

willmotts and why-nots

David J. Willmott, Editor

Selling a pig in a poke

We were pretty high on Governor Carey back in January. After Rockefeller, it was refreshing to have somebody who appeared concerned about the average taxpayer's plight.

We were impressed with his 1977-78 budget. It was forceful, imaginative and seemed to be heading the state in the right direction.

By the time the Legislature came to a close, however, Carey capitulated on just about everything he had stood for in January. He signed into law bills wasting your tax dollars. Other bills are absolutely guaranteed to drive what businesses remain here out of New York State.

Carey transformed himself into a "Rockefeller Junior" by proposing to the voters a bond issue this November.

Bond issues are the politicians' sneaky way of increasing your taxes under the guise of doing something wonderful.

We bought a transportation bond issue, which was supposed to give us the most modern, mass transportation system in the nation. What we have gotten out of it is a decrease in speed on the Long Island Railroad.

In fact, this world famous railroad travels over some of the eastern Suffolk track at the magnificent speed of 14 m.p.h. This happens to be 50 m.p.h. slower than it traveled in the early 1900's.

We bought other bond issues for pure water and pure air, only to see the quality of our water and air decrease.

The Governor's bond issue at best can be called a "pig in a poke." It is a

grab bag of projects not even the public relations department of the Governor's office is sure about. The P.R. department claims this bond issue is a "modest" one.

To them, \$750 million, not counting interest costs, is "modest." With interest at 6 per cent, the bond issue would cost \$1.3 billion to pay back.

To us, that is a helluva lot of dough to give the Governor as a blank check.

The Governor's P.R. department claims this bond issue is going to spur business development in the state. Undoubtedly spending \$750 million over three years will spur the construction industry, but as this tax levy is added to the people and the corporations of New York State, it will only spur those, who had any sense left in their heads, to get the hell out of the state, fast.

We have never seen such a poorly conceived bag of garbage thrown at the voter before.

As much of a con artist as Rockefeller was, at least he had the sense of decency to clothe his indecent proposals in a veil of respectability. He had an answer for how each dollar of his bond issues were going to be spent.

Even the most avid supporters of the Governor are asking in private what will this money be used for?

How will it benefit the people and most important, why has Carey found it necessary to try to act like Rockefeller.

On proposition 1, that will be found on your ballot this November, we encourage you to vote "no." And why not?

happen if Laker decided to give up hanging out in England and made America his home base.

We might be able to fly to California for \$50. It might even end up cheaper to fly to Florida than the present cost of taking the Long Island "Reckroad" into New York.

The miracle of miracles might even turn out to be that the airlines may find it more advantageous to take their head out of the government's subsidy trough and compete honestly for the consumer's transportation dollar. And why not?

And then there was a pumpkin

It was pitch dark, the wind was howling from the northeast, the rain was coming in sheets, the headlights picked up the eerie black of the asphalt.

And then, out of nowhere appeared what once was a great pumpkin, smashed to smithereens. Its once great bulk was reduced to soggy pulp. This magnificent creation of God and nature, nothing but useless waste.

Many months before, someone had spent hours preparing soil, they had planted a few seeds with tender, loving care and the miracle of nature started. Seeds sprouted vines, the vines gave off flowers and the flowers gave way to fruit.

As the summer waned, this fruit grew. Probably it was the pride of the

garden, an accomplishment of man and nature in harmony.

Why would anyone deliberately take this creation and destroy it?

Unfortunately, this pattern is repeated hundreds of times during the fall. As the leaves on the trees turn crimson and gold, our roadways are increasingly marred with remnants of pumpkins and squash deliberately thrown and ruined.

What kind of mind finds perverse joy in stealing another man's property, not to eat, but to waste?

What kind of thrill could it be to see pumpkins squashed on a road? What kind of parents raise children that find this an exciting past-time? And why not?

READERS' OPINION

'Right now there is a lot of living space going to waste'

Dear Mr. Willmott,

In response to your article (9.25.77), "Keeping a roof over Granny's head", WHY should an elderly couple (or person) be denied the right and privilege of renting out some rooms of their home to another elderly couple (or person), without being penalized by Social Security or anyone else? If Mr. & Mrs. X can spare some rooms in their home and rent it out without losing their already too small Social Security and if Mr. & Mrs. Y. can rent these rooms for less than they can get an apartment for, both parties will benefit and the federal government would not have to subsidize anything and that in the long run would benefit all the taxpayers.

Right now, there is a lot of living space going to waste because of the stupid laws that say it is illegal to rent part of your home. That is the dumb law that is causing added taxes. There wouldn't have to be subsidized housing (or at least not as much) if the lawmakers and taxpayers would VOTE to allow all people with spare rooms to rent them out legally without so much red tape and penalties. It is only because of these laws that apartment owners are getting away with charging such high rents. Senator Trunzo said the laws could be changed so that a homeowner could rent out a part of his home - that would help, but don't penalize him by cutting his Social Security. Give them a break. Remember they will require less

welfare help if the taxpayers allow them to stand on their own two feet. They earned their Social Security. If they can make a few extra dollars renting a part of their home they should have that right. They should still get the reduced taxes for senior citizens. Non-senior citizens should be allowed to rent rooms vacated by their children for various reasons (marriage, college, etc.) without any additional penalties being placed on them, also. The only restrictions should be that no more than two persons should occupy one room, to prevent overcrowding and other related problems.

To bring in another related subject, when all property is re-assessed, it is infringing on taxpayers rights and privacy to give the assessors the right to go inside a citizen's home. Assess on OUTSIDE measurements should be the rule. Who VOTED that they could invade our homes? If we could legally rent our living space, then it would be none of their business to enter anyone's home. It is wrong for them to do so - so why don't the taxpayers complain and WRITE to their Senators and Assemblymen? Isn't this America?

Perhaps if you printed the Senator's and Assemblymen's names and addresses again and urged the people to respond on both of the above issues, it might help ALL of us. L-2M Sincerely, Willing renter

'Teed off fisherman'

Dear Mr. Willmott:

As a sports fisherman and taxpayer in this wonderful county of Suffolk and the State of New York, I wish to THANK all the political powers for the wonderful job that they are doing to keep us off the beaches and waterways.

The State of New York has a fishing pier at the Robert Moses State Park for use by the whole island, and only one boat ramp on the North Fork for the East End and NONE on the South Fork at all.

To use the beaches at any state park to fish with a four wheel drive buggy, you have to buy a permit for \$15.00 plus pay all tolls and such.

The county of Suffolk has thought of us even more by NOT having any FISHING PIERS outside of Shinnecock Canal that needs repair on the north end very bad. The Shinnecock Inlet is even worse off.

On the South Fork there is no place to fish from on county property. The county lets us buy a permit for the outer beach for \$10.00 where we can go on the east side of Shin-

necock Inlet and not go on Southampton Village land where a different permit is needed. But if you are not from Southampton or East Hampton township, you can not use the beach anywhere else during the summer months.

At Montauk, the State Park permit and the Suffolk permits are both needed and in a lot of the areas you have to go between the people from other states WITH NO PERMITS OR PASSES TO TRY to get a fish.

As a sport fisherman for over 40 years, both in the bays and surf out east on the South Fork, I wish to TAKE this time to thank ALL the political powers for all the roadblocks they have put in our way. And for really helping the people from Brookhaven town to come out here and spend our money. Maybe they would like it BETTER IF we stayed home and just mailed our money to the bait and tackle dealers and kept our \$9,000.00 beach buggies in the driveway. L-7M Thank You All again One T-ed off Fisherman

Freddy Laker, America needs you

Freddy Laker is that ingenious fellow, who after six years of petitioning, finally got our government to allow him to fly his airline into the United States from England.

Now you can fly to England, one way, for \$126. and come back for \$105. Laker is able to do this and still make a \$16,000 net profit per trip.

All the other airlines which receive generous subsidies from our government are crying the blues. They are being forced to cut their rates, some by as much as 200 per cent.

Can you imagine what would

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'On Oct. 1, the annual rape of Peconic Bay will take place'

Dear Mr. Willmott,

On October first, the annual rape of Peconic Bay will take place. Even at this time the vultures in the form of drag netters are gathering in the public boat basin in Shinnecock Canal to strip the Bay clean. Anything in the Bay that moves will be caught, including horseshoe crabs. Is it any wonder that fishing in Peconic Bay has declined to a point where there are no sizeable fish in the Bay all summer long?

The Baymen claim they have to do this to

live. I wonder how many boat hostlers on the Bay, that depend on renting boats, selling bait and fuel, are losing customers because of the poor fishing conditions after the Bay has been swept clean.

Please come out to the Peconic side of the Shinnecock Canal on Oct. 1 and see for yourself. L-1M.

Yours truly,
Joseph Karamer

Giving the devil his due

There has been little produced from John Klein's mind that we agree with. But, last week, John Klein came up with a proposal that might be a significant compromise on the off-shore oil predicament.

Klein has proposed a 3,000 square mile marine sanctuary that will stretch from the Georgia Banks, Northeast of Nantucket to approximately Cape May off Jersey. Within this marine sanctuary no drilling would be allowed and more important, no transportation of oil. A runaway oil well is a possibility, but is not the center of concern for those of us who value the ocean and the life it produces.

