

## What is good for the goose is good for the gander

### Is Massachusetts controlling Long Island fishing?

Between Christmas and New Year's fishing was ordered stopped for yellow tail flounder, cod and haddock along the North Atlantic coast by the Marine Fishery Service.

Since the implementation of the 200 mile limit, all forms of salt water fishing have come under the control and jurisdiction of the federal government through regional marine councils. These councils are comprised of members connected with the fishing industry representing each portion of the industry and the federal government.

A list of prospective members from each state are submitted by the Governor and from these names the cabinet office of the Department of Interior makes his selection.

The selection process was considered controversial because of the part politics played in the choices. It was also felt that many areas and many aspects of fishing did not receive adequate representation.

It's the responsibility of the council to determine quotas, set limits and develop rules and regulations under which fishing may take place. The council determines the limits for the fish species. When that quota was reached two weeks ago, all commercial fishermen were ordered to cease fishing on Christmas Eve.

Long Island commercial fishermen have asked some very valid questions about this decision.

Traditionally, Gloucester and Point Judith fishermen do not fish during Christmas week. Weather permitting, Long Island fishermen do. Because these two major fishing centers produce the lion's share of fresh fish and they do not fish during this period, Long Island fishermen receive far higher prices from the market because of the lack of supply.

Long Island fishermen feel they have been cheated by losing bonus prices they normally would be paid during this period. They claim our fishing laws are being set to accommodate the Gloucester fishing fleet and the big business interests centered there.

They want to know why, if they are willing to work over the holidays, they should be denied the opportunity. Wouldn't it make more sense from the fishermen's standpoint to allow each port to choose a period when it would limit their catch and still keep the over-all catch under quota?

These are valid questions our Congressmen and Senators should be asking. Long Island commercial fishing, although not as large an industry as New England is vital to Long Island.

Our Congressmen and Senators should be in there pitching and fighting for Long Islanders' rights and not just accepting bureaucratic decisions as law. And why not?

### Scuttling the charter revision

Before a charter revision commission could be officially formulated, the lame duck Democratic county legislature has done its part to insure it will be a donnybrook impossible to manage.

In the last act of the legislature, the Democratic controlled body appointed five activist democrats to the commission. Most of the appointees are rejected former candidates, who hope to keep their names in the limelight for future bids for elected office.

In keeping with the Democrats, Republicans are expected to name 10 partisan Republicans to this commission.

The commission will be politically split and in the hands of the political power brokers.

Suffolk County government, the working model of the County charter, is in shambles. The Charter needs a thorough updating and revision. This can best be fulfilled through non-partisan persons whose primary interest is the future of the county residents.

Stacking the revision committee with partisan Republicans and

Democrats, all political opportunists, will negate the value of this commission and eliminate the possibility of it making a meaningful contribution.

Severe damage has been done by the Democrats. We can only hope the Republicans show some better sense and do not make all of their nominations based solely on politics. And why not?

During the battle over hiking Social Security taxes was the side issue of bringing all federal employees into the system.

Social Security, of course, is controlled and administered by the federal government. Yet, the federal government has successfully avoided having their employees become part of the system.

The federal government enjoys the luxury of having their own retirement system for their employees. This system is more stable and less costly than the system it fosters for the public.

Those in favor of including federal employees in the system, argued that maintaining the two systems causes a weakness in the public Social Security system. As the federal government increases in size and private industry decreases, a larger burden is being put on the private sector.

If the federal retirement system was merged with the Social Security System, it would give Social Security a stronger financial base, a base that it desperately needs to avoid bankruptcy.

Merging the two systems would also eliminate the practice called double dipping. Federal employees receive

lucrative pensions from the federal government, but many also qualify for additional Social Security benefits.

To qualify, all they have to do is work at least one day per quarter for each quarter required for eligibility. Many employees have accumulated a substantial number of quarters prior to entering federal service, working at part-time jobs, attending schools and colleges.

Some of these employees take early retirement work in private industry long enough to qualify for Social Security and then retire on the revenues from both systems.

Congressmen and Senators are covered by this federal retirement system. Needless to say, as long as the public was not aware nor was it screaming, they were not about to give up this twofold, "hand in the trough" concept.

As a result, the federal pension system was not merged with the Social Security system this time around, but if you let your Senators and Congressmen know your feelings, there is a chance it will be in the forthcoming year. And why not?

## READERS' OPINION

'How could one doubt their motives?'

Dear Editor:

In response to the article concerning the Suffolk Cooperative Library System in the Wednesday, December 7th issue:

To worry about what Suffolk Cooperative Library System will do with a \$1.5 million dollar budget is groundless and short sighted. Mr. Verbese and other nervous Suffolk County librarians seem to have forgotten that the Suffolk Cooperative Library System staff was cut from over 100 employees to 33. Certainly, restoration of discontinued services to member libraries will be affected as well as reformation of inadequate existing services.

Both the Suffolk Cooperative Library System board of trustees and Mr. Sheridan have exhibited integrity, fiscal responsibility and a willingness to respond to the needs of member libraries that is unprecedented in Suffolk Cooperative Library System history.

Suffolk County libraries are diverse in so many ways, (size, budgets, etc.) with small libraries comprising at least half of the system. For the first time, we have a board of trustees and a director whose philosophy encompasses reaching out to small libraries

in every way possible. They are valiantly trying to improve the quality of library service in all of Suffolk County. Looking at the recent performance record at Suffolk Cooperative Library System, how could one doubt their motives. (L-7C)

Alice J. Rosenfeld  
Director

'If anything  
should be eliminated,  
it should be the bureaucrats'

Dear Editor:

This is in reply to your article a week ago in your paper about eliminating Social Security and recommending people writing their Congressmen.

I am 71 years of age, a W.W. II Navy veteran and have never accepted welfare of any kind and have paid Social Security taxes since 1937.

The present generation thinks that they are entitled to everything without working and that they can cast out the very people who made their gains possible.

Why should working people pay for the education of doctors, lawyers, etc., who gouge their patients, clients, for all they are worth?

Health, education and welfare were not mentioned in your article. These above mentioned were not part of Social Security in its inception.

Social Security was just that when it started. Employers and workers both paid into it. It was strictly a retirement plan.

