

LILCO Wants More

LILCO announced again this week it is seeking an additional rate hike. In the rate hike are requests for continuation of construction on Shoreham and additional funding due to costs related to the Shoreham controversy.

LILCO had an opportunity to abandon Shoreham two years ago and stop the horrendous waste of stockholders' and ratepayers' money. The Board of Directors refused to do what was prudent. They have wasted hundreds of millions of dollars in trying to salvage Shoreham. Two weeks ago, they were dealt a near fatal blow when the Appeals Board threw out the N.R.C.'s permission for low power licensing. A more fatal blow was dealt them simultaneously by Supreme Court Justice William R. Geiler, who ruled LILCO could not use its own employees in an evacuation plan. He ruled the company was attempting to usurp the powers of the state, powers that belonged to the people and not to the corporation. The combined effect of these two decisions could postpone the opening of Shoreham for two to three years, if not forever.

The P.S.C. has been presented with LILCO's rate request, and it will be a minimum of nine months before it will rule. That's plenty of time for the State Legislature and the Governor to move to put a stop to LILCO's rape of Long Island.

The Legislature has before it proposals that will clarify the used and useful principle of law that could put an end to this LILCO charade once and for all.

The Governor has three openings, to fill on the P.S.C., including the chairmanship. In filling these positions, he can make sure that the nominees are consumer advocates, aware of consumer problems and are not just using this position as a stepping stone to a career as a consultant to the industries they once regulated. That's happened before and it should be stopped now.

Cuomo has it within his power to be an advocate of the people. Will he play games as past governors have, or will he be the representative he has said he is? His appointments will tell.

And why not?

Some Call This Planning

Planning in Suffolk County has traditionally been the art of political compromise. Better described, it is the dumping on those with the least ability to defend themselves against the political greed of the power brokers, for the enrichment of themselves and their friends.

Let's just take a look at the past and a peek into the future. The Southwest Sewer District was the brain child of H.Lee Dennison. At the head of his planning department was Lee Koppelman. We as county residents and particularly the victims of the Southwest Sewer District were told that planning indicated we would be drinking water from our toilets if we did not accept the planners' dream of a humongous sewer district. The planners told us they had carefully calculated the cost, that it would be no more than \$250 million. The taxes would be minimal, the benefits magnificent.

As a result of the planners' foresight, we developed one of the most corrupt, scandal-ridden public works projects in the history of the United States. By the time the planners, the power brokers, the politicians, the bankers and organized crime finished with this little folly, over a billion dollars had been squandered.

Homeowners were being driven off their property because of taxes which rose to bankrupting proportions. The county's credit was imperiled and a sales tax had to be enacted county-wide to bail out this fiasco. The political career of John Klein went down the sewer. The political future of Peter Cohalan, John Klein's successor, has been awash in the sludge and is not much more optimistic. With this grand scheme barely brought to conclusion, we find the planners at work again.

Riverhead, historically and traditionally, is the seat of county government. A number of years ago, the planners decreed that tradition and official reality had no bearing on planning. Lee Koppelman's planning department recommended the duplication of the Riverhead County Center in Hauppauge, just a few miles from the Nassau County border. His argument then was the county center should be nearer the mass of population. Money was borrowed, buildings were erected, taxes were raised to meet these altruistic planning expectations. The county seat was split in half, efforts were duplicated and the taxpayers paid the bill.

In the 80's, although the population explosion is taking place in Brookhaven and in the five East End towns, the "planner" again struck. He proposed: Move all the courts from the East End to the West End. Again he argued that population is in the west end of the island, not the east. It's inconvenient for people to drive to Riverhead from the west end. Somehow this planning logic escapes us, as it ignores the fact that it is just as inconvenient for the East End people to drive to the west, as for the west to drive to the east. Common sense would tell you that if you were fair and just, you would make the drive equal from both extremes, which was the decision our forefathers made when they chose Riverhead as the County Seat and the mode of transportation was horse and wagon. But then, who said planning has anything to do with common sense in the 1980's.

The buzz words for the 1983-1984 planning are again clean water, aquifer, pine barrens and recharge basins. Remember the Southwest Sewer District? And the talk about clean water, discharges and toilet water from your tap? From a planning sense, however, fresh water seemed to have been forgotten in the plan for the Southwest Sewer District. People truly concerned with planning, not politics, truly concerned with conservation, not political environments, questioned the concept of drawing down our fresh water supplies for the sewer district. Instead of recharging these processed waters back into the ground, we allow hundreds of millions of gallons a day to be pumped in the ocean.

