

You are invited free to Parr Meadows

Suffolk Life believes Parr Meadows quarterhorse track must succeed. It is the first major, privately owned, recreation venture in a number of years to be attempted in Suffolk County.

It has created over 1,000 jobs for local people and has provided a legitimate and honest outlet for entertainment in our predominantly tourist economy. It's a beautiful facility of the proportion needed to enhance the Eastern Long Island scene.

The attendance figures at Parr have not been what they should be. The opening night's massive traffic jam and the only partially completed facilities, left many people dismayed.

Since then, the facility has been completed including the beautiful glass restaurant which affords a 100 per cent view of the race from every table.

In discussing the situation with Ron Parr, the owner and promotor of the track, and Paul Townsend, publisher of Long Island Commercial Review, we expressed our concern.

We suggested to these men we were sure once Eastern Long Islanders had an opportunity to experience a night

of racing at Parr they would come back often. Parr agreed and so Suffolk Life invites all of its readers to the track as our guests.

On Wednesday night, August 12th, all residents of our west group editions (Islip area) are invited to use the ticket found on the front page of Suffolk Life to gain entrance into the track. North group editions (Northern Brookhaven) residents are invited on the 10th, south group editions (South Brookhaven) on the 11th and east group editions (North and South Forks) residents on the 8th.

The ticket found on the front page is good for general admission for two people. Present this ticket at the gate and you will be admitted absolutely free. These admissions are worth \$4.50. It is our way of saying thank you to our readers who have supported us over the years and hopefully to give you a glimpse of what is a sensational fun-filled entertainment facility now operating right here in God's country.

Go, enjoy and hopefully be a big winner who will want to go back time and time again to these breath-taking facilities. And why not?

LILCO, the power broker

Last week, Suffolk Life reported the need for the nuclear power plants on Long Island is not to service the electrical needs of the community, but to serve the greed of the corporation, LILCO.

LILCO hiding behind its monopolistic corporate structure of a utility is making a bold attempt to become a major producer and broker of electrical power for the rest of the state, if not the entire northeast region.

The capacity of these worrisome atomic power plants they are creating will far surpass the needs of the LILCO service area. LILCO is going ahead pell mell with the construction of the Shoreham plant and site preparation of the Jamesport site.

Not to be stopped here it is understood LILCO plans to build six more of these atomic monsters in the future. Ratepayers of LILCO are being charged currently excess amounts for their electricity to help finance these mammoth construction projects.

LILCO in petitioning the Public Service Commission for rate increases has said it needs rate increases to continue to make their stock attractive to investors so that they can create these power generating facilities.

By their interpretation, LILCO was doing this for the good of the community, but in reality, LILCO couldn't give a damn about the community.

It only has the bottom line of their Profit and Loss statement in mind. LILCO was once a good neighbor to Long Island. A neighbor who worked

hand in hand with the community paying taxes, providing jobs and serving the electrical needs of the community.

Working with the community, she grew bigger and bigger as Long Island developed. As the growth of Long Island slowed because of the availability of land, LILCO's greed increased.

LILCO today is willing to jeopardize the safety and well being of the residents of Long Island so it may become the major producer of electricity and the kingpin in the northeast region.

It has been proved fairly conclusively, that there is substantial danger in the atomic generation of electricity. There is a human element of miscalculation, the chance that machinery and back up systems may fail and the possibility of outright and deliberate sabotage.

If any one of these happen and a

READER'S OPINION

'Maybe you won't print anymore trash about the unemployed'

Dear Mr. Willmott:

This is a copy of a letter I sent to the President. I thought it's only fair, as I mentioned you in it. Maybe you won't print any more trash about the unemployed. We are looking for work and as my letter explains to Mr. Carter-----We all need equal opportunity if this country is to survive. I

only want to educate the public what's really going on as far as jobs go, and what is being done. Maybe if you print it, it will give interviewers an open mind when they are hiring.

Paul Anthony
Mastic

'Open letter'

Dear President Carter:

I realize you are doing your best to fight unemployment, but the situation will still exist because of sex discrimination. This outrageous act is especially practiced here in Suffolk County, New York against the Male Clerical Workers. It has reached epidemic proportions. All the jobs created by federal funds to the Dept. of Public Works mostly go to females in the clerical field or they are political. I know what I am talking about, as I have been a victim of this practice many times over. We people on unemployment are even considered "Outcasts" by a certain Mr. Willmott, editor of a newspaper called "Suffolk Life". This man had the nerve to write an article about the unemployed without researching what he wrote. This same newspaper once advertised for clerical help, and when I telephoned I was told the job was filled, but five minutes later, my sister telephoned, and she was told to come in and fill out an application.

On Tuesday, June 28, 1977, I was sent to the Carnation Co., One Huntington Quadrangle, Huntington, New York by the New York State Employment Service, for a position as an Order Clerk. I had all the sufficient experience and qualifications for this job, but I did not get it as I was a male applicant zeroing in on female turf. The office was staffed with all females help. When I walked in, one would have thought I was a rapist by

the remarks passed by some of those "Catty" females. I heard those remarks while I was filling out the application. You have no idea of the embarrassment and humiliation I suffered just for trying to get a job. I can't see how being a male would interfere with the quality of my job performance. I also took this issue to the New York State Human Rights Commission and the only thing I got there was sympathy. I don't need sympathy, I want a job. I am also on the Federal Civil Service list for a position of Teletypist; but those jobs are frozen. The jobs created by federal funds for the Department of Public Works are mis-managed. My unemployment ran out because of discriminatory hiring practices. I do not qualify for welfare, as I own a home which I am gradually losing because of small minded personnel managers.

The federal government has done so much for American Industry, yet American Industry does nothing for the American Worker. I think the Constitution should be re-written, because all men are not created equal. We have discrimination in this country, and I believe this country was formed on discrimination. Instead of sending your wife on good will tours to foreign countries, look into your own back yard first. There are millions of unemployed people in this country and most want to work but can't find jobs, and I suggest you look into the matter as to why Mr. and Mrs., Miss and Ms. can't find work.

I will tell you why. Mr. America can't find a job in an office because he is a male and he might smell or rape the ladies. He may be gay, because it's unamerican for a male to work in an office.

Mrs. America can't find a job because in most cases she is divorced, and naturally she doesn't really want to work, she is trying to line up a new husband, if she is married, it's worse because they think she really doesn't need a job in the first place.