If anything should be eliminated, it should be the bureaucrats along with health, education and welfare, who are a constant drain on the Social Security fund. (L-3C)

Sincerely,  
John A. White  
Coram

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### You can tell it's election year

Boy are we dumb. In fact, we New Yorkers must be the the dumbest people in the United States. That's the way Governor Hugh Carey and Assemblyman Perry Duryea are looking at us.

For 20 years, Duryea has been an Assemblyman and a good part of that time, he has been Assembly Majority Leader and Minority Leader. Carey for almost the same length of time was a Congressman and for the last three years he has been Governor.

With the Governorship up for grabs, this coming November, Carey and Duryea are jumping all over each other with tax cuts for us. "I'll cut your taxes \$500,000,000." "I make my bid \$750,000,000."

These statements are almost as good as Jimmy Carter's when he was running for President. Remember he is the guy who said, "I will never lie to you." "I am going to do everything I can to cut the average person's taxes."

Before he was in office two years, he raised the average Long Islander's social security taxes by almost \$2,000.

It's ironic eight years ago, Paul Adams, a Conservative, ran for Governor. He ran on a simple platform of fiscal integrity. When put in the corner and asked how he was going to reduce taxes, he said simply by cutting expenditures by 10 per cent. Everybody laughed at him and considered his plan irrational. They asked how can you cut back expenditures by 10 per cent without cutting back on services?

This same question should be asked of Perry and Hughie. How are you going to achieve this \$500,000,000 or \$750,000,000 tax cut? What services are you going to cut back or eliminate?

How are you going to withstand the pressure from the special interest groups these services effect?

If you are going to be successful in living up to this campaign rhetoric, and if you are so damn good, why haven't you cut out these expenditures for the last three or sixteen years, when you had the opportunity? And why not?

This editorial is written to Southampton Town Republicans. Southampton was once a bastion of Republicans in Suffolk County. Democrats were an oddity. There never had been anything but a Republican Supervisor for over a century. To our knowledge, there hadn't been a Democrat on the town board.

This all changed six years ago when Dode Hulse, a Conservative Democrat, was elected Supervisor and with him Conservative Dr. Nigro became Councilman. Hulse, although independent, did a lackluster job. When challenged by independent Republican businessman, Martin Lang for the supervisor job, this position again returned to Republican quarters.

Lang is not a backroom hack. He ran his campaign for supervisor independently of the Republican organization.

He looks at the job of being supervisor as an executive looks at running a business. It is his duty and obligation to produce for the taxpayers the maximum amount of services and conveniences at the least cost and with the smallest amount of red tape.

Lang had not even been officially sworn in when the Republican power brokers caucused and attempted to undermine some of the productive changes Lang had been proposing.

This is wrong. Dead wrong.

The powers to be in the Southampton Republican organization should have learned by now the voters of Southampton, although predominantly registered Republicans, are independents in their thinking.

They are sick and tired of watching their taxes skyrocket so the bureaucrats can exist in plush style. They want production from every dollar they spend. To get it, patronage must be eliminated.

Competent people must be employed on the basis of their abilities, their knowledge and their ambitions. People should not be placed in these positions because they got out the vote or conjured up contributions from the machine.

Lang brings to Southampton a tough, business-like approach. The residents of Southampton will reap the rewards from this kind of administration if Lang does not have his hands tied by the backroom boys.

Politicians of Southampton Town can be put in their place, if they know the voters are aware and concerned about what is going on.

The most direct way you can make your influence felt is to contact your local Republican zone leader and tell him to get off Lang's back.

Instead of causing problems, be constructive.

All the abilities, desires and strengths that Lang has will be wasted unless you show your support for him by contacting your zone leader.

If you don't want to talk to him, drop him a card. Published in this edition below is the latest list of the zone leaders, their telephone numbers and their addresses. Do it today. And why not?

### 'I call these big problems'

Dear Mr. Willmott:

Your editorial about the Farm Strike, we found to be one of the best written for farmers in a long time. The statistics you mentioned were well checked and I'm sure helped to enlighten the public a little.

You listed a lot of our problems, but one of our biggest is the government reports. They always seem to have a huge crop and yield country-wide and when all the dust has settled, this crop just didn't materialize. When the government has set back and watched us not meet ends for several years and then just break even for a couple of years, they all of a sudden find an export market for one year. It's almost a definite thing that we won't make money 2 years in a row.

Then we have the ones who are supposed to be on our side like the spokesman for the Farm Bureau who said the Long Island Farmers, "haven't had any particular problems." I wonder what he considers a desk full of bills, an empty bank account, having to hold down a winter job to help support your family, and a building full of potatoes that if all were sold at \$3.00 per hundred weight would only pay about 50 per cent of the remaining crop? I call these big problems.

You are very right in saying the middleman is our problem, because unless you farm at least 100 or more acres, there is little chance of making a living at farming and few starting that might be interested in farming have the funds it takes to start into this business on that scale.

We do enjoy the way of life aside from the worries of how the bills will be paid, but not many people can live today on what their grandparents earned and that's what the potato farmer is expected to do. The price of potatoes in the '30 and '40's was almost the same as today. I wonder if the spokesman for the farm bureau is making what his father or grandfather made, I really doubt it.

Thank you for letting me use your paper to release some of my biggest gripes about people who are supposed to be helping us make a living out of farming, when more often than not, what we have is an existence. Again, thank you for your good editorial, keep up your good work. (L-5C)

Linda & Louis Goltz, Jr.  
Riverhead

## READERS' OPINION

### 'So please allow me to say Thank You'

Dear Editor:

There really are a lot of NICE people in this world!

That was proven to me again during this past Advent Season. The Patchogue Chamber of Commerce ran an "Adopt a Family" center for needy families in the area, along with its many other holiday activities. The program got off to a relatively slow start but after an appeal by Jack Ellsworth, over radio station WALK, food and money began pouring in from far and wide. Our program was more successful than originally hoped for, therefore, about 30 families had a much better Christmas than they had expected to have.

Much to the delight, those who called to make donations and pledges of money thanked US for creating a situation where they could become donors and therefore really get into the true feeling of the season. They thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to help others who needed a helping hand.

Gifts in all amounts started arriving almost immediately. There were fives, tens, many twenty-fives and even one donation of \$100. from a local gas station and the largest donation (\$300) came from a publishing firm in Nassau County. Several local groups, I.R.S., the Social Security office, New York Telephone Company, and many, many others too numerous to mention, who got together and made collections of food and money from their offices.

