

Put it on the ballot

If the question of whether we want a nuclear power plant here in the Town of Riverhead was voted on by the public today, it would go down in defeat. Supervisor Allen Smith readily concedes this, as does the rest of the town board.

Smith, who has been supportive of LILCO's attempt to establish a nuclear power plant at Jamesport, has done so because of the enormous tax revenues that can be generated to reduce the over-all tax burden within the town. After 3 Mile Island, Smith questioned the wisdom of nuclear generation, but he continues to support the establishment of a power plant in this town.

Recently at a town board meeting he brought up the advisability of pushing for a coal-fired plant. Coal plants today can be built at less cost than nuclear generating plants. The former objections to these plants, sulphur polluted air, has technically been overcome. The Jamesport site is an ideal site for such a plant.

Smith is right as supervisor to continue fighting for a Jamesport

electrical generating site. He is wrong, though, in allowing the special attorneys that have been hired to continue to support LILCO in their demands for a nuclear power plant. Nuclear and/or coal power is too important an issue to be decided by the supervisor or the town board alone.

This whole issue should be put to the voters in this coming November's election. A legal non-binding (it is illegal to hold binding referendums on this issue) referendum asking the voters and the residents in the Town of Riverhead:

1) Do you favor the creation of a nuclear power plant in the Town of Riverhead? 2) Do you favor the creation of a coal-fired electrical generating plant in the Town of Riverhead?

Let democracy work. Let the people who live here decide what they want. The answer will, in effect, take the supervisor and the town board off the hook and give them a direction in which to go. And why not?

Is sixteen old enough?

Sixteen-year-olds in Suffolk County can obtain a junior operators license. A junior operators license permits sixteen and seventeen year olds to drive from sun up to sun down or while in pursuit of legitimate school activities and work.

Currently, the legislature is considering raising the minimum operating age to eighteen. Proponents of this move argue young drivers are responsible for a disproportionate share of accidents. They argue sixteen and seventeen-year-olds are reckless and don't show the proper regard for the danger of driving or the lethal factor of an automobile.

Opponents of this measure argue it is natural to expect more accidents to occur when people first start to drive, regardless of their age, because of their lack of experience and a certain amount of learning to drive requires

on-the-road experience. They further argue that sixteen-year-olds or seventeen year-olds are still under the dominance and influence of their parents. This factor makes them more controllable than eighteen-year-olds who first get their license.

Whether a boy or girl is sixteen or eighteen they are filled with reckless excitement; a fierce determination to quickly and fully explore life and find answers to their being.

There are numerous benefits derived by young people driving at sixteen, particularly in rural and suburban areas where mass transportation is not a reality. A drivers license gives these young people the freedom to move about, to find work, new friends and explore and develop. A license and a car can be a strong motive and incentive for a young person to move into the adult world. Automobiles provide a central in-

terest worth working for and keep some young people off the streets and out of trouble. An automobile is also a dangerous instrument when misused or abused at any age.

There isn't one of us who has not been touched by a young person severely being hurt through a driver's reckless disregard for the power and energy of an automobile. We cannot

see where a case has been proven for increasing the age to obtain a driver's license. We do see where it will build more hostility and more mis-trust among young people. We hope the legislature will not panic into voting on this proposal and give serious thought to the many sides of the issue. And why not?

Readers' Opinion

"I am spiritually rich"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

Thank you for making me almost a millionaire on your 18th Birthday Contest. It made me do a lot of thinking and it was quite an exciting experience.

You know money sometimes does not bring happiness; it can bring a lot of heartache and grief.

It just was not the will of God for me to win. Although I didn't win the money, I am still a winner. I am spiritually rich. I have a wonderful God who supplies all my needs, a wonderful husband, because when God made him, he threw the mold away; a wonderful family and most of all, I have what most people wish they had - Peace of Mind. I can

sleep at night.

So, thanks to you Claire, David and to Dick Kidder, the photographer. You sure did make me look good receiving all those tickets and to the whole staff for being nice to me.

So, I'll keep on giving plays and acting in them. My next production in June is "My Sweet Charlie" and doing comedy monologues, I love to make people laugh. If more people laughed, there wouldn't be any room for hate.

Vivian Bell
Riverhead

Editor's Note: Mrs. Bell won \$30.00 from the instant lottery tickets.

"We need the help"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

I just had a telephone conversation with your reporter, Barbara Selvin. I had to personally thank her for her most accurate reporting of the start of a SEPTA unit in Shoreham-Wading River School District.

Hopefully, people will not be as complacent as they have been in the past.

We need the help and most of all support of people who have similar problems. You do not have to be a resident of Shoreham-Wading River. Anyone in our area is welcome to join. Just call Norman Holden, President, at 821-0727.

Let me quote from a letter I received the other day from two mothers who live in Millburn, New Jersey and have children that had problems in school. "I know it is of little comfort, but your experiences with your son are not unique. In spite of growing

knowledge, more sophisticated testing and laws mandating schools to give our children appropriate education, not very much progress has been made. It is of utmost importance for parents to maintain a deep respect and trust in their own instincts. Never allow yourself to be intimidated by professionals. Parents are caseworkers for their children 24 hours a day."

