

## Boycott 'Em

In last week's edition we published a letter to the editor and a feature article from two of our readers about two movies playing in the Long Island United Artists circuit. The movies were "The Last House on the Left" and "The Mark of the Devil." We know both writers of these articles personally, and they would fall into the so-called "new morality" generation. . . both under thirty and having been reared in a lifetime of ultra-permissiveness. For them to have been this upset at a movie, we knew there had to be something to it.

This past Sunday night we subjected ourselves to this spectacle. They were ultra-conservative in their appraisal! We have never been subject to such unbelievable revulsion in our entire lives. We have seen our share of filth, cruelty, blood and guts and have been able to look at it non-emotionally. These movies were deplorable in every sense of the word. They not only glorified sadism and cruelty, but sanctified insanity.

During the movie we witnessed large groups of people getting up and walking out. No. . .not just squirmish feminists, but strapping masculine men. . .the "seen it all" type. They, too, were revolted by this trash the theater had sold as entertainment.

We have no desire to try to impose our standards and morality on anyone or to make judgement on what you should or should not see, read or subject yourself to. This is for you, as an individual, according to your own conscience, to determine. We do feel, though, that theaters have a very strong responsibility to inform the public explicitly about the contents of the movies they are showing before they lure the unsuspecting public into the theater.

The titles and the advertisements for these two particular films were gravely misleading, and we believe purposely gave the wrong impression to the public. Nowhere did the advertising for either of these pictures suggest that the viewer would subject himself to such degradation and utter disgust.

Until theaters make some kind of honest concrete effort, other than their Mickey Mouse rating system, to inform prospective viewers of the content of the films to be shown, we personally intend to stay away from the movies. As a publication, Suffolk

Life, effective with this edition, will no longer carry a movie guide until the movie theaters come up with a concrete basis with which to inform the public clearly about their films. We can see little sense in continuing to publish, as a public service, this guide that encourages our readers to go to a theater when there is a chance they will be subjected to this kind of treatment.

"The Last House on the Left" is the last movie we intend to see until the theaters enlighten their viewers as to the content of the films being shown. And why not?

## Endorsing The Right Person

This coming November we will hold local elections. We will elect County Legislators, town supervisors and other local officials.

Two years ago the County Republican and Democratic leadership agreed to ban cross endorsements. The reported reason for this move was to deny the other parties an opportunity for asserting their influence.

We could not agree more heartily with a ban on full-party cross endorsements such as took place four years ago in Brookhaven Town. The Republican leader, Zeidler, made a deal with the Conservative leader, Merrill, for the Conservatives to cross endorse the entire slate. This was utterly wrong. The Republicans, by far, did not have the best man in every spot. Some of the candidates should not have and would not have won if it had not been for the solid cross endorsement. There definitely were some candidates who were deserving of cross endorsement, but not the entire ticket.

We do believe that limited, individual cross endorsement is valuable and serves well the Democratic system. A total cross endorsement ban is a shame and only serves the top political leadership. It denies the public the availability of many fine, outstanding candidates who cannot be elected solely by the weaker parties. Some of these people are outstanding and they refuse to buckle under the political power of unscrupulous leadership, they would prefer to run from a weaker party with a chance of winning and being a free

agent than be assured of winning and having to follow through the dictates of this unscrupulous leadership.

We have all witnessed the stagnation and corruption that can come about when you have one-party rule and leadership by this party that is not always in the interest of the average citizen. Individual, personal cross endorsements can serve to bring better people into office; better people, free of total political nomination, people who would be responsible to the average resident and not the "Machine."

We encourage the local leadership of all parties to reject the County bosses' deal on cross endorsements and to determine for themselves what is the best way of winning this coming November's election. In politics winning is the whole name of the game. And why not?

## What Results!

About a month ago, our No. 2 son became quite interested in tropical fish. We have seen interests like this in the boys swell up and then dissipate overnight and were not particularly interested in becoming fish raisers ourselves. We told him if he wanted to pursue this hobby, he was going to have to finance it himself. We felt if he had to earn the money and it was his money he was spending on this hobby, the interest would be genuine and not just a young boy's flash in the pan.

