

# willmotts and why-nots

David J. Willmott, Editor

## July 4th, 1973

July 4 is Independence Day. It is a day that we, as men, declared that we are free, and free of uncontrolled governmental abuse. In 1776, even though it was an ocean away, the government of England attempted to exercise undue restraint upon the freedom of the colonists here in America. Of course, we all know the result was the writing and signing of the Declaration of Independence, which was completed on July 4. The result of this action led to the bloody American Revolution, victory, the writing of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. It spelled out the need for a centralized formal organization of government, but at the same time, very explicitly declared the rights of each resident of this country. This happened almost 200 years ago.

### No Joy This July 4th

These men, who took part in this declaration and fought to earn the right to call themselves free men, we are sure would be mortified at how the American public in 1973 has allowed their rights as free men to be eroded; how we have allowed government to interfere, to control, to dominate and dictate our very existence. They probably would not be able to understand why we, the citizens of 1973 do not use the mechanics that they so diligently created to provide protection for us in the Constitution, in the Bill of Rights, to make government serve us instead of us serving the government. We doubt that these Founding Fathers would be joyful this July 4th at what the people have allowed the government to become over the last 200 years. And why not?

## Welcome to Wonderland

Eastern Long Island's population is about to triple. We welcome our summer visitors. We hope that you take full advantage of surf and sun from Sound to ocean. Eastern Long Island is one of the greatest vacation areas in the world. Its' ocean beaches cannot be excelled anywhere. Its' bays, rivers, Sound and ocean are teeming with fish waiting to be caught. There are miles of woods to be hiked

through, and thousands of small shops, restaurants and businesses to be shopped. Over 100,000 people call Eastern Long Island home year round. They do this because of the quality of life that they are able to enjoy here twelve months of the year. Part of this quality is the peacefulness and the environment.

### Please Don't

We ask our summer residents to enjoy this quality of life and to also respect it. Please don't litter, please don't push, and try smiling and being friendly. You will find that the natives will react in kind. To the families who will be making a summer home here on Eastern Long Island, we remind you that if you acquire a pet you should be prepared to take it home with you or have it put out of the way at the end of the summer season. In past years, some people who have visited our area for a few months have just abandoned these animals. It is a fact that most of them are never adopted or find a home. They end up running in packs, causing a menace to other animals and to people. They have to be hunted down and killed, sometimes rather viciously. At other times they have been found starving and severely diseased, suffering, in agony. If you can't take your pet with you, don't acquire a pet just for country living.

### Please Do

We hope that all our visitors have a good time and create a good feeling for themselves and for the year-rounders. And why not?

## Rocky's Paternalism

John D. Rockefeller founded the family fortune in oil. His children have lived very well off the profits of the oil industry. His children's children have lived likewise. They have gone into commerce and industry, public service and politics, always mindful that this country runs on oil and the Rockefeller family lives by the profits of oil.

One of the Rockefellers, unfortunately for the people of New York State, became its governor. He is now in his fourth term and is betwixt and between running for a fifth term or the presidency, which has been denied him on several occasions.

### Just Three Miles

True to his colors, this man this past week, vetoed a bill of grave importance to the people of Long Island. We believe it was done out of paternal interests rather than the public welfare. He vetoed a bill that would have banned drilling for oil within three miles of the Long Island coastline, and would have made those who cause an oil spill responsible for cleaning it up...just three miles and the responsibility for the damage that the spilling of oil causes to other people and to the people of the State of New York! He could not bring himself to tolerate this. This is a Rockefeller whose family fortune was made in oil, and who the people of the State of New York have elected four times to represent them. And why not?

## Winning a Point . . . Losing a Battle

It appears that the Supreme Court has, once and for all, put an end to aid to parochial schools, directly or indirectly, from taxpayers. The Supreme Court rules that it would be unconstitutional for a taxpayer to use a check-off method of having part of his taxes designated for the use of educational needs within a parochial school where his children were in attendance. They had already ruled that it is unconstitutional for a government to give direct aid to parochial institutions.