Thank you again, Barbara Selvin, for a very well written article.

Sincerely,
Bernadette Loesch
Shoreham

P.S. I think your paper should go out of its way to report stories of this nature. There are many parents in Suffolk County who are having very similar problems.

"I have been a polygraphist"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

I am writing you hoping to correct an impression that your readers may have gotten from an article appearing on the front page of the Hauppauge Edition, Sunday, March 25, 1979, IN SEARCH OF THE TRUTH.

The article is quite well written in most respects, however, there is a statement apparently made by Lou Tempera, Commissioner of the Department of Labor, quote "Courts do not allow testimony derived from the use of polygraph as evidence", this statement is not true.

I have been a polygraphist from 1961 until present date. From 1961 until 1971 with the Nassau County Police Department and from the day I retired in, February of 1971, to present date I have been involved in ad-

ministering polygraph examinations.

I have testified in the courts of New York and Connecticut regarding the results of a polygraph examination. On one occasion, a conviction was obtained and the other an innocent man went free. Polygraph evidence is like most other evidence in the courts but usually with stipulation. In this case, stipulation means that both sides being aware of a polygraph test was given or will be given, will agree to use the results.

I thank you for your time, if you have any questions, please feel free to call at any time. Very truly yours,
Andrew B. Heberer
Vice President
Kerin, Duffy & Heberer, Inc.
Melville

"Back into the bottle"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

Although I don't agree with your politics, I agree with the conclusions in your article on atomic energy. It is time to put this

malevolent genie back into the bottle and all the people making money from him along with him if necessary.

Frightened Too

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It's The County's Loss

When we endorsed Denis Hurley for Suffolk County Legislator in 1977, we did that he was absolutely independent. He stated that if elected he would attempt to have a resolution passed eliminating the Suffolk County Legislature. He also said that if Legislators were given a pay raise he would turn it down. We said at that time that he was 100 per cent right on those issues. We also said that we felt that the East End Towns were being robbed of any effective voice on the county level.

Regretfully, we have received the following from Denis Hurley, and we will let his words speak for themselves.

Denis R. Hurley Column

The purpose of this column is to indicate why I will not be a candidate for re-election this Fall.

I have been involved in politics since I left the District Attorney's Office in 1970. However, it was never my intention to seek elective office. But when I was asked in the Spring of 1977 to run for the office which I now hold, I accepted notwithstanding the fact that I had (and still have) misgivings about the need for the Suffolk County Legislature. However, once the campaign started, I realized that I tremendously enjoyed actively participating in the political process. The prospect of being able to do something about the various issues confronting the East End was very gratifying. My feelings for public service intensified following my election. I have enjoyed my job, including the efforts to fulfill my campaign pledges.

During the campaign I said I would try to present to the people at a referendum the question of whether the Suffolk County Legislature should be replaced by a weighted Board of Supervisors. When I first took office, I was told that I would never get a second for the resolution. But after six months of research and the sharing of that research with my

fellow Legislators, we had four co-sponsors for the resolution, and received eight votes for its passage. I suspect that we would have received the required ten votes, if Newsday had not taken such a strong position against the resolution shortly before the vote was taken.

I also pledged that I would not accept the pay raise, from \$16,800 to \$22,500, which was enacted by the Legislators in 1977, for I felt it was passed improperly. When I leave office on January 1, 1980, \$11,400 will remain in the County Treasury which would not have otherwise been there.

I also indicated during the campaign that I would fight to protect the East End's interests, and I did so to the best of my ability with respect to, among other things, the effort to saddle the East End with the cost for the Suffolk County Police Detectives stationed in the West End, and with respect to the financing of the Southwest Sewer District.

Because of the great feeling I have for the East End, its people, and its elected officials, I found the decision not to run for re-election very difficult. I had initially intended to run again. However, upon reflection following discussions with a number of close friends, and my wife, Patty, I realized that a continuation in public service at this time would of necessity relegate my family to a secondary role. I have four children ranging in age from 9 to 16. I have found that my job as a Legislator takes me away from home almost every night, and usually for one, or both days of the weekend. Patty and I have always believed that our responsibility as parents must supercede all other things, and being absent from home during these important years is inconsistent with that responsibility. Aside from the fact of responsibility, I enjoy being with my wife and children, and I find I have very little time to do so. I am thus restructuring my priorities at this point.

The term "lame duck" conjures up an image of a politician who disap-

pears from sight as soon as he, or she, announces the decision not to run for re-election. I tell you now that I will work as hard as I have thus far during the remainder of my term. I will attend just as many meetings and public functions as I have in the past, for I feel that is a part of my job. More importantly, I will push to assure that as many of the needed road and drainage projects in the East End as possible are underway prior to the expiration of my term. Some of my pet projects, such as more restrictive legislation on the use of County cars, and anti-nepotism hiring legislation for the County

should reach fruition, or at least be brought to a vote before January 1, 1980.

