

New York Style Hoof and Mouth Disease

The only true asset a politician has is his word, and the word of two would-be candidates came under close public scrutiny this past week because of the absurdness of their utterances.

Congressman Bruce Caputo, in his bid for the Republican nomination for U.S. Senator, put his proverbial hoof in his mouth when he was alleged to have claimed he had served, during the Viet Nam War, in the Army as a lieutenant. Caputo is reported to have made this claim to at least a half dozen different reporters. A check of his record has indicated he beat the draft by going to work for the Defense Department as a civilian.

When this furor developed, Caputo denied he had made these claims, charging that it was a figment of the reporters' imaginations. These allegations were subsequently followed up with more. On some Congressional records he is listed as a Protestant, on others a Catholic. We don't know what he is, and we care less.

It has been further revealed he claimed he was graduated from Harvard with distinction. Harvard acknowledged his graduation, but the school has indicated they did not give out "degrees of distinction" at that time.

Caputo's credibility has been damaged substantially as are his chances of ever becoming a U.S. Senator from New York. Most Republican and Conservative leaders have withdrawn their support. Caputo should withdraw from the race graciously.

Mayor Koch, not to be outdone and typical of a Democratic trying to do it bigger and better, has put both feet in his yap.

Early last week, he formerly announced his candidacy for Governor. He went to great pains in saying he intended to be a Governor of all the good people of New York; not just the city, which he loves and adores.

On Wednesday, the new issue of *Playboy* hit the streets. This month's interview was with Koch, quoting Koch as saying he thinks the suburbs are sterile and rural life is a joke. He degradingly speaks of hicks driving in a pickup truck 20 miles to buy a gingham dress or a mail order suit from a Sears and Roebuck's catalog.

Koch made these derogatory, prejudiced statements while admitting that he had never lived in a rural or suburban area.

He also went on in this review to call his successor, Carol Bellamy, a pain in the ass. The article is laced with other foul mouth comments about things outside of the parochial interest of the Mayor. The following day, the *New York Post* announced that Koch is thinking about becoming a father at 58 without a wife. This is even more ludicrous than his feelings about people and places outside of New York City. There are few men in their right minds who consciously make a decision at 58 years of age to become a father and, more important, be a father over the next 20 years.

Koch obviously, by his own comments, loves New York City and has an aversion to the rest of the State. We think he would make a great Governor of New York City and we would be delighted to support a proposition for the removal of the City from the rest of the State, and its creation as a new State, or even as another country.

We find little humor in Koch's statements. They reflect his true feelings and beliefs and, because of this, it is inconceivable he should be seriously considered as gubernatorial material for a State as big and diverse as New York.

Koch has had his laughs and now should, in good conscience, rescind his bid for the Democratic nomination.

And why not?

Killing the Goose

The Hamptons, instead of being prosperous, could be in economic chaos if it were not for the second homeowner, vacationers and tourists. This is the single most important industry in the area. Yet, Southampton Town officials, in their attempt to be God-like, are hell bent and determined to kill the goose that laid the golden egg.

The weapon of these gods is legislation, laws that say "no" to enjoying and having fun in the Hamptons. They have a host of old laws on the books which they admit they do not enforce to control group rentals. Because the old laws have not been enforced, they have felt compelled to come up with new ones. The new one is a doozy, one sure to dry up

many of the rental possibilities in the Hamptons.

The law requires owners of homes to obtain a permit from the town before they rent. Failure to comply can subsequently mean a heavy fine or imprisonment. Compliance guarantees the I.R.S. a hit list of all renters.

Many of the summer rentals in the Hamptons are rentals offered by year-round homeowners. They make a few extra bucks to help put the kid through school and pay the mortgage. You can bet your sweet bippy most do not declare the rents received as income. When an official list has been posted with the town, it will become very easy for the I.R.S. to check who declared the income and who didn't.

If the rents are taxable, many homeowners will pull their accommodations off the market. With the scarcity of rental units, vacationers will go elsewhere, business will suffer. The goose that laid the golden egg will be killed.

As if this is not enough, the town is also contemplating the passage of a law making it illegal for anyone, owner, crew or charter to sleep aboard a boat for more than four consecutive days, not only at town marinas, but private ones as well.

