

Willmotts and Why-Not's

David J. Willmott, Editor

Line By Line Vetoes

The Suffolk County Legislature caved in to special interest groups and voted as a body, to eliminate the cutbacks that County Executive Peter Cohalan proposed in his 1982 budget. The budget now comes back to Cohalan, who can veto the entire budget or accept the budget as a whole but veto items on a line by line basis.

We hope he will continue to show the good sense he had in presenting his budget initially. There is a lot of fat, waste and duplication in the budget, the elimination of which would help stabilize the tax rate. Allowing the budget to go without vetoes will most certainly mean that next year's taxes will have to be increased in gigantic proportions.

One item that Cohalan had kept his hands off is the legislature's own operating budget. Most of the budgets within the county were cut back 10 percent, but the legislature's own operating budget was increased more than 10 percent. The legislators themselves had an opportunity to cut this budget back. They didn't. Cohalan has the power to do so and he should exercise it. He should take a meat axe to it, chopping it down, eliminating waste and duplication.

The people were serious when they elected Cohalan to clean up county government. Now it is time for Cohalan to be serious in carrying out the voters' mandates to reduce government and taxes. And why not?

Financial Audits Or Policy?

Duplication of services is an enemy of the taxpayer in that it results in needless costs. There are many examples of duplication among various levels and branches of government. A recent press release from the Office of the Comptroller here in Suffolk County details a duplication within the county that is both needless and, in our view, politically motivated.

Apparently, Comptroller Joseph Caputo misses the input he once had into decision-making matters when he was the county legislative's presiding officer. He has now added to the activities of his office something called an "operational audit," which delves into matters far removed from the financial audits which are the normal responsibility of the comptroller's office.

A case in point: back in December of 1979, according to Caputo, an operational audit was launched "as a direct result of the number of steadily increasing reports of the severity of contamination affecting public and private drinking wells on Long Island." The audit explored the Suffolk County Department of Health Services' "efforts in monitoring and controlling pollution of Suffolk's vital underground drinking water supply," Caputo said. The extensive audit report "now provides the county

executive and the legislature with the necessary background information from an independent arm of government. It further helps to provide them with various complex solutions to curb our water problems," Caputo said in his press release.

Why, we wonder, does Caputo deem it necessary to delve into water problems and provide an extensive report which provides "various complex solutions to curb our water problems"? If, as Caputo's operational audit states, the health department has been doing a commendable job in this area, all of the information his 78-page audit contained should have already been prepared by that department. Why was it necessary for Caputo to duplicate that effort?

Caputo defends his new operational audit by stating that it helps verify the propriety of the dollars expended by various county departments. But who will verify the propriety of the dollars expended by Caputo's office in performing operational audits, which are not within the realm of his responsibility? Doesn't Caputo have enough to do in dealing with the financial matters which do fall within the duties of his office? If not, perhaps some budget cutting could be performed by the county comptroller in his own department. Perhaps the

county's financial "watchdog," which Caputo prides himself on being, needs to clean his own house before he wastes time and money on trying to stick his nose back in policy-making matters where it doesn't belong.

One need not have a long, long memory to think back to those days when Caputo was the leader of the

legislature, and the circus that legislative body became. He was, in fact, a poor leader, and the root cause of many of the legislature's problems in those trying days. Caputo's proven talents lie in the field of financial matters, and that is where he should stay.

And why not?

Campaign '81 Concluded

It's been a grueling process for candidates, politicians, and those of us in the media who have brought you election coverage since last spring. To the candidates, both winners and losers, we would like to say a hearty thank you for having presented yourselves to the voters and run campaigns to the best of your ability. We hope that the voters have chosen wisely and that those candidates who are winners this morning will take their responsibility to their fellow citizens seriously.

There are several thousand people who have contributed much to this campaign. They are the political leaders and their workers. Most are volunteers who feel strongly about ideals or principles. They become involved in a campaign so that they can actively participate in democracy. Their contributions are enormous, and they are really unsung heroes.

Those of us in the media who bring

you campaign coverage do so out of a dedication to our profession and a zest and desire to see democracy work. It is an honor and a privilege to play a part in an election, seeking out the facts, sorting through the rhetoric and reporting our findings to the public.

In retrospect, this year's election was difficult, for few candidates offered new or imaginative solutions to the various problems confronting our government. Many candidates had a decent grip on the problems; they understood them, but were at a loss when asked for solutions. We hope that in the years to come, when candidates present themselves for office, they will not only clearly define the problems but be able to offer imaginative, different ideas for solving them. In just one short year, we will be holding an election for governor, state legislature, Congress, Senate and some local offices. There is no rest for the weary.