It is my hope that as my family circumstances change in the years ahead, I will be in a position to ask the people in the East End again to permit me to serve as an elected representative at the Town level, or otherwise.

We are losing one of the most effective Legislators the County ever had. A good man has left the political scene, but hopefully for not too long. And why not?

Readers' Opinion

"Are you writing letters to Santa Claus?"

Dear Mr. Lang:

If you don't need the county or Legislator Donohue for such problems as The Beach, Shinnecock Inlet and Canal, Moriches Inlet, Ponquogue Bridge, Wells etc., are you writing letters to Santa Claus? Or maybe you're suggesting Southampton Town pay the costs.

From previous statements, you, yourself, have made, no Earth Party elected you. That leaves only one possibility. People from Flying Saucers?

Honey Wagon
North Sea Dump

"I agonize and wonder"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

It is unfortunate that it takes media coverage of the Agent Orange defoliant issue to finally goad our government into stopping its use. As a veteran who has experienced the sudden, inexplicable death of a day old son a few years after returning from Vietnam, I agonize and wonder. I agonize and wonder about the value of stirring up memories often better forgotten. I agonize and wonder about the mercenary appearance of possibly trying to cash in on such a tragedy of partaking in the suits now being organized against these chemical companies. Moreover, I agonize and wonder, after the birth of a healthy son, what the future holds for our family now that we are again expecting another child.

Fellow veterans, mothers, children and anyone else who may have been affected by these chemical sprays, it is not enough to agonize and wonder. Our government has long known of the effects of these sprays. By 1970, sufficient data was in our government's

hands to demonstrate the ecocidal nature of these defoliants. During the years of heavy defoliation operations in Southeast Asia by the United States and the South Vietnamese, there were marked and dramatic increases in miscarriages, birth deformities and still births. At that time, what were the actions of the two governments involved? South Vietnam promptly declared such information on birth defects, still births, etc. "secret" war information. The United States recommended a temporary suspension of the use of Agent Orange in Vietnam and only prohibited its use on food crop land in the United States. The results of these government actions were: cover up and whitewash in South Vietnam, the continued and practically uninhibited use of these defoliants in the United States and, of course, continued lobbied protected, chemical company profits.

Frank M. Campaigne
East Setauket

"Fat chance, Colonel"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

An article in the Sunday Times about evacuation plans for Brookhaven in case of a nuclear accident at the Shoreham Lillo plant again show the total disregard our public officials have for the rights of the citizens of Suffolk County.

In the event of a release of low levels of radiation, Col. Norman Kelly, the county's director of emergency preparedness, said, "Roadblocks would be set up to seal off a two-mile area around the plant. Children at school would be kept there and fed until the emergency was over."

Fat chance Colonel. The citizens of Brookhaven have been here long before the Shoreham plant, and we will not have our right of free choice usurped by profiteering corporations and bureaucratic incompetents who think they have the God-given right to

control our lives. We will decide if we want to stay or flee a nuclear accident. Our children will not be kept at school and we will not be prevented from taking them to a safer area if we deem fit.

The office of emergency preparedness is a parasite which has been absorbing tax dollars and producing nothing for years and now in the name of nuclear safety they have come out from under their rock and decided to take away our right of free choice to think for ourselves.

On June 3rd, there will be a protest rally at the Shoreham plant. Many of the citizens of Brookhaven will attend, because we are starting to realize there is more at stake than just nuclear safety.

Yours truly,
George Farrell
Middle Island

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David J. Willmott, Editor

Happy Mother's Day

Having been a mother and father myself for a couple of years, I can truly commiserate with the wonderful women who devote their life and purpose to raising children. No man possibly envision, without having gone through it, what a woman does on a daily basis.

I must admit I took my Mom fully for granted. She did a million things that I never even noticed, let alone said thank you for. God gave women a very special ingredient he left out in men. A man is built to cope with the frustrations and the anxieties and the hard work of earning a living. But a

woman has all this plus the human factors needed to show a child you love them, you care for them, to help them grow strong and straight.

I particularly empathize with women today who are mothers and also are attempting to hold down a job. They are the real women, the real heroes of the century, for they must successfully merge being a mother and a breadwinner. It is a damn difficult task to be good at either let alone both.

To all you Moms out there, all of us here at Suffolk Life holler loud and clear: "We love you!" And why not?

How clam-my can you get?

Kingdom of Unreality, County of Suffering: Oh! Thou poor fellow peasants of thy exalted ruler King John. With the trees again in bloom and the grass turning green, your scribe mystically reappears with another tale of glee.

From the hallowed halls of King John a memorandum has been sent to all department heads. Thou mighty Health Department, who so benevolently looks out for our well-being, has discovered the lowly clam that grows abundantly in thou bays and creeks in this land of Suffering.

The consumption of this shellfish has created grave concern with thy Knaves, the health officials. Our Wonderous King John, to aid this department, has asked all county employees at thou Hauppauge State Office Building to participate in an experiment.