Miss America can't find a job unless she's pretty, has a voluptuous figure and a great pair of legs.

Ms. America can't find a job because she is liberated and won't take just anything. She may even be considered a Lesbian, and that falls in the same class as a Male Clerical Worker. She may rape the ladies too.

Others can't find work because of another stereo type. The blacks are considered lazy, but if they look energetic, they may loot the place when the boss isn't looking. Welfare is the answer for them because if they get a good job, they may move into a white neighborhood.

The Spanish can't find a job because they do not speak or understand English. If they do speak, write and understand the English language, they may bring cockroaches into the office. Keep them in the factories as they work cheap.

Mr. Carter, all of the above is not a joking matter. This is what the highly trained and educated people running private industry actually think. It will be denied millions of times over and this is where the Federal Government should look into, if you are serious about fighting unemployment.

Very truly yours,
Paul Anthony
Mastic

Ed Note: Your statement about Suffolk Life is not true - our staff is composed of whites, blacks, orientals, Christians, Jews, Straights and Gays. We all come from different backgrounds and have different philosophies. We work together as a unit with one purpose in mind. In every dept., there are or have been males and females. If you had come in for an interview, you would have been given an application and interview and if you proved the best qualified, you would have been hired.

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You are paying for LILCO's contributions

The Long Island Lighting Company has two sets of books. One set is used in figuring the rate you will pay for electricity. The other set is used to figure the profits paid as dividends to the stockholders.

The set of books used to figure your electric rates are supposed to include only the raw cost of doing business: The generation of, purchase of electricity and the equipment needed to bring this into your home.

In today's Suffolk Life, a story by Kevin McCoy reported LILCO has contributed to help fund the controversial Clinch River, Tennessee nuclear breeder reactor.

They have pledged another \$1.25 million over the next five years. The money for this contribution has been added to your bills that you pay LILCO every month. LILCO justified their generosity by claiming this is part of their research and development activities.

When government fails

Several weeks ago, we witnessed government inability to function in its basic capacity.

When the lights went out in New York City, the criminal element turned on the fabric of society that had been keeping the city and the government alive.

The government was paralyzed, paralyzed by not having enough cops on the street and an inability to mobilize the forces needed to control this rampage.

Even if mobilized, the forces would not have been allowed to shoot the rioters and looters on sight. This is the only method proven effective in controlling mass mobs.

The liberals created the financial destruction of New York City by trying to buy peace with everyone. The welfarers have a standard of living often exceeding that earned by workers.

They have given in to all government employees, paying them

We cannot understand how the Public Service Commission can tolerate LILCO's assessing their ratepayers for this kind of activity. It is in no way connected to the expense involved in bringing you electrical power.

If LILCO wants to be generous with their shareholders' assets that's one thing, but to be generous with the rates we are forced to pay because they are a monopoly is another.

Governor Carey, to whom the Public Service Commission answers, should order this practice banned immediately.

If LILCO is so damned interested in the research and development of a breeder reactor, let them use the profits which they have gouged from the helpless public to fund their activities. We'll bet the stockholders won't stand for it. Why should we. And why not?

salaries far out of proportion for the services rendered.

They have stripped police of their respect and use of their weapons. To top off the chaos, they created a judicial system that is in shambles and can't possibly pass out swift and punitive justice.

New York City is a city without a government, it's a city without leaders.

It is a jungle by day and night with or without lights. Ironically, the city once the capital for organized society, has returned to barbaric times where the only law prevailing is "kill or be killed."

New York City must raise its once proud head from rubble and ashes. It must have leadership with courage to develop rules for all people to live by.

Then it must muster the courage to use whatever force is necessary to make sure those who break these rules are punished swiftly and severely. And why not?

Ronan the rip-off

William Ronan was Rockefeller's hand-picked head of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA).

During his tenure as chairman of this authority, he succeeded in botching up our mass transportation system.

He spent billions of dollars that we, the residents of New York State, are paying for, and will continue to pay for over the next 20 years.

He went on to become the head of the profitable Port Authority, where his record of accomplishments matched his tenure with the MTA.

He lavishly decorated his offices, entertained and lived like a millionaire, and now has the audacity to criticize those who are questioning his high living.

As a last act as the head of this authority, he treated his wife and

himself to a world-wide tour. He ludicrously asserted the tour was necessary and his claim that he needed his wife along as an interpreter has to be the biggest pile of horse manure ever to come out of a public figure's mouth.

Ronan may think he accomplished something for the people, but from where we stand, the only thing he did was to develop a clear cut example of what there should be a law against.

Never again should any of our government leaders allow this kind of pilfering of the public coffers. We must have laws against this kind of rip-off.

Obviously common sense, moral and ethics no longer protect us against the arrogance of those who have power. And why not?

READERS' OPINION

'Some of the state SCLS money
would be better spent by local libraries'

Dear Sir:

I was quoted in your front page article "Library systems 'miracle' worker". Since the context within which I made my comments was not clear from the article that was written, I wish to set the record straight.

To quote your paper: "Despite the changes in leadership, attitudes and the growing health of SCLS, Verbese is not sure it is worth the money." First, in my interview with your reporter, Roy Kahn, I emphasized that since Bob Sheridan was hired to bail SCLS out there had been a commendable change in the administration and general attitude of SCLS and its employees. There has also been, I noted, a dramatic improvement in SCLS's fiscal situation. Second, I told Mr. Kahn that in my opinion this improvement was primarily a direct result of the considerable talents of Mr. Sheridan who should be praised for his excellent leadership.

Nowhere in the article is my regard for Director of SCLS and the job he has done noted.

The article does say that I am not sure SCLS "is worth the money." What I said was: SCLS provides some useful and worthwhile services, but that if SCLS disappeared tomorrow it would not greatly effect our operation or the operation of some Suffolk County libraries in the opinion of their directors. At its worst, about five per cent of our circulation of materials would be affected. This is not to argue that SCLS should be done away with.

What I did say, and here I was correctly quoted, is that I think that "some of the money the State gives SCLS would be better spent if it were directly given to local libraries." The emphasis should be on "some" of the money.

I simply believe, along with some other Library Directors, that after the State funds library systems so that they can provide basic services -- union catalog, reference, interloan, film collection and special collections -- the state should give any remaining funds directly to local libraries. I believe this for two reasons. Local taxpayers receive more of a return for their money from local agencies than they do from more centralized ones such as BOCES and Cooperative Library Systems. More importantly, public libraries are the only governmental agencies in New York State that are virtually completely funded by local property taxes. Our taxpayers need a well-deserved break; and, local libraries give the best service per dollar spent.

