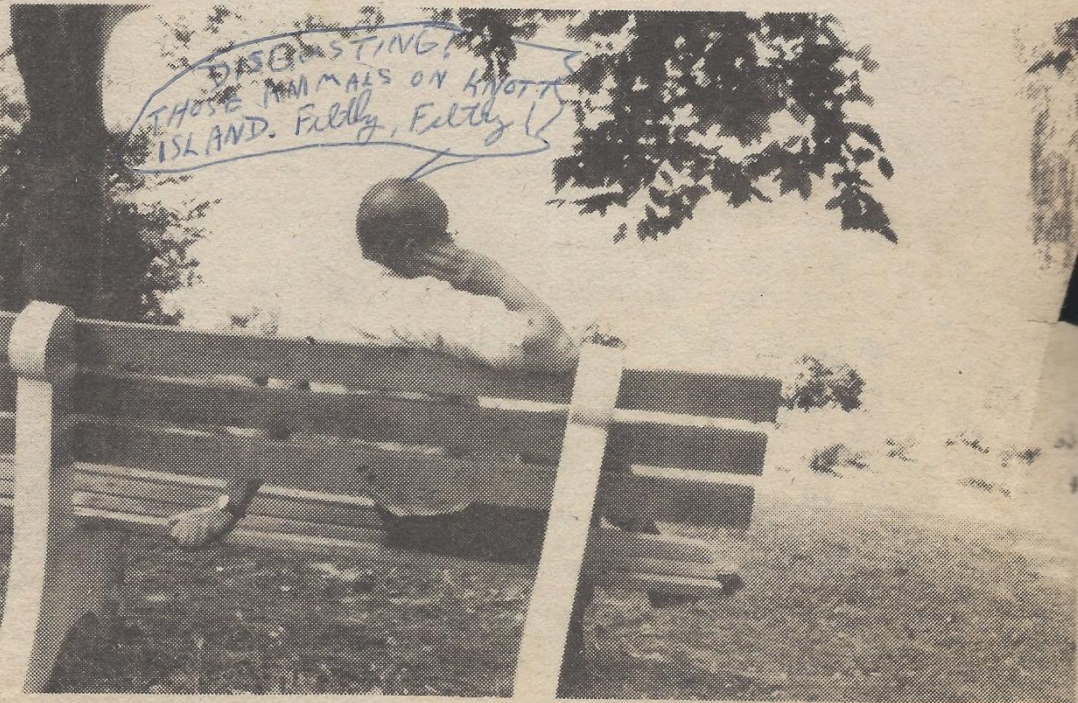


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RELAXING IN ESSEX - This man appears to be in deep thought as he sits on a

bench at Essex Town Park.

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In Others' Words

## Let's Eliminate The Raft Race

To the Editor,

When I read the editorial and article in *The Gazette* about the raft race, I assumed that you were writing about a raft race in some other state. You certainly were not writing about the Connecticut River Raft Race.

In my opinion this was the worst one yet. There is no excuse to create problems when we are already besieged by natural ones.

The obscenity, the filth, and the

congestion in our town is inexcusable.

I think the townspeople should band together and do whatever is necessary to eliminate this nuisance in the future.

If you disagree with my appraisal of this event, I suggest that the Town of Old Lyme invite the rafters to use their facilities in lieu of those of Essex.

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Essex