Most boats over 28 foot are virtually floating motels. They are built to be slept on, to be lived on. Many people who moor their boats here on the East End spend vacations on them. Some stay aboard on weekends, others the whole summer. Some of the larger sportfishing boats are manned by full-time crews, and require the crew be in attendance 24-hours a day.

We understand the real purpose of this law is to control the new house boats now being introduced in the boating market, which are in essence,

bungalows on pontoons. Personally, we do not find these craft offensive. In fact, we would think a water front resort community would encourage this development, as it expresses the base of the economy substantially.

Boaters, be they cruisers, fishermen, or those who simply enjoy dockside living, bring huge amounts of fresh dollars into the Hamptons. They require a minimum of governmental services. Instead of putting up obstacles and road blocks, we should be encouraging, governmentally, the attraction of this business.

The local law currently under consideration by the town board which would ban sleeping on boats for more than four days at a time must be thrown out. What on earth would be next — the limiting of the length of time one can have company in their own homes?

The members of the Southampton Town Board have shown in the past they are capable of utilizing good, common sense. Let them use it now! And why not?

Now Is The Time To Continue Conserving

Fuel and gasoline prices are going down. Almost every day, for the past couple of weeks, we have noted the price dropped a penny or two a gallon.

A time to rejoice? Yes, but also a time for caution.

The prices are dropping because there is a glut on the market that even the oil companies can't continue to manipulate. The glut has been caused by world-wide conservation. We have cut back our use and our purchases. We are driving smaller cars. We are insulating our homes better. We have used alternate methods of heat and energy.

For prices to continue to fall or remain at a depressed level, conservation must be practiced more consciously now than ever before. Let there just be a slight increase in demand and oil companies will jump at the opportunity to increase prices unmercifully.

Only if we continue to cut back and hold our usage of gasoline and oil to a minimum, will you see stable prices. Do your part, keep the speed down in the car and the thermostat in the house the same way.

And why not?

Readers' Opinion

Dear Mr. Willmott:

I just finished reading Village considers ban on single rooms, rentals.

Well, I lived here in Patchogue all my life. The saying is: "It's not what you know it's who you know."

Example: there's houses known as one family houses in the village. But somehow, they are renting out basements, family rooms converted into apartments without permits.

The village was told many times about this. Here is their answer: Inspectors go knocking on doors but the people won't let them in - so what happens, they go away and

the problem still goes on and on.
Patchogue resident

Dear Mr. Willmott:

The membership of the Polish American Independent Club of Port Jefferson Station offers a sincere thank you to you and your newspaper for covering our efforts in seeking "Human Rights for the People in Poland."

Yours truly,
Edward C. Wendol,
Club President
Port Jefferson Station

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Reagan The Fox

President Reagan proved during his first year in office to be a highly-qualified President. He took command and control. He had a mandate from the people. Congress listened, they passed his budget.

When Reagan presented his budget for this coming year, he was met with a barrage of bad publicity and flack from not only Democrats, but Republicans as well. The new budget he proposed was the largest in the history of the United States. In addition to the budget projected at \$770 billion, he also predicted a deficit of over \$100 billion.

The Liberals cried out this budget, the largest ever, cuts the heart out of social programs. The Republicans gnashed their teeth saying it was unconscionable that a Republican President would propose a \$100 billion deficit.

Since the budget was proposed, Reagan has appeared to sit quietly back. We think what he has been doing is acting like a fox spying on the hen house. Effectively, in doing so, he has caused Congress to paint itself into a corner. Congress now has to, on its own, come up with its own proposal

to cut the budget to hold down the deficit.

It should not be that difficult, for the budget is the largest ever presented in this country. Approximately 25 percent goes to defense, percentage-wise less than we were spending 10 years ago. The balance is used to fund the government itself, and social programs Congress has enacted.

Congress, has expanded the budget during the last ten years by four times. They had the ways and the means to increase federal spending 400 percent over the last decade. They should also have the ways and the means, now, to figure out how to hold federal expenditures to last year's cost, with increases for inflation. This is what Reagan has proposed. Reagan has thrown the ball back to Congress. He has told them, "Stop complaining, if you have a better way, show me, and we will do it your way. If not, we will do it my way, we will hold expenses at last year's level and under no circumstances will we raise taxes," and that is what all the crying is about.