Again in 1985, the "planner's" name comes into prominence in the matter of Article 7, the proposed development of a water preserve on private lands. Physical boundaries for this alleged preserve were drawn without the proper research and development. Arbitrary borders were set up, we suspect, more out of politics than out of attention to either natural above ground water flows or the direction of water flow beneath the surface. Many suspect Koppelman is the actual author of Article 7.

Water for Long Island comes from rainfall and settlement and underground rivers and streams that we have been told originate in New England. These underground rivers and streams feed three primary deep-seated fresh water domes located on the North Fork between the Town of Riverhead and the Town of Southold, in the Selden-Farmingville area, and the last is in the area of Levittown. Water from these domes is

pushed out and is forced to the surface through streams and artesian wells. Wells are tapped into the sources and, in some areas, they rise naturally through springs to feed lakes, ponds and swamps which eventually find their way into rivers which handle the overflow.

The dome we are most familiar with is the one located between the Riverhead and the Southold Town border. Twenty years ago it was the center of attention and controversy. A politically connected developer from the west end had sold the Town of Riverhead a bill of goods. He alleged he intended to establish a massive deep sea port to the east of the Iron Pier, almost on the Riverhead-Southold Town border. This deep sea port was to be the site of a massive industrial park, it would provide 10,000 jobs. He sold his project, received his permits and started to dig, or should we say mine, the huge sound cliffs. Conservationists had alleged that the industrial park was nothing more than a dodge for a sand and gravel operation. Shortly after the company commenced work, salt water intrusion was noted in the perimeter of the property. The operation came to a screeching halt as everyone was up-in-arms about the possible contamination of the fresh water dome that lay in the vicinity of the project.

Subsequently, the property was sold to the Long Island Lighting Company. LILCO proposed for this site its second nuclear power plant. It was turned down in that application. As Shoreham went sour, its need for capital became great. It became obvious that it could profit by selling this property. Rumors had been rampant about prospective buyers.

This past Wednesday, the state announced that it was very interested in this site for a future garbage dump, recycling plant and an ash burial grounds. A whole scenario had been worked out for the moving of garbage from Western Suffolk to Jamesport by rail and truck. The garbage would be off-loaded onto additional trucks, taken to the old LILCO site where it would be dumped, then processed, burned and the ash buried. We just learned that the chairman of the committee is none other than the "planner" himself, Lee Koppelman. It figures.

We believe the first thing that Lee has to do is to explain why it is logical to put the courts near the seat of population, but it isn't logical to put the dump in the center of the seat of the population that produce the garbage. The second thing he has to explain is why it's so important to protect thousands of acres of scrub oaks that he calls pine barren when it is not important to protect the aquifer surrounding one of the three primary fresh water domes that supplies Long Island water? Somehow it doesn't make sense to us to dump millions of tons of ash, containing God knows what, on top of a fresh water dome, but then we don't have a degree in planning from a major, recognized university.

The third thing to consider is the track record of the planner himself. Actions speak louder than words.

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Willmotts and Why-Not's

David J. Willmott, Editor

Be A Real Friend of St. Patrick's

St. Patrick's Day is Sunday, March 17th, a day all those who are Irish and those who wish they were, celebrate in parades, dances and merrymaking. There will be few pubs, Irish or otherwise, in which a glass or two will not be raised to the Patron Saint of Ireland.

May we suggest there is a better way to celebrate what Saint Patrick stood for? Northern Ireland today is war-torn. British troops roll through the cities and countryside in armored cars, with I.R.A. militants fighting from street corner to street corner against the British oppressor.

The families who inhabit Northern Ireland, both Protestant and Catholic, are the victims of these two opposing forces. The children are brought up in the daily nightmares of armed insurgency and counterforces. Bombs, bullets, death and destruction are as sure as the spring flowers.

A group of Americans of Irish descent have established in this country a campaign called "Project Children." Recently, a documentary on television was viewed showing children of Irish families who have been brought to this country for summer vacations, a rest from their war-torn

surroundings. The group is non-denominational. Its aim is to get as many kids out of Ireland as possible for a brief reprieve. To bring them to America, show them love, peace and how people of different religions, colors and ethnic mixes can not only survive in harmony, but grow and develop.

Jim Walsh, the proprietor of the Red Fox in Westhampton Beach, has undertaken the responsibility to bring a minimum of four children to the Long Island area. These victims of the Irish war will be housed with volunteer families on Long Island and allowed to enjoy our quality of life, peace and serenity. Walsh needs to raise at least \$2,000 to fulfill the aims of this project.