Let me reiterate. I admire and respect Bob Sheridan for the difficult challenge he has successfully faced. I think SCLS provides valuable services now. But, I believe that local residents and taxpayers would be better served if after essential system services are funded any remaining funds would be used to aid local libraries and relieve the overburdened homeowner rather than to expand SCLS's services.

Finally, while I have the opportunity, let me commend Suffolk Life for: playing a most valuable role as a vigilant watchdog for the people of Suffolk; for being independent and calling them as you see them; and for accenting the positive -- such as the role of libraries and Library Systems -- as well as the negative aspects of life in this great County.

Sincerely,
J. Robert Verbese
Director

'There is an alternative'

willmotts and why-nots

David J. Willmott, Editor

When private enterprise is available

Most Americans believe the only time their government should become involved in a commercial project is when the private sector of the country is unable, or unwilling to do so.

Yet, we see more and more examples of the government going into business in areas where private capital is ready, willing and able to make the investment, take the risk, and pay the taxes.

A clear cut example exists here on Long Island. Garbage and sewer sludge are an enormous problem for every town. Currently every town operates their own garbage facility. Garbage is brought to a central site and covered with mountains of sand and dirt.

These areas are called sanitary landfills. This system was heralded, a decade ago, as an answer to the problem of "What do we do with our garbage?"

Over the last ten years, we have rapidly run out of room and ecological problems have developed at these sites. Chemicals leaking from the garbage contaminate our groundwater and methane gases produced by the decomposition of the garbage have not been harnessed and have risen in some areas to explosive points.

Huntington, Islip, and Babylon have been talking about developing a tri-town garbage disposal system. This means taking a huge block of land off the tax rolls and a tremendous assessment to the residents in taxes.

Negotiations have been going on for over five years, but have been bogged down in patronage as the three towns can't get together on who is going to get what.

During the last decade our technology has improved to a point where we can feasibly separate the various forms of garbage. We can recycle invaluable non-reproducing metals and materials.

Garbage that before would rot can be burned to produce electricity, and sewage sludge can be converted into fertilizer.

A group called West Hills Associates, presented at a Long

Island Association meeting, a proposal to build a massive garbage and sewage recycling facility in Melville off the Long Island Expressway.

The facility is planned for property presently owned and operated by the West Hills Sand and Gravel Corporation.

They have the technology and financial backing needed to make this operation successful.

They only need a zoning change to put the plan into action.

Melville is part of the Town of Huntington and the supervisor there is on record as being vehemently opposed to the creation of this new taxing industry.

West Hills claims it could substantially reduce the cost of disposing garbage.

It would produce hundreds of jobs, will provide an economically sound and safe industry that will pour tax dollars back into the economy, while at the same time solving an ever-increasing environmental problem.

Of course, there won't be patronage jobs to be handed out and the site would become the center for garbage disposal from all over the island.

West Hills Associates claims they can handle all the sewage and sludge being produced by every town on western Long Island.

If private enterprise is willing to risk its capital, provide a service at no cost to the taxpayer, and improve the environmental quality of life, it should receive the unanimous support from the government.

Instead, in its inception, it is being blocked.

Probably no other place in the nation would a proposal of this nature be met by such arrogance.

Politicians on Long Island would much prefer to have the ecology ruined and taxes raised, than allow a business to succeed.

We hope West Hills is not dissuaded from pursuing this sound, economical and ecological idea. It is an idea whose time has come, and from every aspect makes sense. And why not?

Do you love your child?

If you're like 99 per cent of all parents I know, their is probably nothing more important to you in your life than your youngsters' well-being.

That's why you should fill out the card that we have supplied with this week's copy of Suffolk Life.

If you have even the slightest inkling that there may be a problem, which could hinder your child's learning in school, get in contact with Child Find.

They will give your son or daughter extensive series of tests which will determine whether they need any special help before they start school.

You don't have to worry that your child will be labeled "slow" or a "dummy" if you bring them for a screening or if they are even found to have a specific problem.

Even bright kids may be found to have a perception problem. Although the problem would work itself out in time, it might throw a huge roadblock in your child's way, and keep the youngster from learning in those very important early school years.

That's why Child Find is so important. They screen children from 2-5 years of age, and if they do have a problem, prescribe treatment. That way by the time they reach school age they begin on an even footing with their classmates.

So if you love your child, take the time to have your child screened. If nothing else, you'll put your own mind to rest that your son or daughter have no hidden learning disabilities. And why not?

READERS' OPINION

'I don't think anyone is saying to hell with veterans'

Dear Mr. Willmott:

This is in reference to "You seem to say to hell with the veteran."

Many times I have sat down with the Suffolk Life and felt like writing, but have either never written or never mailed them.

I don't think anyone is saying to hell with the veterans. As the wife of a small farmer trying to stay with our way of life, I feel on one hand the county and the people are trying to keep farming an active occupation for us and on the other hand, like the site of the proposed cemetery, are slapping us down by taking some farmland away.

I do not know how much of the proposed land is being farmed, but to me that does not seem the question. The answer lies in the fact that everywhere you look there is beautiful farmland we are slowly being squeezed out of because we as farmers are unable to rent or buy it because the cost is just more than we can afford.

True, there are thousands of veterans on Long Island but there are in comparison, only a handful of farmers feeding and working to keep feeding these veterans plus all the rest of you. Everyone of the persons out there gets fed by the different hardworking farmers in the country. Most of these men are not veterans and most have no retirement or benefits when we get old and to get insurance

for their families they pay dear prices.

There is no employer to pay their insurance, social security, etc. We farming families have to pay it all on our own.

If the truth were known, most of us owe our very existence to the fact that some realize we are necessary and therefore, we operate mostly on credit. So, in answer to Mr. Willmott, I don't think we are saying to hell with veterans, but I do feel the people should consider looking possibly into some of the land at the Grumman site that would not be used at any time for farming. The U.S. Government in small ways recognizes farming as essential, this being one reason most farmers are not veterans.

You see if you really think it out, everything you eat is raised by some farmer and if you squeeze us off Long Island, it will just cost you more for your food in the end. I'm sorry that you pay so much now, but that is not all made by the farmers, just a small percentage gets back to him. At least as a veteran, you do have aid and help. But, us farmers, unless we have provided for ourselves in advance, have nothing. There has to be a better answer than the prime farmland in Suffolk County. (L-9A)

Linda Gatz
Riverhead

'What will the East End look like by 2000?'