And why not?

Preying On The Old

Last Saturday night, at 6:30 in the evening, an animal broke into my mother's home and damn near killed her.

My mother is a frail, 70-year-old woman. She lives in a well-regarded, senior citizen, mobile home community. The houses are close enough together to give what would have been assumed to be mutual protection, yet, far enough apart to allow for some freedom in air space.

This animal tried first to jimmy a lock. When a light was turned on he didn't run, as might be expected. He put his fist through a small window spraying glass in my mother's face. He then opened the door from the inside and proceeded to beat, strangle and suffocate my mother. Thank God she escaped with her life.

He wanted money, he probably figured she had just cashed her Social Security check. Obviously this animal is not very smart. Most senior citizens

have their Social Security and pension checks sent directly to the bank. They only draw off enough cash to meet their daily expenses when the need occurs. Senior citizens are vulnerable because of their age and their weakened condition. Few have many possessions, particularly cash that is readily available.

I am writing this editorial with controlled frustration for I know when this animal is apprehended, he will probably cop a plea for a simple burglary. All the other attacks will be dismissed in lieu of clearing the court on this one charge. By the time this one charge reaches the court, it will be plea bargained down to an even lesser charge. If he has never been apprehended before, he won't do time. Our courts and the District Attorney look at first-time offenders as worth saving.

Jail, they maintain, will only harden them. There isn't anybody

who is involved in a life of crime who doesn't feel that "the first time is free."

Our system of justice is in shambles. It is ghastly expensive, it's neither respected nor feared. It doesn't work. It has no guts.

The cops are limited in what they can do to prevent crime and, when a crime is committed, the rights of the suspect far outweigh those who have been victimized. When they are successful in apprehending a criminal, they watch in frustration as the District Attorney's office gives away the charges they have so carefully brought against the accused. At the stroke of a pen, hundreds of crimes can be eliminated for an agreement by the District Attorney and the defendant to be tried on one single charge.

Before the defendant goes before a jury, this single charge, more often than not, is reduced in stature from a felony to a misdemeanor.

The judges have it within their discretion to give harsh sentences, but rarely do they impose the

toughest sentences they are allowed. We have turnstile justice today.

Everybody in the system gets taken care of well, except the citizens, the victims. This condition is the breeding ground for anarchy. If society fails to provide the mechanism for protecting its citizens, it becomes the citizens' responsibility to protect themselves. Today the same fears that created vigilante justice are present.

Just look at the fear in the eyes of that frail, 70-year-old woman whose body is still shaking three days after this vicious attack, and your blood boils. You don't want any more hogwash from your elected officials. You don't want any more excuses from the cops, the district attorney or the judges. You want justice now, before some other old lady is not only unmercifully beaten, but killed.

You want these punks and these animals crawling out on the streets, done away with. You live by the law, you expect the law to serve you. If you can't you must find a better way to protect yourself and those you love. And why not?

Color My Face Red

When I goof, I goof in grand style. Last week in an editorial, I advocated the Southampton Town Board not enact a licensing law for rentals of property. My reasoning was this gave the I.R.S. a list that could easily be checked for tax evaders who remit their payment, but fail to declare tax income. This was wrong. Dead wrong, and I apologize.

No matter what the reason, no one, particularly an editor of a newspaper should advocate the avoidance of paying taxes or the violation of a law. It wasn't until after I had published this editorial that I realize the impact of what I had advocated.

I am still absolutely opposed to licensing of rentals because I believe it to be an infringement of the landowner's rights. I fail to see how the

law will do anything to control group rentals. Once a landowner has leased the property, the landlord is not in a position to act as a policeman. Their only recourse in the future is to refuse to renew the individual's lease. Owners cannot even effectively evict the offending parties due to the slow process of our courts, and the protection of leaseholders' rights. Summer would be long gone before the action came before a judge.

Be this what it may, using the argument that a list of rental properties would help the I.R.S. was wrong and I want to set the record straight. Under no circumstance do I advocate either breaking the law or evading the paying of taxes due under the law.

And why not?