More oil pollution will come to pass from the loading and transportation of oil. Tankers seem to have a regular habit of sinking. They are noted for their deteriorating conditions and their perpetual spilling of their cargo. Anyone who has been off-shore can attest to this.

Tankers are long gone and out of

sight, but their residue still remains. As far as the eye can see they leave behind a slick. Often times, it is only a minute amount of oil they are seeping, just enough to make a film on the surface, but combine this by the volume of traffic and it is easy to envision the Atlantic covered with petroleum.

The waters off Long Island are just beginning to come back with fish after having been ravaged by the foreign fishing fleets.

As these fisheries restore themselves they will once again be able to provide great sources of food for the hungry of America. This food though, will not reproduce itself by an environment fouled by petroleum waste.

Klein's proposal, although not perfect, would at least produce a sanctuary in an area that is considered the nursery of the Atlantic.

His proposal has merit and should be given serious thought and consideration, not withstanding John. And why not?

A real country fair

Back in the good old days, Riverhead, the county seat of Suffolk was the site of one of the greatest country fairs ever held.

Where today stands the Riverhead Middle and Junior High Schools were the fair grounds.

Old timers tell of how the whole county prepared this great harvest festival. Vegetables and flowers were grown specially for competition, jams were preserved, cucumbers were pickled, pigs were fattened and horses were trained. Anybody, who was anybody, took part in this festive occasion.

Through the efforts of many local citizens, the idea of a country fair has been revived.

This Sunday, Riverhead will once again be the site of a glorious gigantic country fair.

The site for this exciting re-enactment of history will be the parking lots that lie between the beautiful Peconic River and Riverhead's retail stores. There will be over a half-mile of this riverfront park encompassing over 20 acres devoted exclusively to exhibits and entertainment. There will be judging

for livestock, vegetables, flowers and handmade crafts. This Sunday promises to be one of the most exciting family, educational and entertaining events of the year.

There is something for everyone. All of this did not just happen.

It is the result of hundreds of peoples' untiring efforts to bring back Riverhead to a community of prominence.

Over its two hundreds years of existence, Riverhead has had its ups and downs. It is a natural center of everything by the sheer fact of its location. But it continues to maintain its leadership in the county because of the spirit of her people.

The people of Riverhead are a mixed group of nationalities, origins and religions. They have always exemplified the spirit of brotherhood by working together for the betterment of each other. The fair typifies this cooperation.

Come out this Sunday and enjoy a real bit of homespun Americana. You'll go home with a firm resolution to come back next year. And why not?

The Republicans acknowledgement

From what we hear, the average citizen, Republican, Democrat and Independent alike admired Denis Hurley's courage in bringing to their attention the deal made between the leaders of the Republican and Democratic parties, in which they agreed not to make an issue of the 33 per cent increase to their salary.

For this courageous, public spirited move, Hurley received the following acknowledgement at the annual Riverhead Republican dinner last week.

"Oh Yeah! We do have a candidate

running against Joyce Burland, Legislator from the First District, ...Denis Hurley."

Somehow, the Republican Leader of the Town of Riverhead who was doing the introducing forgot to ask the candidate to speak to the crowd as he had done with the other assembled office seekers.

This may have been a momentary lapse of memory, or some could construe it to mean the leadership of the Republican Party doesn't like honest candidates. And why not?

READERS' OPINION

'Perhaps, then, money can be used to build a child's mind'

Dear Suffolk Life,

Sitting at home reading your newspaper articles on schools and being a homeowner-taxpayer, it's occurred to me that something could be worked out with federal funding whereby districts overcrowded, such as Middle Country could use a system of interchangeable classrooms countywide or interchangeably.

It seems that need and expense are always at odds and this could be a solution for so many school systems. When a system ceased need of these classrooms, they could be moved to different sites, whether in the same system or to a different, more crowded town where the need existed. With our new

technology and the continuing varying influx of people to our county and Island, we feel this to be a more realistic view of the need of the classroom and space. Why not share, instead of building such permanent edifices that look nice but in a short time become obsolete tax burdens as is happening in Smithtown and other older communities?

And perhaps then money can be truly freed to build a child's mind and not the structure he moves around in. L-12M

Sincerely,
Mrs. Pamela Wallinchus
Selden

'God give him a sharper, stronger lance'

Dear Dave:

"Good Sense," so rarely pours from your inkpot that, when that rare occurrence happens, I sit back and can almost forgive you for being an idiot, nine times out of ten.

Mr. Hurley, an attorney no less, is stretching a plank in front of himself, commencing a crusade Suffolk has long been in need of. But doesn't the damn fool know, those legislative voters are loaded with sharks eager to swallow him?

That August body, our county legislature, are not about to abandon that first principle of Democracy: "One man, one vote, and God be damned, but VOTE for me." Truly a noble endeavor, dear to the hearts of many an attorney, and screw the fools who foot the bill.

"We, the perceptive ones, potential candidates of either party, can surely direct your lives. We, best know how to squander, or pocket the monies entrusted to us.

"We'll arrange for the highest paid police

force in the country. We are clever enough to sell a sewer system that may function in the next 50 years and the finished product will only be 20 times the cost of our first guess.

"Certainly, we are entitled to \$22,000 a year, plus the miniscule fringe benefits. Hell! what does a new car cost? It's only peanuts." And the staff, Civil Service-qualified with more sick days paid for than this poor fool gets as a vacation.

Dave, give Mr. Hurley my best. Tell him, the six per cent of the homeowners who have their shacks or palaces up for sale wish they could vote for him. A lot of us might be long gone before he hits the balloting.

Like Don Quixote, he's tilting at windmills. God give him a sharper, stronger lance! (L-8M)

Running soon,
Johnny Dugan
Centereach

'Open letter to Southampton Town Trustees'

Gentlemen:

It is now ten months since the attempted takeover of four creeks in Flanders by the Suffolk County Governmental Agencies. At that time I was harassed, threatened and finally arrested by Suffolk County Park Rangers for using the waters of the Town of Southampton, which by virtue of the Dongan Patent of 1686, you, the Trustees are empowered to protect for the sole use of all the residents of the Town of Southampton.

Gentlemen, who owns Birch, Hubbard's,

Goose and Mill Creek? What have you done in ten months to resolve this issue? Soon it will be November again and I will be using these creeks, as I have done for many years. Will I and other residents of the Town be threatened and arrested for using them?

I think the residents of the Town of Southampton deserve an answer now. And why not? L-5M

Tom Johnson
Candidate for Town Trustee
Hampton Bays

'Neutering male dogs would help the problem'

Dear Mr. Willmott,

After reading your dog story and several letters from animal lovers, I was happy to see that people are finally standing up and speaking out. We have two dogs and four cats of our own, and wish we could take in more.

I have one more thing to add regarding the spaying of female dogs. But has anyone thought of the other half of the problem -- namely, un-neutered males? People feel that just because they own a male, they can let them roam "because it is cruel to keep them tied up", and that they aren't contributing to the problem. It is crueler to let them roam, dodging cars, getting into garbage, etc. Also making it harder for us people who own a purebred female dog, as we do. We plan to breed her in the future so we have to be careful when she goes into heat. But the roaming males make it twice as hard. Neutering male dogs would help the problem of unwanted puppies, but that is not

the whole problem. The rest is up to the owners to keep their dogs under control. Sincerely, Patty Smith Westhampton Beach

'Is there no freedom left?'

Dear Dave:..

Is there no freedom left in Suffolk County? For years the People have gone into the woods during September & October to pick mushrooms in Westhampton near the air base.

Do you know they are now stopped and told to get off the property. Picking mushrooms has never hurt the county.

They are nutritious in the time when the cost to buy them is so high, who do these people think they are to deprive the people who work so hard from augmenting their food supply naturally? A disgusted resident of S.C.

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'Get behind the Governor'

Dear Mr. Willmott:

Governor Carey has suggested that the judges in the state courts be appointed, rather than elected. A hue and a cry has come forward that it is more democratic to elect judges rather than appoint them and that the voting public will be deprived of their right to say who shall decide cases in our courts of law.

In the first place, it is the politicians and not the people who put up the people who run for the bench. Except for a few instances, where there are primary fights for nominations for judgeships, such as Judge Fuchsberg who ran for the Democratic nomination for Judge of the Court of Appeals, the voters have very little to say who they will vote for. There are two nominees, a Republican and a Democrat, and if the voters don't care for either one of them, who else can they vote for?

In this county of Suffolk, for example, the Republican leader of the County some few years ago appointed himself to the Supreme Court. While it may not be illegal, it is certainly immoral for a political leader to grab a nomination for judge for himself. Then last time around a Supreme Court judge who was a former county legislator got himself the Republican nomination without ever having had any prior judicial experience on a lower bench for the Supreme Court, nor was he ever a lawyer with trial experience of any great degree, to repay a political favor. All too often judges are appointed or nominated because they lost an election for some other elective office, thus the judgeships are used as consolation prizes for losers in elections.

