our streets or for the safety of our possessions? If the parents are forced to be accountable for their kids' behaviour, they might start kicking some butts.

Who knows, the punks might even learn to respect their parents, or, at worst, fear them.

When we were young, we knew if we got into trouble with the authorities it would be bad, but nowhere near as bad as when our parents got hold of us. We were taught what was right and what was wrong and God help us if we went over the line.

When we accept the right to bring children into the world, we must also assume the responsibility for their actions.

If we fail to teach them the difference between right and wrong, we as parents must accept the responsibility for their actions. If we refuse to accept it, then the law should mandate it. And why not?

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From the earliest days of mankind, real estate has been considered a true measure of a man's wealth.

Traditionally, taxes have been levied against this wealth, because it was considered equitable for a man to pay taxes in proportion to his holdings. Through this system, rich landholders paid proportionally more for the operation of government than small individual landholders.

During the last century, however, the equity of this form of taxation has been reversed. An individual owner of a family dwelling pays far more proportionally in taxes than large landholders whether individuals or corporations. The emphasis is no longer placed on the value of land but on the improvements that have been made.

The benefactors of this system are land speculators who are able to tie up large tracts of land cheaply. This system has been a prime cause and creator of slums and has perpetuated the rapid deterioration of old downtown areas.

Slumlords profit from converting what once were respectable single-family dwellings to multi-family welfare slums. As property deteriorates, the tax rates are dropped. Individual homeowners who maintain and keep up their property are penalized for these slums by being taxed more heavily. Any improvements they make on their property brings even higher tax bills.

If we reverted back to placing the emphasis of real estate tax on the value of the land rather than the improvements, individual homeowners would benefit enormously.

An enactment of this kind of system would encourage the revitalization of downtown areas and slum buildings.

It would be more profitable for owners to keep their property values up; run-down properties would no longer be subsidized by reduced taxes.

If vacant land now being held by speculators was taxed at the same rate as developed land, pressure would be to put on speculators to reduce their asking prices and automatically more land would become available for the average person at realistic prices.

There would also be a boom in home improvements. Currently, one of the biggest deterrents to improving property is the fear these improvements will cause the house to be reassessed and result in a large increase in taxes.

Land still is an adequate measure of a man's wealth. Replacing the emphasis on the value of the land is not only more equitable, but would also simplify the assessment.

The whole principle of taxing real estate is under tremendous pressure, as real estate taxes have reached a confiscatory level for individual homeowners. Isn't now the time to re-evaluate this system and come up with a more equitable one. And why not?

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## Fishing from bridges

The Suffolk County Legislature last month passed a bill banning fishing from county bridges. When this bill was first brought up in the fall it met with stiff public opposition. It was shelved.

Shelving does not mean killed. It was only put aside until the public calmed down and then passed innocuously when no one was looking.

Now, when Suffolk's three-quarter of a million fishermen go to throw a line off the bridge, they are going to be met by a cop reluctantly doing his job.

He is going to have to warn them Suffolk politicians don't allow "poor man's fishing" anymore. If they don't heed the warning they will be fined.

This bill was passed allegedly for safety reasons. A person was hit when they stepped back off the sidewalk on a bridge. Based on this, our county legislature in their rush to protect us from ourselves, passed this bill to stop all fishing.

What really is behind this law was the folks whose homes are near the bridges. They pay big money in taxes for the privilege of living on the water and they don't like the idea of people who can't afford to pay big taxes being able to enjoy some free fishing, rest and relaxation.

These rich folks also rightfully were getting upset about litter left around by inconsiderate fishermen, and the random parking of cars along road ways leading to the bridges.

If it were a safety issue, the problem could have been handled by the county inexpensively by putting up fences between the sidewalks and the roadways.

It's not too late for the county to undo the sins by putting in fences or, better yet, catwalks along various bridges.

If they allowed cars to park on the right-of-ways in designated locations leading up to the bridge, they could do away with the haphazard parking of automobiles.

Litter could be controlled, if the county would place 50 gallon drums in convenient locations around the fishing areas.

Fishermen are sportsmen. As sportsmen they care about the ecology and the appearance of the land.

Most would make a conscientious effort to keep the area clean and clear, if only given a way of doing it.

The passage of bills like this do little to make Suffolk County a nice place to live. That's sad isn't it? And why not?



LET THEM EAT CAKE

## And a new police commissioner

Donald Dilworth was appointed Commissioner of the Suffolk County Police Department on April 5th. Dilworth was an appointed sheriff, but lost his bid to gain a seat on his own last November.

He replaces Eugene Kelly as commissioner. Kelly fell out of grace with the legislature after the special prosecutor involved in the feud between Kelly and D.A. Henry O'Brien recommended the legislature either reprimand or replace Kelly.

We have editorialized before that the Democrats have not learned from the Republican mistakes when the GOP owned Suffolk County lock, stock

and barrel.

The Democrats had an opportunity to make the commissioner of the police department a non-partisan politically free position.

Instead they chose to base their choice for commissioner on politics. Dilworth may well be an apt and able commissioner, but he will always be serving under a cloud of political suspicion. This is unfortunate.

We wish him well. We hope he will cut his ties with his creators. He must do so dramatically, if he hopes to gain the confidence of the public. And why not?