May we suggest that while merrymaking and celebrating on Saint Patrick's Day, you raise your glass one less time and, instead of imbibing, donate the money to Project Children? One drink less on Saint Patrick's Day may make all the difference in the world to one child captured by circumstances.

You may contribute to Project Children, c/o Jim Walsh, The Red Fox, Westhampton Beach, N.Y. 11977.

And why not?

now houses prisoners who really should be in a maximum security jail while they await trial dates. One legislator reports these prisoners, some who have been charged with violent crimes, are being kept behind chicken wire security arrangements, hardly what one would call a good arrangement. The supposed rationale behind the construction of a court complex in the western end of the county is that the largest concentration of county residents live in the west. Those residents would be better served, the court complex proponents say, with a court complex in their own area. But few believe the impact on residents is behind the plan. The major push for the new facility has come in the past from attorneys who dislike the long ride to Riverhead, and want the county to build them a new facility so they don't have to spend so much time on the road.

If it is true--and it undoubtedly is--that the majority of the county's population is in the west end, it is also true that the majority of those housed in the jail comes from that area as well. Thus, wouldn't it make sense to build a new jail where the new courts are being planned? Wouldn't that save the county a lot of money and time in transporting prisoners from court to jail and back? Why then not build the Yaphank jail in Central Islip? Wouldn't that be anything more than good planning?

The answer, of course, is fairly simple, and it has nothing to do with good planning. The residents of the west end want nothing to do with jails. They raised their voices loud and long to have a state jail facility in Islip Town shut down. Governor Mario Cuomo has agreed, and the Pilgrim State jail facility is currently in the process of being closed

down. But while they don't want the jail, those same western Suffolk residents and Islip officials are anxious to have the courts. Just as long as they put the jail in someone else's back yard.

We can understand to a degree the "put the jail in someone else's backyard" mentality of the residents, for that is nothing more than a human factor. But how that squares with good planning is something else.

County planning has, for too long, given us such projects as the Southwest Sewer District, the H. Lee Denison Building in Hauppauge, which is a 12-story building built upon a bog, causing that building to lean more and more each year. Pretty soon Suffolk will have its own leaning tourist attraction, just as Italy does now. Just as long as those tourists don't take the elevators to the top things might work out just fine. And each one of these examples of planning has come with a price tag that has soared almost as high as has the Shoreham nuclear plant fiasco. A lot of money has been made by a lot of people--some legitimately and some otherwise--as a result of these projects. And a lot of money will be made as a result of the proposed court complex and other ill-planned projects being pondered by our county officials.

It's time, we think, to take a good long hard look at the planning practices that threaten to doom Suffolk County to a future of soaring taxes to pay for poor planning practices. It's time to stop the blank check approvals given by our officials to the dreams of those who have their own vested interests which they push at the expense of the taxpayers.

And why not?

Where's The Planning?

Two construction projects are currently highlighted in Suffolk County plans which indicate the lack of foresight and planning that all too often creeps into county actions.

The first project is the grandiose western court complex proposal which has been aired, opposed, brought up again, and appears heading to reality. The most recent push is coming from Suffolk County Executive Peter Cohalan, with the original proposer, Judge Arthur Cromarty, in the background but undoubtedly

ly very active in keeping the plan alive. This proposal calls for the creation of some 80 new courtrooms and the consolidation of other offices in Central Islip, the latest proposed site.

The second proposal concerns a new jail facility in Yaphank. This proposal is in addition to a planned upgrading and enlargement of the current jail facility in Riverhead. A jail facility already in place in Yaphank, which was originally designed for minimum security use,



GIRL SCOUTS TO HONOR NANCY ENTENMANN—The Suffolk County Girl Scouts will honor Nancy Entenmann for her 25 years of service to the organization at their first annual Corporate Dinner, Thursday evening, March 14, at the Smithtown Sheraton Inn. Pictured above are Entenmann Bakery Director of Research and Development Walter Schlemmer, a member of the dinner committee; Junior Girl Scout Erin Milanchus; dinner committee Chairman Ralph G. Barnouw, vice president of the First National Bank of Long Island; Senior Girl Scout Debbie Alicea; Brownie Girl Scout Joanna Gentile; and Cadette Girl Scout Meghan Milanchus. (230-B)

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Don't Believe Everything You Read

The latest ploy by LILCO to build support for the opening of the Shoreham nuclear power plant is the funding and development of a committee called Citizens to Open Shoreham.