I think the quality of the judges in this state is too important to be used as a political booby prize or entrusted to politicians who are looking for a job for fourteen years (their

term of office in the Supreme Court). Take for example the Federal courts in which the judges are appointed for life, thus taking judgeships out of the political arena and putting them into the proper perspective that a judge should be a super-lawyer with high ideals and not hampered by political considerations.

Federal judges frequently rule against the Government when the type of case calls for it, the ends of justice would be best served by a ruling in that manner, but in the Supreme Court of Suffolk County, it takes an appeal to the Appellate Division, the Court of Appeals, or even the Federal court before anyone gets justice from the politically oriented judges who sit on that bench.

Therefore, I think it behooves everyone to get behind the Governor's suggestion that judges be appointed rather than elected, and that they serve for life, so as to eliminate politically motivated situations where judgeships are booby prizes for losers in elections or worse, a payoff for a political favor. I hope that your newspaper will get behind the Governor and advocate the same system of justice. If Governor Carey goes out of office not doing anything else of importance, I think this one thing will stand out as the most worthwhile contribution made to the interest of justice that has ever been done before. We have all seen how some judges can be biased in the T.V. movies on Dr. Sheppard and Chessman, and the assurance of a jury trial does not alter the fact that these judges who were biased did not even disqualify themselves.

Yours very truly,
Martin L. Bloch
Shelter Island Heights

'Senior citizens and their families could force the issue'

Dear Mr. Willmott:

One reason that welfare costs are so high is that there is a severe shortage of housing for welfare recipients, including senior citizens whose Social Security benefits are so small that they need welfare to make up the difference in their cost of living.

Landlords who have apartments can charge very high prices for their rent, and the welfare officials have no choice but to pay them. There have been many instances where welfare families have had to be placed in motels until apartments could be found for them. The expense for this is staggering.

Voters who oppose the construction of low income housing, which gets federal subsidy, are only playing into the hands of landlords who are now getting exorbitant rents for old, often unsafe housing. Without realizing it, they are cutting off their noses to spite their faces, since they are helping to pay these landlords!

One community, Long Beach I believe, has gotten more housing and, presumably more tax revenue, by legalizing apartments in

older, larger homes. Much subdivision of such homes goes on illegally, with no control by town governments and no rise in the assessed values for the homes. If the practice were made legal, every such apartment could be licensed and regularly inspected for its health and safety. The apartment could be assessed to give the town a fair tax to cover the expenses of control and costs for the added population. Many senior citizens who want to stay near their families could remain on the island in good, and less expensive housing.

One reason that such a sensible idea has not been widely adopted is that many politicians profit one way or another from illegal housing and high-priced welfare housing. Another is that senior citizen groups have not yet faced up to the realities of their situation. Senior citizens and their families could force the issue whenever they wish to. (L-6N)

Sincerely,
Frederick L. Lightfoot
Greenport

'It is irrational to connect the Coast Guard with the deaths'

Dear Mr. Willmott:

I read with interest the editorial in the Sept. 28 issue of Suffolk Life concerning the new policy of monitoring CB radio frequencies by the Coast Guard. In the editorial, however, you stated, "Last spring, two fishermen died as a result of the Coast Guard not being able to be in direct communication with CB'ers." The fact that the two fishermen died is indeed tragic. However, your statement implies that the Coast Guard was to blame for their deaths because they had no such radio. Indeed, had the Coast Guard monitored CB frequencies, there was a distinct possibility that the two men would have been saved.

A statement to this effect would have been very true. However, it is irrational to connect

the Coast Guard with the deaths, either directly or indirectly. An analogy will better clarify my position.

If a partially deaf man walks by a house and does not hear cries for help from inside, is he to blame for any harm brought to the person inside simply because he had never bought a hearing aid? I should think not. As it had happened, circumstance had brought the Coast Guard ship close to the tragedy. The only factors involved in the deaths however, were the uncontrollable acts of a storm. (L-7N)

Sincerely,
Daniel Tierney
Centereach

'By as much as 200%'

Dear Mr. Willmott:

I was intrigued by your recent editorial on Freddy Laker, and particularly by your statement that he has forced domestic air carriers to cut their fares "by as much as 200 per cent". Until now, I had been unaware that it was possible to reduce anything by more than 100 per cent.

Perhaps with your command of creative mathematics, we might prevail upon you to

accept the current vacancy in the Office of Management and Budget. Or at least to help Bert Lance balance his checkbook.

Better luck next time.
Sincerely, Dick Brundage

Ed. Note: You, got me. I was going up when I should have been coming down. How's 66 and two-thirds per cent - more like it. Thanks to Mr. Laker.

No appointment of judges

Once again Suffolk County residents are being denied the right to select who will judge them.

The leaders of the Republican and Democratic party got together in a cozy deal and mutually have cross-endorsed their hand-picked candidates for these very important positions.

They are people who have worked themselves up in the political system. They themselves have wheeled and dealed, done favors and made substantial contributions to the party.

As a reward they are being paid off by being guaranteed they will become judges.

As one attorney described judges to this newspaper, they are gods unto themselves in the courtroom. No one dares cross them.

When they come in with a hangover or after a fight with their wife, you have got to handle them with kid gloves.

One false move on your part and the case you have built for your client could be ruined regardless of their guilt or innocence.

Tragically, we only have to look at how some of our judges in Suffolk County have acted.

During the last year, one judge was removed because he was forcing himself on a women, who was petitioning the court for relief. To get the relief the judge demanded that she provide him with "special services."

Another judge had a coffee vendor brought to his chambers in handcuffs to berate him on the quality of his coffee. He also was removed from the bench and when sued, his best explanation was that he might have over-reacted.

Just last week in New York City, a judge gave a convicted rapist a sentence from zero to fifteen years. He didn't feel the rapist should have to serve any time because he feels the jails are incapable of rehabilitating people.

Another judge let a convicted mugger with seventeen convictions behind him off almost scott free because he felt the accused was a product of our society.

These are the most notorious cases that we have all heard about. There are hundreds of others exhibiting bad judgement made by those who are

sitting on the bench.

We don't hear about it, because those who are involved, the attorney's don't want to spill the beans because of fear of retribution.

Most of us pay little credence to the selection of judges. We feel we will never have to go before them. We do not lead the kind of lives that will lead us into court. Don't you believe it?

All of us, no matter how pure we think we are, may come in direct contact or become potential victims for the judicial system.

Your day in court may come from a simple dispute over a bill, a broken marriage, an auto accident or a number of other avenues that can only be solved by a court of law.

The quality of judges will be the most influential factor in the quality of justice we receive.

The selection of these judges should not be the end product of a political deal made behind closed doors.

Yet, this is what cross-endorsed judicial candidates are.

Equally disturbing is the type of campaigns cross endorsed judges run. They will show up at a few coffee klatches and maybe a dinner or two. Rarely are their credentials presented to the public for examination.

They consider it undignified to allow themselves to be questioned or their background looked into.

We give our judges less scrutiny than we give a custodian who will clean the restrooms in the courthouse.

This is tragic, and one of the classic reasons why more and more Americans are losing their respect for the judicial system which is supposed to be the fiber of the system.

There is little any of us can do about this year's crop of judges except to write in someone else's or something else's name.

We have been disenfranchised. We have been robbed of our right to choose, who will judge us by the leadership of the political parties.

It would be hypocritical to cast a vote for any cross-endorsed candidate. By casting an affirmative vote you are accepting this morally corrupt practice.

We would much prefer to pull up the slot and write in Mickey Mouse than affirm the mutually chosen judges of the political barons. And why not?

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David J. Willmott, Editor

Closing of Parr Meadows

Suffolk County has suffered another set back with the abortive closing of the Parr Meadows Race Track, two months earlier than planned.

There are a lot of reasons this entertainment facility, this business booster, this major employer didn't make it.

From the start it was plagued with man-made problems, the quick-buck artist connived his way in and ran up construction costs beyond belief.

The mob, of course, tried to infiltrate the track.

The financiers and bankers played the games bankers are noted for. When their support was most needed, they pulled back on their commitments.

But probably worst of all was the attitude of our elected officials. They did everything in their power to doom this track.

Brookhaven Town threw up every conceivable roadblock to hinder the development and construction. The county, instead of putting its weight and the prestige behind this major new business and entertainment facility acted contemptuously.

Presiding officer of the legislature, Floyd Linton, whose district this track happened to be in, showed absolute immaturity and arrogance by bad mouthing and boycotting the opening of the track.

The county Department of Environmental Control and the Health Department dug up minute infractions of their bureaucratic regulations on opening day and threatened to withhold their permits

right up to a few hours before opening time.

Governor Carey vetoed legislation for exotic betting that is allowed at straight and harness racing tracks which have proved to be extremely popular with betters.

His failure to authorize this type of betting after it had been passed by the Senate and the Assembly contributed heavily to the track's financial plight.

Parr and his track, were not without fault, but, by God, Parr and the people around him did everything in their power to win a losing battle.

Those who did their damndest to keep this track from being successful can take glee in having won their battle.

What a shallow victory it is though.

What kind of smugness can they feel in knowing they have hindered the development of Eastern Long Island's potential?

Will they take satisfaction in knowing their efforts will stop some families from eating, others from paying their taxes, and still others from staying in the area?