## Easter - A beautiful season

Easter to the Christian world is the most joyous of holidays.

It signified the cleansing of the soul and the opening of the gates of heaven.

Coincidentally, Easter falls in the springtime, when Mother Nature seems to forgive us for our transgressions against her delicate ecological balance.

The Easter season gives to those of us, who seek forgiveness, an opportunity to find peace of mind and renewal of the spirit.

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Tangibly, we all receive the same renewal with the growth and rebounding of life that surrounds us.

Let's take the opportunity this day provides to come to peace with ourselves and others. Like the flowers that are blooming let us spill our warmth and love upon all those with whom we come in contact. And why not?

## "Protect rights!"

Dear Mr. Willmott,

I would appreciate a Suffolk Life editorial on President Carter's announcement that he favors the United States ratification of the United Nations Covenant of Human Rights. (From President Carter's address to the United Nations, N.Y., March, 1977).

This document, often referred to as a "Blueprint for Tyranny" is a contradiction of our country's belief in human rights as defined in our Declaration of Independence, wherein we read that we are endowed by our Creator with our inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Our United States Constitution clearly states that our government was instituted to protect these God-given rights - not restrict them!

The United Nations Covenant does not declare God as the donor of human rights - rather, in its rhetorical ambiguity, it more or less states that we have these rights through the inherency of being human - and, in its enumeration of human rights such as: freedom of speech, freedom of "religion - assembly", freedom of press, etc., you will read restrictive clauses of these freedoms. Such limitations are not mentioned in our United States Bill of Rights!

The United Nations Covenant of Human Rights is in the form of a treaty, which if ratified by two-thirds of the United States Senate, could become the supreme law of our country! (Article VI, United States Constitution). This would be an abrogation of our traditional American freedom, for which lives were sacrificed to defend its preservation for our future liberty!

President Carter's predecessors, who were presented with the United Nations Covenant, seemingly "ignored it". Why does President Carter, a man of great faith in God, want the United States to accept it? (L-1B)

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Giacinta Cooper  
Greenport

## "Family farm is not dead"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

We feel that if your article, "Carter raises milk price 8 cents" - March 27, was published in Wyoming County as opposed to Suffolk County, you would have an awfully large number of family farm owners outside your house at 4 am to show you the rich businessmen that are milking their cows for them.

The family farm is not dead. My co-herdsmen and I are both from family farms in Conn. - one only 8 miles from Hartford and the other only 15 miles from New Haven. These farms are still operating, despite the continuous climb in prices for fuel, heating, oil, fertilizer, insecticides, equipment, taxes and labor.

These 2 farms plus thousands of others in the Northeast have survived through this without a milk price increase - for how long? Can you remember the last time the price of milk went up?

Milk prices are affected by 2 things: supply and demand, and the trucking distance.

Last year I managed a farm in Columbia County, N.Y. and our milk was being shipped to the Yankee Milk Co-op, Newington, Conn., and we were receiving approximately 9.50-cwt. of 3.5 per cent fat milk (19 cents-qt.) while farmers in Hartford County were receiving 10.50-cwt. and up for their milk. All this is because milk is the only product where the producer pays the handling charge, as opposed to the consumer.

These family farms have survived through all this and will continue to operate despite the other price rises while giving you, the consumer, the most nutritious and cheapest drink you can get. (L-2C)

Sincerely,  
James Wadhams  
Co-herdsmen  
Carruytham Farms  
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"Teachers are greedy"

## Personified arrogance

County Executive John Klein has to be the most arrogant, self-centered individual ever to serve in Suffolk County government. This arrogance gets in the way of his serving the public in a constructive manner.

It personified itself in his management of the Suffolk County Air Base. Klein and his office has done everything in its power to thwart the utilization of this vital asset.

Your editor has sat for the past year on the Citizens Advisory Committee on the Suffolk County Air Base. We've watched recommendation after recommendation by this committee being ignored.

Last summer the Advisory Committee submitted an interim report to the legislature and the executive. Among their recommendations was that the current fixed base operator, Suffolk Aviation, be granted a five year lease.

Suffolk Aviation has been attempting since 1971 to negotiate an equitable lease with the county. During this time they've operated on a month-to-month basis. Despite that handicap, Suffolk Aviation developed, during this time, an excellent reputation in their dealings with their customers. The quality of their work was good and their business practices fair.

It appears they have done all within their power to make Suffolk Aviation a successful business while operating under the most frustrating circumstances.

The county in 1975 put out their bid for a fixed base operator. Suffolk Aviation won the bid by default. The

county once again refused to enter into a lease.

Finally, in frustration, five months ago, Suffolk Aviation started to withhold their rent in protest. They also stopped stocking fuel for fear the county would confiscate this fuel as payment for the rent. At the last meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee, Suffolk Aviation agreed to place all rentals in escrow, restock the necessary fuels for operation and have an independent arbitrator negotiate a lease between them and the county.

Then the county moved to evict them. Klein is quoted as saying, "He cannot work with them and he wants them out." It is common knowledge there is bad blood between Klein and principals of this business over trivial matters. The principals of Suffolk Aviation appear to have done everything within their power to legally obtain a lease from the county. They displayed an incredible amount of endurance in putting up with the roadblocks from Klein and company.