He set to work doing odd jobs, and last week he felt he had enough money to buy a reasonable setup. After pricing several new aquariums he found he was still sufficiently lacking

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week**

**BAY SHORE**

Suffolk Region of Hadassah is having their **ANNUAL REWARDS RECEPTION**; Tues., Feb. 13, from 10:30-2 pm at the Bay Shore Jewish Centre; 34 N. Clinton Ave., Bay Shore. Scheduled are a luncheon and a fashion show.

**EAST ISLIP**

The Islip Yankee Chorus will present their **ANNUAL SHOW**; Feb. 17; in the East Islip High School auditorium; proceeds will benefit a speech therapy center for handicapped children. Tickets are \$3; for information and tickets, contact W. Weller at AN 5-2810.

**FARMINGVILLE**

The Suffolk County Dept. of Mental Health is presenting **"THE MANY FACES OF MENTAL HEALTH"**; on Channel 6; Thurs., Feb. 13th, at 1:30 pm. For information, contact Dr. Brandt at 582-4473, 1:30-2 pm.

**FREEPORT**

**THIRD ANNUAL CAT SHOW**; Week of Feb. 19th-25th, proceeds to benefit Morris Animal Foundation and Freeport Humane Society, at the Freeport Armory; Babylon Turnpike, Freeport. Adm. is \$1.50 adults, 75cents children; from 11 am to 6 pm.

**MILLER PLACE**

The Miller Place Republican Club is having their **MEETING**; Fri., Feb. 16, at 8:30 pm; at the Miller Place Firehouse, Miller Place Road in Miller Place. For information, contact Andy D'Addario at 744-3042.

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**This Week Coupon**

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 Event Highlights \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Admission \_\_\_\_\_  
 Time \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chairman \_\_\_\_\_  
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To be safe, "This Week" information should be made available to Suffolk Life (12) days prior to the event. Mail to: Suffolk Life, Box 262, Westhampton, N.Y. 11977.

an exciting venture for a young man, and today he is in full swing as a gold fish raiser.

The point of this article is to demonstrate how easy and inexpensive it is to find or sell an item you may want or no longer have use for. Look around your home or your office; you are undoubtedly the owner of many items that once you were interested in or were of some value to you. They are of no value to you just sitting there, and they could be of value to someone else.

Why not turn these items into cash by advertising them in our fast-working, inexpensive reader section? The rates are a bargain, as we charge only \$1.50 for ten words in any local edition on these person-to-person ads. For \$1.50 we will deliver your advertising message to every home in your area just like a direct mail piece. Suffolk Life is your best bet when you want to reach everybody inexpensively. Doesn't it make sense to do as Jonathan did? And why not?

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the monies needed for this project.

That evening we were talking about Suffolk Life after dinner, and the subject of our reader ads came up. We suggested to Jonathan that he look through the reader ads ... there just might be an aquarium advertised that he could buy. There wasn't, so we suggested he place a reader ad in the coming week's paper looking for such an item ... that there might be a reader who had given up this hobby and would be willing to sell his equipment at a reasonable price. The ad read: "Aquarium wanted. Reasonable. Please call Jonathan after school, 000-0000."

The first day the paper was out, my wife answered the phone thirty-eight times between the time school let out and six o'clock. The following day by four o'clock, my wife had answered the phone 101 times and then, in self-defense, removed the phone from the hook! The following day was just as unbelievable. Jonathan was offered an aquarium in just about every size and shape imaginable, from a simple fish bowl to an elaborate fifty gallon setup. Several people generously offered him their aquariums free of charge. Most people were asking extremely reasonable and realistic prices. Needless to say, this proved to be quite

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David J. Willmott, Editor

## Bad Deal

Buzz Swank, the Republican County leader, and Dom Baranello, the Democratic County leader, made a deal last week. It's good for them. Bad for you. They agreed to continue the cross endorsement ban until the end of the year, thus covering our local and County races this fall.