"Please" and "Thank You" are phrases which too often go unused. So, PLEASE, allow me to say THANK YOU to one and all who helped make the Patchogue Chamber of Commerce's Adopt a Family program the success that it was.

We wish you one and all a Happy, Healthy and Productive New Year! (L-4E)

Sincerely,  
Anthony V. Lonardo  
Executive Director

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# willmotts and why-nots

David J. Willmott, Editor

## What a waste

Patchogue Village has long been an outstanding example of a progressive, yet fiscally responsible municipality.

Downtown Patchogue has kept abreast of the times, has preserved their shopping district and made many municipal improvements enhancing the quality of the village's well-being.

The village government recently has entered into a project that could overnight tarnish this image badly.

Sometime ago, the federal government in one of their generous and ill-conceived moods, played Santa Claus. They asked municipalities throughout the country to come up with projects they felt would be needed.

The village was persuaded by its planning firm to make application for a two-tier parking lot. The village made the application even though it felt there was no chance in the world it would be approved.

Lo and behold, the federal bureaucrats deemed this project a necessary improvement, granted the application and funded the project.

The parking garage will take nine months to one year to complete. The estimated cost is almost \$750,000, which comes out to \$10,000 per parking space. The parking garage is being built as a two-story structure and specifications do not allow for additional stories as they are needed.

A two-story, three-quarters of a million dollar parking garage for

downtown Patchogue, is an outrageous waste of taxpayers' money.

Granted, the residents of the village don't seem to be alarmed because this money is not directly coming out of their taxes, it's coming from the federal government. They are financing this project and thousands of others as equally ill-conceived.

We are sure if this idiotic proposal was put to a referendum and was to be financed by the taxpayers of the village of Patchogue, it would go down in a resounding defeat.

Because the funding is one step removed from the people, no one seems to give a damn. This is a sickness plaguing our entire country.

We hope the village trustees and the mayor, although deeply committed to this project, will take a second look.

Is there anyway they can really justify this kind of expenditure for such limited production?

While they are taking a second look, it would pay our Congressmen and Senators who voted on the appropriations funding such ill-conceived proposals to take a look at their actions.

Isn't it this kind of needless spending that is reducing the average working person's spendable income? Do we want or need this? Hell no!

We want to keep more of the money we earn and spend it on things that we consider worthwhile, rather than send it to Washington to be wasted in this fashion. And why not?

## The Joey and Johnny Show

Almost on cue, King Johnny walked in and took a seat on the right side of Sir Joey, presiding officer of the new Suffolk County Legislature.

And now, folks, that we have dispensed with the two-tier system of government in Sufferin County and combined them under the thumb of King Johnny, we might as well get down to business and try to figure out what the heck is the best way to dump both branches by eliminating county government in Suffolk.

It is obvious Sir Joey is not going to be an independent presiding officer.

The Republican majority on the county legislature will act and perform as puppets for the executive.

Unlike a bad television program, you can't do away with it by turning off the tube.

We are going to have to live and suffer through the Johnny and Joey Show for two years and hope they keep their damage to a minimum.

During this period, though, we should be exploring every possibility of reducing the county government to a size that the characters who run it can manage. And why not?

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## But we're not partners

LILCO received permission to raise your electrical rates by an average of 8.4 per cent starting this coming week. This comes on top of a 6 per cent raise they received last July. During the hearing, LILCO maintained they needed this raise to build Shoreham and Jamesport nuclear generating plants.

This corporation is piling millions of dollars into this questionable project and then turning around and landing the public pay for this capital construction out of current electrical rates. This is wrong!

Most of us are not partners of LILCO. We own no stock, nor do we own any bonds. Capital construction of any business, even electrical companies, should come from the issuance and sale of stocks and bonds.

LILCO has no right to get such financing from the sale of electricity.

If LILCO wants us to be partners by paying for the capitalization of the corporation, they should then issue a stock in this utility with our monthly electrical bills.

Who ever heard of a business charging a customer for their expansion, before they receive their product. You pay for the service as it is rendered at the going rates in effect at the time.

Operating as a utility, LILCO is supposed to be regulated by the Public Service Commission. The PSC is supposed to operate to protect the public from the monopolistic powers of this utility.

Instead of protecting the public's rights, they protect LILCO by allowing it to raise the current electrical rates to finance current and future construction.

An environmental group called Long Island Safe Energy Coalition is attempting to put together a ratepayer strike.

They are out gathering commitments from LILCO customers pledging to withhold 8.5 per cent from all future utility bills in protest against this immoral and unscrupulous rate increase. And why not?

## Have the thieves guard the bank?

Residents of the Southwest Sewer District are damn good and mad.

King John and his 18 cohorts have attempted to assess these residents the full sewer tax for this year even though the system will not be in operation before July. According to some, this is an optimistic date.

Over 2,000 residents showed up at a protest meeting in Islip. More than one half of them stayed the full two hours of the meeting outside in the bitter cold and rain. There is a taxpayer rebellion brewing and King John and his cronies know it.

For the first time since we have been publishing Suffolk Life, these politicians have reacted swiftly.

Unfortunately, their reaction is just about as bad as their actions that got the residents of the Southwest Sewer District into the jam in the first place.

King John proposed a creation of a Task Force to study ways to avoid the impact of this tax on the residents.

To head the Task Force, he has appointed himself and Sir Joey Caputo, the presiding officer of the legislature and one of the early engineers of the Southwest Sewer District. He has also proposed to load the committee with other political hacks.

This will insure that time is wasted, and the committee will be in force long enough for the anger of the people to subside.

King John's Task Force is like having the thieves guard the bank. The people trusted King John once, when he sold them the Southwest

Sewer District. Why should they trust him a second time?

We sympathize and feel for the people of the Southwest Sewer District. They have been outright lied to, conned, and robbed. They have watched the value of their homes slip to a point that many can't even sell out for the remaining mortgage payments.

It's pure chutzpah for King John and his eighteen knights in tarnished armor to even consider imposing this levy on these victims before they receive services.

But what can you expect from these people who have raped and plundered Suffolk County and gotten away with it?

We hope the residents of the Southwest Sewer District stay angry. Only if they keep up the pressure and raise their voices louder and louder will they avoid being victimized further by those who created the biggest pork barrel in Suffolk County's history.