They invested every cent they could beg, borrow and mortgage to keep this business operating. Now they are faced with eviction because of John Klein's arrogance.

When the people of Suffolk County elected Klein as county executive they elected him as a public servant, not God.

Klein's weakness is he comes to conclusions based upon information not obtained firsthand. Once these conclusions are reached, he blocks out all other facts from his mind. He lacks the ability to admit he might

have been wrong.

It must be sad to be so insecure you cannot admit you have made a mistake. It's bad enough having people like this running around outside of government, but to have them running a one-half billion dollar business which we own as taxpayers, is devastating.

Klein has some hangups about this airport which we do not understand. He and his office have presented stumbling block after stumbling block in the path of constructive utilization.

Somewhere in his mixed-up logic and priorities it is better for the county to waste hundreds of thousands of dollars each year than create an atmosphere where an airport could be utilized.

There are over one-half million square feet of space available on the base for rental. Klein and Company have set up procedures, rules and regulations that are for any prospective tenant almost impossible to comply with. They are so cumbersome a blue chip company could not get a lease in less than two to three months at best from the day it was decided a rental was deserved.

Suffolk County Airport should be an asset we as county residents look at with pride.

Instead, it is in shambles, suffering from a cancer which is eating away at our tax money and denying our people jobs. We fear the air base will never be anything more than an albatross around the taxpayers' neck as long as we have a narrow minded, self-centered county executive. And why not?

## How much will it cost, law?

Last year, Suffolk Life advocated that the state legislature enact legislation mandating that all bodies of government list financial implications and their effect on the tax rate when passing any law or capital construction project.

Bill Bianchi, assemblyman from the third district, with a host of other co-sponsors, introduced a law into the legislature which would do just that.

Municipalities, whether villages, towns, counties or cities, pass laws and spend money without regard to the taxpayers' ability to fund these projects. New York City got itself into a financial bind because of this.

Politicians forget their actions must be paid for by the taxpayer, and the taxpayer does have a breaking point. They seem to feel: "Oh, what does a few more cents mean, the taxpayer will never miss it."

On any individual project, this is true, but when you add these cents up, tax rates become confiscatory.

Bianchi's bill is good and it will help.

It lacks, however, one of the important ingredients we suggested by part of this legislation.

Coupled with the financial impact should be the mandatory indexing of all taxes that apply to real estate. What we envision is a central source keeping tabs on every bit of action that can increase taxes on a daily basis.

At any moment a read-out can be provided indicating to the penny the current tax liability on real estate, and what effect any proposed legislation or capital improvements would have on these properties.

We also envisioned the legislature placing a lid on the amount of tax that could be levied against any property. Once this maximum tax liability had been reached, the property could not be taxed further.

To fund a new project, the politicians will have to either find another source of taxation or eliminate some project assessed against the property.

Homeowners who bought a piece of property and figured on a set tax liability have found themselves paying two, three and in some cases four times the average budgeted figure in less than 10 years.

This has forced people to sell their

property, and others to lose their investments outright.

Government is not working when it causes people to lose their homes. It is the responsibility of our elected officials to enact a formula workable both from a governmental standpoint and from the people's.

The Bianchi bill is a start in the right direction, but it is only a stepping stone in what must be done if there is to be justice for the people. And why not?

Dear Editor:

This is in response to Middle Country Teachers' Association Comments to the Editor - Sunday, March 27, 1977.

I wholeheartedly agree with you in your editorials, teachers in teachers' unions are "greedy" and "self-seeking." In Middle Country, a starting teacher's salary is higher than the average income in the district. A teacher's day is not the length of the worker's day in the business world; and a teacher only works 180 of those shorter days for an annual salary.

A teacher on the elementary level has a free period when her-his class is in art, in gym, in music, and at lunch time. On the secondary level, teachers have free periods scheduled to them. A teacher will complain to you about the time he or she spends at home planning the school day. What then are the free periods for?

In our elementary school, we cannot get teachers to cooperate to even work with the children to put on performances or go on field trips. Perhaps this infringes on their free time.

What other profession do you know of that after seven years gets a six months sabbatical, and after 14 years, a whole year sabbatical (in other words, vacation with pay)?

Who else but a tenure teacher can be incompetent and there is nothing anyone can do about it?

Oh yes, teachers today are out for more and more while giving less and less.

And, the topper is yet to come, if we the taxpayers cannot convince our legislators to vote this down in New York State, our teachers may soon be collecting unemployment benefits during the summer. (L-1C)

A Parent of Students

### "Help LILCO see the light"

To the Editor:

"Virginia Sees the Light"

The Virginia Electric and Power Co., which last month halted construction on two nuclear power plants at its Surry, Va. generating station, has now decided to throw in the towel and call it quits on the whole project. The two 900,000 kilowatt units were scheduled for completion in 1986 at an approx. cost of 1.8 billion. The utility has already invested 53 million and estimate it will cost another 93 million to cancel.

The company said the decision was made "In light of lower demand forecast for future years, growing concern over the many uncertainties that face the nuclear industry at this time, together with the increasing financial burdens these uncertainties impose on utilities and their customers."

I wonder if it would not be wise for the Long Island Lighting Company to try and hire a few men from the Virginia Electric and Power Company board of directors, add them to their board and help LILCO see the light.