Will they take satisfaction from the knowledge that business executives now have proof positive that Suffolk officials don't want progress?

Somehow we hope that Ron Parr still has a trick up his sleeve and a miracle can be performed to allow this track to open next Spring. If it does, we hope the attitudes of Suffolk officials will have changed, and we will all be pulling for a winner together. And why not?

Dear Editor:

In your recent story 'Keeping a Roof over Granny's Head', by Tom Beiswenger, you constantly talk of subsidized apartments. The senior citizens in this country do not want 'a roof', 'any roof' over their heads, they want their own roof. They've provided for themselves for some 40 - 50 years and now you say they need help. Did anyone mention to Rose Greico in Patchogue that she could have a mobile home with 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, carpeting, 5 appliances, screen room, her own garden, privacy and security in one of the mobile parks in Suffolk where the rent will be an approximate \$100.00 per month plus utilities after purchase of the mobile home. The above described mobile cost \$12,000.00. I know because it is mine. However, they can be purchased for figures ranging from \$8,000.00 to \$25,000.00 depending on what you may wish; single, double, or even triples and lengths from 50 - 70'. There are all too few of these parks in Suffolk, indeed and you all know it. Most of us who live in them today had homes in Nassau or western Suffolk and hoped when we bought our houses to live in them for the balance of our lives, leaving them to our heirs. The continuous and constant rise in land taxes has forced most of us to look for other residences for our senior years. You cannot pay from \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00 annually in taxes and live on pensions and social security and savings.

You do not show honest concern for senior citizens welfare at all. You are as Bess Myerson might put it, 'pandering to special interests'. What really surprised me and angered me was Senator Caesar Trunzo. For years, he has been our voice and a sympathetic one in Albany, so much so, he got the knick-name of 'King of the Gypsies' among his peers in the hallowed halls of Albany and certainly with all mobile home residents in Suffolk with affection and respect. Well, I say the King is dead. He had a perfect opportunity to speak up for the value of mobile home living for senior citizens and he said nothing.

The laughable part of this 'story' were the suggested solutions to the housing problem for the elderly; one being a change in zoning for our original homes making them multi-dwellings. Imagine the other residents in our areas agreeing with delight to changing the zoning after they bought their homes for one family zoning. Another suggestion was to open the now empty schools to senior citizens which would also require a zoning change and we should all be happy with this aspect of institutionalizing of our lives. The school taxes in most areas was the major reason for

'She could have a mobile home'

the high taxes. Now after helping to pay for the unnecessary schools, we should be happy to live in them.

Would it be impossible to change said zoning and allow us to put our mobile homes on our own property or open up more much needed parks? Could it be that the reason may be that these would be privately owned. They want the government money so badly they can taste it. We don't want it, you do.

It is obvious how the politicians feel about mobile homes. For example, sometime ago, we, as a group of some 200 mobile residents, went to a Southampton Town Hall hearing about some legislation that was pending pertaining to mobile home living. We came from as far west as Amityville and as far east as East Hampton Town. With the notable exception of Dode Hulse, who has always been very considerate, the entire town board looked like models for a new Mt. Rushmore, but at least they were dignified and polite and listened; however, bored and closed their minds were. A contrast when we had yet another opportunity to attend a hearing in the Town of Brookhaven. A developer, Herb Carmel and Associates, wanted a zoning change to build a most beautiful community encompassing apartments of the garden type or town-house type together with private homes, open park space and also a mobile home park for senior citizens who wished it. He and we who attended were shouted down and told to get out, that it was none of our business since we did not reside in the town. We had hoped to apprise them of the great benefits to be derived from living in a mobile park. The town supervisor, John Randolph, just said nothing. This too, was private money. Isn't this as good as government money?

I know what I am saying because I live in the East Quogue Mobile Park and have for 7 years. It is a beautiful park, the best on the South Fork. If you look at what Myron MacLeod, the Starke's and Mr. Thurm have done in their parks in the Riverhead area, you would see that they are very attractive and a great asset to their towns. Why can't the politicians be honest? Special interests all the way! I know this will never be printed, nothing ever is when it is in favor of mobile homes. I must say our contemporary best seller writer, Taylor Caldwell, said it right; while writing of the beginnings of democracy in ancient times in Greece; 'politicians are not born, they are excreted.' (L-11N)

Truly,
Grace M. Ruggiero
East Quogue

'I must offer a very strong defense of the U.S. Coast Guard'

Dear Mr. Willmott:

As one who usually is quite in accord with your editorial policies, at this time, I feel that all the facts having been aired, and, to my way of thinking, a lot of unjust criticisms made, I must offer a very strong defense of the U.S. Coast Guard's position regarding the monitoring of the C.B. CHANNEL.

If I may, I will digress a bit. Back in the '50's, I had a Coast Guard registration number for my boat (17 ft. outboard). This was obtained at no cost to me, but when I was in trouble in Fire Island Inlet and drifting out to sea, the Coast Guard patrol boat towed me to Captree and safety. Again at no cost. Next, my boat registration was transferred to the N.Y. State Conservation Dept. Now \$3.00

to 16 ft.; \$6.00 to 26'; etc. This money I understand, financed a lot of upstate launching ramps on lakes whose names I can't even pronounce. I can imagine all the help I'd receive from this dept. If I needed it. Now comes the real zinger. My boat registration is now in the hands of the N.Y. State Motor Vehicle Bureau. Boatmen, try calling them for assistance!

Meanwhile, the Coast Guard, one of the most under-manned, under-subsidized units of our government, now with an additional job of patrolling our new 200-mile limit, continues to do one "Hellova" job to insure the safety of us salt water men. My contention is this.

Give the Coast Guard the registration money from motor boats. Increase their manpower and let them buy more boats. Then, it is my firm belief that all radar, radio and CB channels will be manned 24 hours a day.

Please don't place blame without considering all the angles. (L-3N)
Gill A. Lillenthal
Sayville

'Another teed off fisherman'

Dear Mr. Willmott:

In answer to "teed off fisherman:" Mister, you have expressed my sentiments exactly. For a long time, I have been doing a "burn" but did not know just how to express my opinion to the newspaper.

You did it beautifully. Too bad others don't speak up.

My hat is off to you. (L-10N)
-A teed off fisherman

With a friend like Carter...

It's incredible to us that the one thing which the USA and Soviet Russia have agreed to since World War II is that the PLO should be invited to Geneva to help determine the fate of Israel.

It's even more incredible when one considers that the PLO's stated position on the fate of Israel -- that is, Israel must be destroyed...eliminated...pushed into the sea."

What insanity has driven Jimmy Carter to this? Do the feudal lords of Arabia, with their oil blackmail tactics, scare the whole USA?

What's happening to our nation?

We used to take pride in the fact that we stood behind the free nations of the world. The USA meant "freedom" everywhere. Suddenly, we're on the side of the Soviets...the Arabian Shieks...the side of repression...dictatorship...blackmail, etc.

One doesn't have to be a genius to know that the Israelis are the one bastion of freedom in the Mideast. To sell Israel out to the Arabs and Soviets, after all we've done...all Israel has done to preserve freedom

in the world is incredible.

Carter should backpedal now, and fast, and restate our firm support of Israel's right to exist.

At the same time, he should condemn loudly the Palestine Liberation Organization's terrorism and deny it any status at Geneva, or elsewhere. And why not?

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You had better watch him

The Southwest Sewer District was sold to the voters of this special use district as a \$250,000,000 project. Everyone in officialdom knows this figure was unrealistic in fact, an outright lie.

They also knew if they revealed the truth to the voters, the proposition creating the Southwest Sewer District would never pass.

As time passed, the cost of the sewer district accelerated drastically. At one point, it was feared the total construction and financing cost could possibly exceed three billion dollars. It is now estimated the final cost will be over \$2 billion.

This is almost a 10 time increase in the cost that will have to be paid for by the residents in the sewer district.

Houses, once worth \$60,000 and \$70,000, today are going begging at

\$30,000 and \$40,000. The price of the house is inconsequential, it is the tax payment that is looked at by a prospective homebuyer.

When a special use district such as the Southwest Sewer District is created, the beneficiaries of that district are expected to pay the full share of the real estate taxes that must be collected to fund it.

John Klein, County Executive, and his henchmen on the Suffolk County Legislature last year, in a highly controversial and possibly illegal move, pledged 1 cent of future sales tax revenues, collected county-wide, to insure the bond issues for this district.

On their own, these bonds would have been difficult to market and conceivably if not sold, the entire project would have had to go into default.

By pledging revenues raised throughout the county, buyers of these bonds were given additional assurance there would be funds available to pay the interest as it came due and to redeem them upon maturity.

In effect, Klein pushed through this legislation, and it indebted every resident of the county. We all became obligated for the Southwest Sewer District, even though we receive absolutely no benefits from it.

Now, Klein in a slippery move, is attempting to have part of the sales tax collected throughout the county directly applied to funding this district.

This means money collected in Montauk and Orient, in Manorville and Northport will be used for the sole benefit of the Southwest Sewer District.

If Klein is successful in this move, it is almost 100 per cent guaranteed the county will be forced to raise the sales tax you are now paying. It is inescapable. Every county resident will have his real buying power reduced by another one or two per cent.