Dear Editor:

CLEAN, "The Committee to Legislate Environmental Action Now", asks: What will the East End of Long Island look like by the turn of the century? Already assaulted by sludge in the ocean and PCB's in the Sound, we now face an impending ecological mine field which threatens to wipe out all agriculture, tourism, fishing and property values (not to mention clean, healthy living)

Meanwhile, Americans, who consume 80 per cent of the aluminum produced worldwide each year, continue to pay large sums to bury our remaining 30 year domestic supply of it, along with glass which can be recycled, wood which could provide heat for thousands on Eastern Long Island, mulch which is utilized by organic farmers, and chemicals which should never be allowed to leech into our groundwater. The total burden of

His name was Maggot

His mother's name was Maggie. She was what you might call a farm dog without an owner. She was somebody's pet, who had become a stray, and through the goodness of people who gave her scraps she had survived the winter.

As winter turned to spring, Maggie got mixed up with a pack of strays running in the hills that overlook Long Island Sound.

Just before strawberry season, Maggie gave birth to a litter of five pups. By the time school was out, the pups were ready to be weaned.

They were cute and loveable. Soon each had found a home.

It's easy to find a home for a puppy in the early part of summer. Just put up a sign, "free puppies."

One of the pups went to a boy from the city, whose family had a bungalow up on the Sound. During the summer, the boy, Harry, and his pup, who he nicknamed Maggot, could be seen running over the potato fields and pastures, up and down the cliffs, and swimming in the Sound; they were inseparable.

Maggot received the only love he would ever know, - the true love of a boy for his dog. Harry used money he earned on the farm for dog food. He proudly bought and put on his dog a handsome leather collar.

As the summer waned, and the dog days of August set in, Harry's parents talked about not being able to afford to bring Maggot back to the city with them. Their apartment was too small. Harry wouldn't be working, so he wouldn't be able to buy dog food.

The week before Labor Day was a sad one. Harry frantically went from friend to friend, from neighbor to neighbor asking...pleading with them to take Maggot. He even put out a sign, "the world's best dog for FREE".

No one stopped.

His parents were firm. Maggot had to stay behind.

They told Harry they were sure Maggot would find somebody to take care of him. After all, his mother, Maggie did.

It was Labor Day, around two in the afternoon, Harry hugged his dog for the last time. With a scolding from his father, he reluctantly got into the battered old car and headed west.

Maggot had seen them drive off before, but he too sensed that something was amiss.

He trotted down the driveway frantically barking to Harry.

Harry couldn't hear him through his sobs, they drowned out all other sounds. As the car, driven by his father, sped down Sound Ave., it soon left Maggot in the dust behind.

Alone and confused, Maggot traced his steps to the summer bungalow which to him had meant love, understanding, food and comfort.

He scratched and whined at the door. No one let him in.

Soon the sun was falling over the Sound. Night was approaching.



Maggot lay with one eye opened under the wooden steps. He waited for the sound of that battered and beat up old Ford to once again come up the driveway.

It didn't come that night or for the next four days. There was no activity at the bungalows surrounding Harry's parents place.

Maggot at first found his hunger satisfied by foraging in the garbage cans laddened with remains of the iceboxes cleaned out of summer offerings.

Although his stomach was full, his heart was heavy. His days were spent, as were his nights, under the wooden steps. He waited for Harry to come bounding towards him with the glee and love that a boy and his dog can only know.

On Friday night, a few of the surrounding camps had people in them. Some Maggot knew from the

summer, others were strangers. Seeking the human contact he had come to enjoy and trust he went with wagging tail towards a car that had just arrived on what had been a friendly neighbor's property.

As the driver got out of the automobile he spotted Maggot and jumped back in. Maggot, not understanding, playfully jumped up on the car door. The driver could not see his tail wagging, only his large face. With a violent thrust the driver swung the door open. Maggot was knocked to the ground with a thud.

Like lightning, the driver raised his foot and brought the point of his toe into Maggot's ribs. There was a crunching sound as ribs broke. The man was screaming, hollering in a tone of voice Maggot had never heard.

Again, he saw a foot coming at him. It smashed into the side of his head, opening a large wound in his head.

Instinctively he barred his teeth, growled and went into a fighting stance. When the leg came at him, this time he was ready. He bit, connecting with the pant's leg, missing the flesh, but striking with such power and force the man was thrown to the ground.

Seizing this momentary opportunity to escape, he hightailed it back to the woods, and hid under the stairs at Harry's house.

Maggot was confused. What had happened? Where was Harry? Why did this human attack him? Why had he fought back? As he lay there seriously wounded and breathing hard, his ears picked up the sound of the wailing siren. Shortly, he could see flashing red lights coming up the drive. As Maggot lay there with aching ribs and blood coming from a cut on his head, he heard the excited voices.

"I tell you officer, that was a killer dog, the size of a wolf. He attacked me. Look how he tore my clothes apart. I was lucky to get to the house to call you."

The cops said, "Yeah, we have got a

lot of trouble with these dogs. You are lucky he hadn't 'packed up', yet."

"People think they are cute puppies in the spring. They never give a thought to what they will do with them after Labor Day. They just turn them loose."

"It's against the law. There's even a heavy fine for it."

"But you know how people are. They don't realize it, they would be doing these dogs, themselves, and the rest of the residents out here a big favor, if they find themselves in the position of not being able to take the dog home, to have him humanely put to sleep."

"We probably shoot 200 dogs a year. Those are the lucky ones. Most of the others die of disease and starvation.

The stronger ones 'pack up' and survive by attacking and running down and killing deer and livestock."

"They are generally caught in traps and left to linger and die."

"The big joke is city folks think some farmer will take them in."

"The only farmer I know who won't shoot an unidentified dog on sight is a guy down the road apiece."

"He has got one dog he lets hang around his place, called Maggie. He even talks about getting rid of her. It seems like she is getting ready to have pups again, you can't get rid of pups in the winter, nobody wants them."

"The fact is I wonder how the pups she had last spring made out. I hope none of them are left around these parts. I have my orders to shoot the strays on sight."

At this point Maggot was finding it harder and harder to hear, for by now his head was ringing from the concussion and his lungs were filling with blood from the rib that had penetrated the lining.

Sleep was soon upon him. Maggot was one of the lucky ones. For he would not have to face the agonies of starvation or disease without help. And why not?