Eastern Suffolk for safe energy, (ESSE, Inc.) is going all out in their effort to help LILCO see the light. You can join the effort by sending a contribution to them at Box 2000, Riverhead, N.Y. 11901. (L-3B)

Al Kirby  
Finance Chairman

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## Paying your dues

Millions of obedient Americans paid their dues to the state and federal government last Friday. They dutifully detailed their income and expenses and filed their return with Uncle Sam and Cousin Hughie.

Filing their return was only a formality, for the average person has worked from January 1, 1976 to April 1976 to pay for their income taxes that were due in 1977. Each week during 1976, they had stripped out of their paycheck anywhere from 20-70 per cent.

By taking this tax out of your paycheck on a weekly basis, the government deceitfully keeps your eye off the ball, and most people are not aware of just how much of their life is being used to pay the tax bill.

Because of our apathy concerning taxes, we are not even aware of how our earnings are being used by the state and federal government.

The Wall Street Journal, last week, gave a glimpse of how productively your money is being spent. They explored the United States Department of Agriculture.

This mammoth bureaucracy engages over 80,000 people. The attitude of the employees at the Department of Agriculture is horrendous. They feel they are not accomplishing anything, and the biggest challenge they face is stretching their coffee break until lunch time.

When assigned a task, they readily admit these tasks are nothing more than make-work projects. They have no meaning, and at best keep the employees off the welfare rolls. Your weekly tax contribution supports this type of waste.

The Agriculture Department is not alone. Anybody who served in the military can tell their own horror stories of waste and inefficiency.

Just recently a friend of ours related a story of personal waste. He had purchased a Nikon camera from Hong Kong. When the camera arrived in this country, he paid the duty and signed the proper forms. He was told because of a trademark technicality, he would have to obliterate an "N" on the camera and lenses. This he did. Since the time he purchased the camera, he has been

out of the country on a couple of occasions. Each time the camera was inspected by customs agents and it met with their qualifications.

Last week his secretary came up to him in a panic. There was a "special agent" from the customs department on the phone. He wanted to make an appointment to see this man. The agent told our friend he wanted to set up an appointment for this coming Thursday to inspect the camera and the lenses to make sure he had complied with the federal regulations and obliterated the "N". The agent was going to come out from New York, an 80 mile trip.

This is what your federal tax dollars are supporting. Few of us would mind paying our taxes if we knew the government would use them for worthwhile projects. But our money is being squandered on foolishness, serving no productive purpose.

It's more frustrating to know we can do nothing about it.

Jimmy Carter, during his campaign for the Presidency, addressed himself to this problem and said he would consolidate the federal bureaucracy. He is now four months into office. We imagine he has found, as most Presidents before him, getting a handle on bureaucracy is more wishful thinking than reality.

Otis Pike, our Congressman from the first district, is as cheap as you can find them. He has a reputation for making an eagle scream twice before he parts with a nickel.

As a senior member of Congress, he is unable to do anything individually or to push Congress into cutting their wasteful practices. We, as individuals, are incapable of even withholding our taxes in protest. The government orders our employers to take money out of our paycheck a year before it is even due.

It is with total frustration we pay our taxes this year, for we know the greater portion of this money will be wasted, doing nothing for us or for our fellow citizens.

As great as our Constitution is, it does not allow us an effective way of protesting or stopping the federal government from wasting over three months of our lives every year. And why not?

## Don't tread on us

The United States Coast Guard finally seized Russian ships after repeated violations within the 200 mile limit.

The United States government, after years of side-stepping the issue, imposed the 200 mile limit on the waters surrounding the U.S. on March 1. The sea off the U.S. is one of the last great productive fishing areas left in the world.

Foreign fishing interests, most notably Russian, have come into these waters and literally confiscated every living thing.

There have been attempts made to regulate the harvest of specific species of fish by the United Nations. This didn't work. Nobody respects the U.N., and foreign countries felt they could violate the United States' rights because we were patsies.

With breeding stocks of many food fish on the verge of reaching extinction, Congress finally passed a bill to extend from twelve to 200 miles the United States territorial rights.

The State Department opposed this move vehemently. The liberal eggheads in this department favor feeding the rest of the world before American citizens are fed.

From the first week of the enactment of this law, Russian ships flagrantly violated our rules and restrictions.

Foreign boats are allowed to fish within our territorial limit through licensing and quota systems. Fish deemed to be in surplus and quantities larger than what can be harvested are allowed to be fished for by foreign boats.

Initial investigations by the Coast Guard found the Russians violating the spirit and the letter of the law. They were fishing with undersized nets and were illegally taking fish they were forbidden to harvest.

In the beginning, the Coast Guard served warnings and citations. When these were ignored, they asked the White House for permission to seize both ships and cargo.

The White House refused to allow the law to be enforced. The State Department feared the seizing of Russian, law-breaking ships, would be considered by the Russians as an act of hostility and could lead to further deterioration of relations between the countries.

Finally last weekend, Carter was persuaded these violations were happening with increasing frequency and if the U.S. government was ever going to be respected, it must first enforce the rules within this country.

As we watched the first of the Russian trawlers being escorted into Boston Harbor, we felt a sense of pride in our government we had not felt for many years. At last our government was finding the courage to stand up for what is right, for what is ours. It was saying, "Don't tread on me." Hopefully, this act will be a step in building a strong foundation under this country. And why not?