Millions have been made by a few from this project. Now it will take thousands over the next 30 years to pay for it.

King John and the county legislature have sat up in their ivy tower too long and avoided a confrontation with the public. They believe they can get away with anything.

Only if the people continue to turn out, to speak out loud and clear can Southwest Sewer Districts be avoided in the future. Let the public be heard. And why not?

## Not what you'd call Yankee hospitality

Sound Avenue in Riverhead has long been considered a hotbed of New England Yankeeism. Many of the families who live there trace their roots back to the founding of this country.

About 10 years back, one of the residents, Joe Brush, part-farmer, part-mechanic and aviation buff, decided to convert part of his farm into an air field. At the time, Riverhead was without any air facilities.

Prior to Brush's facility, one had operated west of his property on Sound Avenue, but it was closed and the property converted into a potato chip manufacturing plant.

Brush went about establishing this park in the normal way. He made the necessary applications and received approval from the town board.

When the approval was granted, some of his neighbors and former friends, in anything but a friendly gesture, badgered the town board demanding the permit be rescinded. They argued the applications had been granted for limited use.

About the same time, a commercial operator was planning on setting up a network of short take-offs and landing commercial flights, serving all of Long Island as a commuter line to New York City. He named the Riverhead Park as one of the potential commuter sites.

Using this as the basis for their argument, the small excitable and vocal group was able to pressure the town board into rescinding the permit. In the meantime, Brush had gone ahead and invested a substantial amount of money in developing the park, including the burial of telephone and lighting company lines along Northville Turnpike.

Planes continued to fly in and out of Brush's even though the permit had

been rescinded. According to Brush, he did not charge anyone a fee for taking off or landing.

The only commercial activity at the airpark was his repair service for planes, trucks and cars which was permitted under zoning.

This small, vocal group came back into existence this past year and demanded the town stop air traffic from utilizing this facility. Brush made new applications and has received a lot of grassroots support.

The location of the airpark is away from the main residential area. Flight paths are laid out in such a manner that there is a limited amount of danger to human life and property.

Basically, the park is situated in the middle of several thousand acres of farmland. There probably is not a better site available in the Town of Riverhead.

Yet this small vocal group is trying every trick in the book to protect their own selfish interests. They are using delaying tactics and a law suit, dragging the environmental rules and regulations in hopes of wearing down this entrepreneur, who is simply trying to make a living and provide a service for the overall community.

The Riverhead Town Board should consider this application, based on the merits of what is good for the majority of the town, not for the limited few who consider Riverhead their private preserve.

Aviation came of age in the 1940's. For aviation to operate, they must have an airfield to operate from.

If this group wants to stick their heads in the sand and revert to the 1600's, let them demonstrate their willingness to do so by cancelling their supply of fuel, turning off their power, erecting outhouses and walking, instead of using their polluting automobiles. And why not?

## READERS' OPINION

"My heart goes to you"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

I am writing to you with heartfelt gratitude for the very welcome gift certificate you made possible for me to receive from the Genovese Drug Store. Anything extra a retired person receives is gravy - very good tasting gravy.

I know that somebody up there is watching over me, as I have received many prizes in my day, but each time, it is a separate thrill.

Your newspaper makes life's road easier to tread by supplying essential knowledge of current important happenings in compact, understandable form. For this, I thank you, also.

My heart goes to you with sincere wishes for everything that is the best. (L-3G)

Gratefully,  
Josephine Z. Flick  
Patchogue

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# willmotts and why-nots

David J. Willmott, Editor

## Five-year renewable tenure

New York State Parent-Teacher Association, at a recent state-wide convention, voted in favor of a five-year renewable tenure plan for the state educational system. The P.T.A. claims such a program will rid the educational system of incompetent teachers.

Teachers presently, after three years of service, have life-time tenure. Teacher union representatives would like you to believe there is a workable mechanism for removing incompetent teachers.

In reality, the system is cumbersome, lengthy and totally lacks common sense. As a result, a school board seldom is willing to attempt to remove an incompetent teacher. Instead of firing these incompetents, they shift them to where they think they'll do the least damage. Wherever they end up, they continue to hurt children and waste our tax money.

Teachers, like any other workers, can go bad without notice. They have no more right to life-time security than secretaries, production workers, businessmen or professionals.

Teachers argue they need this security to avoid political consequences. They claim they need protection from parents who disagree with the methods and means they are using to educate their children. This is a lot of hogwash.

In this day and age, few people, with or without tenure, get fired because they expose a different political philosophy than their boss.

In fact, many companies encourage their employees to become involved actively in politics and civic issues regardless of their political affiliation.

If a teacher is not doing their job or performing poorly, their actions will have a devastating effect on the

students. We doubt the principal or a school board would consider firing a teacher if one or two parents complained.

If numerous parents complain, and if these complaints are verified by the administration, some action may be taken.

But the best parents and taxpayers can now hope is the teacher will be transferred to a position where they cannot inflict damage on their kids.

The market place is filled with extremely competent, qualified teachers who have graduated in the last decade from colleges and universities. Many of these people would make excellent additions to any educational system.

They are frozen out of an opportunity to teach by the tenure system, which keeps less qualified teachers frozen into their jobs.

A five-year renewable tenure plan is a compromise. It is not the best

plan because it does allow an incompetent teacher to stay in a position after they have been discovered.

But at least after five years, they can be removed from the system without lengthy, costly and cumbersome court hearings.

Those teachers who continue to do a good job, who are turning out educated students would have nothing to fear.

Their jobs would be secure because of their abilities to educate. All parents should give serious consideration to a five-year renewable tenure system for the State of New York.

We encourage school boards to discuss the issue at their meetings and contact their Assemblymen and State Senators requesting they adopt the legislation making this law. And why not?

## A waste of their time, our money

In the past week, we were in our local library and saw two pieces of literature from the venerable Suffolk County Legislature under the name of Blue Point's John Foley, chairman of that body's hunger committee.

The four page brochures, placed on the library counter, were titled "Food and Weight" and "Fight Fat."

Just to give you an idea of the keen insight of these works, the "Fight

Fat" pamphlet contained such startling steps for weight reduction like "Reduce Calories" and "Eat good foods that contain all the nutrients." There was very little worthwhile concrete advice for anyone trying to lose weight.

It was especially ironic that only steps away, there were literally three or four shelves full of books containing thousands of pages of far

more useful information on diet and nutrition than these pitiful brochures.