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## Capital Pork Barrel

Two years ago the County Legislature started operating on a two-budget system - a regular operation budget and a capital improvement budget. Prior to this, all major capital works projects were grouped together in the regular operational budget. The taxpayers were sold the idea of establishing a capital improvement budget so as to allow the County Government to sensibly plan ahead on major projects. It seemed like a good idea at the time.

Instead of sensible long-range planning, the politicians have turned this budget into a gigantic pork barrel. They have instituted major projects running into many millions of dollars of dubious need and questionable logic. Instead of studying all the facts at hand and using this budget for long-range planning that would avoid the shambles that lack of planning made out of Nassau County, the politicians are spending money like drunken soldiers. They are attempting to shove poorly conceived and potentially disastrous roads and buildings and general capital improvements on the public without any foresight as to the ramifications.

A typical example is County Road 43, better known as Northville Turnpike in the Town of Riverhead. The Public Works Department wants to expand this two-lane highway to four lanes for the alleged purpose of facilitating the traffic flow from the North Fork to the County Center. Northville Turnpike, at present, is an old, developed, residential street; houses virtually border the highway, with very shallow front and back yards. We estimate that close to 200 houses would have to be condemned and moved to expand this road to four lanes. The highway separates a Catholic Cemetery and a Jewish Temple. One or the other would have to go if this road were expanded to four lanes. Northville Turnpike empties out at its western extremity onto Roanoke Avenue. Roanoke Avenue is a narrow two-lane street that runs into the heart of downtown Riverhead which is already overly congested with traffic.

### But is it logical?

The alleged purpose of expanding this road, is to move traffic and yet,

the most logical improvement of traffic will come from the Cross River Drive that will connect the North and South Fork, allowing North Fork traffic to cross over directly onto Flanders Road, with out going through downtown. This road leads directly to the County Center. If the County has the funds, to go ahead with a major road building project such as this, it would make better sense to create a by-pass road around from the County Center to the Cross River Drive to expedite this flow of traffic. County Executive Klein vetoed the improvement(?) of Northville Turnpike because of the environmental questions and also the need for such expenditure. This is only one of three projects that he vetoed, and yet there are a number of others that have gotten past that are of equally questionable value. For the capital improvement budget to be an important tool in governmental operation, real planning must be done and only projects that will help today's people; and the future citizens of Suffolk County should be considered.

As the capital budget stands in 1973, it has become a monster that is raising havoc throughout the County but is providing a gigantic patronage pool for the politicians to sit upon. We hope Klein is able to bring this under harness and make a capital improvement budget work for the public. And why not?

## What Do You Want To Know?

Our local elections for town and county governments will take place this November. Suffolk Life, as in the past, will play an active part in bringing as much information as possible about the candidates and their positions to the public. We plan this year to send out a questionnaire covering a multitude of issues to each County Legislator, Supervisor and some other Town Board candidates. We will publish the findings of this questionnaire. In addition, we will conduct interviews with the candidates for County office and Town supervisors' post.

### It's up to you

We have a number of questions that we would like to see answered. We are

sure you have questions that you would like to see answered. We encourage you, during the next two weeks, to send in these questions to "Election '73, c-o Suffolk Life, Box 262, Westhampton, New York 11977. We will incorporate the information contained in your questions and compose questionnaires for the candidates.

This is your opportunity to take an active part in helping determine who will be the best candidate for office this coming November. Send your questions in now. And why not?


## Big One August 4th

Long Island's largest bar-b-que, the Riverhead Rotary Club's Annual Old Fashioned Chicken Bar-B-Que, will be held August 4th at the beautiful Gruman's Picnic Grounds in Calverton. This affair has become a grand tradition. Each year over 5,000 people are fed a delicious bar-b-que'd chicken dinner with all the trimmings, and thousands of kids enjoy free carnival rides all afternoon and into the evening.