# READERS' OPINION

## "What purpose in charging more taxes?"

Dear Sir:  
I received your paper today and read with interest an article entitled: "Realtors say:". I totally agree with the article and have one question which has always boggled my mind. Why is it when an improvement is made on a person's property, the taxes go up? He isn't putting out more trash cans for collection, thus requiring more services from the town. What exactly is the purpose for charging him more in taxes? I could certainly understand an escalation in taxes if the taxpayer was getting more benefits, but this is rarely the case. It seems ridiculous that an individual, who is improving his home, not only for himself but for the sake of the community, should be penalized for his efforts by the burden of higher taxes.

I reside in an area which is rather depressed and rundown. It would seem to me that Brookhaven Town would, in an effort to create a more beautiful township, give tax relief to those taxpayers that improve their homes. Several people I know have purposely put off improving their homes because they could not afford the higher taxes which are bound to come as a result of such beautification. If I was in town government, I would subtract taxes when an improvement was made, not add. Is this philosophy so hard for the local politicians to see? The benefits could be seen every time they drive down the streets of Brookhaven Town. (L-10D)

Sincerely yours,  
George E. Petersen  
Mastic Beach

## "Animals subjected to civilized savagery"

Dear Mr. Willmott:  
It is a sad situation when innocent, docile animals have to be subjected to the savagery of "civilized" man for the sake of commercial enterprise. I am referring to the fiasco staged by the Village of Patchogue on April 1st when the animals from the Long Island Game Farm were transported and "allowed to roam free" amongst literally hundreds of people in the streets of Patchogue.

These poor defenseless creatures were physically abused, chased and held against their will by ignorant and persecuting mobs.

I am very sorry to see that no one had the foresight to know that this is exactly the type of behaviour that would prevail when such an event is planned. What were the town officials and the owners of the Long Island Game Farm thinking of?

If the people in the community are interested in feeding and petting the animals, they can do so under proper supervision at the Long Island Game Farm.

If interest needs to be stimulated in the community, surely there must be some other way, rather than at the expense of the sweet nature of these animals.

Sincerely,  
Clare M. Haberle  
Coram

## "Get the hell out of NYS"

Dear Mr. Willmott:  
I have just finished reading your editorial on corporations fleeing New York City and wishing they would come to Suffolk County. Your argument would be very good except for one thing - Suffolk County is in New York State.

I come in contact with many people during my working day and find that the consensus of opinion seems to run about 90 per cent, namely "Get the hell out of New York State." Most people say that if they are going to go to the trouble and expense of moving, they definitely would not move to another location in N.Y. State, but get out altogether.

I think if you check statistics you will find the ratio of moves out of state are far greater than moves within the state. (L-8D)

Sincerely,  
Raymond J. Edwards  
Centereach

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David J. Willmott, Editor

## Boat taxes up 500 per cent

Whether you own a rowboat or a luxury yacht, the state Department of Parks & Recreation is out to gouge you. They want to increase license fees on pleasure boats by over 500 per cent.

They have quietly slipped a bill into Assembly to raise fees for motor boats up to 16' from a flat \$3 to \$1 per foot. The average trailer boater with a 15' boat last year paid a flat \$3. If this bill is passed he will pay \$15.

Rates for larger boats are proportionately higher.

Boat license fees are supposed to be special use taxes. The money raised from these fees is to be used for the public's good in the field they are raised. These new licensing fees will not be used for boating purposes.

They will go into the general pot-pourri of the state government. They will be used for any idiotic purpose the bureaucracy deems fit. Long Islanders particularly should be up in arms. We already are getting the short end of the stick from the Department of Parks and Recreation.

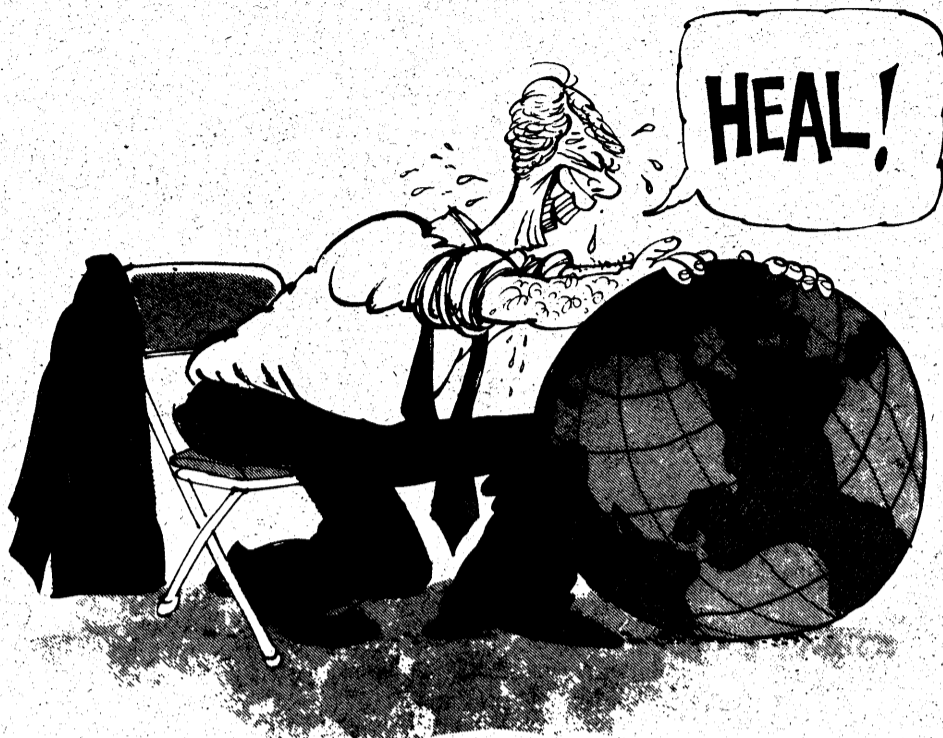
Upstate almost every lake has a state-maintained boat launching ramp. Down here on Long Island where the majority of power boats are registered, state-maintained ramps are few and far between.