"Open" has sent out a two-page letter to thousands of Long Island residents attempting to build a case for the opening of the plant. The letter utilizes both fear and misconceptions in this effort.

This new LILCO-financed group strays from the truth in its first statement in the recent letter. They claim, "The Shoreham plant is now complete, fueled and ready to provide nearly one-third of Long Island's electricity..." Not so! The plant is still without required emergency power diesels, and no evacuation plan has been approved, without which a license cannot be issued.

The current incomplete status of the plant was recently cited by the Public Service Commission in declaring LILCO is to blame for imprudent costs of construction to the tune of \$1.2 billion.

"If the NRC approved an evacuation plan tomorrow," the PSC report declares, "it is unlikely, given the additional testing and preparation required, that commercial operation could begin before October 1985. The primary impediments today to commercial operation are construction related delays, not the absence of an approved evacuation plan" as LILCO and its allies have charged.

The state Supreme Court recently ruled that LILCO could not use its own employees to implement a plan. It will take two to three years if the company decides to appeal the court's decision to go through the appeal proceedings.

In their second statement, they state that Suffolk County government has not participated in the necessary planning process. This is an outright lie. The county spent over a million-dollars of our

tax dollars to develop a workable emergency evacuation plan. In doing so, the county discovered it could not evacuate everyone safely. Under the constitution, county officials have a responsibility to protect the health and welfare of everyone. They could not knowingly enter into an evacuation plan that could leave some people abandoned, others dead or injured.

In the third part of the letter, LILCO's new group alleges that the Cuomo Commission's staff projected that taxpayers will lose at least \$4 billion in tax revenues over the next 30 years if Shoreham is not opened. This is a half truth. The Commission itself discussed that these taxes were nothing more than transfer payments. Taxes paid by LILCO are taxes added onto the rates. Whether the people pay the taxes directly to the government or indirectly through LILCO, is incidental. In real dollars, there will be no gain or loss to the consumers.

The fourth point they make is that Governor Cuomo's Commission staff estimated that if the plant does not open, the economic penalties we would have to bear could be nearly \$13 billion over 30 years. Again, this is another half truth. In different scenarios, the commission concluded that there was little benefit or loss whether the plant opened or remained closed. The \$13 billion penalty was based upon the plant costing \$2.875 billion. This was an erroneous calculation as the Commission already knew that the price of the plant, at that time, was \$3.5 billion. Currently, the estimated cost of the plant is \$4.2 billion and expected to reach \$5 billion before any commercial operation could begin. If the true cost of the plant was calculated in the formula the equation would indicate a severe loss if it opens. It has been estimated that oil would have to exceed \$500 per barrel for elec-

tricity generated by the nuclear power plant to be cost justifiable. Currently, OPEC oil is selling for \$28.50 per barrel.

The "Citizens to Open" group tries scare tactics by claiming that there will be electrical shortages. They fail to tell the reader that the Cuomo Commission estimated that the need for Shoreham power or an alternate source will not come before the year 2000, perhaps even the year 2010. This was backed up by the Shoreham Commission staff's projections.

The "Citizens to Open" group states that electrical rates will go up more if Shoreham never operates. This accepts the premise that the company has been prudent in the development of this plant. Last week, two independent judges in the Prudency Hearings ruled that LILCO should absorb \$1-2 billion of the estimated \$5 billion that the plant will cost. The state Consumer Protection Agency set the figure at \$1,800,000,000, and the staff of the Public Service Commission estimated \$2.3 billion as the figure it felt LILCO could prudently apply for. Any way you cut it, LILCO stockholders most likely will have to absorb somewhere between \$2 and \$3 billion of the cost of Shoreham. This will not be allowed to be passed onto the consumers, thus will have a substantial effect on rates.

According to the New York State Attorney General's Office, the "used and useful principle" of law is applicable to the Shoreham situation. If the plant does not re-

ceive a license, it cannot operate and, therefore, cannot generate electricity. The stockholders and others with financial interest in the plant would have to absorb the entire cost of the Shoreham fiasco. Nothing from Shoreham could be worked into the rate base if the used and useful segment of law is clarified and enforced.

Recently, a group of union officials, heads of businesses and industries, and politicians gathered to look at how to ease the burden that Shoreham could pass on to the consumer. County Executive Cohalan called the meeting. We find it interesting that the only ones invited to this meeting were those who have been supporters of the opening of the Shoreham plant. Although their aims are altruistic, we are suspicious of any fox in the hen house.