Sometime this month these victims will be asked to consume the dreaded clam on the half shell! RAW! If they help participate in this dangerous life and death experiment, they will be given free time off. To receive this free time these victims must state they will be willing to eat the un-

believable quantity of a half dozen of these dangerous mollusks.

Isn't this a magnificent gesture in thou election year, King John? What an unselfish act on your part to ask all thou public servants to give up part of their hard working day to pull themselves away from their back-breaking work load, with pay of course, to partake in this dangerous experiment of eating raw clams on the half shell!

Oh! King John, how courageous you are to subject these poor public servants to such an experiment. We can now anticipate the outcome of this scientific investigation. It will be professed to the world: Long Island clams are safe to eat! Maybe when this news reaches every village and hamlet in the Kingdom of Suffering we poor peasants may only have to pay \$2.50 for a half dozen instead of the \$2.00 we now can't afford.

King John, you do such great, glorious and wonderous things. It's unreal you have not already ascended into heaven. Yes, fellow sufferers in this Kingdom of Unreality, we are indeed grateful for such leadership, courage and wisdom.

I end this tale of glee asking you to think how selfish you have been by keeping the King here in Suffering. Should we not give him a good reason to go forth and bestow his kingly benefits on other nations and other worlds?

To show our appreciation and our desire for him to move on, let us not selfishly demand he stay with us in November. Fellow Sufferers, we can't be selfish all the time. And why not?

Readers' Opinion

"How shall I label my feelings?"

Dear President Carter:

Disappointment! Disgust! Frustration! Anger! How shall I label my feelings at this point in time? As an educated, intelligent citizen of the United States, I have extensively studied the controversy with respect to nuclear power over the past seven years. My self-education program has included reading all available material on the subject i.e. books, publications, pro-nuclear material, anti-nuclear material, environmental questions, governmental studies, etc.

I am totally and thoroughly convinced that nuclear power is the worst possible energy option any country can choose! As I am sure, President Carter, that you are familiar with all the aspects of nuclear power, I will not delve into them at this point. Instead, I want answers! First, why did you break your campaign promise? Secondly, how far do the strings of the nuclear industry reach? I know that they definitely reach Energy-Secretary Schlesinger. Do they also reach you? Thirdly, how can you state with respect to the Harrisburg incident that if we must err, then we will "err on the side of safety and caution?" Can you not see that the same identical logic should apply to our policy of choosing energy options, i.e. when choosing energy options, our decisions must be on the side of safety and caution?

Almost all U.S. citizens are aware of the fact that they are guaranteed life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The U.S. Government has violated that guarantee by

permitting and promoting the production of nuclear power in this country. No matter how eloquent the speech is and how convincing the reports seem to be, nuclear power is no more than a license to commit premeditated random murder. Options other than nuclear power are readily available today, yet you, President Carter, refuse to use them. When are we going to stop telling the people falsehoods? Every educated person within this country is fully aware of the fact that there is no energy crisis. If there truly was an energy crisis within our country, then the government would most definitely be mandating energy efficiency throughout the entire U.S. In fact, the U.S. government, including yourself, President Carter, has not even promoted energy efficiency. Therefore, stop lying to the citizens of the United States.

At this point, President Carter, I insist that you issue the following decrees:

1. An immediate moratorium on construction of nuclear power plants.
2. A complete phase-out over the next five years of all operating nuclear power plants.
3. The immediate firing of Energy-Secretary Schlesinger.

I WILL NOT ALLOW MY LIFE TO BECOME A STATISTIC OF THE NUCLEAR INDUSTRY.

Sincerely,
John A. Proios
Proios & Ullrich, Inc.
Port Jefferson Station

"The risks are much too great"

Dear Editor:

Nuclear waste cannot be seen, felt or smelled, and scientists do not know the possible and probably long-term effects of human beings.

Yes, we have a serious energy shortage in our country. But, nuclear power is not the answer. The risks are much too great. There are other means of solving this problem. We must search out other sources of energy.

Lilco is currently awaiting licensing to go ahead with plans for two nuclear power plants right here on Long Island. How can we just let them go ahead with these plans, when our well-being, the future of our young children, and all of our unborn children will be jeopardized. Yes, our lives are in danger! We must not accept the constant risk of dangerous radioactive gases escaping into our atmosphere, polluting our bodies, our milk and food supplies. Do we as Long Islanders (people who have worked hard to make our homes here and pursue a decent and healthy way of life) want to live with the constant threat, and in fear of radioactive leaks and other nuclear dangers? NO! Let what recently happened at Three-Mile Island be our WARNING!

Congressional hearings are soon scheduled to begin regarding the danger to public health caused by radioactive leaks of iodine and other nuclear gases. The American Cancer Society, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare will all be involved in these hearings. The involvement of these specific groups is proof enough of the potential dangers.