There Could Have Been Light

The other night driving home from work in the twilight of the day, at 6:10 p.m., I found myself longing for the coming Spring and Summer.

Daylight savings time is less than two months away. Instead of dusk there will be sunlight.

Two years ago, the House of Representatives passed legislation which would have moved daylight savings time back from April 30 to March 1. This legislation made all the sense in the world. Our daylight would

be extended by an hour. The Senate failed to act on House's measure and, as a result, we are still living in darkness when there could have been light.

The opposition to moving the time back comes strongly from the utilities which benefit by an additional hour's usage of electricity. We encourage you to write your senators, asking their support to push back daylight savings time to March 1.

And why not?

Letter to the Editors

Dear Mr. Willmott:

I refer to Butler's letter. A fertilized egg is a new entity, "zygote," a new human life, containing all of its genes, etc. Nothing new is ever added physically to this new human life, rather, all is contained within itself, needing only time to grow. And when this child is born, nine months later, it is not even

fully grown then, not until about 18 years of age.

What color eyes the child will have etc. are all present-contained at the moment of conception.

Helen Parkans
Southampton

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Willmotts and Why-Nots

David J. Willmott, Editor

Maxine Holmes

May 5, 1925-March 12, 1982

A much loved and valued member of the Suffolk Life family, Maxine Holmes, passed away Friday.

Maxine had been responsible for the production of Suffolk Life for almost 15 years. The design and the readability of Suffolk Life were to her credit. She was a stickler for detail. During her career as manager of the Production Department, every ad, every news story, every page met with her close scrutiny.

Maxine was a very private, but a very warm, wonderful person. She has hundreds of proteges today, working in the graphic art field. One of her greatest joys was discovering a new talent, or a talent coming back into the field. She nurtured this talent

with a blend of praise, constructive criticism, encouraging the best, guiding the personality around the weaknesses and obstacles.

Maxine gave, in her early days, a real sense of professionalism to Suffolk Life. She challenged all of us to be bigger and better. She counselled all of us when we slipped, fell or did not meet our expectations.

Maxine was truly a member of the Suffolk Life family. She was part of Suffolk Life Newspapers. We will never be able to replace her in spirit and will miss her deeply. We pray that she finds the peace and happiness and the rewards she so richly deserves from the life that she led here on earth.

How Are You?

The headlines are filled with alleged effects Reaganomics is having on the country. Most of the stories are of gloom, painting a picture of near financial collapse and hysteria.

As positive as we have been on Reagan, his plans and philosophies, we, like many others, began to succumb to the constant barrage of negativism, until someone asked "How have you been affected." We have asked this of many other people, young and old, rich and poor. As one senior citizen put it, "I thought Reagan was going to be a disaster from what I had read, yet, I still get my social security check, and a small pension check. I have not noticed any cutbacks in service. Inflation or prices seem to have slowed down, which is good, because I am on a fixed income. In fact, gasoline is a quarter cheaper a gallon than it was a year ago."

A college student said he has found little difference because the family income was just over \$20,000 and he was precluded from most scholarships. His merit scholarship is still

intact. He said "Some of the kids are bitching on campus because they can't get food stamps which they had been obtaining, then selling."

Looking at our own situation, we find the mood more optimistic. Income taxes are dropping a point or two, just about enough to make up for the increases in Social Security increases passed a couple of years ago by Carter and Congress. The price of fuel has gone down and appears to be in for other substantial decreases.

The fuel adjustment charge by LILCO has been decreasing. Interest rates are falling; we take great hope in seeing single digit interest rates by the end of the year. This is encouraging us to contemplate borrowing for new equipment and for expansion.

We find a true optimism among business people. There is substantial talk, and some action, regarding the development of new products, markets and the creation of new jobs. We do not see great waves of poverty that were not there in the first place. We do not see where governmental services, even those useless or

superficial, are either being eliminated or reduced.

At this point, we like what we see. Reagan appears to have gotten us on the right track. If he can keep us on it, we are optimistic we will have an

economy and a country that will again produce for itself, so that it may enjoy the fruits of its labor and take care of those who are truly needy.

We're high on America.
And why not?

Get Off The Can

Our New York State Legislators should get off the can - the bottle - and get to work on implementing a state-wide deposit beverage container bill.