On the entire East End of the Island, we know of only three. We pay the majority of fees and get the least in return.

There are literally thousands of miles of waterfront on L.I. boaters are denied access to.

If these fees were going to be used to build new ramps, mooring facilities, stabilize inlets, and dredge canals, we could see justification for the increased taxes. Where these fees will not be used for marine purposes, we urge every boat owner to protest vehemently to your state legislator and the governor.

It is particularly important to contact the governor on this matter. Let him know you are a boat owner who feels he is being ripped off. Remind him you will remember Uncle Hughie on Election Day, if he allows it to happen. And why not?



## Can we afford energy independence?

Put yourself in the President of the United States' shoes. You have sitting before you a little black box. In it is the key to 100 per cent total energy independence.

The box contains the plans for producing a self-renewing source of energy. When fed into a device no bigger than a television set, it produces all the energy a home or business can ever consume. The device can be mass produced and marketed at a price within the reach of every family.

The source of fuel never has to be replenished or recharged. The device not only produces energy, but turns human and household waste into organically acceptable by-products, cleans, purifies, heats and cools the air and recycles, purifies and replenishes all water. It will also provide the fuel for all cars and trucks at no additional cost.

This device would cut the cost of living for the average American by at least one-fourth. It will mean goods, products and even foodstuffs will be able to be produced at less than 25 per cent of the current cost.

This appliance is a product of the

space age. It was developed to help us reach the moon and the outer planets. It's been tested extensively in our outer space travels and also by the Pentagon as a source of energy for our war machine.

You are sitting there as president of a country built on technology and industry. The potential implications of this appliance are enormous. Allowing this device to be put into the hands of the American people and American businesses will make this country 100 per cent energy independent.

It will make the invention of the wheel, the development of the combustion engine and the Industrial Revolution look like child's play. This will change the entire make-up of the world. It also will cause an economic revolution, the likes of which have never been seen.

Petroleum companies, from the well-head to the gas pump, will be out of business. Utility companies will cease to be in operation; water, sewage and garbage disposal services will no longer be needed. Thousands of support-related businesses will have to cease their operations.

For years this device has been kept under wraps. It has been a more closely guarded secret than even the A-bomb.

The stakes are high. Family fortunes will be obliterated overnight. No longer will the poor be at the mercy of the rich. It will be the single greatest step towards human independence ever.

As President of the United States the decision is yours. Do you allow this technology to be utilized to serve mankind, or do you protect the establishment and continue to use up our non-renewable sources of fuel?

We are not saying this scenario is real, but it could be closer to truth than fiction. Time will tell. And why not?

# READER OPINION

## "Feud sparked by O'Brien"

Dear Sir:

I must take exception to your editorial of March 20, 1977 in which you claim that District Attorney Henry O'Brien is the victim of a political conspiracy to prevent him from uncovering corruption in Suffolk County.

You appear to have forgotten that the feud between O'Brien and Police Commissioner Kelley was sparked by O'Brien, when he, for apparently no legitimate purpose, called a press conference and announced to the world that Kelley was under investigation for "official misconduct and other more serious crimes." To this day, O'Brien has failed to prove that charge. In fact, the Grand Jury found no substance to that charge. Surely, you must know what a crippling effect such a statement has on the reputation of a high public official. That was O'Brien's intent and he appears to have achieved his objective.

If a public official has violated his oath of office, let a Grand Jury investigate the charge before the prosecutor shouts the news to as many newspapermen as possible. A District Attorney who would resort to such tactics violates not only his oath of office, but all bounds of human decency. Wouldn't you be incensed by such a baseless charge?

Two other errors in your editorial need correction. First, O'Brien fired or demoted almost all of the assistants who occupied high positions in his office immediately following the election. His depiction by you as a victim of his former colleagues, who he retained in his office, is misguided, to say the least. Secondly, O'Brien did not invest the prosecution of political corruption. Under former District Attorney Henry Wenzel, a Republican, more than a half dozen indictments were returned against major public officials - all of whom were Republicans.

It was the former Republican District Attorney George Aspland, who brought a little known Democrat, Maurice Nadjari, to Suffolk from the Manhattan District Attorney's office to root out corruption on all levels. In a county in which the Republican Party held most political offices, it is not surprising that Republicans would be the targets of such investigations.

I would assume that since Democrats now occupy many positions of power in this county, they will soon find some of their members targets of similar investigations (Or will they?). I can only hope that the next District Attorney spares them the ordeal of "trial by press release" that O'Brien subjected Kelley to.