Please, I urge you to write to President Carter, to your congressman and all of your local politicians, and to Lilco, expressing

your objection of Nuclear Power. We must strongly urge our government that other sources of energy must be sought.
Mrs. Angela Colesanti
Islip Terrace

"We must waste less energy"

Dear Editor:

Hit me again, I like it! OPEC just hit us again with another outrageous rate increase and still we do nothing. It seems as if no one is running our country. The solution to the problem is quite simple. Since we supply the OPEC nations with more than 60 per cent of their wheat; we should pit the price of a bushel of wheat against the price of a barrel of oil. But, you say, the American farmer will object to this because it will reduce the export of grain. It will reduce the export of wheat; but the Federal Government should in turn buy the excess wheat and use it to make alcohol for use in gasohol.

We must also waste less energy - we all realize this; but we can beat OPEC at their own game. Such legislation as I have described here would take a politician with insight as well as one who has not as yet been bought by Exxon, Shell, Mobil or some other oil company.

Sincerely,
Richard DeSchryver
Rocky Point

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Carey Insults Seniors

If I was a politician, the last people in the world I would risk insulting are the senior citizens. Yet, Hugh Carey, Governor of New York, blatantly insulted over a thousand senior citizens from Suffolk County who had denied themselves some of the necessities of life in order to make a grueling bus trip to Albany to show their willingness to work for a better New York State and to support state-wide Initiative and Referendum laws.

The meeting had been planned months in advance. The Governor's office had been informed of their arrival. When the caravan of buses arrived in Albany, they were treated shabbily. The buses were supposed to be able to park on Washington Street near the Capitol building, but instead, they were informed they could only disembark.

The night before the contingency was to arrive, leaders received a telegram announcing Carey's regret; he would be unable to meet the contingency. He didn't even have the decency to send a representative. It was later learned he felt his attendance at a fashion show was more important.

A public address system had been promised and either was not working or not available. Several of the legislators and senators from Suffolk were conspicuously absent. Notably Ken La Valle of the First Senatorial District and John Behan, Assemblyman from the First. The seniors were not allowed into the senate chambers nor did they receive the acknowledgement they deserved.

They left Albany frustrated, angry and yes, vindictive. They had received the ultimate of insults from the governor and other elected officials. You can bet your sweet bippy those elected officials who failed to meet the contingent will be at the top of the senior's hit list the next time they run for re-election.

What these insulting elected officials failed to realize was that this thousand-strong senior citizen contingency was only a tip of the iceberg. They had the support of thousands more, indeed, hundreds of thousands if you count the state-wide movement,

who would like to have been there but couldn't because they were working to pay their taxes which pay the salaries of these rude politicians.

These older residents are not only trying to get the message across for their benefit, they are trying to make Carey, the legislature and the assembly aware of the fact that we, the citizens of New York, from birth to grave are damned determined to take back control of our government.

Seniors are fighting mad, as are the young people who are sick and tired of watching the days, weeks and months of their life being squandered by thoughtless, incompetent, and rude politicians.

These politicians may be like ostriches with their heads in the sand, but they better be aware there is a revolution brewing in New York State, and the only thing that is going to stop it is the passage, this year, of I & R state-wide.

When we speak of revolution, we don't mean passive, and any politician who doesn't have the pulse of the people is a fool. Today, the emotions are exactly the same as they were in the '60's. The people in this country have the same feeling of frustration that led to the Vietnam and slum riots.

Unless the legislature acts expediently and starts paying attention to the people's demands, they won't have only kids and minorities rioting in the streets. They will have wholesale civil disobedience at public functions, at gas stations and all areas where people gather. The mood of the public is they want action and they want it now. They don't want lies, half promises and rude insults.

Governor Carey, as the leader of New York State, you owe the senior citizens and all the rest of the residents they represent, an apology and a sincere promise that you are going to put the full backing of your office into passing I & R laws.

Only if the people feel they have a government of elected officials who hear them and act on their behalf will you be able to stem the growing and frightening rebellious mood of the people. And why not?

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Readers' Opinion

"I sleep better knowing"

Dear Dave:

Regarding your editorial of March 28th "Carney's Not So Conservative Calendar" wherein you and a Dean Speir were incensed over receiving a congressional calendar. What a dastardly act for our new Congressman to do. Horrors, no wonder this country is in such a state of political, moral and financial bankruptcy.

I sleep better knowing that you and your compatriot Speir are riding around on your white charger protecting the taxpayer. However, please do not read any newspaper or you and Speir may find yourselves in an apoplectic state with this country pumping Billions into Egypt and Israel (Plus oil), or giving Communist China five billion in credit as a "Favored Nation", or billions to a communist dictator to take our Panama Canal, or an unbalanced budget with our government printing presses putting an annual fifty billion dollars of "Phoney Money" into an already inflated economy etc. ad in-fi-ni-tum.

I for one was fortunate to request and receive this beautiful historical and patriotic calendar, the only thing I ever got from the government with the exception of tax bills and a military uniform.

Your article was not deserving of a community paper and in closing, I would suggest your readers contact Congressman Carney for one of these beautiful calendars, they already paid for it.

Sincerely,
H.C. Stock, Co-chairman
Southampton Town Conservative Pty.