Suffolk, the eastern most tip of New York State has led the way in passing a local bottle bill. This bill goes into effect April 1. When it was first passed last Spring, it was hoped, it was anticipated, that it would be a message to the state legislature and they would follow through with a state-wide bill. That still has not happened.

We still seriously question how effective a local bill can be in cleaning up the mess, for beverage containers without deposit will be brought into Suffolk from the rest of the State. Make no mistake though, we are 100 percent behind a state-wide reusable, returnable beverage container deposit bill. We are not only appalled by the filth caused by the reckless disregard of beverage containers, but also the waste and the refuse created by disposable cans and bottles. The New York State Legislature and the governor's office have been under intense pressure from the bottling industry and the bottling unions not to enact such

legislation. As we witnessed here in Suffolk, these forces not only are vocal, but are politically skillful. Some of our Suffolk legislators who fought the bill received large contributions from these bottlers. We have not investigated the state legislators' financial disclosures, but we are willing to bet that those that are most vehemently opposed are receiving huge contributions. These contributions have brought the bottle industry strong, legislative voices. To overcome these voices, the people from throughout New York State must raise theirs in counter balance.

Every legislator throughout the State should be visited or written to by the residents who believe in a clean state. Our own legislators from Suffolk County should be leading the fight for we stand, here in Suffolk, to become economically disadvantaged through the loss of beverage sales that will go out of the county.

We expect a fierce battle by our legislators. Anything less than 100 percent of their effort should be suspect and a good reason to seek a replacement for them in November.

And why not?

St. Patrick's Day 1982

Today many a glass will be lifted, many a spirit consumed in the name of Saint Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland.

They say on Saint Patrick's Day there are few who are not Irish. Here on Long Island, it is estimated that well over 60 percent of the population has Irish blood. For those of us who do have Irish blood, the day should be more meaningful than an excuse to imbibe. It should be a day that we reflect on our roots, our heritage and our responsibility to the land from which we came.

Ireland, in 1982, is in the midst of a bloody battle, the same battle that drove our ancestors out of that country to our shores. The battle is over repression and freedom, over domination by foreigners, the English, who have, in a bloody fashion, manipulated and divided Ireland into two countries, the Protestant north and the Catholic south.

The battle goes on today in the streets and in Parliament. Irish Catholics in northern Ireland are considered and treated as second-class citizens. Ireland should be united, free to choose from a unified north and south their leaders and their government.

Thousands of men and women are interned, denied fair trials, stripped of their civil rights because they have

spoken out against repression and the foreign domination of their land.

This is not to say there aren't those that have gone beyond protest. Some who call themselves freedom fighters are cold-blooded killers. If America perpetuated these kinds of atrocities, we would be condemned, ridiculed and subject to sanctions and boycotts.

Yet, we as Irish Americans tolerate the English perpetuating such injustices.

What can you do? You have three courses of action: Write to your Congressmen, Senators and President, encourage them to put pressure on England to get out of Ireland. Support the various Irish organizations who are fighting to disseminate the truth about Ireland and are lobbying for its unification and freedom. Personally, you can make your presence felt by buying American. Reject any goods or products that come from England. If the Irish in America were to do this, England would rapidly get the message that although we are Americans by birth, we are Irish by heritage and we still do identify.

When you hoist that glass in the name of Saint Patrick, remember from where you came and that they are still fighting the same battle your descendants were driven from.

Pledge to do your part so there will be a unified, free Ireland.

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Shoreham Evacuation A Charade

Before LILCO's Shoreham nuclear power plant goes on line, regulations require that a sensible and workable evacuation plan be developed in case of an accident. A plan is in the process of being developed, but it is neither sensible nor workable, in our

view. That plan does not include the evacuation of all of Long Island, which would surely be affected. Nor all of Suffolk County, not even for all of Brookhaven and Riverhead, the two towns most directly involved.

Current Nuclear Regulatory Commission regulations call only for the development of a plan for the evacuation of a ten mile radius surrounding the plant. That regulation disregards the important fact that Long Island is just that - an island. The ten mile radius falls just three miles short of the waters of the bays and ocean to our south, and thus evacuation from the East End of Long Island would be effectively cut off if radiation from the plant exceeded the ten mile radius. Officials from the five East End towns are now demanding a satisfactory evacuation plan be developed for East End residents, and they are right in doing so.