### Good causes, good time


The monies raised from this mammoth project are used for various Rotary community needs that include townwide recreation programs, scholarships, foreign exchange students, just to name a few of the projects. The day's affair is a great

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## Dear Buzz

Open Letter to Edwin Schwenk,  
Suffolk County Republican Boss

Dear Buzz:

A while back, you got a bit hot under the collar because "Wild and Woolly Willmott" had the audacity to suggest there was a similarity between the Washington Watergates and what was going on in Suffolk County. You have also stated publicly, that we are anti-Republican. We must admit at times, it must seem this way for somebody who is a dyed-in-wool Republican and honestly believes the Republicans, no matter how wrong, are right.

Buzz, this is a Republican County and, as a Republican County, the responsibility for its government, or lack of it, rests with Republicans. You virtually have dictatorial control over the politics of the County, and a student of government can only come to the conclusion that the decisions for running the County are made in the executive sessions at Blue Point rather than the County Center. We give you two very good examples of this that have happened in Riverhead. The County acquired Indian Island, allegedly under its wetlands acquisition policy. Residents were sold on the idea this was going to remain forever wild. It was a beautiful piece of Old Riverhead, and once the duck farms that encompassed part of the property were removed, it was hoped the area would be allowed to restore itself to its natural growth. The residents of the town defeated a proposition against putting an airport here. They emphatically presented their case, they wanted this area to remain natural.

Unbeknownst to the residents of the town, the County Parks Department planned and constructed a municipal golf course without ever consulting with the people of the Town of Riverhead. Not only did they not consult, but they did not coordinate with the town's Master Plan, nor with the services of the town. As a result, there was a major hassle over roads, sewerage and water. When the "Riverhead First" Committee met with John Klein and asked him how this came about, as he was Chairman of the County Board at the time this was created, he stated that the County Legislature had a home rule message from the then-Supervisor, Bruno

Zaloga (who is now Assistant Parks Commissioner after being defeated in the last town election for Supervisor). George Young, Councilman on the Town Board, said to his knowledge, there never has been passed a home rule message from the Town Board indicating any desire for a golf course to be built. It appears the decision to build this golf course was made outside of Riverhead without studies or finding out the feelings of the people of the Town of Riverhead. This has all been accomplished and not much can be done to change it.

Today we are faced with a very similar situation. The County Legislature has put into its capital improvement budget, funds to rebuild Northville Turnpike into a four-lane highway. No one, to our knowledge, in the Town of Riverhead involved in government, has stated they want this project. Again, Councilman George Young has stated that there absolutely was no discussion on the Town Board level, nor was there a home rule message passed. We know of no civic association, community organization, who has requested that Northville Turnpike be widened and made into a major highway. There is no apparent need for this. This project is estimated to cost a minimum of \$3½ million. The project is ill-conceived, will serve virtually no community need, but possibly may serve one industry's needs - that being Northville Docks, and only Northville Docks. This same \$3½ million could be used to rebuild many other roads that are more in need.

The Republican County Executive, John Klein, vetoed this project. He stated that sufficient planning and documentation of need and environmental impact had not been done to justify putting this money into the budget. The Board overrode his veto. No one seems to know why. This is only an example of many projects the County is undertaking for which there is no demand, no need; but for some reason these projects are being pushed through. The Republican County Legislators have persistently acted on these spending bills like puppets. They ask no questions and yet vote blindly or as they are told to, on spending millions of dollars of our money on these unnecessary projects. It appears they have their orders and are following them through.

Buzz, we are writing to you this open letter because you, as Chairman of the

Republican Party, Suffolk County, are in a position to be the most powerful political leader and governmental influence within the County. From where we sit, things are rapidly going from bad to worse. No one seems to know who, why or how the County government is being run. Our hard earned money is being spent without planning, without foresight, and without obtaining the needed results. You are in a position to make the County organization productive for all the residents, and we feel that you took this job because you could be of service to the public. This situation as it pertains to the Northville project and so many others throughout the County, must be stopped immediately. We feel that if this obvious lack of control is not halted immediately, Suffolk County will have a public Watergate on its hands that will make Washington look like a kindergarten.