The best way LILCO consumers can be protected against rate shock is for LILCO to abandon the plant now. Stop wasting the consumers' money by attempting to sell or shove their mistake down the consumer's throat. Funding of misleading mailings such as the recent one sent out by "Open," and LILCO's persistence in spending millions of dollars on legal and technical fees to argue its case is only adding to the cost.

Everyone, including the past president of LILCO, has admitted that Shoreham was a mistake. Let's stop it before we waste anymore money or kill somebody by allowing it to open.

And why not?

We Need A Dredge

Suffolk County sold its dredges several years ago. These dredges were used to keep the waterways open throughout Long Island. The county got out of dredging operations because of the expense and abuse.

It was not uncommon for the dredges to be used for political purposes. Private waterways were opened and kept opened at the taxpayers' expense. Low ground that was unmarketable was filled-in, built into valuable real estate.

Instead of correcting the abuses, the politicians took the easy way out and sold the dredges. Since that time, the county's waterways have deteriorated and are constantly filling in. The county has made some attempts to keep them opened, but has been faced with ever increasing high bids from the few contractors who are available to do the work.

There are over 50,000 boaters in Suffolk County. The marine industry is a huge industry and a boost to our economy. Without navigable waterways, this industry would be diminished. It's an important source of funds to the economy, and a recreational asset that is cherished not only by the boat owners, but their families and friends.

As we have an obligation to keep our roads in good repair, we have an obligation to keep our navigable waterways open and passable.

We need a county dredge. We need a dredge run in a professional manner, and not allowed to become a political tool to be used by friends of politicians for their betterment and their enrichment.

The county legislature has before it a resolution to purchase and operate a county dredge. It should be passed.

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Readers' Opinion

To the Editor:

Reading Lee Campo's letter in Suffolk Life about Congressman Carney's arrogance reminded me of a meeting I had with Mr. Carney in his Washington office after the first time he was elected and shortly after he had taken his oath of office to uphold the Constitution. I was seeking his sponsorship for pending legislation; a Peace Tax Fund bill. Mr. Carney was and is not supportive of the constitutional rights of conscientious military tax objectors. He

listened to what I had to say and responded with, "Mr. Pearson, if you don't like the laws of this country, why don't you move to another?"

I didn't think of it at the time (I was too shocked by his response), but I should have asked him, "Mr. Carney, if you don't know what your job is, why not find another?"

Most sincerely,
Ed Pearson
Bellport

Too Many Unanswered Questions

The Health Department is getting close to adopting Article 7, a set of rules and regulations that allegedly will protect our fresh drinking water, proponents say.

Too many questions are unanswered as to what these regulations will actually do, why they are needed, how the lines were drawn and what the ramifications are. There has been a huge amount of speculation based upon a lack of definitive answers regarding Article 7. The lines drawn for the areas to be regulated by Article 7 appear to have been drawn arbitrarily. Once Article 7 has been adopted, the lines can be changed without public hearings or comments. At the hands of politicians, they can be rescinded or enlarged to take care of political problems or allow speculators to buy land in regulated areas that mysteriously can become unregulated at the stroke of a pen.

Some people have interpreted the rules and regulations to mean that the Health Department can rule on whether a homeowner would be allowed to add a toilet, sink or septic tank. Some people fear that the implementation of Article 7 will lead to a mandated sewer system for the areas regulated. What an easy way to get another corrupt massive public works project like the Southwest Sewer District—no votes, no public input.

Some supporters of Article 7 say that jobs and development at Brookhaven National Lab and Grumman in Calverton will not be affected, as they are federal lands and federal laws supercede those of the county. Others say that Article 7 must be observed by the federal government, that the federal government must observe more stringent, local controls than

those mandated by the federal government. If this is true, Brookhaven National Lab would be forced to drastically alter its current operations. Grumman would find it difficult to exist and, we have heard, officials from this corporation have quietly told county officials that if they were not exempted they would have to seriously consider moving the Calverton assembly facility to the South.

Article 7 is not based upon what may be discharged to the groundwater, but what could possibly find its way into the groundwater by accident. Companies that develop toxic waste are licensed and already must adhere to strict regulations in the handling of these wastes. They are not allowed to randomly dump any toxic material into sewage or septic tanks. All liquid and solid toxic waste must be stored in a prescribed manner, transported off site by a licensed, regulated carrier and deposited in a licensed, regulated final depository site. The cost of adhering to these regulations is enormous, but most companies have willingly complied.