Editor's Note: Hard as it is to talk, Howard, even Conservatives, when given the opportunity, will waste our tax money on self proliferation. It's my job to call them as I see them, whether they be Republicans, Democrats, Liberals and even Conservatives. Would you want any less?

"We have 10 fingers"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

Opposition to the metric system is as simple as being afraid of the dark. If a person had to learn one or the other, the metric system is 10 times easier. In this age of pocket calculators, the metric system is far more convenient. Try plugging in 12 ft.-4 1/2 in. X 8 ft.-7 1/2 in. What's the result? Confusion. With the metric system, everything is already in decimals, the same as the almighty dollar! We have 10 fingers and 10 toes, not 12 and 12.

It is true that industry will bear some expense in converting, but that's the price we'll have to pay. Just as a restaurant that wants to renovate to attract more business. If we're to increase our exports, we too must think metric.

John T. Wolfe
North Shirley

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Don't Count Barbatos Out

The Smithtown Republican boss, who has been County Executive John Klein's mentor, was indicted recently. The charges against him stem from his being on the payroll of George Tobler who was the county insurance agent. Barbatos is charged with allegedly forcing Tobler to pay him to keep the insurance contract.

An indictment is not a conviction, nor should it obviously be considered proof of wrong doing. But, it does indicate the grand jury found sufficient cause to bring charges against the suspect.

Barbatos is one of the most powerful political figures in Suffolk. He is one of the unholy triangle that controls Blue Point, and as the County Executive's guardian angel, he has had the ear of the Chief Administrator.

Outside of Smithtown, little has been heard of Barbatos. He preferred to keep a low profile while being the dominant influence in everything that went on in Suffolk. Having this power and because of past history, insiders felt there was little chance Barbatos would ever be indicted by a Republican district attorney. When the indictment came, it did not come as a surprise to this editor.

As you may recall, when Richard Zeidler was Republican leader of Brookhaven, a number of attempts were made to find him guilty of political influence peddling.

It is not illegal for a political leader, under present New York State law, to sell his influence unless he is also an employee of the government. The way our laws are constructed, they allow unethical political leaders to sell openly the power they have and control. It can be done through outright purchase as a consultant. It

can be done by buying a product, a service, or being put on the payroll of someone who needs the political power and influence the politician or leader possesses.

Barbatos has openly admitted he was on Tobler's payroll. He declared this income, according to him, on his tax returns. What he did unquestionably was neither moral nor ethical, but we doubt convictable.

The indictment of Barbatos by the county at a time when he is also being investigated by the federal government could work much to the advantage of Barbatos and his protege, John Klein. This is more than adequate time for a trial to be held before election. From what we have read of the Barbatos indictment and our knowledge of the law, there is a reasonable chance no conviction could ever be obtained. Barbatos will thus be exonerated, proven innocent of the charges in a court of law, clearing his name and by inference taking away the sting during Klein's re-election bid.

Barbatos portrays a country boy. It is an image he cherishes and loves. He is an exceptional politician who calculates to the nth degree. He is a fox. Anyone who knows anything about fox hunting knows you need more than the average hound to put him in a corner, in which he can't get out. In fact, the favorite trick of the fox is to lead his pursuers into a trap, and eliminate them from ever bothering him again.

At this point, because there is only an indictment, we will not pass judgement on Barbatos. We ask to do likewise. But also pay very close attention to the time and the case when it is finally presented. And why not?

Ban City Driving

Last week, President Carter's gas rationing plan went down to a resounding defeat. The plan was based upon allocation by state. It did

not take into consideration the fact that many states are comprised of vast amounts of rural and suburban areas without meaningful forms of

mass transportation. In these areas, the automobile is the only form of transportation allowing the population to escape the confines of their homes. It's the only means of transportation available to go to work.

Unlike our cities that provide buses, subways and trains, almost to the door step, rural, suburban drivers have to travel miles before they can avail themselves of primitive mass transportation like the Long Island Railroad.

An answer to the gas shortage is to take the bull by the horns, ban outright the use of non-commercial vehicles in areas where mass transportation is a reality - the cities. Eliminating all private driving in

metropolitan areas could save millions of gallons of gasoline per day. This gas should be used where there are no alternative means of transportation.

We doubt Carter has the courage to propose such a plan. Congress would probably pass it but the Senate would reject it, as Senators depend heavily upon the city vote for re-election.

You cannot have a plan to eliminate the use of the automobile in suburban and rural America. There is no alternative as there is in the cities. America may be run by the cities, but they cannot exist without the support of rural and suburban areas. They must have gas to continue to function. And why not?

LaValle Was There

Contrary to what I reported in last week's editorial entitled "Carey Insults Seniors", Senator Ken LaValle was on the capitol steps to greet the seniors. The confusion in this report arose out of the seniors' complaint that he had failed to show up to meet with the seniors at the Senate Hearing Room. Also, the seniors were upset because they were not allowed into the Senate chambers as it is against the rules of the Senate,

to allow more than 10 people at a time per Senator and with passes into the chamber.