Buzz, we ask you to find out just what is behind the Northville project and others which have been brought to your attention throughout the County; we ask you to investigate, get to the bottom of it, and make the necessary changes to restore decency to Suffolk County and to the Suffolk County Republican Organization. And why not?

Sincerely,

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## Symptom — Not Illness

The American public has been shocked at the revelations concerning Watergate. Each of us has felt a certain amount of guilt that our government and our elected leaders would allow themselves to become involved in this kind of scandal. Watergate is just a symptom; it is not the illness that has taken over this country. It is just a minute example of today's government in action, where this government is more important than the individual, where the rights of government are more important than a citizen's integrity.

### It's No Surprise

Watergate is a classic example of big brotherism. It should not have come as a surprise to anyone. This country has been barreling towards a controlled socialistic police state since the mid '30's. Students of government and politics have continually warned of the frightening comparisons between our new system of government and that of a communistic, socialistic state. It seems that the average person refuses to be concerned about what has happened to his individual rights and those rights that are guaranteed under the Bill of Rights, as long as he has his six-pack of beer to enjoy on Saturday night.

We hope the public is not foolish enough to think this illness is going to be cured by the revelations of the Watergate Committee. At best, it will only act as evidence of how far the government has been allowed to go in infringing upon each individual's rights and dignity. Each of us must make a personal determination. Do we wish to have our own individuality and be responsible for our actions, or are we willing to have someone else do it for us—the government? If we are not willing to make the sacrifice and to accept the responsibility of being a free, independent person, then we must accept the consequences of a socialistic state where we have no privacy and no individuality left.

Today in the United States, we have forsaken our right to be free men by our lack of involvement in government, and have given up the right of self-government to a handful of people who control the top power structures. In doing so, we are rapidly allowing ourselves to become slaves, voluntary pawns within a free, independent,

democratic, capitalistic society. Watergates and the likes, cannot happen if you say, "No, I will not tolerate it", if you refuse to submit to the authority of the bureaucrats who take and interpret the law and bend it to fit their own little empires.

### Beyond Reproach?

The laws of this country not only apply to us, the everyday citizen, but to government officials who are charged with administering the laws. Being elected or appointed to office should in no way be considered a license to act as you damn well please, above and beyond the reproach of the laws under which the rest of this country are expected to operate. Unfortunately, in many cases, once a person becomes a public official, he considers himself a little god, and the public accepts this attitude and kowtows to his assumed authority. We must remember, whether it be dog catcher or President of the United States, this person has absolutely no more value or authority than we do as individuals. Rules are made for all of us to observe. Every time these rules are broken, we are contributing to anarchy, and it makes no difference whether it is a hot head on the street or a high placed Washington government official. They are guilty of the same action. Watergate gives those of us, in both the public and private sector, an opportunity to rededicate ourselves to the principles and rights that have made this country morally strong and truly a land of the free. And why not?

## Basic Planning

Suffolk Life has been in the forefront for the last 13 years in encouraging the towns in this County to plan carefully, their destiny and their future. Only through proper planning now can our growth be controlled and the quality of life that we all so much enjoy be preserved. Planning must be done along sensible lines, taking into consideration a balance for people from all walks of life. It has been disturbing to this publication when we hear a statement that a town, any town, is going to up-zone 90 percent of its land to one or two-acre lots. This is not planning; this is an open invitation to future graft and corruption. There is no way in the world that a town can maintain, for any length of time, having 90 percent of its land zoned one and two-acre residential lots. Simple

mathematics tells you that if an acre of land must bring \$20,000, the house to be built on it will have to cost \$60,000 to \$80,000.


### Human Needs

Suffolk County is made up of very average people. Most families have an income under \$12,000. They cannot, under any circumstances, afford this kind of housing. The outcome of this kind of radical up-zoning is that in the future parcels of land have to be down-zoned because of the population crush. There is no way this can be avoided. Housing for human beings definitely takes preference over aesthetic and environmental needs. As the need for housing grows more severe, the dollar pressures increase and the amounts developers are willing to pay to get a change of zoning increase proportionately. Invariably, an unscrupulous builder will find an unscrupulous politician who is willing to sell out his town for the Almighty Buck, and you have down zonings where they don't belong.