The reason for the ten mile radius is

obvious. You can make an evacuation plan almost believable if you are only dealing with 100,000 people. If you put the million people that would be affected in case of a serious accident into the mix, there is no way a sane evacuation can be developed. An operating license for the plant would have to be denied because of the very obvious fact that the plant - an atomic accident waiting to happen - had been built in the wrong place, which could, because of its location, lead to catastrophic loss of life and property in the event of an accident.

LILCO's Shoreham nuclear plant is a potential time bomb waiting to go off. Those of us who live here on Long Island may not be as lucky as those who lived in the area surrounding Three Mile Island where the "accident that could never happen," according to experts, was contained at the very last moment. That accident was bad, but not catastrophic. We may not be as fortunate.

LILCO is playing Russian Roulette with our lives and the lives of our children. We as citizens have been, for the most part, ignoring that potential catastrophic event, satisfied to pray that it won't happen. But what if God doesn't answer our prayers? And why not?

State Take Over

LILCO's Shoreham Nuclear Power plant is scheduled to go on line in less than one year. The moment this plant starts operating and producing electricity, Long Island ratepayers will become liable for its tremendous cost.

That cost, when factored into our utility bills, is expected to raise the cost of electricity over what we currently pay by 70 to 80 percent. The average electrical bill will jump from \$65 to over \$110 per month. Up to this point, ratepayers have only been paying some of the financing of the construction cost.

To prevent this catastrophe, the New York State Legislature is investigating the partial or full take-over of the Shoreham plant by the New York State Power Authority. The precedent for this move was set when the New York State Power Authority bailed out Con Ed ratepayers, by taking over their nuclear power generating sites on the Hudson.

The N.Y.S.P.A. is also the agency which also produces cheap hydroelectrical power which is sold up-state New York to those utilities which charge their ratepayers only a fraction of what we pay for electricity here on Long Island.

If the State moves in and takes over Shoreham, the outlandish cost of this project will be spread over the entire state, and by the entire N.Y.S.P.A.

system rather than just Long Island ratepayers.

An increase of 70 to 80 percent in electrical bills will bankrupt many businesses here on the Island. The many homeowners, who are now nearing the financial brink, will be forced to sell.

LILCO is opposed to this move for it means they would lose control of this facility, and of its ability because of the plant, to get additional rate increases approved by the Public Service Commission. The management of LILCO is being typically short-sighted.

This management still feels that no matter what they charge, people will find a way of paying their bills. The Arabs are currently learning that there is an end to the market's ability to come up with new dollars to finance increases. Oil prices are dropping as alternatives to foreign oil have been found and conservation measures have had their effect. But it appears that the management of LILCO does not have the intelligence of the sheiks of Arabia. They still want more blood out of a stone. The only hope to save Long Island from the greed of LILCO is a state take-over of the Shoreham plant. We encourage you to write your local Assemblyman or state senator urging him to make the take over of LILCO's Shoreham operation his top priority.

And why not?

Six Year Terms

Under our governmental structure both here, in New York, and in the United States, holders of office are allowed to succeed themselves in that office. Presidents are limited to two elected four year terms, Senators run for four year terms and, as long as they are re-elected, they can serve for a life time. Congressmen run for two year terms and there is no limit on the number of terms they can serve. There is no limitation on Governor or State Senators or Assemblymen.

As our system is structured, an elected office holder barely has his feet wet, learned the mechanics of his position, and he is off and running again for re-election. The decisions he makes, the votes he casts are, by necessity, a combination of what is good for the people and what is good for his re-election.

Whether you like him or you don't, President Reagan has given us a good glimpse of what it is like to be able to preside without having to worry about re-election. When Reagan took office, he was 70 years of age. The chances of him running for a second term, although possible, are remote. He has been able to make decisions and propose changes without fear of ramifications at the polls. He has had the freedom to implement what he believes in.

There is growing support across the country for limiting executive positions to a single six year term, as well as limiting Senatorial positions to the same. Congress and Legislative seats would be limited, under the proposal, to two, three year terms, a total of six years. This proposal makes a lot of sense and is worthy of serious debate and consideration.

