

LETTERS TO THE LONG ISLAND EDITOR

Economy in Nassau: Some Proposals

As a former deputy commissioner in the Caso administration, I find Mr. Caso's concern for "the anguish it will cause the 2,000 families that will be affected by his firings" very touching. The critical question is whether any of the official Nassau County Republican family will be included.

If the incumbent County Executive is really interested in running an efficient and economical government he could start by:

☐ Adopting legitimate hiring and promotions practiced by the merit system, thereby raising the standard and quality of the county worker.

☐ Eliminating the duplications in county, town and village services.

☐ Turning the Coliseum over to private enterprise, which would guarantee the county an annual income rather

er than annual losses, as well as get rid of all the existing county patronage and corruption.

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A 'Surrender' By School Boards

How can a Board of Education that has been entrusted with the care of our children during school hours give tacit approval to an activity that has been proven medically destructive to the human body?

As a moderator of a smokers' withdrawal clinic and a lecturer on the hazards of smoking, I was greatly distressed by Danielle Flood's article, "Where Smoking Is an Elective" (April 4), which described officially

sanctioned smoking rooms and areas for students.

Instead of aiding and abetting the smoking habit, which becomes a physical and/or psychological addiction, schools should intensify their efforts to reverse the social acceptability of smoking, and encourage nonsmoking as the "in" thing to do. RHODA NICHTER
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No Longer Cute to Be a Klutz

In answer to "Tennis and the Married Man" by John Gaccione (Opinion Page, April 11):

Tough luck, Mr. Gaccione! You weren't a woman growing up in the 40's when the only acceptable involvement with active sports was to wear spectator-sport shoes and sit in the bleachers and be a cheering squad.

We had no Billie Jean King to

encourage us (though there was no shortage of Bobby Riggsses). We were consistently told it was all right to be a klutz. As a matter of fact, it was cute to be klutzy. Leave the sports to the guys!

So suffer! Now we want to join the fun and games and it is a painful thing for you to watch us try to catch up. Hopefully, the lesson you will learn is to be more accepting of your daughters' talents on the courts so that perhaps their poor husbands will not have to watch the impossible task of trying to make up for all those years in the dishpan.

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