### What's the Formula?


It would seem to us that smart planners would take an inventory of the community that they are working in to determine exactly how much housing they have in each of three categories: low, middle, and high. Then they should establish a formula that the entire community could live with, providing a certain percentage of the town to be developed low, middle and high, taking the initial inventory and allowing permits in proportionate amounts in each one of these

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categories to obtain the desired and needed result. If a community is oversaturated with low-cost housing, permits could only be granted for middle and high-priced housing until these two classifications had reached the desired level. A formula based on human needs, as well as optimum planning, would be desirable.

**Future Needs**

It appears at the present time that all our towns in Suffolk are hell bent and determined to up-zone their lands to create a mecca for only high-priced

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**Give us this day**

by Pat Wise

Sometimes, in those quiet moments, I like to think about "Life" and all the beautiful and mysterious miracles it holds for us. Now I would like the chance to extend myself and share a few of these thoughts among you, the Suffolk Life Reader.

I often wonder why some people live as though they are going to live forever. They set a goal so far ahead of themselves, that most times it is never reached. Smiles, hello's and thank-you's, are things unimportant to the life that's lived for tomorrow. But I truly believe that all the little things people learn to do day by day are the most meaningful things to give to your own life.

Everyone has hopes and dreams for "Tomorrow", but if you reach out to every moment of "Today" you'll be able to look back at your tomorrow with cherishable memories.

These are simple words, because I am only a simple girl. But I have found that if you put a little "Faith" in each day, it will take you a long way in your life.

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housing. This is not planning; it is a quick road to disaster. A balanced formula is not the only answer, but it definitely makes more sense than blanket up-zoning that does not take into consideration future human needs. And why not?

## Phase IV

With the White House announcement this past week, lifting the freeze on all foods but beef, and the guidelines that will be set for September 12, it appears that the government once again has totally ignored the real culprit of inflation -- the government itself. Until the government places a freeze on its spending, there is no way an individual can hope to live within his means.

### Take it out of their hands

Our government, directly or indirectly, controls 59 percent of the spending in this country. Controlling 59 percent, the government is the only central force that can control inflation. Take the spending power, and the taxes that pay for it, out of the hands of the government, and inflation can be controlled. Allow government to spend as freely as it has, and allow the individual and businesses to be taxed as

they have allowed themselves to be, and government will continue to raise havoc with the economy. We are sorry that President Nixon, and his so-called advisors, have failed to recognize the responsibilities that they have. Their failure will make Phase Four just another failure. We as individuals and businesses will suffer because of it. And why not?

## letters

### "Commended for editorial 'Hold It!'"

Dear Mr. Willmott;

You are to be commended for - among many other things - your editorial "Hold It!" in which you question whether a LILCO Nuclear Power Plant at Riverhead would be an asset or grave liability.

You apparently are one of the few who are aware of, and willing to speak out about the growing suspicion that nuclear power plants may pose a threat far greater than the average person is led to believe.

You may find interest in the enclosed copy of the summary of an article, "Nuclear Power," from the July '73 issue of *Ecologist* (Britain). The points brought up are in line with your comments, "Don't pass judgement ... yet." (As you may know, two other publications, "Environment" and "Science and Public Affairs - Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists" are doing a fine job in calling attention to the weaknesses and hazards of the nuclear power approach.

Also enclosed is my check for \$2.50 - **And Why Not?**

Sincerely,  
Walter Fried, P.E.  
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David J. Willmott, Editor

## Unfortunate Snow Job

When LILCO first announced their possible intentions of building a second atomic energy plant at their Shoreham West site, with a possible additional Jamesport (Levon Property) site, we asked you, our readers, to withhold your judgement until LILCO had an opportunity of presenting the facts. LILCO this past Wednesday held a public information meeting in Riverhead. The meeting was broadcasted to a limited audience on an FM station, and about 125 people were in attendance, a number of whom were LILCO officials. We went to this meeting with pretty much of an open mind. We had questions, and still have, as to the relative need for, and safety factors of atomic energy plants. At the same time we were interested in any method of increasing our energy resources, and encouraged proper industrial development for the East End.