In our conversation with Senator LaValle, he stressed his concern not only for seniors but for all taxpayers, and indicated that he felt the 1,000-strong contingent from Suffolk had not been handled properly. He stressed he is only one man, trying to do all he can to represent all the people of his district. And why not?

Readers' Opinion

"I can't figure you out"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

This is the second time you have brought up the question of Rights of Way to the beaches at the groins. The first time, I thought about it, this time I must speak my piece.

When the town beach was wiped out in the winter storms of 1977, I had to travel to Hampton Bays (Why do you say there are no town beaches at Hampton Bays?) as I live in Quogue and am not entitled to use the Westhampton Village beach. You are so concerned that taxpayers' money is being used for something they can't share in - what's new about that or wrong about that, for that matter. Do we "Share" in all the monies being used for Foreign Aid, Dams constructed out West, etc, etc! I know there are thousands of miles of highway that my federal taxes have helped pay for, that I will never get to ride on, but that doesn't bother me because I hope there is one user of those highways who won't mind having his tax dollars stabilizing the beaches I use.

Talking about taxes, where is the money coming from to pay for the construction of rest rooms at each groin (or would you have us squat behind a rock) and how about lifeguards - or would it be strictly "at your own risk". It can be quite risky around those rocks when a rough surf is running. Then there's the clean-up cost, materials and LABOR. One look at our beaches after a weekend and you can't deny we would need a clean-up because in regards to your estimate of from six to twelve cars at each groin - unless you intend to charge some sort of admission (more cost for an attendant) you are going to get all the cars that can. Just take a ride to the Mimosa (?) Beach Club this summer - last year for every car the police towed away for illegal parking, there was one to take its place immediately.

I can't figure you out - most of your editorials you come out for preserving our way of life here. Now, in this one, not only do you want to share that tiny 14-mile strip of beach with all of Suffolk County and New York State, but the whole Nation too! What do you have against "the weekenders

who have their homes along the dunes?" Let the ocean and wind wipe out all their houses, then see how we are going to make up the deficit when we "year rounders" still want our police and roadwork and all the other things our tax monies give us, not to forget our school taxes, especially our SCHOOL TAXES, schools that not one of those "weekenders" ever get to use! And how about all the other boosts they give to our economy in the Good Old Summer Time. My family, for one of many, would find the winter months hard going if it were not for the summer boost. As for their "Privacy", I'm sure they are all well aware they own the beach only to high water. The rest is ours, to walk along when we choose, and the first to be washed away in any storm. So we are benefitting too.

I hope someone else writes to you about this issue and that a viewpoint other than yours will be presented to your readers. I feel that I for one have brought out some points you haven't thought about.

Very truly yours,
Anita D. Schenk
Westhampton Beach

"I wish to express my thanks"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

As my term as chief of NFPD ends with the old year, I wish to express my thanks and appreciation for your kind support during the past year.

The good publicity and support given our fire department has been a source of satisfaction to myself and the men. Often a picture or a story provides the drive to a volunteer to do even more.

Thanking You Firematically,
Roger Carpenter
Chief NFPD

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Running On What We Grow

With gas shortages again becoming a reality, it's obvious to everyone that America is being run by bumbling idiots. We join the rest of America in believing the gas shortage is not real but contrived. Gas may be inaccessible, but this does not mean it is not available.

The Seven Sisters, the major oil companies, manipulated the market in the early '70's to double the cost of fuel. They are doing the same thing now. Shortages can easily be created by refining fuel oil instead of gasoline or other oils for export.

The idiots running our government accept, as gospel truth, information pertaining to petroleum availability, hand-fed to them by the American Petroleum Institute, a paid lobby of the oil industry. Instead of insisting upon a diversion from refining fuels for export and from fuel oil to gasoline, the idiots panic and look to additional regulation as the salvation.

Additional regulations, whether they be rationing, artificial allocations, mandatory closings, all will complicate our lives and our economy. These will cause shortages and panic buying without solving the problem.

It has been known since World War I that automobiles could run on a mixture of alcohol and gasoline. In fact, they can run on pure alcohol if adjusted to do so. Alcohol, whether pure or mixed, gives cars better mileage. It eliminates pollutants substantially and makes unnecessary some of the gas guzzling pollution devices now mandatory on all new cars.

Alcohol is produced from grains and potatoes. In limited quantities, it is expensive to produce, but like everything else, produced in mass quantities, it becomes less expensive.

America has an abundance of land our government is paying farmers not to plant; land that could be turned into an answer to our energy problem.

We also have millions of non-productive acres of land that overnight could be made into energy-producing farms. These are the right-of-ways and dividers along the millions of miles of highways and thruways criss-crossing America from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

America has deliberately kept her

production of food stuffs limited to regulate the price farmers receive for their commodities. These artificial price supports cost you and me, as consumers, billions of dollars a year in non-productive taxes. As consumers, we're forced to pay artificially high prices at the supermarket. Here lies not the whole answer but a workable solution to today's energy crisis and tomorrow's energy needs.