In effect, we will be paying additional sales taxes to bail John Klein and his cohorts out. We will be getting nothing in direct benefit from it. It won't create future jobs nor will we enjoy any benefits from having paid these hard-earned taxes.

Ask each of the County Legislature candidates their opinion on this before you decide who you are going to vote for. Their answer will tell you whether they favor increasing your sales tax burden. And why not?

Open Letter from U.S. Representative Hauser

'Our most strategic possession could be handed to a Marxist dictator allied with America's worst enemies'

Dear Friend:

This will probably be one of the most important letters I've written in 1977.

It concerns the last ditch, emergency effort to save our Panama Canal.

Without your help, Jimmy Carter will certainly succeed in ramming his Canal Zone treaty through the United States Senate, possibly in the next two to three weeks. Our most strategic possession could be handed outright to a Marxist dictator allied with America's worst enemies.

The president is moving so swiftly with good cause.

He's afraid of your reaction.

He and the liberal leadership of the U.S. Senate have pledged an all out campaign of spin-twisting and pressure tactics to ratify this treaty immediately now that the Senate has come back in session.

The idea: ram it through before Americans like you can write to your Senators and demand they vote against this outrageous giveaway scheme.

Please write -- now, immediately. Use the postcards if you haven't more time. It's up to you -- completely.

Whether the U.S. Senate caves in to this high-intensity lobbying campaign or not will be decided by the degree of involvement of concerned and patriotic Americans like you.

That's the one thing the President can't change.

Make no mistake about it: the President of the United States is devoting all of the resources of his office to bending the Senate to his will.

An outright transfer of our country's sovereign rights in the Canal Zone of Panama

to an ally of Fidel Castro's Communist Cuba is in the works.

I'm writing to you today with the assistance of the Council for Inter-American Security, to ask you to help put a stop to this campaign to hoodwink the American people.

And I'll confess that I'm genuinely pleased at how fast CIS has managed to put together this last minute, emergency PANAMA CANAL DEFENSE CAMPAIGN. Because time is precious, the leaders of CIS went all the way out on a limb, risking their every resource to enable me to write you right away.

Please let me tell you why they have borrowed \$10,000 and extended their credit to the breaking point, to the tune of over \$306,000 -- to provide this alert.

But, before I say anything else, please, if you haven't the time to finish reading my letter to you, send the two postcards to your two U.S. Senators. I hope you can take the extra time to write them personal letters, because that would be even more effective. But it's up to you to convince them that the American people won't tolerate a Panama Canal giveaway. And send a copy to your Congressman so he gets the message, too.

Earlier this year, the Common Sense picketing bill being pushed by the Czars of organized labor was defeated because enough concerned Americans like you wrote to their Congressmen or sent in postcards similar to those enclosed.

Now this treaty to give away our Panama Canal is a threat to America's national security -- indeed, to our nation's very survival in the future.

Before I give you a few of the significant details about this treaty, let me tell you about

the Council for Inter-American Security (CIS).

First of all, if it weren't for CIS, I probably wouldn't be writing you today.

And for that opportunity, I'm extremely grateful. History will record the fact that this was our last, our only chance, to defeat a treaty which literally promotes national disaster for America.

CIS began working diligently one year ago this month. (I was there helping them) to be in the position it is today: America's foremost organization working against United States ratification of the giveaway of the Panama Canal Zone.

But Jimmy Carter moved in even more swiftly than we had all anticipated with his treaty proposal.

It's no exaggeration to say that the Council urgently needs your help on the eve of this historic vote to adequately carry this fight. Your dollars will provide the means to reach the maximum number of people.

For each and every single freedom loving American surrender of the canal would be a disaster. We desperately need to assist the Council for Inter-American Security at this most important time. The PANAMA CANAL DEFENSE CAMPAIGN depends on your response in the next ten days -- your help to raise the necessary \$306,000.

I sincerely believe that your donation, whether you can afford \$20, \$50, \$100, or even more, will be a worthwhile investment for your future and that of your children.

As a matter of fact, if you'll help us defeat this Panama Canal treaty now, it could be the principal issue in the 1978 congressional election, where the people can really express themselves at the polls.

But the issue at stake here is more than those Congressmen who may, under pressure from the White House, ignore their constituents' wishes.

The issue is national survival. CIS has carefully documented the facts. They point in one direction.

(1) The Canal Zone is the exclusive property of the United States, according to a treaty signed freely by the State of Panama in 1903. We paid more for that territory than for all other U.S. property put together.

Furthermore, we paid for it four times: once to Panama, once to the French, once to the neighboring state of Columbia, and finally to individual property owners.

But we did more than just purchase property. We purchased sovereign rights to that property. And that means that no government on earth can interfere with our use of American territory.

(2) The ruler of Panama, General Omar Torrijos, is a Marxist. His government is comprised of Marxists. He is allied to Fidel Castro. He is in sympathy with the Soviet Union's goal of forced Communization of our entire hemisphere.

Torrijos is an unstable, unpredictable tyrant who has outlawed all political parties in Panama except the Communist Party. He will not tolerate opposition.

Several weeks ago, an exiled Panamanian Colonel, now living in Miami, narrowly missed being blown apart in his car. According to a friend of the colonel, the bomb was "a message to us about our opposition to the government and their actions." Is Torrijos to be trusted with our Canal?

(3) The Canal is not outdated and out-moded, as surrender advocates claim. In the past 30 months, some 750 U.S. Navy ships used the Canal on affairs directly related to our national security.

Only a handful of our very largest U.S. ships cannot use the Canal. This shortcut-passage between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans literally doubles the strength and effectiveness of our Navy.

And it saves us billions of dollars.

Furthermore, if the canal were in the hands of General Torrijos, a Marxist would have almost life-and-death control over the following nations of the Western Hemisphere: Nicaragua (77 per cent of this nation's trade goes through the Canal), Ecuador (50 per cent), Peru (80 per cent), and Chile (80 per cent).

Finally, the U.S. itself has a big commercial stake: 70 per cent of all Canal Zone traffic is to or from U.S. ports.

(4) Treaty advocates claim the U.S. can't defend the Canal. They say the U.S. must transfer our territory to Torrijos, or risk violence and instability in the Zone.

They quote General Torrijos himself: "We are prepared to follow the Ho Chi Minh route if necessary. That means terror, guerrilla operations, and sabotage in a national liberation war..."

I'm sure your instinctive reaction to that is the same as mine. Since when has the United States of America groveled at the feet of any small-time dictator who threatens us in this manner -- who makes demands, who is trying to blackmail us?

The Panama Canal was indeed "defensible" in all previous war situations: World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Cuba missile crisis.

But the most telling argument of all against this treaty, as far as I am concerned, are the words of four former Chiefs of Naval

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It's going to affect you

We suspect a lot of the average readers of Suffolk Life did not pay close attention to the House Ways and Means Committee's proposal to raise the base for collecting Social Security.

Presently, we all pay Social Security taxes up to \$16,500. The House Ways and Means Committee wants to raise this to \$32,000, almost a 100 per cent increase.

Most people here on Long Island in 1977 don't make over \$16,500, and, therefore, logically can say, what difference does it make, I am going to be paying it. This is what the politicians are counting on.

Over the last 10 years, inflation has driven up salaries by almost 100 per cent. People today who are making \$15,000 gross were being paid \$7,000 and \$8,000 for doing the same job 10 years ago.

Although making nearly twice as much, buying power has been diminished through inflation. More of their salary is being taken out for Social Security taxes and a higher percentage for income taxes due to the progressive tax system our country operates under.

It is realistic to expect inflation will not abate during the next decade. In fact, most economists expect it to increase. With an increase in inflation, gross salaries should keep pace and by 1987, a man making

\$15,000 to \$16,000 per year will be grossing \$30,000 to \$35,000. That means if the House Ways and Means Committee gets its way, you will be paying Social Security taxes on your full salary.

Not only is the House Ways and Means Committee contemplating raising the base, but they are advocating raising the percentage of taxes you are paying from 5.85 per cent to 7.45 per cent. This is a 78 per cent increase in Social Security taxes.

Looking at it in dollars, currently the maximum Social Security tax you can pay is \$1,930.50. This is split 50-50 between you and your employer.

By 1987, if the House Ways and Means Committee's proposal is accepted, you could pay as much as \$5,940, which is a jump of almost 150 per cent. Since the Social Security tax is split between you and your employer, he will be forced to come up with these extra dollars to finance this mandatory expense. Therefore, he will have less money left to pay your actual real salary increases and reward you for your productivity.

Now is the time for you to voice your opinion on this proposal. It will do you little good to complain about it once it becomes law. We recommend you contact your Congressmen and Senator immediately and explain to them exactly how this is going to affect your life. And why not?

Vote 'no' on bond issue

The governor's office has mounted an aggressive campaign to sell the economic bond issue to the public. If the issue is turned down, the Governor feels it will be a setback for the Carey administration.

The bond issue asks the voters of the State of New York for authorization to borrow \$750,000,000. The issue itself does not obligate that these funds be spent on any specific program.