The proposal is coupled with a mechanism for re-call, whereby, through petition, a stated percentage of the populace could cause an elected

official who had acted arbitrarily against the people's will to stand for re-election. This builds in a safeguard against a dictatorially elected official.

An official elected under this process would be free to put politics aside and concentrate on the duties he was elected to fulfill. That system would end the situation where people continue to be returned to office solely because of their constituent service, regardless of their over-all record. The control of our state and our country through committee systems would be taken out of the hands of the few who, through seniority, virtually rule our lives. It would be much more difficult for special interest groups to gain favors at the expense of the majority.

A single six year term for President or Governor would draw to the position, better qualified people from outside of the political spectrum. Once in office, their hands would be free of political domination. They would be answerable to the people who elected them, rather than the bosses who exert such tremendous control. They would be better representatives for the people, and bring about a better form of government to live and operate under.

A six year term system must be initiated through a grass roots movement, as the established political machine on both sides of the aisle oppose the concept for it weakens and destroys the control and power they enjoy. It is up to us, the people, to institute such a movement.

We encourage you to think about it, to discuss this idea with your friends, your fellow workers, your neighbors. It is an idea whose time has come and could be a reality if you want it.

And why not?

Readers' Opinion

Dear Mr. Willmott:

I would like to thank you for your endorsement of Constitutional Amendment Number One, which provided a needed increase in the borrowing capacity of the Job Development Authority.

By approving the Amendment by a margin of almost 500,000 votes, the people of the State

have given us a clear signal of their concern for the improvement of our economy and the creation of new jobs. Thanks to your support, we in State government will be able to respond to that concern more effectively.

Once again, you have my thanks.

Sincerely,
Hugh L. Carey

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Why Are We Afraid of Gambling?

This past Saturday we took a junket to Atlantic City. It was our first visit there since the city legalized gambling. The city itself, although still partially run down, is in the process of rebirth and rebuilding.

Although it was a blustery Saturday, the famous Atlantic City boardwalk was swarming with people. They kept coming by the droves. Bus loads arrived throughout the day, with the passengers rapidly disembarking. The casinos were packed, as were the restaurants, cocktail lounges, and shops. The players ranged from those with little affluence to the wealthy. They bet their nickels and their dollars.

The one absolutely constructive feature was the thousands of people that gambling had made jobs for. The games were run, not by handsome, debonair croupier's and beautiful, well-built women, but by very everyday people, who you would normally find serving in any retail establishment.

Was the mafia or organized crime present? We are sure it is. Just as it is here on Long Island and wherever else a buck can be made legitimately and illegitimately. Was there prostitution? Not obvious, but we are sure it existed, as it does right here on Long Island, 24-hours a day.

The gambling in Jersey is controlled by the State. Besides the jobs created, the taxes garnered by normal spending, the State also derives millions of dollars in gambling revenues from the games of chance that are denied in those States that outlaw gambling.

Only a darn fool would argue there is no gambling in New York. There

are floating card games, crap games and illegal betting on all major sport events. We have legalized the numbers business as well as off-track betting. The big betters still bet with the underworld, for they pay no taxes on their winnings.

Everybody knows this goes on. Occasionally, generally just before an election, prostitution is interfered with and some of the more blatant gambling is busted. But, during the rest of the year, it is business as usual.

This business as usual costs the state millions of dollars in undeclared income. The beneficiary is organized crime. We have an economy here on Eastern Long Island that blossoms in the Spring, comes to fulfillment in the summer and is rapidly depleted in the Fall. We could enjoy a viable economy, year-round, as Atlantic City does today, if our state legislature would get their head out of the sand and legalize what is, in fact, already in existence.

Gambling has gone on since almost the creation of man. It is second nature with people to wager. For some, it becomes an addiction, for which all the laws and regulations in the world will neither stop or control. For most, it is a form of entertainment.

Maintaining unrealistic laws that serve no one, but the underworld, is hypocritical. Let's take our heads out of the sand, make gambling legal where it can be controlled, create employment, produce taxes and be regulated to serve the state and the people.

And why not?

An Eye For An Eye

The human being is the highest species of the animal chain. It is supposed to be the most intelligent, having the best capabilities of protecting itself.