And why not?

Picking Up Federal Shortfalls

As we all know by now, the Reagan administration is cutting back on numerous programs. The New York State Legislature, when it reconvened last week, was confronted with a cutback of \$80 million in welfare aid to the state. The Governor recommended eliminating programs covered by this funding. In fact, he gave a certificate of necessity, allowing an immediate vote on this proposal.

The Senate accepted his cutbacks by approving his measure, but the measure did not fare as well in the Assembly.

Metropolitan representatives, who have large blocs of welfare recipients, screamed bloody murder. They have demanded that the other residents of the state pick up federal shortfalls. It now appears that residents of New York will be forced to accept an additional \$7 million in welfare costs, formerly paid by the federal government, in a compromise reached between the Governor's office and the Legislature.

Is this just the beginning of what we can expect to happen? Are state residents going to be expected to pick up all the cutbacks in federal funding, negating the value and the purpose of Reagan's cuts in federal expenditures?

New York has had the lushest welfare benefits of any state in the nation. These overly generous welfare benefits have brought the state to a point of fiscal insolvency in the past. They have also made New York a mecca for welfare recipients from around the nation, putting an even more disproportionate burden on productive state residents, for they not only have to take care of their own but all those who came from other states because our benefits are so lucrative.

It does make a big difference which pocket these funds come out of. The federal funds are taken from all 50 states. The state's picking up the federal government's share means these funds will now come only from New York State taxpayers. We urge you to write to your Assemblymen and State Senators. Tell them that if cutbacks are made in federal programs, you do not want the state picking up what had been the federal share. We can't afford it.

Unless your Assemblymen and Senators hear from you in great numbers, they will give in to the special interest power groups who camp on their doors and lobby full-time.

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Honoring Gentleman Jim

Each year, the Suffolk County Council of Boy Scouts honors a distinguished citizen at a dinner held in early December. The person chosen to receive the Distinguished Citizen's Award is usually a high government official, chairman of the board or president of a huge Long Island industry. Those chosen in the past have earned this honor. But this year's recipient is probably the best choice of all. He is Jim Smith of West Islip.

Jim is vice-president of the Suffolk County Federal Savings and Loan Association. But more important, he is the number one fundraiser for many Long Island charities. Jim is not only a top businessman but one of the finest gentlemen we have encountered in our 20 years of publishing. Jim has a knack for making you feel good about digging deeper than you may have liked to support the charity he is working for.

Jim Smith has been the guiding force behind fundraising for the Suffolk County Scouting movement as well as for Suffolk's Dowling College.

No matter how busy Smith may be, he has always found time to speak to or encourage those who have sought his advice and his talents.

Smith has made thousands of friends and is one of the most respected citizens of Suffolk. He typifies excellence. A professional in his job, he is known by his peers as a top-notch banker. As a citizen, he is a humanitarian, always finding time to aid and help others.

When we look at Smith's record of accomplishments, we have to wonder how many thousands of kids received the benefits of Scouting, how many students have completed their education because of his efforts? When Smith is honored on Dec. 4, we hope that as many people as possible will be there to pay tribute to a man who has given above and beyond and been an absolute gentleman while doing it.

Suffolk Life salutes the Suffolk Council of Boy Scouts on its choice, for it has truly chosen the number one gentleman in Suffolk County. And why not?

Good News For Taxpayer

The Brookhaven Town Board last week approved a cooperative purchasing agreement with BOCES II and 11 school districts for the purchase of paper supplies. That's good news for the taxpayer because it means savings for both the town and the school districts, which are - need we remind you - supported by the very same taxpayers.

Cooperative purchasing to take advantage of volume price savings is a subject that has been getting lip service for too long. Islip Town started a move in this direction with a program that has already resulted in significant savings. Now Brookhaven has joined this commonsense approach to purchasing, and other towns should stop talking and start acting, too. Although Brookhaven and the school districts will, for now, only be involved in paper purchases, it is anticipated that the program will be expanded in the future.

One of the obstacles that has stood in the path of such action has been the "pet product" mentality which too often exists within the purchasing departments of towns and schools. A school district building and grounds superintendent once told us cooperative purchasing would never fly because individual department heads preferred specific brand names or products. Unless these people can prove that the product they prefer is far superior to another, their thinking needs to be revised so that price becomes a more important part of the selection process.