Under the circumstances, I find it hard to sympathize with O'Brien. His actions have been such that his qualifications to hold a high position of public trust are seriously in question. Whatever the shortcomings of the Police Commissioner, let us not forget who cast the first stone - and a dirty one at that.

(L-7D)

Very truly yours,  
Richard A. Stettine  
Sayville.

## 'It is criminally negligent'

Dear Editor:

I would like to commend you for the fine article "Worth Investing In" which appeared in the Wednesday, February 16, 1977, issue of the Suffolk Life Newspaper. Dreadful fires seem to be increasing and it is a real service to explain the great value of having a heat and smoke detection system.

Leisure Village has such a system and uses it as a feature of its sales promotion. Unfortunately, it is often not working and has been out of service in one unit for over five months even though physically handicapped people live there.

To allow people to feel they have protection when they do not could make them less careful and not as mindful of danger. It is criminally negligent not to keep the alarm system in good repair. (L-9D)

Elizabeth Kline  
Ridge

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# Who are we at war with?

President Carter this week released his long anticipated energy program. It is a bitter disappointment. It contains a thorough lack of credibility and imagination.

He offers nothing to substantiate a real energy crisis. Like past Presidents, he seems to be relying primarily on statistics from the American Petroleum Institute. It was these statistics that caused the last energy crisis.

The oil companies wanted to raise prices. To raise prices, they needed a reason. In the past, they fed the President statistics indicating America was running short of oil. They reinforced these statistics by withholding and deliberately under producing gasoline and stations began to run dry. The crisis became believable. When prices shot up from 35 cents per gallon to over 60 cents, gas became plentiful.

Carter speaks of a war-time atmosphere. The American public has been at war for the last four years. It has been a war of survival. We are paying twice what we were for gas for our cars, almost three times for home heating oil and double for electricity.

During this war, we have had a crippled economy, that has prevented salaries from rising to meet these exorbitant demands.

The American public mobilized itself when asked. It cut the speed of the driving, it turned down the thermostats and cut back on the use of electricity.

Now, Carter wants more. We do object to a tax on gas that goes in our cars. We will object if cars are not available that give good mileage. We will use alternate means of energy if they are made available and are within our reach.

We do oppose the government spending additional money from our limited budget to penalize us for surviving. We fail to see how the energy crisis will be solved by the government taking from us more of our spendable income through so-called energy taxes.

Carter's energy program reeks of socialism. It is a carbon copy of F.D.R.'s "New Deal". Take the money from the people for their own good and have the government spend it to create a better society.

If one thing has been proven in the last 40 years, it is the federal government is incapable of making a better life for people collectively than they can do on their own.

The answer to our energy problems, both today and for the future, could better be solved by letting the free market factors take effect. If the government is incapable of controlling prices as they have shown in the past, then let prices rise to their natural level.

Let the private sector profit from solving the energy crisis and an answer will emerge. It may be unpopular, but we would prefer to pay higher prices to petroleum and energy companies for the products we receive than to continue to pump more money into the federal government through taxes on their product.

The purpose of government is to serve people. We fail to see how government is serving our needs now or in the future by interfering with the laws of supply and demand. Using

shortages to raise taxes will give government more money to waste and squander.

The capitalistic system based on the profit motive has proven to be the only system that is productive. It built this country from a collection of rag tag people with natural resources to the mightiest industrial nation in the world.

Its growth took place during the time of minute government regulation and enormous profit opportunities. This growth has been

slowed and almost halted during the last 50 years, an era of ultra-regulation and confiscatory taxes.

If there is an energy crisis, and Carter wants to solve it, he must re-examine his priorities and his position. He must once again return to fundamentals and give the incentive to private enterprise to recognize and resolve the energy crisis.

This is the answer, not further taxation of people who are already overburdened. And why not?

# READERS' OPINION

## 'Schools are indoctrinating kids.'

Dear Mr. Willmott:

Your Editorial of April 6th "Parents are responsible" placed the responsibility of permissiveness in society on the shoulders of the parents and the courts. I agree, but there is one other factor you have overlooked, and that is our schools of learning. It is our responsibility to teach morality in the home, but it is becoming increasingly more and more difficult for parents to cope with their children, because the schools are indoctrinating them with a value system completely opposite to that of their parents. As a result, children are questioning their parents' values, and by the time the children are in their teenage years, the parents have lost them. All means of communication have been severed and the child has been taught to consult with a guidance counselor or peer groups instead of their parents.

I was born, one of thirteen children, on a little island in Newfoundland, Canada. I came to this country fifteen years ago, very naive, but with a solid traditional background, and an understanding of the difference between right and wrong. Needless to say, it has been most difficult for me to accept the "Progressive Education" in our American Schools. As a result, I have been examining my children's school work very carefully, and what I see bothers me. If we are not aware of what is being taught in the schools, we will not understand our children's current behaviour.

The religion of Secular Humanism is being taught to children in our schools. Even the U.S. Supreme Court has declared humanism a religion. It is a way of life, a philosophy. The Humanist Manifesto, signed by many leading educators, states that there is no God, every man is his own creator, there is no right or wrong, ethics are situational, there are no absolutes. Under humanism, there must be no patriotism and no feeling of nationalism.