Whether Foley, an aide, or someone in the health department prepared and printed these brochures is unknown. Although the cost of this venture may not be large, it is a valid indication of how our elected representatives are using, or more accurately, misusing their time.

We want our officials to work on

solutions to problems we ourselves can't solve. We don't need them to scrawl their names on second-rate pamphlets which have nothing to do with their job, just to get their name in front of the public.

The only thing appropriate about the booklets is that they came from the hunger committee. They were strictly from hunger. And why not?

## READERS' OPINION

### "They had better get involved"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

Twenty years ago, the state Education Dept. believed children should spend as much time on homework as was spent on academic subjects in school, or up to three hours a day. Very few students in those days were willing to put in that much time, but they perhaps studied forty minutes in a school study period and an hour at home.

Now, study halls are abandoned or are just social gatherings in many schools, and still less study goes on at home. Many students copy their friends' homework in morning homeroom time.

The time at home that should be used for homework goes to TV viewing. Only a small per cent of U.S. children learn to read and understand more difficult texts. Schools are allowing children to use pocket calculators at an early age, which destroys a fundamental grasp of arithmetic.

These facts have been known to our "leaders" in state and federal legislatures a long time, but they do not find it good politics to tell people that they should not let their children watch TV several hours a day. Most parents are glad to have this built in babysitter take away their responsibility for

paying more attention to their children. When Jane and Johnny become discipline problems because they can't keep up with the work in school, Mom and Dad blame the school and teachers.

They also complain that teachers are paid too much, although a teacher has to work fifteen years before he makes as much as a Long Island train conductor.

The U.S. may collapse for lack of enough well-trained, competent scientists, engineers, technicians, tool makers, etc., thanks to TV

and lazy parents. Teachers are not blameless, but those who try to maintain professional standards soon find that they are not popular with the administration and school board.

If there are a lot of parents who are really concerned, they had better get involved in PTA's and school board elections - NOW! (L-5G)

Sincerely,  
Frederick S. Lightfoot  
Greenport

### "Congratulations on your editorial"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

Congratulations on your editorial calling for the abolishing of the Suffolk County government, with the local town government taking its place. Such a move would make government more accountable and responsive to the citizenry.

I would further like to see all government expenditures, including government salaries and benefits, put up for a vote on a yearly or as-required basis. The idea of delegating this

important function to elected officials, state or local, has proven unworkable. Every time you turn around someone is picking your pocket via taxation.

If the taxpayers don't turn this thing around, we will have committed another financial debacle a la N.Y. City. (L-4G)

Yours truly,  
William J. Kloppenburg  
Centereach

### "The virtue of honesty is still practiced"

Dear Editor:

It is heartwarming to know that the virtue of honesty is still practiced. Because of this, my pocketbook, which was lost on Route 58 on December 29th, was returned to me with about a hundred dollars still inside.

What does one say to someone who has affirmed your faith in and hope for mankind? On such a momentous occasion, I found the

simple words of thanks to be inadequate, but an offer of a reward was declined with the phrase, "I hope that someone would do the same for me."

To Rhoda from Shoreham, I wish that your goodness may be returned to you a hundred-fold. (L-2G)  
In gratitude,  
Gloria Van Slyke

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## 'Money to elect you, no'

## Why give it away?

Most Americans could not give a damn about the Panama Canal. Our biggest involvement with it all will be in high school when we study about the construction and its location.

Yet, the Panama Canal is a valuable piece of property created and owned by the people of the United States of America.

It was created through the investment of over 20,000 lives. To build it cost billions of dollars. It is vital to our national security and for the free flow of goods from the West to the East Coast.

Panama, which is a creation of the government of the United States, is commonly known as a banana republic. It can change leaders, dictators, rulers and the respective forms of government as rapidly as the rest of the Central American and South American countries.

The government is unstable and whatever stability it does have is there only because of our influence.

In a fit of nationalism, Panama demanded the right to take over the Panama Canal. It is widely suggested this nationalism is the result of influence of Cuba and Red China.

Lacking the courage of past leaders, Carter within the first year of his administration, entered into an agreement that would GIVE the

Panama Canal to the Panamanian government. This GIVE-AWAY must be ratified by the Senate.

We listened to and have read arguments as to its merits and disadvantages. We have yet to hear anyone, from the President on down, discuss why we should GIVE this multi-billion dollar asset away.

When you are talking about billions, you are talking about every family in the United States GIVING AWAY hundreds of dollars in their personal investment in the government of the United States.

We suspect most people feel the same way we do. If I am in a charitable mood and I feel like giving away a couple of hundred dollars of my assets, I want to be in a position of picking my own charity.

I don't need Big Brother, President Carter, Jake Javits or Patty Moynihan to do it for me. If you feel the way we do, write Senators Javits or Moynihan instructing them to vote "no" on the ratification of the Panama Treaty.

If you don't care how the government gives away your money, don't write, but just remember when the Senate ratifies this treaty, your stake in America is going to be worth a couple of hundred dollars less. And why not?

Dear Senator Baker:

When President Nixon first took office, I wrote him a letter regarding concessions made to Russia, with the observation that most any Automobile Dealer could have made a better deal than any of the Treatys that this Country has made during my lifetime of 82 years.

This Canal Treaty is the worst give-away of our property and money yet. If you Senators let this Treaty go through, never again will this country ever make a treaty that will be to any advantage to us.

If you keep on raising the debt limit and giving away our money by foreign aid, indirectly through the World Bank to our Communist enemies, signing another Salt agreement that only we will keep, the first thing you know Russia will demand Billions from us to take back Alaska.

You should be justly proud of the picture in the U.S. News parading down the street with Communist Dictator Torrijos, drug

smuggler, friend of Castro, etc., who is no more trustworthy than the Russians who have been violating Salt 1 right along.

Your Democratic counter-part, Senator Byrd, when he came back from his trip to Panama, looked shamefully down at the floor when he announced that the Panama Treaty would be signed.

Do we have to pay this Dictator three hundred forty-five million; plus fifty or sixty million more a year over the 2.3 million we are paying now, to take the Canal off our hands just because he threatens us with war?

Not too long ago I attended a meeting at which 5,000 people were present and one Gentleman suggested that before anyone took a seat in Congress, he should have a sanity test. I agree with him.