Volume buying is but one aspect of the cooperative attitude that needs to be developed between our municipalities and our school systems. In some areas, the shared use - and funding - of athletic facilities has led to much improved recreational opportunities for the residents of those areas. It is the

height of folly for a town to build a recreational field two blocks away from a school field which is unused after school hours. There have been instances where municipalities have funded the placement of lights at a school field so that town programs can be conducted at night.

Everyone benefits from such a cooperative venture: the schools because they have the use of a lighted facility without added impact on the school budget; the town because it need not build an entire recreational

facility, and the taxpayer because there is less drain on the pocketbook.

Although there are proven benefits in those areas where cooperative purchasing and recreational facility use have been implemented, there is too much footdragging in too many other areas because of provincial attitudes. It's time those responsible put aside the attitudes that stall dollar-saving cooperative programs, so that the taxpayers get the best use of their tax dollars.

And why not?

Disabled American Veterans... They Paid the Price for Peace!



ABOUT THE ARTIST: George L. Skypeck, a survivor of two tours of combat duty in Vietnam, has become one of the nation's foremost artists in depicting the experiences of soldiers in war. Greatest impetus for Skypeck's subject material comes from his personal combat impressions, especially those associated with friends wounded, killed or missing. "Memories forged in the heat of combat, refined by the pain of wounds, and sustained by the alienation of our society cannot be forgotten," says Skypeck. His distinctive combat art has been displayed extensively, including a special exhibit in the rotunda of the U.S. House of Representatives. He is currently studying under a scholarship at the Corcoran School of Art, Washington, D.C. Skypeck served as a special warfare advisor to South Vietnamese forces in the Mekong Delta region and later as a senior intelligence officer. He was released from active duty as a captain and holds numerous decorations, including the Purple Heart, Air Medal and Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

They Paid The Price For Peace

Veterans Day has become a great excuse for a sale. Many state and federal facilities are closed. Christmas Club checks are out and the gift buying spree has begun. Hold it!!

It's fine to have a sale, but let's pause to remember the real meaning and purpose of this day. The day commemorates the sacrifices made by the citizens of this country from the earliest revolutionary times through the unpopular war in Vietnam. It's a day set aside to remember the lives that have been lost, the broken bodies left to time to mend.

Thank God, we are not at war today, but there are thousands of citizens who are still suffering from the wounds inflicted upon their minds and their bodies. A whole generation of American citizens are worried, and rightfully so, about the effects of Agent Orange upon themselves and their offspring. This chemical sub-

stance, used to defoliate the jungles of Vietnam, contaminated thousands of Americans who served in this war. It is believed to cause cancer and birth defects, yet our government has not even fully recognized its responsibility to the volunteers and those who were conscripted to serve.

Our veterans hospitals are in deplorable conditions. How soon we forget our responsibility to those who have served us so gallantly. As Teddy Roosevelt said back in 1903, "A man who is good enough to shed his blood for his country is good enough to get a square deal afterwards."

We wholly support the administration's budget cuts, but we hope that in making slashes they remember to take care of those who gave their lives, their bodies and their minds to keep this country free. It's a debt that can never be repaid.

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Trading One For The Other

It was recently announced that the federal government is planning to open, for lease, the area right off Long Island for oil exploration and drilling. Offshore oil drilling up to this point has been conducted out beyond the Baltimore Canyon, some 70 miles offshore. The current plans call for leases as close as three miles off the beach.

The original off-shore proposals were met with hysteria, fed by the environmental disaster at Santa Barbara, Calif. An accident created a spill which contaminated the entire coastline. Fisheries were ruined, wildfowl were killed by the millions. Beaches and marinas were contaminated and the tourist industry ruined for several seasons.

Since the days of Santa Barbara, improvements have been made, but we are still far from failsafe oil drilling and exploration operations. Our commercial fisheries off New Jersey, Long Island and New England have grown to mammoth proportions. Almost every area has seen gigantic improvements in dock and processing

facilities. Several hundred new ships are fishing these waters. Fishing is both profitable and a vital food source for a good portion of America. Since we have closed our offshore waters to foreign fishing, many fish stocks have been rejuvenated.

All of this could be changed overnight by a mechanical or human error if we allow oil exploration and drilling in the midst of these fisheries. It's one thing if there is an oil spill 70 miles from the beach. It's quite another if it is close-by. There is no question of this country's need for American-found and - produced oil. But we must weigh the advantages of local oil against the possibility of ruining another whole segment of our economy.

Oil rigs three miles from the beach should not be coveted by anyone. Our town and county officials must take an active interest in this latest leasing proposal. Our Congressmen and Senators should perform the service they were elected for and monitor this federal agency to make sure that our coastline interests are protected.

And why not?