In fact, the initial outline of where the money might be spent was nothing more than a laundry list resurrected from the Rockefeller administration. A little bit of money was doled out to the counties, and most of the funds were to be spent in New York City.

When suburban legislators and politicians screamed, projects were moved around and mysteriously, Suffolk's portion jumped from a minute \$3.5 million to a staggering \$125 million. This in itself should make you suspicious of the whole proposal.

How the devil could you add \$125 million to a \$750 million proposal without increasing the overall bond issue?

There is absolutely nothing binding that will guarantee Suffolk or Long Island will actually get one cent of this bond proposal.

There is nothing more than the promise of Carey and his staff of bureaucrats.

This bond issue can be compared with anyone of us walking into a bank and saying, "Hey, fella, I want to borrow \$7,500." I will pay you back over 30 years. I don't know what I am going to spend it on, but I know I want to have \$7,500 more in my pocket to play around with."

This concept is so ludicrous you would have to be a fool to even consider it.

The state officials are baiting voters with the promise that this \$750 million would enable the state to attract another \$2.5 to \$3 billion in matching funds in federal aid.

What these state officials fail to tell the voters is they will have to pay for this bond proposal through increased state income taxes and increased federal income taxes.

In case Governor Carey and his whiz kids in Albany don't know it, there is no Santa Claus. There is no tooth fairy and there is no such thing as free money.

Any money the government hands out has to be taken from the public through taxation. A "yes" vote on Proposition No. 1, the bond issue, is a vote in favor of increasing your taxes.

Ask yourself the simple question, do I want to pay more taxes to the government?

When you make up your mind on this very basic question, you then know how you should vote. And why not?

READERS' OPINION

'We pay tribute to Harold and Raymond Bernstein'

Dear Editor:

The Riverhead Varsity Club is composed of individuals who have by various deeds in the past displayed their support for education in the Riverhead School District.

Basically, our endeavors are in support of the athletic programs offered in the Junior and Senior High School of the Riverhead Central School District. However, we wish it to be known that we have always and always will support a total education program for all of our student citizens. Our organization was responsible for circulating and obtaining a petition of over 2,000 signatures of interested parents and other citizens to request the Riverhead Central School District Board of Education to resubmit its Operating Budget for a second revote. We did not request a budget with separate or "supermarket" propositions but the same proposal as was presented on the second revote of August 17, 1977. As stated previously, we are interested in a total education program which includes all extra curricular clubs, activities, sports and transportation.

Knowing that school would open on Wednesday, September 7, 1977, on an austerity program which clearly eliminates these extra curricular programs and limits transportation, the Varsity Club committed its membership to securing the necessary \$20,000.00 to enable the School District to at least be able to field varsity athletic teams for boys and girls this fall. This money had to be secured by September 7, 1977, or the school district would have to default in athletic competition. The school district must notify Section XI of its intentions by this date.

The petition to the Board of Education was successful and our efforts to raise the necessary \$20,000.00 was also successful. The Riverhead Varsity Club wishes to acknowledge with sincere appreciation the efforts of its members, but, more especially, the many men and women, parents and children who helped us in so many ways to circulate and collect the petition, make phone calls and circulate flyers. Without their help, our efforts to bring about the revote would not have been possible. Last but not least, thanks to John Waski for his artistry in the flyer.

Finally, we of the Riverhead Varsity Club, wish to extend our appreciation to two individuals who came to the aid of our organization at a time when our efforts to raise the funds to support the varsity teams always ended up on a dead end street. When this pair of gentlemen became aware of the efforts of our group and our frustrations, they offered the Varsity Club a loan of \$20,000.00. Knowing full well our obligations to repay, we accepted their offer. These gentlemen are Harold and Raymond Bernstein of Northville Industries.

In view of all of our recent problems, the Bernsteins' offer becomes more significant. I cannot speak for all of the people of the Town of Riverhead, but for the Riverhead Varsity Club, we pay tribute to Harold and Raymond Bernstein, individuals this country wants and will continue to need - "Americans and Proud of it." L-3P

Sincerely
Riverhead Varsity Club
Joe L. Moore
President

'I hope other nurses will speak up'

Dear Editor:

As an R.N. who has seen her "chosen career" evolving from "the nurse" to the Professional Nurse for 25 years, I would like to pass on some helpful advice to anyone contemplating nursing as a career goal.

First of all, make sure that your ideals match those ideals expressed by the nursing profession today. True, both ideals are noble in that they want to alleviate suffering but...perhaps your concept of nursing contains only a small portion of the profession's concept. Modern nursing includes varied roles, not merely the hospital "bedside nurse". Furthermore, the roles are carried by various types of nurses; Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Nurse - from an Associate program, Registered Nurse - from a Diploma school, and a Registered Nurse - with a B.S.N.

Confusing? Sure! So, before you commit yourself to years of educational preparation, please do not travel the route blindly. Become aware of the different avenues and options, and where they will and will not take you.

If you are now attending high school, check with your high school counselor for a list of National League of Nursing accredited schools. If they don't have one, insist they obtain one. Meanwhile, you can write to: Suffolk County Community College Nursing School, SUNY at Stony Brook Health Science Center School of Nursing, or to Nurses Association of the Counties of Long Island, Inc., 1 Hanson Place, Room 1707, Brooklyn, New York, 11243.

Also be alert to the fact; not all banks will give you a NYSHESC loan if you intend to enter a three-year diploma nursing school program, even if it is N.L.N. accredited. It would be unfortunate to ingest 3-4 years of knowledge, only to find that your particular type of background in nursing is no longer deemed acceptable to practice as a Professional Nurse!

If there is better information you should know, I hope other nurses will speak up.

Good Luck,
Alice A'Hearn, R.N.
St. James

'Contracts should be renewed'

Dear Mr. Willmott:

Anyone who has traveled from Riverhead to Orient in the wake of a heavy snowstorm is well aware of the efficiency of the snow removal efforts of Messrs. Douglass and Glover in the Town of Southold.

We find it incomprehensible that anyone can believe that two pieces of equipment will be able to keep our roads open - even during a minor flurry.

With only one state road between Orient and Greenport, we have no alternate route

available. In addition to the possibility of emergency situations, there is every day living: school buses need safe roads, private citizens are entitled to properly maintained highways whether on personal business or earning their livelihood.

The Douglass and Glover contracts should be renewed before it is too late. And why not???

Sincerely yours,
Mr. and Mrs. John M. Bredemeyer, Jr.
Orient

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Where the system breaks down

Each year prior to the election, we interview candidates for the offices of the county legislature and town supervisor.

We interview the incumbent and their challengers. It is interesting to note that many of the starry-eyed challengers from two years ago that are now incumbents have lost much of their naivete and are as frustrated as the incumbents were they replaced in the last races.

Many of these challengers sincerely believe they are capable of changing the world.

Some of them, under normal circumstances, could do just that, but when faced with realities of the

bureaucratic system find themselves helpless to make the changes that the people desire.

The reason that they are not successful in their plans is not because they lack the ability. It is because the system does not allow them to change the employees of the government.

The employees of the government are locked in tight to the system, they have tenure. Under civil service their jobs are guaranteed. It is almost impossible for them to be removed.

We can see some protection for the lower workers. We cannot see why those who are in any management position should be guaranteed a job whether they are doing it or not.

Incumbents relate horror stories of going to Assistant Commissioners, department heads and requesting action.

Their requests are often ignored or just given lip service. The bureaucracy that holds these management positions knows that they do not have to produce, they are not even answerable to their superiors.

For their superiors, the elected officials, to remove them from office, they must be brought up on charges and given lengthy hearings often stretching over years.

To be removed from a position, a civil servant darned near must have

to be caught with their hand in the cookie jar.

A lack of productivity or an inability to carry out orders are not grounds for termination or dismissal.

The end result is government goes on as usual being non-productive and a wasteland of taxpayers funds.

Our elected officials must have the ability to hire and fire managers of the government that they are charged with running. Without this power there will be no improvement in either the quality or the productivity of government. And why not?

Jimmy's on the war path

Old Jimmy, the smile'in Southern Gentleman who just happens to be President lashed out at the oil companies last week, for what he claims is their attempt to scuttle his energy program.

Suffolk Life, by any stretch of the imagination can't be considered a friend or a supporter of the oil companies. We believe they are one of the greatest rip-off artists in the world.

Yet, even with our distrust, it was

plain for us to see they were babes in the woods compared to the smiling Georgian. Jimmy Carter took what may or may not be a real potential energy crisis and deliberately turned it into a monstrous tax gouge of the American people.

The program, allegedly for energy conservation, is, in reality, the biggest peace time tax increase ever faced by the American people.

Long before the oil companies

started hooting and a hollering, Suffolk Life had editorialized, strongly of the devastating effects this program would have on the average resident of Suffolk County.

It has been the awareness of independent newspapers, such as ours, that have made the Senators of the United States look twice at Carter and his proposal.

Old Jimmy likes to use the words that we are at war. You're damn well

right we are. We are at war against one of the worst proposals ever to come down the pike.

If Carter has his way and the energy bill is passed, he will successfully spread the wealth of this country from those who produce, to those who don't and in doing so do what Khrushchev promised to do, bury us. And why not?