READER'S OPINION

'Mopeds represent the first bright idea to come along'

Dear Editor:

Attached is a copy of a letter my wife and I mailed to County Executive John Klein in

and from time in Port Jefferson. Both of us use it from work to time for local shopping. Sincerely yours,

Dear President Carter

When you were elected to office, we hoped that your administration would be characterized by innovation and leadership. We were hopeful you would direct the thrust of your energy program toward developing alternatives for the consumption of fuel oils in this country.

Frankly, from what we have seen coming out of Washington, it doesn't make much difference whether Carter, Ford or Nixon is at the helm.

The three of you have consistently looked at our country's energy problems as a source of additional taxation and not as a problem in need of a solution.

For almost a decade, we have read everything we could get our hands on, dealing with alternative methods for generating energy.

Early on, we discovered a farmer in Vermont was producing all his energy needs by refining methane gas out of cow dung. He was running his tractors, trucks, cars, heat and lights with this animal power.

The by-product was highly enriched fertilizer which he spread on his pastures to enrich them. This enabled him to increase his herd.

Further study brought us to the Far East, the last place you would expect to find modern technology. Yet, here, whole cities were having part of their electric consumption met by converting animal and human waste into methane gas.

A few years ago, Grumman and MIT jointly released their findings indicating most of Long Island's electrical needs could be provided by wind power generated offshore.

LILCO, our electrical utility ballyhooed this idea. We can understand their doing this. The rate structure, from which their profits come, mandates they use the most expensive means of generating electricity.

From an economic standpoint, it wouldn't be too appealing to me, if I was chairman of the board of LILCO, to use a free renewable source of energy.

Solar power is an initially expensive process for most homeowners and small businesses to undertake. In the long run, however, it will prove to be a good investment.

Why isn't the federal government providing the funds for the development of solar companies who could cheaply mass produce the components needed to bring this energy saving method into being?

For years, Europeans have used a mixture of alcohol with their gasoline. Alcohol burns at a higher heat ratio than gasoline. It produces far less affluences. Alcohol could be manufactured economically from our garbage and sewer sludge.

Presently, this garbage and sewer sludge in major metropolitan areas is being dumped wantonly into the ocean. Why hasn't the federal government, under your leadership,

striven for the development of alcohol refineries?

Gasoline is one of the larger consumers of our petroleum products. With such a simple and available source as alcohol, we could stretch gasoline supplies enormously.

We understand the ramifications to both the vested interests of the petroleum industry and the federal government in keeping the status quo.

A successful program of alternative fuel sources would produce immediate conservation and savings for the consumer. This would virtually create a depression by itself.

We even understand the reluctance of the great bureaucratic maze of our federal government to give up the enormous amount of revenues currently being raised by taxes on gas, oil and profits derived from them.

We are realistic enough to understand it will take them time to make a transition.

But has this transition even begun?

So far, our impression is you are using the energy problem as a method to increase the tax burden of the people.

We are not fools. We know we are wed to our way of life; a life that revolves around electric power and gasoline. Any energy tax, whether direct or indirect, will be paid for out of our rapidly eroding buying power.

President Carter, you asked us to trust you. The majority of the American people responded affirmatively. Are you going to let them down or will you provide the leadership needed to break the vicious energy cycle?

Do you have the courage to insist alternatives be developed and be utilized to provide all Americans with a better way of life? And why not?

'Certainly, Mr. Parr should be rewarded'

Dear Mr. Willmott,

Please allow me to thank you personally for your most generous invitation to Parr Meadows.

I agree with you in saying it certainly is one of the finest racing facilities in the nation and one of the nicest I've ever seen. I cannot understand people's reluctance to attend this track - as you say "right in their own backyard." What I am most surprised at is the lack of interest Suffolk County has made on behalf of this race track. I feel they were a

In an act of political courage, the New York State Legislature and now the federal government is setting up a gray area called decriminalization for the handling of marijuana.

Decriminalization is somewhere between outright legal and totally illegal.

It's a niche in which politicians find comfort; for it allows them not to have to make a decision that might cost them votes.

The logic for decriminalization of marijuana is based on the attitude, "everybody is doing it anyway."

If this is going to be the new mode for setting laws, shouldn't we expand decriminalization to cover a host of other crimes? Just think, how popular it would be if we decriminalized the penalties covering our income tax.

Decriminalizing cheating on your tax return say up to 47 per cent of the amount that you declared. That way, if you cheat only up to 47 per cent, you

wouldn't have to worry about having anything more than your wrist slapped and the pokey wouldn't be in your horizon.

With banks becoming a popular target for robbers, shouldn't we decriminalize their action if a crook only takes \$5,000 or less?

After all, with inflation this is nothing more than pocket money, and this poor robber shouldn't have to face the same criminal penalties as the professional gangs who steal millions.

An even more popular idea should be the decriminalization of theft and corruption by politicians.

Just think of the quality of individual you could attract to public service if we decriminalized their taking of say up to 10 per cent of the budget. Without the worry about having to spend time in the slammer, we could attract all kinds of people to public service. And why not?

READERS' OPINION

'902 acre cemetery site should be rejected'

Dear Dave,

I'm in full accord with your stance on the proposed site for the veteran's cemetery.

Attached is a letter written to Rep. Carney (veteran's subcommittee chairman from

Ohio) and Suffolk County congressmen. I've also drafted a petition.

Keep the coverage coming!

If you have any ideas, please let me know. Tom McKnight

Open Letter

Rep. Charles J. Carney
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Carney:

Your subcommittee is in the process of determining the placement of a veteran's cemetery in Calverton, New York, north of Grumman Corporation property. The location requires reconsideration as it appears that a more satisfactory alternative exists.

Optimum farmland is rated as 100 per cent prime agricultural. Suffolk County contains "some of the most productive farmlands in the world" and county farmland presently in production consists of 25 per cent prime agricultural soil. Cooperative Extension Association land use experts further indicate

the parcel currently under deliberation contains 902 acres of which 600 acres are rated as 65 per cent prime agricultural soil. The area in question is, therefore, extremely fertile.

In the last thirty years, over 60,000 acres of county farmland has been converted to non-agricultural uses (primarily residential, commercial and industrial). Suffolk is N.Y. state's leading agricultural county and possess 55,000 acres of cropland. More than half of this remaining farmland is owned by retired farmers and investors. Currently 8 per cent of the county's total acreage is farmland. Realistically this will decline as investors sell land and the per cent could drop considerably. The parcel under consideration represents 2 per cent of Suffolk County's land presently in production.