Suffolk County has had a so-called cross endorsement ban for almost two years. In last November's election this cross endorsement ban supposedly was in effect. Remember when you went into the polling booth you found on both the Republican and the Conservative line the electors for President Nixon, a cross endorsement, and when you got down to the judges you found many of the nominees were cross endorsed by multi-parties?

These infringements on a cross endorsement ban were also worked out in a deal. This is what a cross endorsement ban is. . . a political deal worked out by the stronger powers to deny the public the opportunity of electing candidates who might represent them, and not the political powers.

Politics is a game of wheeling and dealing. In Suffolk County Baranello feels he can gain more by wheeling and dealing with the Republicans than he can by winning elections. He is probably right, but it's a fact that incompetent, substandard political hacks will get into office because too many people blindly vote the party line. Without a coalition of voters behind them, strong independent candidates who refuse to bow down and do the dirty work of party leaders will not have the opportunity of serving the public.

Hypocritically Baranello was quoted in the Long Island Press of February 14th as stating that if any Democratic candidates are successful in running in the primaries against his hand-picked nominees, the County organization will endorse the Republican opposition instead of backing the public's choice to run on the Democratic ticket. In other words he will cross endorse if it's to his benefit and serves his end. For Baranello to make this kind of statement there must have been one hell of a sweet deal worked out.

The Democrats of Suffolk County must find a replacement for Barranello. They must find a

replacement who believes that it is more important for the Democrats to win than it is for them to circumvent the Democratic process and gain patronage. And why not?

## By Their Own Free Will

The war is over; the fighting has stopped. The veterans are returning. The country is happy. Talk has turned to the men who went to Canada and other countries when faced with the prospect of draft.

We see little need for this kind of talk. These men, by their own free will, gave up this country. They chose a different form of government; one with which they felt safe. They could see nothing of value in America except for the freedom they had to leave it. This was their choice, and they had a right to do as they saw fit.

We do not fault them for the decision they made, but in our minds this decision, once made, is irrevocable. For these men or their supporters to ask the American public to welcome them back now that the war is over is asinine.

For each one of these men who chose not to go, another man had to. Some of these unlucky replacements will not return. Some of the more fortunate Americans will or have but they have given up years of their lives.

These men who abandoned this country when they were asked by her to serve, who willfully chose another form of government, can no longer be considered Americans. By their own free will they made their beds, and now they must sleep in them. And why not?

## Pike's Promise

Last November, while interviewing Congressman Pike for our editorial endorsements, we brought up what we considered to be the injustice perpetuated on the older workers under the Social Security Act.

A person who has worked all his life and contributed to his Social Security fund finds himself in a dilemma when he reaches retirement age. Many people can retire at sixty-five if they


can supplement their Social Security funds with some part-time work.

Under the rules of last year's Social Security Act, when a worker earns over \$1600 he then proceeds to lose one dollar in benefits for every additional dollar he earns. We cannot see the logic of this. In many cases it causes a hardship, and even in those where it doesn't, it is not fair to deny a person the benefit of Social Security that he has paid for through his own contributions because he still wants to and, in many cases, must remain active. In Social Security payments he is only getting back what he has paid in over the years.

In bringing this to the attention of Congressman Pike we requested that if he was successful in the coming year in this election, he introduce a bill into the House to change this regulation, removing any limitations on earnings for people receiving Social Security. On February 6th, Congressman Pike introduced such a bill, and it has been referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. We thank him for this. We encourage everyone to write to the House Committee on Ways and Means in support of this bill.

To most of us, because of our age, it does not have any bearing at the present time; but some day, the Lord willing, we will find ourselves slipping into the golden years and may find ourselves faced with this unjust provision and in the same dilemma as many of our senior citizens today.

Write now to the House Ways and Means Committee, Washington D.C. The number of the bill is HR 381 I. And why not?



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## \$125,000 Shot

Guess what you're paying for now? A friend of Suffolk Life sent to our office a notice of bond sales from Suffolk County. One of the items that you, the taxpayer of Suffolk County, are floating a bond issue for is equipment for trap and skeet shooting facilities at Southaven Park. You are about to become the proud owner of \$125,000 worth of this equipment.