READERS' OPINION

'Vote for the man who makes no promises'

Dear Editor:
Do the residents of the unincorporated towns realize that our taxes are to be higher than those of the incorporated villages? For instance, on a house valued at \$4,000, we will be paying \$225.00 a year under the present budget of \$8,300,000 million proposed by Supervisor Hulse.

Have you examined the raises asked by the Town Board:
Supervisor from \$23,582 to \$26,999.
Councilmen from \$11,128 to \$14,937 (who have only spent six hours a month on their jobs as Councilmen)
Tax Receiver \$16,484 to \$18,132
Town Clerk \$19,812 to \$20,871.
Highway Supt. \$22,360 to \$26,437.

These salaries indicate an increase from \$1,000 to \$4,000 per man.

Councilman Robertson stated that the increase was warranted, couldn't he live very well on his 1977 salary of \$14,937 - even though he has his real estate business. HOW MANY PEOPLE IN SUFFOLK TOWNSHIP ARE LIVING ON THIS KIND OF SALARY?

As for the POLICE - why didn't Supervisor Hulse, Ted Alpert, Ted Sharretts and the other members of this committee go to FACTFINDING ARBITRATION, (the police wanted it); but apparently those in office elected by the people for the people weren't interested.

Do you realize that a new policeman will receive \$15,000 his first year. That a first grade patrolman will receive over \$20,000?

Chief Teller at a salary of \$32,604 with Captain Carlson, \$26,078. These police salaries are the highest paid in the ENTIRE UNITED STATES. These salaries do not include the increments allotted to them which brings their salaries even higher.

For overtime last year the men were given time off. This coming year they will be paid time and a half for all overtime.

When Supervisor Hulse took office the

police salaries were \$900,000, now it is over TWO MILLION.

What about the residents of Suffolk Township living on fixed incomes? How can they survive? Some senior citizens are losing their homes because of our taxes - Supervisor

'That's a lot of hog wash'

Dear Editor:
Regarding your article in Willmotts' Why Nots dated Sept. 28, 1977 saying the Coast Guard now sees the light on monitoring CB radio frequencies in 1978:

You state that, "Tragically, this arrogant decision by Coast Guard officials probably contributed to the loss of lives right here in eastern Long Island." Also you state, last spring two fishermen drowned as a result of the Coast Guard not being able to be in direct communication with CB's.

That's a lot of "Hogwash", and I personally

Hulse is forcing one family homes to become two family homes for survival - and with oil, gas, etc., all going up in price -

For six years Supervisor Hulse has been giving promises - all were for the future, none for the present - everyone is suffering in one

think the Coast Guard should be apologized to. If the CB operators knew their business, they would have called the Suffolk County police on channel 19 who would have gotten in touch with the marine division and also with the Coast Guard and lives would have been saved.

The surprise of the article was that I have yet to find you wrong in your article, but this was too much. (L-2N)

Yours for success
Ralph A. Kipp
Holbrook

way or another -

They were requested to buy cars in the six cylinder range - Supervisor Hulse's new car will cost over \$6,000. Would he buy it on his own? Why do we have to pay this sum for, he could use a smaller car.

REMEMBER NOVEMBER 8th, vote for the man that makes no promises, but is open for suggestions, help and cooperation. This is up to the registrants. Do your duty - and do it well. (L-2R)

Bea Miller
E. Quogue

'So we ought

to get behind Bob Kelly'

Dear Dave:
I couldn't agree with you more with the editorial on the politicians takeover of the courts. Political leaders act like the courts are their private preserve. There has got to be a better way to pick the judges, but I'm not so sure I'd trust a governor; one of them in the past few weeks had to be sent to jail.

I understand that the local political bosses are upset because a lawyer in the town, Bob Kelly, who is a registered independent is running for judge. His friends got 1,400 signatures in Southampton Town and put him on the ballot for November 8th. He's a graduate of 2 law schools and lived and practiced here for 17 years.

He's going around saying the same things you're saying about the selection of judges. We've got to start somewhere and it might as well be here in our Town. So we ought to get behind Bob Kelly and elect him just to show the party bosses we do have a say in electing who's going to judge us. L-9R

Al O'Connell
Westhampton Beach

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Not before the master plan

Some 20 months ago, I was invited to serve on the Citizens' Advisory Committee for the Suffolk County Airport. My appointment was controversial, one not looked upon with favor by the County Executive.

For almost two years, I have attended meetings once or twice a month. I have been as frustrated as most members of this committee by the lack of progress we have made.

In the last analysis, Suffolk County Airport has not been developed because of the dictates and the whims of John Klein, the County Executive.

The formation of this committee, which was created by the Suffolk County Legislature, was for the purpose of finding a way to keep the airport opened.

Klein had publicly declared he planned on closing it. He cut the budget of the airport from almost a half million dollars to a proposed budget of under \$100,000. It was rebones, by even my calculations.

During this time, every proposal the committee came up with was met with the answer from the County Executive "not until a master plan can be developed."

Our efforts to rent out the 500,000 square feet of potentially productive industrial and commercial space at the airport was met with every bureaucratic roadblock that could be placed before it.

Klein is a master in using the bureaucracy to discourage and to

frustrate development as he sees fit.

The committee broke through the roadblocks placed there by the Federal Aviation Administration.

With the federal government out of the way, we felt we could make headway in the utilization of this valuable asset.

Before we could place our first tenant on the property, Klein developed multi-layer bureaucracy that only a fool or a bullheaded idiot would attempt to overcome.

For a simple application, it would take a minimum of three months to a maximum of Lord knows what, to climb over the hurdles he had developed.

An application not only had to be cleared by the F.A.A. but, the County Attorneys office, the County Land Management office, the County Insurance Department, the County Fire Department, Environment Control, the Health Department and there are probably others we haven't even encountered yet.

Meeting after meeting, we were told this was for the good of the people of Suffolk County. The county had to be protected. Every conceivable problem had to be faced before it became a reality. Always there was the undying question of whether the intended use would be compatible with the development of the master plan.

The master plan, in the county executive's eyes, became the all

encompassing issue. Nothing could be done with the airport until this master plan was contracted, developed and accepted by the County.

Lo and behold, to the shock of the dozen of people who have served without salary, John Klein, the County Executive and his boy wonder protege, Floyd Linton, announced last week the county was granting \$100,000,000 in tax-free bonds to a paper corporation for the development of an industrial park north of the airport.

Some of the lands involved were recommended in the last airport master plan to be absorbed into the airport complex.

Allegedly, the grandiose schemes of this corporation call for the creation of 2,200 jobs. The publicity the developers are sending out claims this exquisite industrial park will rise out of scrub oak and pine barrens.

You'd think it would be quite a boost for eastern Long Island's economy, where unemployment is now topping 15 per cent.

All of this is just a paper proposal. There isn't one guarantee a building will ever be erected or a single job created.

We have witnessed grandiose schemes before that held out promises of massive employment and an injection into the economy.

After the zoning changes and the permit approvals were granted, we

have seen the land lay fallow or be used for undesirable purposes.

There is another element that has frightening implications. If the completed master plan recommends barren scrub oak land be absorbed into the County Airport complex, this land may well have to be taken by condemnation. Because there is a plan for its development backed by \$100,000,000 and Suffolk County tax-free bonds, the land would be worth many times its present value.

We find it extremely disturbing and very, very strange that Klein would cause the county to become involved in this project before the master plan was completed.

Klein has steadfastly maintained that nothing should be done with this property until the master plan was developed.

The master plan for the airport will encompass not only the property within the fence, but also adjacent property to the airport.

The residents of Suffolk County may just have been set up for being taken. Klein's handling of the airport has stunk from day one and this latest development absolutely reeks.

Every resident of the county should watch the developments here and the district attorney's office should examine this whole deal for possible corruption. And why not?

READERS' OPINION

'Will Patrick Henry restore professionalism and integrity?'

Dear Editor:

In recent news articles, the Republican candidate for District Attorney stated that he will restore integrity, competence and professionalism to the office of District Attorney.

At first, I was appalled by the unsubstantiated contention that these notable traits were in need of restoration but my shock turned to utter amusement as I read into this candidate's real self as opposed to his campaign image that he would put forward.

I feel that you can tell more about a person when you see what he is doing rather than to just hear what he is saying, but to see this, one had to read into the obscure pages of the legal notices (Long Island News 9-30-77 and Islip Town Bulletin 9-8-77) where I was

amazed to see Patrick Henry was "appointed" referee in several foreclosure proceedings.

Visions of a "Snideley Whiplash" character evicting widows and children may not be substantiated but can someone who is seeking a public office and at the very same time so readily grabbing at noted political patronage jobs such as those appointments really be a man of the integrity he contends he was?

Political patronage is granted not on even the mere facade of professionalism or competence but always on favors granted as opposed to favors owed. Will Mr. Patrick Henry restore professionalism and integrity to the District Attorney's office or patronage? (L-6P)

Yours truly,
James Oliver Kaiser
Shirley

'What about all those families who haven't been able to eat?'

Dear Mr. Willmott,

This is in reference to your letter of the closing of Parr Meadows in issue No. 63 vol. 17, Rocky Point Edition.