Suffolk has initiated a program of purchasing development rights from farmers. This ensures the land will remain in the agricultural sector. The county is committed to preserving farmland and last fall the county legislature appropriated 21 million dollars as part of a 55.4 million dollar program.

It must be emphasized that strong support exists for a veterans cemetery in Suffolk but experts on the county, state and federal levels just oppose this particular site. They include: Charles Barnett, resident district conservation officer for the U.S. Agriculture Dept., officials of the N.Y. State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Suffolk County Planning Commission.

Representatives for the above groups are proposing an alternative 1500 acre site on U.S. Navy owned property bordering the southeastern portion of the Grumman Corporation property. This is adjacent to the Long Island Expressway, a major three lane highway. The land is more accessible along the expressway and in the other northern parcel, roads become congested with additional traffic. This southeastern piece consists of a greater amount of flat land. Aerial views and soil tests have confirmed a vegetable growth that would be ideal for planting grass.

In light of this information, I am requesting the proposal for the 902 acre site be rejected and replaced by another proposal for the alternative 1500 acre site. L-8B

Sincerely,
Thomas McKnight

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David J. Willmott, Editor

New York State now 48th

Not too many years ago, state Department of Commerce bragged that New York was the empire state. New York was a leader in growth and population, industrial development and personal wealth.

The United States Department of Commerce announced last week that New York State last year ranked 48th in growth of personal income.

Personal income increased only 7.8 per cent between January 1976 and the first quarter of 1977. The nation as a whole increased 9.8 per cent.

This should not come as a shock for New York which has priced itself out of the market as a state of opportunity. Industries and businesses that have been able to move, have fled New York's notorious repressive taxes and restrictions.

Quality, productive worker's have uprooted their lives and moved their families to areas they can afford to live in.

We had garnered hope from Governor Carey's state of the state message and proposed budget for 1977-78.

He realistically perceived problems businesses and workers faced in the state and was going to make an earnest attempt to turn New York State's destructive trend around.

As spring passed into summer, it became painfully obvious Carey didn't have the courage of his convictions. He capitulated and gave in to labor demands, raising the unemployment rate, establishing the mandatory union shop for all state agencies and establishing additional hardships for profit oriented businesses to contend with.

At this time, we have no hope of ever seeing New York become an empire state again.

The people and the businesses have been sold out and are increasingly being faced with the painful decision to abandon this state to the non-producers. They are going to states that want and encourage business and productive labor. When they have finished with their toil in the vineyard, they'll be able to keep what they have earned. And why not?

Some safeguard

Sixteen and possibly as many as 20 tons of high grade uranium has mysteriously disappeared, from the atom bomb factory at Oakridge, Tennessee and Portsmouth, Ohio.

You read right, tons not pounds. This high grade uranium is of the quality used to manufacture atomic weapons. Twenty tons is enough to make 1,500 of the Hiroshima-size atomic bombs.

Federal officials responsible for safeguarding this material seem to be taking a lackadaisical approach to the situation.

They are claiming maybe the material is not missing at all. They want you to believe the missing material may be the result of sloppy bookkeeping procedures or other tomfoolery.

The fact this highly volatile material is subject to such poor security, should give all of us the shivers.

It once again adds proof that we cannot trust the federal government.

Yet isn't it the federal government we look to, to regulate the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes?

If the same federal government can lose some 16 to 20 tons of uranium, doesn't it make you wonder how realistic the federal standards are for the atomic generating plants LILCO wants to build at our backdoor?

Are the safeguards LILCO has been talking about, figments of imagination as apparently the federal safeguards are?

The nuclear power plants are a potential life and death proposition for the residents who live within 25 to 50 miles of their construction.

If you are a supporter of these atomic monsters we encourage you to give them serious second thoughts.

All the energy they may generate, and all the taxes and other benefits that might be derived, will not make up for the loss of your life, if one of these monsters ever let go.

How much is your life worth? And why not?

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When will they ever learn?

After the New York City's decades of fiscal gimmickry almost brought the entire state to the brink of bankruptcy two years ago, we had hoped that Governor Carey and the legislature would swear off the financial shenagnigans forever and finance the state government in a responsible way.

Last week, a Suffolk Life story, reported by staffer Kevin McCoy, showed the state aid to education to local school districts is riddled with the same old tricks that got the city and state into trouble.

Because tax revenues from the state treasury were not enough to keep local school districts at the same level of aid they received last year,

the governor and the legislature scrounged around to find a way to relieve the political heat that would result from an aid cut.

They decided to deplete the state's \$20 million state health insurance reserve fund, which was kept in to cover emergency liability claims.

The state claims there is now no need for the fund, which had been in existence for years, because up to now, there has been no emergency large enough to force the state to use any of these funds.

But state officials can't be too sure. They have forced school boards to sign a statement saying they'll return the money, in some cases amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars,

within 30 days, if the state needs it.

The ironic thing is that the reserve fund is made up of money contributed by local school districts over the years -- so the districts are only getting back their own money.

Although one school official called the gimmick a "fraud committed on the taxpayer," they are so strapped for funds they'd sign their lives away for a couple of extra bucks.

But now that they have the dough, do they dare spend it, knowing that it can be recalled at any time?

More importantly, now that this reserve fund is depleted, what does the state legislature do for an encore? Which fund do they steal from next year to keep the aid artificially high?

When they totally cripple the state by raiding every emergency fund and rainy day account, it'll be the taxpayers, not the politicians who will suffer. When they take the entire state to financial ruin, it'll be our taxes that will skyrocket. Just like in the city, the government services we ought to expect, will be non-existent.

Our legislators have to learn that the state has to live within its means and they can no longer play games with the state treasury or our lives.

If you don't like the Governor or your local legislators wayward bookkeeping practices, let them know you expect them to straighten it out. If they don't tell them at election time. And why not?

LILCO's last puffs

LILCO's performance last week in lashing out at the county for their position to their proposed Jamesport nuclear power plants, reminded us of a story of the three little pigs.

Despite all their huffing and puffing and attempts at blowing their nuclear opponents away, we don't think LILCO's scare tactics about "brown outs" and "blackouts" will work.

In fact, because the powerful utility company is resorting to such strong arm tactics, we suspect they are running out of wind.