This is quite a country club you are running here in Suffolk. Just think...the next time you get the urge to shoot, it won't have to be your wife or kids. You can go down to Dominy's fun place, Southaven Park, and use your \$125,000 toy to throw clay pigeons up in the air.

You've got to hand it to Charlie...he'll, go down in history as a big spender from the East. This man is outlandishly generous when it comes to spending other peoples' money.

We can only guess the skeet shoot has been demanded by thousands of Suffolk County residents and is absolutely necessary for our well being. Just think how much better your life is going to be now that you own a \$125,000 skeet shoot.

In all seriousness, this is the kind of garbage your tax dollar is being squandered on. This is the type of service that you are paying for and that causes your taxes to continually rise. This coming November you can change this mode of operation by putting into office people who understand that it's more important for you to be able to continue to pay your mortgage than finance these luxuries of life. And why not?

## Denying Their Will

Last November the residents of Brookhaven Town voted to create a ward system of councilmatic districts as their form of representation. There have been a number of lawsuits brought contesting this vote. The Independents, the Conservatives and the Democrats favor this system of representation. The Republicans are vehemently opposed to it. The lawsuits have been heard and have been dismissed.

The Board of Elections has been charged with the responsibility of setting up councilmatic districts for

this coming November's election. The Board of Elections has been derelict in its duty of doing so. We believe for political reasons they have been dragging their feet with the clear intention of circumventing the law and disobeying the peoples' will.

The Board of Elections is supposed to be non-partisan, with the two commissioners representing the Democratic and Republican Parties. It becomes clear another political deal has been made to deny the will of the public by the procrastination of this Board.

What kind of men are running the Board of Elections who have taken an oath of office to fulfill their jobs to the best of their abilities and then persist to play politics with an issue so important as this? It is clearly obvious they have not, and have so far refused, to carry out the mandate of the people.

If they insist upon this course of action, they should be removed from office and replaced with people who will represent the citizens first and the political parties second. And why not?

## Kissing Is Illegal

On the books in several of our towns, if you dig far enough, you will find laws forbidding any public display of affection. Kissing in public, whether in warm greeting or in passion, is a misdemeanor. If this law was enforced, you could be arrested, fined and sentenced to jail.

Laws of this nature were put on the books during the founding days of our governments to satisfy some Puritan interest. Laws that met the community standards in the 1700's obviously do not serve the needs of the people of the twentieth century, yet they still stay there; and because they are on the books most of us, unknowingly, break these laws. And even if we are made aware of their existence, our mode of society condones their flagrant abuse. The Blue Laws fall into such a category.

Commissioner Barry, the head of the Suffolk County Police, has ordered a crackdown on violators of the antique Blue Laws who are open on Sunday to serve the public. Hundreds of stores and service businesses have been warned and issued summonses for being open and serving the public on Sunday.


We have a feeling that Barry is not so much interested in upholding these laws as he is interested in creating a public furor to put pressure on our legislative leaders for either outright repeal of these laws or to rewrite them so they make some sense and logic.

At one time in this country, Sunday was meant to be a day of absolute rest, prayer and communication with God. The people who observe the various religions have created changes in their churches, and these changes basically allow these believers to spend a limited time in worship and the rest of the day as the individual sees fit. The State labor laws specifically spell out that an employee must be granted one 24-hour period of rest from his job but does not say it must be Sunday.

Many people are off on Sunday and use this day in pursuit of hobbies and recreation; this creates a market. Some businesses, in filling the needs of this market, do the majority of their total week's volume of business on Sunday. This past Christmas the larger retail operations stayed open to meet the needs of their customers, and the Blue Law situation was brought into predominance.

We believe that the State Legislators have a definite responsibility in this session of the Legislature for either outright repeal of the Blue Laws in full or to totally rewrite these laws, spelling out which 1973 businesses can be open and those that cannot.

The religious significance that was once attached to these laws has gone the way of the horse and buggy. It's time we looked at these regulations and the effect that they have on the people in 1973. And why not?



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