Allow the farmers of America to produce all that they can grow. Let them be productive and profitable. Let them sell their excess produce, not needed to feed Americans, to refineries and transformed into alcohol. This alcohol added to our gasoline will overnight eliminate our dependency on foreign oil. It will re-establish American independence and stabilize our economy, and put an end to two phases of government regulation and interference - farming and petroleum. Let the free enterprise work. It's a proven winner when government keeps its hands off.

There are those who will argue that it is inhuman to turn food into alcohol, while there are people in the world starving. But, it is no more inhuman than the OPEC control which is denying millions of people around the world fuel they need to run their homes, grow their food and run their countries.

The breaking of the OPEC cartel will re-establish America as a productive and profitable world entity. We've proven unequivocally throughout our history that we are generous and giving. To be generous and giving, we must be able to be productive and profitable. We can't be unless we have fuel to meet our own needs first. American politicians must solve American problems through American ingenuity with American resources before she can look out for the rest of the world.

An answer to the energy crisis is clearly allowing American ingenuity, productivity, determination to work, unhampered by government regulation. History tells us the free enterprise system works well. It also tells us government doesn't. Let's go with a proven winner. And why not?

Judge Bracken recently threw out the Village of Greenport's case against Mascony ferry that has blocked this future, vital link of transportation.

Mascony has fought a battle over five years to be allowed to run a ferry service from Greenport to New London, Connecticut. Mascony plans to offer large, modern and convenient ferries operating year-round.

The Village of Greenport, when initially presented with the plans, looked favorably upon them. For they would have provided an economic stimulus to this seaport, a former industrial center and now a tourist-oriented town. Some residents rightfully became concerned about the impact a large ferry service would have on the existing community and the changes to come.

Through a number of legal maneuvers, they have held off Mascony, but their options pretty much ran out with Bracken's decision. Their only hope is in an appeal which will be very costly to every resident of the community, which will have to be paid for through real estate taxes of the residents.

Several attorneys we have talked to have expressed the opinion an appeal has little chance of succeeding, as the facts are overwhelmingly in favor of Mascony. If Mascony wins an appeal, it is even possible for Mascony to institute suit for losses it may sustain by a delay.

We have always been a believer that, right or wrong, when faced with defeat because of factors we could not change, try to salvage something while there is still something to salvage. Greenporters should be thinking along these same lines.

Mascony still wants to co-exist with Greenport. In discussions we have had with their president, George Powers, he appears to be a reasonable man willing to compromise where and when he can. There are a number of alternatives benefitting Greenport that could placate both sides. There are enormous funds available through the federal government for solving transportation problems, and it would be advisable for the leaders of Greenport to be realistic.

They should seek out the aid and help that can be federally funded in

solving the possible congestion problem caused by the ferry service. Through utilization of these funds, Greenport might be able to receive a tremendous face lift. They could modernize their roads, sewers, water and electric systems, while still keeping the attractiveness and flavor of the area without adding to the tax burden. Nothing can be accomplished if the officials persist in refusing to investigate opportunities that may now exist because of the Mascony ferry service in the area.

We, like many other people who live here on Eastern Long Island, would love nothing more, now we are here, than to build a wall at the Nassau-Suffolk line to keep out any future growth. But growth and change are inevitable. You can postpone through costly legal battles their reality, but eventually time is in changes' favor and does come about.

Greenport, historically, was never designed to be a quaint, exclusive, resort village. It has a natural deep water harbor. Because of this harbor, it was a major ship building community. It's the business and commercial hub of the North Fork. After the war, its fortunes steadily declined. Ship building factories closed. Its businessmen, who had become rich on the war, were complacent and willing to sit back and let the world pass them by. Slowly the business district deteriorated.

In the late '60's, visitors saw an opportunity to create chic retail shops. The village had the flavor which lent itself to these types of shops. They took advantage of the low rents, relaxed lifestyle, made the investment and prospered. These people who became Greenporters in the '60's feared change so they fought Mascony. If the facts and law had been in their favor, they would have won. It wasn't, so now they must meet the challenge of change.

Greenport can still retain its charm, flavor and uniqueness, but it can also progress, grow and prosper because of Mascony. Foresight, reasonable planning based on reality will bring Greenport to a dynamic position of greatness. Take advantage of the opportunity you have available, Greenport. Don't let opportunity pass by any longer. And why not?

Readers' Opinion

"All were in a fighting mood"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

This is a thank you and commendation of your fine editorial against nuclear energy for Long Island.

My group, "Safe and Sound", saw a wonderful response to all the adverse publicity against Lilco from many sources. One new man praised your article, others quickly agreed. At this meeting, 25 new members turned up, all were in a fighting mood.

With your help, I wish to say, I see an ever-mounting, overwhelming flood tide against Lilco's nuclear plans today. This is a thrilling scene in today's contemporary history. To

me, I see the "Spirit of '76", raising up and overcoming.

So very happy to see you in our ranks fighting for the people's welfare. The power of the media is most important - God Bless You.

Most Sincerely,
Paul S. Tribble
Miller Place

P.S. To all new members of Safe and Sound and future ones - I say: "You can be proud of yourself for standing up and speaking up."

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