Like a wounded animal who knows

they are cornered, LILCO is making all sorts of outrageous statements to keep their precious nuclear project alive.

Apparently they have scared some of the more gullible Suffolk County legislators into believing their fairy tales. Being chronically weak kneed, especially during election years, the legislature was expected to put off voting on a resolution to oppose the plants at yesterday's meeting.

The legislature, which originally passed a resolution opposing the plants only to have it vetoed by John Klein, has had a year and a half to

think about it. Their inaction now, is simply a sign of political cowardice that tells us the caliber of people we have elected.

Luckily, however, most hard-working Long Islanders aren't so easily snowed by LILCO. They know power won't be shut off and new customers won't be refused service.

The only thing that will happen is that LILCO will be forced to build conventional power generating plants rather than ones utilizing nuclear power. Its top brass will also have to give up the grand scheme of being the power broker for the entire east coast.

LILCO officials see the handwriting on the wall, they just refuse to read it.

When public protest became intense several years ago, LILCO's partner in the Jamesport venture, New York State Electric and Gas, was wise enough to bow to their customers' demands and dropped a proposal to build a nuclear plant on Cayuga Lake.

Before any more money is spent on this ill-fated project, LILCO should be big enough to admit their mistake and plan their own customers needs rather than try to be power broker for the entire state. And why not?

Parr Meadows packs 'em in

Despite threatening thunderheads almost every night, 11,000 of our readers took us up on our free ticket offer to try out Ronald Parr's quarter horse racing track in Yaphank.

Track officials tell us it was their best week since opening in June and

their betting handle was up an average of \$45,000 a night.

If you enjoyed the night at the races, tell your friends and neighbors about the experience, get them to try it themselves, or better yet, go back there with them.

Like any new business, Parr Meadows is struggling to make it through their first season and any support they get from their Eastern Long Island neighbors will be appreciated.

Likewise, if there was anything about the track or its operation that detracted from your evening's enjoyment let us or Ron Parr know.

Like any ship on its initial

"shakedown" cruise, there are probably ways that Parr could improve his service to racing fans and by telling him you'll be helping him out.

If you still haven't tried the track these cool clear August nights are just perfect for race watching and it's a better than an even money wager you'll have a good time. And why not?

willmotts and why-nots

David J. Willmott, Editor

No you may not go

A recent United Press International story should give supporters of nuclear power plants food for second thought.

A nuclear reactor at the University of Florida goes screwy everytime somebody flushes the toilet.

After listening for three years to the great debate surrounding LILCO's nuclear power plants at Jamesport and all their assurances about fail-safe systems, it makes you wonder how much of it is fiction, when a nuclear reactor can malfunction simply because somebody goes to the bathroom?

This would be a funny story if it wasn't really potentially dangerous for those of us who have chosen Eastern Long Island as our home.

When we think of a nuclear reactor failing, we have been led to believe that it would have to be an act of deliberate sabotage, a natural phenomenon or a continual breakdown of precautionary safety systems.

Yet, in real life here is a real operating reactor being failed by a

toilet.

On the same subject and also not very funny, was the utter lack of political courage displayed by the Suffolk County Legislature last week, in postponing a vote on the nuclear reactors at Jamesport. Election Day is less than three months away, and the legislators are fearful of offending anyone and, therefore, rather than potentially losing some votes they decided to do nothing on this issue.

Ironically, these same legislators, 18 months ago, voted to oppose the establishment of nuclear reactors at Jamesport, but the measure was vetoed by Klein.

Now that Klein favors this measure, the legislators don't have the guts to pass it again before Election Day. Their political cowardice might win them a vote or two, but at the same time jeopardize the safety and health of every resident in the district.

This doesn't say very much for these legislators, who are seeking your vote this coming November, and it is a damn good reason for you to throw the bums out. And why not?

Flynn must go

John Flynn as County Environmental Commissioner, through the bureaucratic absorption of power, has propelled himself to being the most powerful figure in the county.

He is the man most directly responsible for the South West Sewer District's fiasco. His bullheadedness caused thousands of South Shore residents to give up their homes and leave Long Island because of the absorbent waste of tax dollars, perpetuated by the South West Sewer District.

Flynn, not contented to be the biggest spender in Suffolk, has literally stolen the power of the legislature and the county executive.

A couple of months back, the legislature and the county executive passed a resolution rescinding a \$2,000 escrow fee for sewers on all new houses in Suffolk.

It was anticipated that this move would stimulate the development of the construction business. Flynn arbitrarily thumbed his nose at both the legislature and the county executive by unearthing a little exercised state law empowering him to override these elected officials desires.

Flynn has set himself up as an absolute God, answering to no one. He acts as if his judgements are infallible, when in truth, many of his decisions are open to wide criticism.

He is the type of bureaucrat of the same ilk as William Ronan, the former MTA chief, who took a worldwide junket at the commuter's and taxpayer's expense.

Last Week, the Suffolk County Legislature, in one of their few astute moves, refused to reappoint him commissioner. Their refusing to appoint him should be the end, but John Klein, who is actually his boss, has indicated that he will keep him on as a hold over against the wishes of the legislature.

We wonder how and why Klein can tolerate having a subordinate working for him who blatantly feels he can override his decisions?

What kind of hold does Flynn have on Klein? Has Klein abdicated the powers, the responsibility and the running of Suffolk County to Flynn, as it appears?

What possesses a man who is the Chief Executive to keep a man on his staff who flagrantly and willfully refuses to follow orders?

Suffolk residents elected John Klein to be their Chief Executive, not John Flynn.

The legislature has presented the opportunity to Klein to fire this man for insubordination.

If Klein wants to continue to project an image of a leader, he must make this a fait accompli or offer his own resignation. And why not?

How about a fair chance for taxpayers' kids?

When are county officials ever going to learn that they are working for us and that it's not the other way around?

The admission of Building and Grounds Commissioner Alex Ames that he put his own son on the county payroll for a job that had scores of applicants, many of whom were probably more needy and had more initiative in seeking out work, is appalling.

Even his honesty in owning up to his action is a show of sheer arrogance.

The only ones who are worse than Ames are other weak and lying officials, whose children conveniently found jobs in their own or related offices and then expect the public to believe they had nothing to do with getting the youngsters hired.

As the commissioner put it, they're "full of crap."

For decades, county commissioners and other department heads have been treating their agencies as private domains, where they are the sole lord and master.

They hire who they want, filling the ranks with cronies, friends, patronage hacks and sons and daughters, no matter what their qualifications.