You stated that probably the worst set back that the track had, was the attitude of our elected officials. "They did everything in their power to doom this track," I quote from your article. Well, I praise God that these officials have the reality that gambling is not necessary in Suffolk County to promote its growth. I thank God that we still have men in office who will take a stand for the good of the people and even though they be "bad-mouthed," they keep this stand.

You said, "Will they take satisfaction in knowing their efforts will stop some families

from eating, others from pay their taxes, and still others from staying in the area?" Well, I say what about all of these families who haven't been able to eat, or pay rent or mortgage because the money that was to be used for that purpose was used for gambling purposes? Yes, I take satisfaction in this victory, because I can see it as a victory for the purpose of family growth in Suffolk County. L-7R

Truly,
Loren Caputo
Miller Place

ED. NOTE: Sorry to disappoint you, these officials were not against the track or gambling. They just didn't have a piece of the action. Business as usual in Suffolk.

'Mr. Parr should realize the wisdom of sticking to his own game'

Dear Editor:

The recent closing of Parr Meadows was a severe blow to the economy of Brookhaven Town.

Most newspaper accounts have drawn a picture of a beleaguered businessman, in the person of Ronald Parr. There is no doubt that he ran into many difficulties in the construction of his dream project, Parr Village. He is not the first man to have overextended himself and to have failed.

Instead of placing the blame on others, Mr. Parr should realize the wisdom of sticking to his own game. Parr Meadows was mismanaged from the day it opened. The foolishness of trying to make operating costs from excessive admission and parking fees was partially corrected toward the end when passes were widely distributed. The parking

fee was never reduced. Race tracks make money on their percentage of the handle. Therefore, good management offers inducements to attract the public to the track.

While Mr. Parr has received accolades for fighting mob infiltration, bureaucratic rules, etc., the revelations of the method he used to obtain financing leave his armor somewhat tarnished.

For the sake of Mr. Parr, himself, and the 1,200 employees, who lost their jobs, let us hope he sells his interest in the track, pays off his debts and allows racing to resume next Spring under knowledgeable, legitimate and competent management. Otherwise, within two years, we will have, in our midst, a broken-down, weed infested eyesore. L-4R
Edmund P. Peace,
Patchogue

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Are they really needed?

As in past years, those seeking the position of legislator seem confused as to what their job is.

The position of county legislator can be compared in private industry to being a member of the board of directors of a corporation. In a corporation, the board is the company's policy maker.

The confusion about this position we believe stems from the legislature's past failure to adequately describe the job. This has left vagueness as to what are actually the duties and the responsibilities of the legislature.

Both incumbent and challengers alike can't convincingly say whether the job is a part or a full-time position.

The job carries a salary of a full-time position, but the current legislators didn't have the courage when they raised their salary to describe the job as full-time.

The actual job of being a legislator doesn't take but a few hours a week. There is a meeting that must be attended every other week and some committee meetings that legislators are free to attend or not attend as they see fit.

To justify the salary legislators are paying themselves, they have expanded the scope of their job to fill their entire working time.

Legislators are unable to distinguish between what they are doing as legislators and the time they are putting in to insure their reelection.

Most incumbent legislators have set themselves up as ombudsmen. Because they lack clear direction, legislators get themselves involved with town and state problems of which they have no jurisdiction over.

Some of the county legislator and supervisor candidates even questioned whether county government is needed at all.

Suffolk County government as now structured has become an unwieldy and cumbersome third layer of bureaucracy.

Many programs, being operated by the county, are a duplication of efforts being performed by the state and the towns.

This duplication is wasting millions of dollars of our taxes and is not providing either the quality or quantity of service residents seek and desire.

During the interviews the success of our neighboring state Connecticut was brought out.

In 1960, after operating for 200 years, the state of Connecticut eliminated county government.

Functions that could be better handled on the local level were returned to the townships. The other needs that had been performed by the county were taken over by the state.

The elimination of this third government had led to a more stable economy and an increase in productivity.

Connecticut has suffered from the same economic conditions that prevail in New York, yet Connecticut economically is in good condition. Their taxes are considerably lower and they are successful in attracting industry and jobs.

The value of county government should be one heavily debated in the future.

The key issue, all candidates agreed, was their constituents concern about taxes.

Although the candidates are unwilling to fact it, the only way to give taxpayers relief is to cut back on wasteful government.

If we chopped out the county legislature and even the county itself, most taxpayers wouldn't miss it at all. And why not?

Candidates for '77

We have concluded interviewing candidates for town supervisor, county legislator and the district attorney races.

On the whole, this year's office seekers are far superior to those that we have interviewed in the past.

Not only are they better qualified, but they are better versed on the issues and not timid in expressing their opinion.

During the interviews, we examined the candidates carefully to find out how they stood on the issues.

But we were more interested in why they took a particular position. We were especially concerned with the candidates' sincerity, believability and honest desire to represent their constituents.

Sitting with a candidate for over an hour in intensive discussion, you are normally able to perceive the weak and the strong points of the character.

This coming Wednesday, we will offer our endorsements. Endorsements in Suffolk Life are non-partisan. Suffolk Life is an independent newspaper whose sole concern is our readers. Our aim in supporting candidates is to help our readers achieve the best representation and quality of government obtainable.

Our endorsements are based upon knowledge we have gathered about the candidate in the past, personal interviews conducted by our news staff, the current interviews conducted between our news editor, the publisher and the candidate and the answers to the questionnaires as published in Suffolk Life.

When these endorsements are published, we hope you will read them carefully and review what you have learned about the candidates to make up your own mind. And why not?

One thin dime

In the newspaper business, reporters, salesmen and circulation people have to keep in close touch with their bosses and editors when they are out in the field.

As in most private businesses, the means they use is a telephone. The reason they use a phone is because it is the least expensive and most efficient way of touching base with the home office.

In Brookhaven Town, almost everyone who is anyone in town government, 350 altogether, has a private car radio which costs the taxpayers \$350 apiece, more than the average homeowner pays in town taxes.

When totaled up, the cost of the radios is nearly a quarter million dollars a year, \$100,000 more than it costs to rent every single phone in the scores of town departments located throughout Brookhaven.

Town officials justify the expense claiming they need to be in constant contact with one another in case of emergency.

What it comes down to is that the

town officials like their electronic toys and their convenience. Our question is whether the town officials' convenience is worth \$250,000 out of the taxpayers' hide?

If you asked anyone who is trying to make ends meet, keep their roof over his wife and children's heads and put bread on the table, their answer would be a resounding no.

In fact, if they realized the town was using all their property taxes to pay for a single car radio, they would be outraged, and rightly so.

Politicians, both Democrats and Republicans, have got to start to realize that residents are not an endless source of funds for projects which make life convenient for them.

The acid test is whether a private radio phone system is an absolute necessity to the already overburdened homeowners.

We believe the town can get by very nicely on one communications system provided by Ma Bell. And if an official is out of his office, all he needs is one thin dime to place a call. And why not?

READER'S OPINION

'The taste of blood is now out and out gluttonous'

Gentlemen:

Many years ago voluntary automobile insurance came into existence. The premiums were reasonable; the companies honored their commitment, and repair shops charged a reasonable fee.

Then, insurance companies started their gimmicks, i.e., a person having an insured auto in a low premium area went to live in a higher premium area. Even though the owner left the auto in the lower premium area and used it only on vacation or weekends, the company raised the premium to the greater amount. Having tasted blood, like a dog killing chickens, they increased surcharges, premiums and in other ways reduced the value of the dollars worth of insurance.

In 1955 the great and beneficent State of New York made auto insurance compulsory. With the motorist now having only the choice of one company or another, the competitive policy rates disappeared and service quality plummeted. The practice of refusing to pay the full repair bill became a common thing.

Once burned, twice shy! The repair shops now routinely padded their bills. As a large collision repair shop owner said, "We have to double our bills, as they always cut the payments in half."

The insurance companies were smug in their belief they were besting the repairmen. The repairmen having found dishonesty not only the best but the only policy practical, padded their bills. Now the insurance companies screamed foul at the practice they had brought upon themselves.

With many motorists having agonized over the lack of ethics on the part of insurance companies, they retaliated by inflating damage awards as jurymen. The companies

either offered insultingly low settlements or delayed payment until the interest on the money they held covered, or nearly covered, the claim to be paid. In many cases they escaped scot-free, with the death or disappearance of witnesses.

Now, with jammed courts, exorbitant premiums and fraud on all sides, the State in its usual brilliance, concocted "No Fault", the cure all, and granted cancellation rights, more premium increases and other concessions to the insurance companies that places the motorist in the position of having the State hold a gun at his head while the insurance companies rifle his pockets.

At the present time, with State connivance, the insurance companies no longer satisfied with 10 per cent or 15 per cent increases, have banded together to force every driver into "assigned risk" coverage and get 200 to 400 per cent increases in premiums.

The taste of blood is now out and out gluttonous. L-3R

Very truly yours,
N.C. Davids
Bay Shore

'Vote for a change'

Incumbents running on the docket
Have naught to say but poppycockit
Their leadership has been to mock it,
Their hands were free but in our pocket.
Frank M. Re
Hampton Bays

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