Whether we like it or not, the animal kingdom is governed by a very simple rule, kill or be killed. Out

of this simple premise we, of the human species, have developed a society governed by a set of rules and regulations that when adhered to, provides a framework in which all can survive without physical harm to one another.

The violation of these rules

demands punishment as severe as the crime committed against our fellow man and the rules he has accepted to live with.

The rules for most men are found in the Ten Commandments. They are elaborated upon in both the Old and the New Testaments. In the United States, these rules are carried forth and have been incorporated in our Constitution and the Bill of Rights. These rules have been further defined by the Supreme Court of the United States.

The Supreme Court is made up of eight men and a woman, appointed by the President to lifetime terms. This group collectively, in their wisdom, has changed the rules and the regulations to protect the criminal element, the law breakers of society.

This was brought so graphically to our attention this past Sunday evening at Richard Berger's wake. His father, Jerry, told us Richard Berger was everything anyone could have wanted in a son. He was well-behaved, well-mannered, a bright student, full of life and plans for the future. Visiting a high school friend who was working as a service station attendant, he was senselessly shot in the head.

Shortly after this assault, he was declared brain dead. He was kept physically alive through mechanical means for an agonizing week. Jerry and Richard's mother finally had to make the decision to let the body die

in order for his kidneys to be transplanted, so that two other lives could be saved. Berger said, "Maybe they can have the miracle of life that was impossible for Richard."

At the wake, Berger asked me a poignant question, "Why should their rights be so protected, when they had no respect for the rights of my son to live." We had no answer, other than the collapse of the rules caused by the Supreme Court's desire to protect the guilty.

We could not help but think how many thousands of other tragedies will take place in the future; caused by those who know they will not pay for their crimes in proportion to what they extracted from the victims.

We have gone too far in this country. Call it barbaric, but we would have no qualms of going back to a life for a life, an eye for an eye, the amputation of an appendage used in the commission of a crime. These harsh penalties should be combined with the restoration of a penal colony system for the incarceration of those who repeatedly commit crimes, who choose not to live by society's rules.

Prisons do not rehabilitate. They should not be comfortable, they should be feared. Uncivilized, yes, for the uncivilized element of our society who refuses to recognize society's rules and has no fear of the system. It's time to turn the clock back.

And why not?

Recognizing The Problem

Basic logic tells you that before you address or solve a problem, you must recognize its existence. A few years back, we addressed the Riverhead School Board on the problem of drugs and alcohol in that district. We were met with hostility, ridicule and absolute denial that there was any problem whatsoever.

The presentation set off an uproar. By the next school board meeting, the district superintendent reluctantly admitted there was a problem and requested the school board address it. In today's mail, we received from Superintendent Alan Hernandez, a copy of district regulations on drugs and alcohol which he asked our aid in disseminating to the parents, students and the community. We are delighted to comply.

Unfortunately, though the Riverhead school's denial of the problem was the norm in many school districts. The attitude was, drugs, "There are none in my school." Alcohol use and abuse, "you have to be kidding." Because of the "stick your head in the sand" attitude, the problem grew until it touched virtually every family, every student in school.

Today, most schools recognize at least the national statistics. 90 percent of all students will try some form of controlled substance before graduation. They are developing rules and regulations and strict

penalties for those who refuse to abide by these rules.

Almost every district has some semblance of a drug-alcohol education program. Some are better than others. The Mattituck school system has one of the best, for it relies heavily upon student participation and peer pressure.

The Long Island Council of Alcohol and Drug Abuse has an excellent program available to schools, which it is delighted to present. It's a hard hitting program, one that several school boards and administrators don't particularly relish giving because it graphically points out what an alcoholic is, and the real dangers of substance abuse. Kids readily see their parents and leading citizens who are in trouble and may not be aware of it.

We are delighted that Riverhead has become positive and has gone on the offensive. Their recognition of the problem, their stringent rules and regulations will most likely halt some addiction, and save other students from a lifetime of misery and grief.

We hope the community, particularly the parents, support the program and don't try to weasel out of its consequences when "Johnny is identified." Drug and alcohol abuse strikes all races, religions and economic backgrounds. No one is exempt.

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