Money to reelect you, NO. I would would gladly contribute to your defeat. L-5H  
Yours truly,  
Carl E. Vall  
Southold

## 'We are a long way from our goal'

Dear Sir:

On December 21, 1977, the Medford VFW Ambulance was involved in an accident with a tractor trailer truck and was completely demolished. The three crew members, all volunteers, were hospitalized with serious injuries. This ambulance was responding to a call for help.

Hundreds of people stopped at the scene of this accident to offer assistance and sympathy. Invaluable assistance was rendered by the Medford Fire Department, Farmingville Rescue and Patchogue Rescue Squads, which are also all "volunteer". The response from other human beings to this tragedy has been overwhelming.

Brookhaven Hospital was bombarded with phone calls for several days from people asking about the condition of the three crew members.

Because of our good driving record and our lack of funds as a "volunteer" organization

we did not have "collision" insurance on this vehicle.

Donations and offers of help have come from all over the island and Connecticut. I wish to thank all who have contributed to us.

But, we are still a long way from our goal of replacing this ambulance. Financial help is still desperately needed to purchase another "life saving" vehicle and replace equipment that was damaged. The same ambulance now costs \$5,000 more. Any donations can be sent to P.O. Box 796, Medford, NY, 11763, and will be greatly appreciated by all the "volunteers" of this squad and all who may someday need our emergency assistance. L-4H

Sincerely,  
Irene Finger  
Secretary  
Medford VFW Ambulance  
96 Oregon Ave.  
Medford, N.Y. 11763.

## 'I believe it is time to speak up'

Dear Dave,

I believe that it is time to speak up to the farmers, Hartmann, Gatz and others. I have watched the small planes many times at Riverhead Airpark and have been on the highway right next to the runway. These small planes make very little noise and only during the daylight hours.

If these farmers are interested in noise and the environment then they should practice what they preach. They have all of their potatoes sprayed by helicopter. The helicopters are the only noisy and offensive aircraft in the area. The helicopters dive bomb cars as you pass on the road, overspray houses, cars, small ponds, adjacent to fields and cause tremendous pollution in the air we must breath and drive thru. These helicopter have tremendous noise levels and start at five am. I am sure if a survey were taken these would be found offensive 100 to 1 as opposed to small planes. Farmers do not have to spray this way.

I sincerely hope as a voter that the small aircraft are allowed to continue flying and

giving pleasure to those who watch as well as to those who fly. L-3H  
Yours truly,  
Sympathetic

... express our,  
appreciation'

Dear Sir:

Before we get too far into the New Year, the folks up here at St. Charles Hospital would like to express their appreciation to all those who were so thoughtful during the recent holiday season.

Numerous carolling groups and community organizations dropped by to cheer our patients. As one mother of a pediatrics patient said, "This is what makes St. Charles so special".

We'd also like to thank our community newspapers, which make it possible to keep everyone informed of the hospital's numerous activities.

On behalf of everyone at St. Charles, I want to wish one and all a happy, blessed New Year. L-6A

Sincerely,  
William J. Soriano  
Public Relations Director

## Isn't something better than nothing?

The state and county recently released recommendations that are almost a mandate requiring off-season or part-time police to receive a minimum of four hundred hours of training before they become eligible to serve.

As idealistic as this proposal may be, its implementation is next to impossible. Seasonal police are a way of life on the East End. These part-time cops are hired to take the pressure off the regular force during the high traffic and tourist season. They are mostly used to direct traffic and aid in population control.

These positions are filled by college students, teachers and others who have the summer off from either their regular form of employment or school. To give them the extensive training recommended, would place an impossible financial burden on the municipalities that use them.

Further, it is asinine to think of these people spending 20 or more weeks in school to work 10 weeks during the height of the season. Most of the people who take these jobs do not have 20 weeks available for training and work.

Where is the common sense in this proposal? Isn't this the kind of idiotic thinking that makes people look at our government and those who run it as first class fools? Why must government officials always have to come up

with elaborate and unworkable proposals to simple problems?

Let's face facts, part-time cops are not going to be involved in criminology, detective work or even anything that resembles criminal activities. Their actions basically will be confined to directing traffic, handling people and light patrol.

The system has worked effectively in the past and should be continued in the future, at least until the hair-brained idiots, who make such outrageous propositions, can come up with a way of financing these programs themselves and manufacture the time needed to train the employees. And why not?

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Due to a temporary mechanical breakdown, stories appearing on the pages of Suffolk Life are being set in a larger, darker type face. We expect to return to our regular type size shortly.

## Voters should have power to veto pay raises

In New York State, when a municipality and its police or firemen come to an impasse, negotiations are turned over to binding arbitration.

The municipality and the union must abide by the findings of the binding arbitrator.

Year, the legislature attempted to rescind the law mandating binding arbitration. Legislators throughout the state were overwhelmed by public employees demanding that binding arbitration be kept.

As a result, this reform bill went down to defeat. The findings of binding arbitration have been astronomical. Arbitrators neglect to take into consideration the taxpayers' ability to finance a settlement.

A major difference between public and private negotiations is in private negotiations, organized labor's demands must be kept in line with the ability of the employer to finance them out of profits. If the demands are outlandish and cannot be met, the business must cease and the employees lose their jobs.

In government, when organized workers' unrealistic demands are imposed by an arbitrator, the burden to fund them falls on the taxpayers. Since there are hundreds of taxpayers to shoulder the burden, no one seems to get upset when some of them cease to be able to carry their load.

Alarming, more and more people are falling by the wayside and it is about time our elected officials and the appointed arbitrators take notice.

There has been a constant exodus of these people from Long Island. This exodus is growing in proportion.

Senior citizens, who no longer can afford to live here, have been fleeing in great numbers. They are being followed by younger wage and profit-producing families.

The story of businesses pulling out is frightening and the trend seems to be spiraling rather than settling down.

In the early '70's, the New Jersey Legislature developed a law that allowed 5 per cent of the registered voters to petition for a referendum, if they felt awards given to public employees exceeded their ability to fund.

New Jersey returned to the voters and to the citizens the ability to manage their government and their finances.

New York desperately needs similar legislation. Voters and citizens are the stockholders in the State of New York, and their various municipal branches. The politicians or the elected officials are only overseers.

Arbitrators, whose word is law, are part of the government. No matter how impartial they might attempt to be, they are, in reality, passing judgement on their own salaries.

