

istic and ruinous trends of the Reagan-Bush era, which plunged this country into a disastrous and perhaps economic descent, an end to the horrendous, murderous involvement in repugnant villains around the globe, whose names are an insult to the values we value in our very American arts; we wanted a return to the principles we were raised to believe so that we could feel good about ourselves again as Americans on an honorable path.

The return on those promises has seemed slow in coming. Some of them have been reneged on, others equivocated into uselessness. So we say again as a people, "We want what was promised and if you won't make good, give us someone who will." It is a warning. But the heart of the matter remains the same: Give us back our dream. We are a hard-working, honest, generous, compassionate people. Do not betray us!

Sincerely,
BRUCE MILNE

Flag Desecration?

Sag Harbor
May 29, 1995

Dear Editor,

The foolishness of "Contract America" proceeds apace. After school prayer amendment the next item on its agenda is flag desecration amendment. And after that — who knows? A constitutional amendment for a Hitler-Mussolini style salute to Der Fuehrer-II Duce, The Newt? To parody Winston Churchill: Never in the history of human mindlessness have so many been insulted by so few.

Flag-burning or flag-desecration amendment seems to be a favorite with Republicans — ex-President Bush, now the Gingrich Republicans. First Amendment issues aside, what do they have to hide under the flag or wrap in it? Political rottenness? Unsavory deals? Sending the youth docilely to war in order to save free markets and free enterprise (a.k.a. American democracy)? Squelching flag burning in protest of indefensible national actions, such as the Vietnam War (which Robert McNamara now admits to have been a wrong war)? Making future mistakes of that kind in silence and with impunity? Some people never seem to learn anything from the past.

Why only flag-burning? How about sewing or printing the flag on the seats of pants and on bikinis? How about using the flag to sell everything from toothpaste to automobiles? Or is "commercial" desecration a proper Republican use of the flag? No doubt — it sells American democracy, and, as the saying goes, "commerce follows the flag." Loyalty to flag and country is for others, not for those who take their capital abroad and create unemployment at home. Will

Recovering The Past: A Star Contest



HALF A HOUSE and a balletic policeman — here's a great picture to celebrate full summer. A Star T-shirt will go to the first correct answer, or to the first that is nearest the truth about which house, where it was coming from and going to, and the name of the policeman. ☆ No answer to last week's photo yet, but a flood of answers from all those people who knew the names of the guys in the picture from the week before all along. Dr. David Baker was the first to name all six correctly: James Marley, Mel Lamb, Alfred Conklin, Mark Richard, Norm Dahl, and Bob Reutershan, in front of Marley's on Main Street in East Hampton. The card, toys, stationery, and newspaper store occupied the building that now houses Engel Pottery.



Construction Manual

To build a deck use treated wood for protection from termites so the joists won't buckle or turn to sponge. Corrosive weather may cause the boards to chip.

The wood must be laid with the grain or it will warp.

Connections

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ty to talk back. Because the letters pages are meant as a forum for others' opinions, we keep our rejoinders to a minimum.

My newspaper colleagues know that adding features and pages a

The Way It Was . . .

100 Years Ago

1895

From The Star, June 21

It has been for some time the wish of Austin Corbin, president of the Long Island Railroad, to have a free city founded at Montauk Point, and to have a line of fast steamships plying between the Point and European ports. The Amagansett extension of the railroad is being pushed toward this spot, which is about five miles from the end of the Point, and it is expected that the road will be completed to the foot hills of Montauk by August. The Long Island Company probably will name the station Montauk.

There is considerable grumbling about town on account of the failure of the watering carts to keep the streets sprinkled. . . . Those who are inclined to "jump upon" the management of the enterprise should stop to consider that for more than two weeks we have had no rain to speak of, and not enough wind to turn the mills.

There have been lines, columns, and pages printed about East Hampton and its many attractions as a summer resort. It is a subject upon which all admirers of the old historic town love to dwell. It has been "written up" again and again without number, and yet the subject is new and interesting.

The college at Patchogue is now an assured fact.

75 Years Ago

1920

From The Star, June 25

After serving the East Hampton public as a news and advertising medium for nearly thirty-six years, the publishers of the Star find it absolutely necessary to increase its revenue. We have decided to accomplish this by increasing the subscription rate from \$2, which has been the regular price for thirty-five years, to \$2.50. . . . Newsprint which cost \$55 per ton [normally] now costs \$360, and it is nearly impossible to obtain at this exorbitant figure.

While the village assessment roll has not yet been completed, the rate will be considerably higher than last year, probably a twenty-five percent increase. The trustees will total the books and fix the rate June 25. — Sag Harbor Note

The high school commencement exercises will be held this evening at 8:15 in the high school study hall, invitations having been sent out to the members and friends of the graduating class. . .

There are six members in the class this year, one boy and five girls, namely Leslie Bennett, Marion M. Baker, Elna Edwards, Mary Gay, Agnes Murray and Nina Schenkel.

At the last meeting of the Town Board, held June 12th, the proposition of bridging the west end of Georgica lake was brought before the members of the board by Jacob O. Hopping, of Wainscott. The purpose of this highway across the pond, as outlined in Mr. Hopping's plan, is to make a more direct route from the village of Wainscott to East Hampton. This idea is an old one and several attempts have been made in years back to further this project, but without success, as several of the summer cottage owners along the lake object to this move.

The trustees of Mashashimuet park and playgrounds, established in Sag Harbor by Mrs. Russell Sage, received notice this week that an endowment fund has been established for its maintenance. The park grounds include Otter Pond, where grandparents of Mrs. Sage had water mills in the Nineteenth Century, and a short distance away is the colonial home of the grandparents of Mrs. Sage.

Strawberries seem to be very plentiful this season although this does not seem to affect the retail price. A large grower at Good Ground is giving permission to persons to pick their own berries at ten cents a quart.