After an elaborate presentation by LILCO, LILCO allowed write-in questioning from the audience. Many of the questions appeared to have been the imagination of a public relations man. Some allowed some real insight. LILCO's panel, who answered these questions, did more damage by not answering them thoroughly. Most residents left the meeting with the feeling that LILCO had tried its damndest to avoid giving the complete picture.

### Who Pays the Taxes?

Regarding one question which was on many residents' minds pertaining to the financial aspects of the projects -- how will this affect my taxes? -- one official conveniently mentioned that he lived in Jamesport and then turned the question over to one of his cohorts. The cohort answered that the plant would pay \$20 million for property taxes. A quick calculation by a Southampton Town official indicated that the plant would have to be assessed at 5 to 6 billion dollars. LILCO claims that the plant, when finished, will cost under 600 million dollars, producing less than 10 per cent of the taxes that LILCO claims it will be paying. The LILCO official, this reporter felt, was vague in his answer and, once clarified, we believe that LILCO will pay possibly a total of \$20 million in taxes for all their in-

stallations on Long Island, not from this one installation, as the information at this public meeting indicated.

### More Use, More Need

We also found their remarks regarding encouraging the use of electricity to be unbelievable. Pertaining to a question relative to LILCO's promotional efforts in generating more usage of electricity (thus their need for additional plant facilities), LILCO stated that they encourage people to conserve on electricity but then omitted that they encourage people to switch to electric heat. Electric heat, like any other heat, is demanded during daylight and early evening hours when industrial usage is at its height. It would seem that if they were interested in eliminating this demand during peak hours, they would discourage electric heat. When asked if this electricity that they would be generating from this plant would be used only for Eastern Long Island's needs, they answered that there was no way of telling once this electricity is fed into their transmitters just where the electricity would end up, but alluded to the fact that it would be used on Long Island in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. They neglected to tell the public that LILCO sells a substantial proportion of the electricity generated in their Long Island facilities to other power companies throughout the northeast and that they make a handsome profit from this.

### Public Hearings Needed

We found their attitude almost bordering on contempt for local governments not to be in keeping with the spirit of cooperation to which they allude. When asked could the public become involved, they indicated that they could through state and federal hearings, but at the same time indicated that they did not need any local permits. This is absolutely not true. They cannot create even a temporary structure without a building permit. In a case like this, with a project of such magnitude, the town boards involved -- those of Riverhead and Brookhaven, can call for public hearings and demand that every bit of testimony relative to the need, costs, financial implications, and of greater importance -- safety, be answered. The town boards, if they are


awake and are conscientious, can do far more to protect the residents and their towns from this kind of construction than the state and federal government can hope to. We had the feeling that LILCO believes it can bully these town officials and snow them, that they really are of no consequence. This could be true, but we hope that we have stronger officials in our government today than LILCO gives them credit.

In regard to safety, when asked what would happen if this installation were hit by an airplane, the LILCO representative answered that the result would be identical to being hit by a meteor of the same size. When prodded further, the LILCO official conceded that there would be "a release". During the Second World War, there was "a release" over Hiroshima. It has been commonly called an atomic blast, and it wiped out and devastated thousands of people and several miles of land.

### More Answers


LILCO is going to have to do a better job of presenting cold hard facts, not carefully prepared public relation agent statements to satisfy the curiosity and trepidation of the Eastern Suffolk residents. All questions must be answered prior to our town boards' allowing one bit of work to be started on this project. We went to this meeting with an open mind. We still refuse to commit ourselves one way or the other, but at this point, we have less faith in LILCO than we ever have had because of this inadequate snow job. And why not?

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