We seriously question the concept of Article 7. We do not believe that the economic ramifications of Article 7 have been objectively, fairly or professionally looked at. With a lack of clear definition of intent and ambiguity of language, Article 7 is a Pandora's box that could have far reaching ramifications that even supporters fear.

Article 7 should not be seriously considered for adoption until all items have been held up for public scrutiny and a clear definition of the scope of each regulation is spelled out to the last detail.

And why not?

A Nickel Here, A Nickel There

For the past couple of years, consumers in New York State have been paying a nickel deposit on each can or bottle of all carbonated beverages they buy. The nickel is refundable if and when the containers are returned.

The purpose of the nickel deposit was to clean up our environment and to eliminate part of the waste created by the volume of beverage containers in our landfills.

We well remember as a kid taking back soda and beer bottles. They gave us spending money, and when collected in volume the dollars needed for that special desire such as a bat, ball or a baseball mit. Many kids today don't seem to have the drive that the kids of yesterday had. A lot of adults don't have respect for money either, and as a result millions of deposit containers are thrown out.

The companies who have collected the nickel do not pay the nickel back because the container is not returned. They keep these unearned profits. The bottle bill has made many of them fat cats.

Governor Cuomo, recognizing these ill-gotten profits, has offered a proposal which, to us, makes sense. He wants the state,

which enacted the law mandating the deposit, to be the recipient of those deposits not redeemed. It is estimated that over \$20 million a year in nickels could be used by the state for environmental purposes if the state was the recipient of the money. We think this makes sense and should be supported by the legislature.

The bottle industry has a very effective political lobby. It is fast to contribute to the legislators who favor its industry. Too many legislators put their votes up for sale to special interest. We suggest to our readers that they write to their state assemblymen and senators and ask for support for Cuomo's proposal.

Also, ask your legislator to reveal any campaign contributions he has received from anyone associated with the bottle industry. Inform your legislator that before he comes back looking for your vote in 1986, you will expect him to make a full disclosure of campaign contributions he has accepted during 1984, 1985 and 1986. Let your legislator know you will look at his record of voting and his record of contributions before you decide who you will support.

And why not?

Goetz Too

The liberals and the bleeding hearts are still shaking their heads in wonderment of why and how Bernie Goetz has become a public hero and idol. They were sure that he would be indicted for attempted murder in the shooting of the four thugs, who they like to call boys, on a subway just before Christmas.

When the Goetz matter was presented to the Grand Jury, it refused to indict him for attempted murder. It found he might be guilty of illegal possession of a firearm, and recommended an indictment on this charge.

Public opinion polls indicated that 70 per cent of the public approved of Goetz's actions. The American public, particularly New York City residents, are angry and frustrated by the lack of protection that they felt as citizens in the criminal justice system. For a month the incident seemed to be cooling down, then Goetz went public. He went to the aid of another man charged with killing an attacker, a good Samaritan who tried to stop a robbery by a couple of other thugs which

ended up in a scuffle, leaving one of the alleged robbers dead.

Goetz, at the same time, brought to the public's attention the death of a cab driver who had been murdered by some "not so" innocent boys. This was more than liberals could stand. They offered one of the thugs immunity if he would testify against Goetz at a second Grand Jury.

How in good conscience can our justice system offer an alleged attacker immunity from prosecution if he will testify against the man who stood up and warded off his attack? This is perverted justice if there ever was perverted justice. It stinks of the rottenness that the justice system is made up of. This kind of injustice is the reason fewer and fewer Americans have respect for the law and are more willing to take the law into their own hands.

The crying liberals may get their indictment against Goetz. If they do, more people will question just who it is our laws are made to protect, and act accordingly.

And why not?

Readers' Opinion

To the Editor:

Do we really need a mall in Yaphank? I, as a former Nassau County resident, am against such a move.

Look what happened to the area around Roosevelt Field and the Roosevelt race track. One can't drive on the roads during rush hours!

Think of the impact the Grant Mall would have on the local retail stores. We will see more vacant stores in Patchogue and River-

head, not to mention the smaller surrounding business areas.

Such a mall would only be bringing a tremendous amount of traffic, buses, pollution, noise, litter, crime and fast foods on the now scenic William Floyd Parkway.

We all moved out here to be in the country. Let's try to keep it that way.

No Grant Mall here!
Concerned Resident
Manorville

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