It is especially deplorable, when we deal with idealistic young people, who in good faith do the legwork to find out where the jobs are, and submit their application, only to find it has been taken by some politico's kid.

The county officials claim their youngsters shouldn't be squeezed out of a job because their father is a high ranking Suffolk employee. They are right.

But from the looks of what our staff has uncovered in the last month or so,

it looks like it is the poor taxpayer and their families that are in need of an equal employment opportunity.

To protect everyone, the county should set up a centralized pool for summer jobs.

All department heads would let the pool know what their job needs would be for the summer months and all youngsters could apply to one well-publicized place.

A lottery could then be set up for those jobs requiring no special skills and separate ones for jobs where office or clerical talents are required.

Under such a system, no one would have an edge.

If a youngster turns out to be a poor worker, then as in other jobs, they could be fired and another willing youngsters' name could be picked at random.

If the youngster is a good worker, they should be rewarded with the same job in following summers, based on their supervisor's evaluation after the season.

Should a supervisor not be totally satisfied, a new worker could be drawn the next summer.

Under this system, everyone is treated fairly and given an incentive to do a good job. Nothing could be simpler.

If it's so simple, or asking, why hasn't such a plan, or something similar been implemented?

The reason is the Duke of Buildings and Grounds, the Earl of Parks and Recreation and the Lord of Labor would never even consider giving up one iota of power.

We have to let our representatives know loud and clear that we want equal access to county jobs. Only then would they act. And why not?

Doing it together

This Labor Day weekend is an ideal opportunity for Mom and Pop and the kids to do it together.

The Shinnecock Anglers Club is sponsoring a Junior Anglers Tournament that is open to the public. It gives an opportunity for the family to fish together under tournament competitions.

You do not have to have a big off-shore fishing boat to compete. There are two categories: One for off-shore and the other for in-shore.

In-shore fishing can be done from a rented rowboat, an outboard or a cruiser. Fishing will be for common bay species such as fluke, flounder, blackfish and porgies and other species.

A separate category for off-shore fishing for those who have the boats, and equipment to participate will be for blues, striped bass, sharks, swordfish, marlin and tuna.

The entry fees have been deliberately kept as low as possible to encourage maximum competition. The entry fees are only \$5 per boat plus \$2 for each junior angler participating and trying to win the coveted first place in this big tour-

namment.

There is a special thrill in helping develop the youthful enthusiasm of a young angler, of teaching them the right way of doing and the thrill of competitive sportmanship.

The two-day tournament will conclude, weather permitting, on Sunday night at a big hot dog barbecue where the winners will be announced and the trophies awarded.

This tournament promises to be an exciting event, one that can be a very memorable experience between parents and children.

It provides inexpensive, honest and clean fun for the entire family and everybody's chances of winning are equal.

Who knows, even the first place may go to a mother and her daughter. There are, today, darn near as many fishing women as there are fishing men.

Entry blanks may be obtained at local tackle shops in Hampton Bays or by calling Kevin Clemenz, president of the Shinnecock Anglers at 728-6110.

Why not plan on competing now. And why not?

READERS' OPINION

'There is still time to initiate some course of action'

Dear Mr. Willmott,

I have just finished reading your poignant editorial, "His Name Was Maggot". I can remember reading each year in your paper similar editorials which remind summering families in Eastern Long Island as well as the residents that at the end of the season, hundreds of dogs are left to fend for themselves. If these dogs are not lucky enough to be taken home by a compassionate human they form packs and many eventually die of physical and emotional starvation. Also, as you pointed out, many are shot by the police, the "lucky ones."

There is undoubtedly a problem with these unwanted dogs and by your editorials you seem to have voiced well your concern. But, as far as I can see that is all that you have done. This problem has been occurring for several years and I feel that if you are genuinely concerned, you, as the editor of a well circulated newspaper, have the power to do more than just express your concern in editorials. How well read are your editorials?

Each year at this time why not set aside a section of your paper where people can advertise at no cost their unwanted dogs. I know it is hard to find a home for unwanted dogs, but I am sure that through an adoption section, some dogs will find homes. It will cost Suffolk Life to run the free ads, but the knowledge that some dogs will find homes, and that you are doing more than writing

editorials on this subject should sufficiently compensate.

Or why not enlist the support of the County Dog Pound, or Bide-A-Wee and together devise a program so that unwanted dogs can be picked up so that they may be dealt with appropriately, before the police are forced to shoot or pick them up.

At the very least at the end of your editorial, you could offer suggestions to those who want to make an attempt to find a home for their summer pet and list places where unwanted dogs may be taken.

One last comment. The city people will go back to the city, but I am confident that there are enough compassionate Eastern Long Islanders who will support an active program to take care of the unwanted dogs before they become wild. There is still time to initiate some course of action.

Sincerely,
Blair Archangeau
East Moriches

'Americans should slow down'

Dear Mr. Willmott,

Just finished reading your editorial "Dear President Carter" regarding the energy program.

I wrote President Carter some months ago, with a suggestion for solving our energy crisis. The suggestion was to put Governors on all cars buses & trucks, so that no vehicle could go faster than 55 miles per hour.

The law states that the legal speed is 55 miles per hour. But, most people are driving far in excess of the legal limit. If our energy crisis is so serious, then we should go to any lengths to save energy. Governors on all vehicles would save billions of gallons of gasoline, and there would be no need to raise gasoline prices to \$1.00 per gallon.

I've discussed this idea with several mechanics. And, they say the cost of putting a Governor on a car would be small.

Americans should slow down on speed, it would be healthier and safer for all of us. I'd write to anyone about this idea, but it is just futility to get anyone to even listen.

As you say in your great editorial, all the politicians do is talk, but no action.

Sincerely
John Leibman

What are your questions?

Suffolk Life will again this year be conducting personal interviews with the various candidates running for office.

During these interviews, we try to ask the candidates questions that you want answers to. We try to act on your behalf as your personal representative.

The questions that we ask are based around philosophies and issues. We try to determine what the candidates really believe and what his stands are on the issues that his constituents are concerned about.

If you have questions you want answered, we encourage you to submit these questions to our News Department and we will attempt to include as many of these as possible in our interviews.

Why not drop a note to our Editorial Department with your questions written out. For expediency sake,

please address your questions to Campaign '77, c-o Suffolk Life Newspapers, P.O. Box 262, Westhampton, New York. 11978. And why not?

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