These judgements have raised incredible havoc with taxes and will continue to do so. Settlements that are made should be subjected to the will of those who must pay the ultimate bills.

We strongly recommend this year's state legislature enact legislation giving the voters the power to accept or reject all settlements made between the elected officials and public employees. And why not?

## Always trust a lady

You can always count on the grandest lady of them all, Mother Nature, to do the expected. With the millions of dollars we pay in taxes, we would hope we could count on the politicians we hire to do something right some of the time.

Over the last two weeks, Mother Nature did her thing. She threw at us normal winter weather and the politicians once again proved they were not up to the jobs they were hired for.

Residents of Huntington and the North Shore remained without heat or lights for almost a week while the politicians negotiated back and forth of ways to help.

Leadership from the County Executive was appalling. The situation was already critical and into the third day before he seemed to even notice. In the meantime, LILCO, who was unable to cope with the ice, was calling for trucks and men to be moved in from as far away as Chicago and Detroit.

The federal government, in its normal bureaucratic way, couldn't seem to make up its mind whether to allow military aircraft to be used to transport these vehicles and men.

When the feds finally consented, it raised the ante up to a price LILCO felt it couldn't afford.

Somewhere in this story, you are supposed to feel that LILCO was the good guy, but we can't help wonder why LILCO did not at least fly these men in on commercial carriers to supplement their own over-worked forces. The equipment was obviously needed, but manpower was the real crucial shortage.

Carey mobilized the National Guard on Tuesday. These weekend soldiers took off their business suits and coveralls and donned their fatigues in record time, but typical of our government, it was an exercise in hurry up and wait.

As the troops rolled into Hun-

tington, there were no orders for the jobs to be done. Hundreds of men laid around in armories and watched the day go by for no one knew what they were supposed to do.

Carey claimed he moved them into these areas in anticipation of the heavy snows that were supposed to arrive on Tuesday but luckily turned to rain.

Thursday night and Friday's snow was even a worst disaster. Accumulations started to build as early as 8 pm. By 10:30, there already was a good two inches on the ground. Weathermen had revised their forecast and instead of two to five inches were calling for five to 10 inches and there was increasingly less talk of rain.

During this period, we never noted a snow plow in operation. In checking with our reporters who live in other parts of the county, they also noted a lack of activity. By 3 am, it was obvious we were in for extremely heavy and abnormal snow fall. The snow plows, that are normally in full gear even with half the amount of snow on the ground, were conspicuously silent.

As a result, darn near everything was closed down Friday. Saturday was not much better. Ironically, Mother Nature probably came to the aid of this human misjudgement early Friday afternoon. The snow changed to a freezing drizzle and coated the top layer of the snow with ice, keeping it from blowing and drifting. In talking with LILCO repairmen and highway department workers, it is plain they have been doing everything possible to cope with the situation.

But as one said, hey! there is just so much us Indians can do, the chiefs are calling the shots. We've got to follow their orders even if they are wrong. Maybe we should choose chiefs who have some common sense and the guts to make a decision. And why not?

## Readers' Opinion

'One of the largest legal ripoffs'

Dear Mr. Willmott:

I read with great interest your article, "But we're not partners" re: LILCO's granted permission to increase electric rates by some 8.4 per cent due to the fact that they need these funds to build their new Shoreham and Jamesport nuclear generating plants.

I am retired from the Exxon Corp. and guess that I've been out of touch too long. If my poor ole feeble mind serves me, it seems to me that when Exxon wanted to build a new refinery or some such facility so that they could make more money for their stock holders, they issued new stock or instituted some other internal private corporate financial arrangement.

I must at least give credit to LILCO for their gutsy approach and say that if they can get away with it, more power to them since it appears that no one seems to care.

I can only assume now that when Exxon wants to build a new refinery that all they

have to do is increase the price of gasoline a few cents a gallon along with the proper explanation. By the same token, I imagine that the A T & T Co. will soon be able to increase their telephone bill by 10 per cent or so, so that they can buy prettier new telephones that they will sell to us.

When I first read about the LILCO price increase being for the purpose of covering new proposed plants at Shoreham and Jamesport I felt sure that it had to be some inaccurate news reporting. When I read later in your article that it was in fact true I was truly flabbergasted.

It would seem to me that this could open a whole new can of worms such as, when the plants in Shoreham and Jamesport are completed, will I in Coram get some proportionate share of a property tax reduction such as the Shoreham and Jamesport folks will. . . after all I did help finance those facilities. Also, if I move to

Florida within the next couple of years will I get my 8.4 per cent back as I will never receive any benefits from these plants that I helped finance? . . . Hardly!

I think that this has to be one of the largest legal (?) rip-offs to be put on the public

consumer in years. It's an outrage and for the life of me do not understand how LILCO is able to get away with it. L-9H

Very truly yours,  
Robert G. Denihan  
Coram

### Correction

Dear Dave Willmott:

Would you please make the following correction - The six parts of Family Court sit in Riverhead 1 day a week on a regular basis, to handle cases from the East End area, not the local justice courts as reported in para

No. 2, under "Justice Courts Efficient". The Family Court proceedings are monitored by members of The Riverhead-Southold and Southampton LWV. L-10H  
Sincerely,  
Joy Carolyn Butt

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## Cooperation makes sense

The Middle Country school district and the Three Village Swim Club are considering a cooperative project to build a half-million dollar swimming pool. The pool would be used jointly between the school and the club.

Preliminary negotiations have been based upon the concept of the swim club building the swimming facilities on school grounds.

For the right to build on school property, the school would have use of the pool for students and thus enlarge and enrich their physical education and extracurricula programs. Negotiations are far from complete. Agreements still must be reached on what portion each will pay for the maintenance and upkeep of the facilities and approval will be needed from school district residents.

This type of proposal is long overdue. We have often winced at the waste of school facilities and wondered why they were not better utilized to improve the quality of life for the entire community.

It seems ridiculous to have a building, land and facilities being utilized for the limited amount of time school is open and then lying idle in summer and on vacations when it could be used to fill the community's needs.

The lack of cooperation between school districts and the community in which they are located is so abominable, communities have had to go out and build additional recreation fields, tennis courts, baseball fields while these facilities, controlled by the school districts but owned by the same taxpayers, are locked up and out of use after school hours.