I have four children from ages 4 1/2 to 12 years. Three years ago, I became very concerned about the difficulty I was encountering with my children in being able to enforce my discipline. I began to have discussions at our evening meals about what they did in school all day. I finally put my finger on why they were finding it difficult to accept my discipline. I discovered that what is being taught to my children in school is contrary to what I am trying to teach them at home.

Mr. Willmott, my heart has ached many times that I have to constantly oversee every piece of material that my children bring home from school and the fact that I have to go to the school and investigate films and subjects that are being shown and taught in the classroom, and also confronting the principals and teachers about such teaching. You see, this can be very discouraging to most parents because they are fearful of some kind of reprisal against their children.

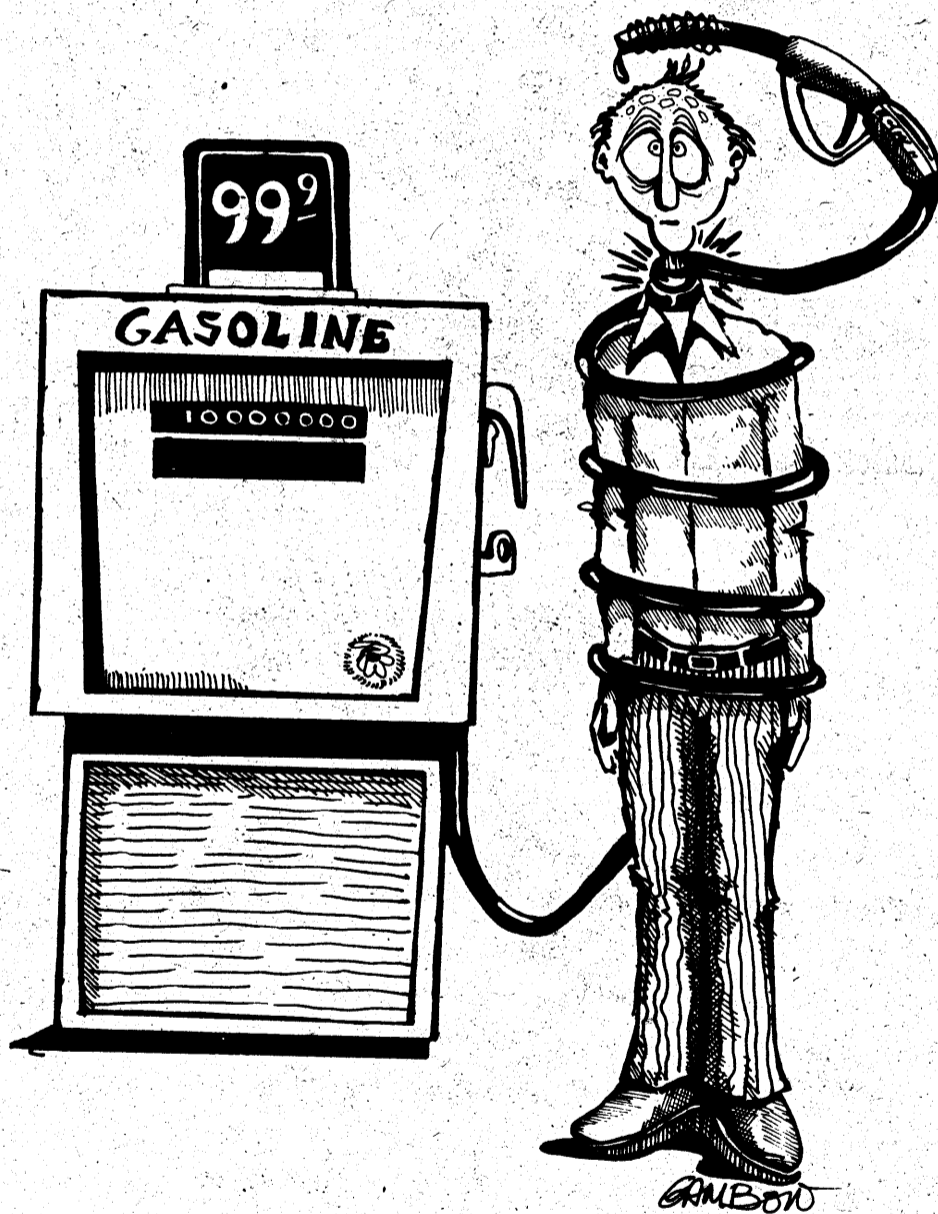
I think it is time someone explained to parents what is being taught in their children's schools. The parents themselves can then explain to their children when the schools are wrong, and also by going to the schools and demanding teachers with traditional philosophy of teaching, and the parents will then be able to protect their children who have the great privilege of school. If parents are not prepared for this great honor, I have come to cherish the traditional beliefs which have made America the greatest country in the world. I am now convinced if we do not go back to those cherished beliefs, we are going to lose our country to another form of government. We have lost a generation of children through the educational process. We must hurry and do something before we lose more.

Yes, Mr. Willmott, parents should be held responsible to teach their children "the difference between right and wrong" as you say. But they cannot hope to effectively do so when the schools are teaching their children "there is no right or wrong." (L-10E)

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Robert F. Ingulli  
Stony Brook

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