Going one step further, look at the

number of clubhouses that have been built and meeting rooms that must be hired because school facilities are not readily available, to the public. Part of the reason for this lack of cooperation is that school officials claim that insurance regulations do not permit the use of facilities for other than school-related projects.

This is more hogwash than truth. As a businessman, we know there isn't an insurance policy you can't write to include anything you want it to. We suspect the real reason for the lack of cooperation has been the protectiveness of some school administrators, who are determined to maintain absolute and unequivocal control over their fiefdom.

This provincialism has come back to haunt many schools districts. The voters have increasingly looked with disdain upon schools and, at times, almost as their enemy.

Instead of the community feeling they are part of the school district, they feel it is an untouchable form of additional government for which they are assessed but have no input.

Mutual utilization of school facilities is an ideal way of drawing the community into the schools.

Additionally, mutual cooperation projects such as being proposed for Middle Country extend the value to the taxpayer and the service to the community by making the facilities more productive.

We trust the members of the Board of Education of the Middle Country School District and the Three Village Swim Club will actively pursue this idea and bend to meet the community's needs. And why not?

## The world's three greatest lies

We have all heard of jokes about the world's three greatest lies.

Obviously, Jimmy Carter has also. He seems to be doing his darnedest to give us three fresh ones...

When running for President in 1976, he was quoted as saying, "I will reduce the size of the bureaucracy." One year later, over 9,000 new employees have been hired by the federal government.

He also said, "I would never do anything to hurt the poor or the middle class." One year later, he ups and doubles the middle class' taxes for Social Security, reducing their real income by estimates ranging up to 15 per cent.

Then there was the promise, "When I am President, I am going to balance the budget." One year later, smiling Jimmy turns in the first one-half trillion dollar budget in American history. It's out of balance before it is

even adopted by \$68 billion.

And that ladies and gentlemen is the President of the United States. Is this someone you can trust? And why not?

## Withholding the King's ransom

We take our hat off to Supervisor Peter Cohalan and Babylon Supervisor Raymond Allmendinger. They told John Klein and the rest of his cronies to go fly a kite.

They are not paying the sewer taxes the county is demanding from the town residents for a sewer system that is not hooked up, not working and has been filled with fraud and deceit.

It is about time someone stood up for the people's rights. The dishonesty, lying and outright corruption surrounding the Southwest Sewer District is an absolute disgrace.

It is the kind of thing you might have expected to happen during the days of Tammany Hall, but not here in Suffolk County. Klein's latest move that prompted the town rebellion was his demand for the residents of the Southwest Sewer District pay taxes now, even though they promised not to levy until the sewers were wet and operable.

Klein's "pie in the sky" estimate

has been contradicted by many professionals, who claim it may be up to four years before this whole system becomes fully operable.

No taxpayer should be forced to pay one penny in taxes for this system until the main in front of his house is in operation as well as the auxiliary systems that make the sewer fully functional.

Taking these hard-pressed taxpayers' money under false pretense is not only immoral but we consider it down right illegal.

We are happy to see Cohalan and Allmendinger putting up a fight against this unrepensible grab by Klein.

Residents of the Southwest Sewer District must support the efforts these supervisors are making.

Fair-minded residents throughout the county should join them. Klein, Flynn and the rest of the Southwest Sewer crowd must be stopped now once and forever. And why not?

## Readers' Opinion

### 'Thanks for letting me have my say'

Dear Mr. Willmott:

Generally I am in agreement with your editorials, however, I must comment on your goosey gander editorial on Social Security on January 4, 1978.

The federal Civil Service Retirement Law was enacted in 1920. The Social Security Law went into effect in 1940. The federal employees have paid their percentage share on their full salary, not on a portion of it as in Social Security. Please note the following:

Federal employees contribution to retirement fund by per cent
Aug. 1920-June 1926 2½
July 1926-June 1942 3½
July 1942-June 1948 5
July 1948-Oct. 1956 6
Nov. 1956-Dec. 1969 6½
Presently 7

Social Security Contributions by per cent
1940-1950 1 on \$3,000.
1950-1960 various changes resulting in 1960 level 3 on \$4,800
1960-1970 further changes resulting in 4.8 on \$7,800.
To present changes have resulted to 1977 rate of 5.85 on \$16,000.

Using the history of contribution levels in the two systems shows that an employee who made \$3,000 in 1940 and increased his earnings by \$300 per year to a level of \$13,200 in 1974 (35 years later) would have contributed \$17,820.75 into the retirement fund. An identical employee salary situation under Social Security would have yielded \$5,953.20.

The Social Security fund is in trouble not because the federal employee is not in it, but

due to the liberal congress expanding it beyond what it was originally intended for. Let Congress return the law to its original purpose and the cost would be cut considerable. Do not blame the ills of the Social Security system on the federal employee.

Putting the federal employee into the S.S. system will not save it. It would be putting good money after bad, somewhat similar to the New York City financial situation. The more money into it and they will spend it.

Congress should save the Social Security system, but let them not wreck the federal Civil Service Retirement system in doing it. The Retirement fund presently is in a sound condition. Tamper with it and the country could wind up with two sick systems.

As to the lucrative pensions received by federal retirees, let the facts speak for themselves. Latest figures available from the Civil Service Commission reveals the average federal annuity for all retirees from career clerical staff to ex-Presidents to be only \$561.60 per month. For almost half of them, this represents their sole source of income. Hardly a windfall.

Federal employees pay full income taxes both Federal and State after withdrawal of their contributions, usually 18 to 36 months.

Thanks for letting me have my say for all the retired federal employees. L-11H  
Sincerely yours:

Michael P. Palazzotto  
President Suffolk County South Shore  
Chapter No. 1264, National Assn. Retired  
Federal Employees.

### 'They say pay or else'

Gentlemen:

It is with deep regret and sorrow that I read in yesterday's paper that LILCO had been given another rate increase by the public's watchdog, (THE P.S.C.) by a 5 to 0 vote.

Perhaps you can explain in your newspaper why they are allowed to raise rates despite their enormous profits, to build new plants which will further enhance their income and profits, while other companies (except the telephone co.) if they want to expand must take the money out of their profits, they cannot go before the PSC and say (we want to raise our prices).

LILCO knows we need their product, Suffolk County needs their product.

LILCO knows that they have a strangle hold on business and the people and they say (PAY OR ELSE). L-8A.

Very truly yours,  
Disgruntled

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