Shoppers Are Winners

You, the readers of Suffolk Life, the shoppers in our local stores, will be big winners this Christmas. Suffolk Life, in cooperation with the progressive retailers of eastern Long Island, is once again sponsoring the annual Christmas Shopping Spree. This spree was conceived some 18 years ago by Suffolk Life as a means for the retailers to say thank you to their customers for shopping locally. It's the combined efforts of Suffolk Life and the participating retailer organizations.

Each store participating this year will give away this week two top seats to the great Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus to be held in early December at the Nassau Coliseum. To win, you only have to fill out the coupon here in this paper, or go to any one of the participating stores and fill out a free coupon there.

During the next three weeks, each store will give a lucky shopper a \$10 gift certificate. The drawing for these certificates will be held each week at

the store by which they are being awarded. All entrants for the circus tickets and the gift certificates will also be eligible for the grand prize: a stocking full of cash. We expect the stocking to contain more than \$2,000. What a Christmas present for anyone!

The retailers participating in this promotion are serious about wanting your business. They have stocked their shelves in depth, they have priced their merchandise right and, most important, they are local people with local businesses who will give you service while selling and service after the sale. When you have a choice, it always pays to shop and buy locally. The money you spend locally is in turn spent locally, local jobs are created, local services purchased.

The participating merchants are showing their appreciation for your year-round patronage by cooperating in this promotion. Give them the extra consideration. Let them know you appreciate their efforts, while at

the same time entering the contest, making yourself eligible for one of the many super prizes being offered.

You may be the big winner. You have just as much chance as anyone. And why not?

All Too Similar

The Southwest Sewer District was created out of panic, panic caused by a fear campaign developed by government and union officials, banks and the media. Residents of the Southwest Sewer District were subjected to an unethical, high-powered publicity campaign which left little doubt that unless the sewer district was approved and created, residents of the area would be drinking and bathing in sewage. An ad just before the vote graphically depicted an open toilet and suggested that this was where your drinking water would come from unless you supported this measure. The recent publicity concerning North Fork water is reminiscent of the publicity which surrounded the Southwest Sewer District.

During our recent interviews with candidates seeking public office, many candidates were already taking sides as to the need for digging up the entire North Fork, or parts of it, for a public water system. Most candidates who supported this concept based their thinking upon very loose and unscientific information. They had been led to very shallow conclusions based not so much on facts, but on fear. The way a recent hearing was publicized in the daily media left us with the impression that if North Fork residents continue drinking their well water, they are condemned to die untimely deaths. There may be problems with the North Fork water.

There may not be. It could be that the traces of various chemicals being found now are not so much a new condition, but a result of new high-technology equipment that can detect minute particles that the older equipment was not as advanced or sensitive enough to detect.

We well remember the swordfish mercury scare which led to the commercial sale of swordfish being banned in this country. A woman had gone on a quack diet which required her to eat fish three meals a day for a period of three months. She became ill, swordfish was decided upon as the culprit which contained the mineral mercury. The ban was imposed and remained in effect for a couple of years. Just prior to its expiration, a scientist discovered that the human body itself contained thousands of times the amount of mercury that the swordfish did.

Before anyone gets in an uproar and concludes that we have to dig up the North Fork and install a public water system costing millions of dollars, let us first unequivocally determine what is safe water and what is not. What are the limits the human body can absorb and handle of the various chemicals, toxins and poisons found in the water?

One thing for sure, the financial health of North Fork residents could not stand a Southwest Sewer District. And why not?

Readers' Opinion

"It is a mockery"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

I must compliment you on your editorial on Good Government.

I am enclosing an article about "Mr. Republican," W. Schwenck which your paper never informs us about.

You take great pleasure in bringing all the facts about the failures, etc. of the "Democrats," and their failures, but do not even mention the "Republicans" who over the years have been indicted and convicted etc. At this writing headlines in another paper, County "Labor Chief indicted for Perjury."

It is a mockery and an affront to the intelligence to the people of Suffolk to keep conniving with these public officials and their shady deeds under King John and Peter the First.

And why not?
Geo. Gaines

Ed note:

You may have missed some articles. We regularly report on Dems., Reps., Cons. and independents as they make timely news. Sorry, no favorites.

"Why should anyone have a car"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

With all the talk of cutting budgets - why hasn't some politician or newspaper editor started a campaign to eliminate the use of free cars for government employees from the County Executive, County Clerk, politically-appointed deputies and down the line. It is amazing to find the employees that "qualify" for a county car.

Why should anyone have a car at their disposal for transportation from their home to place of employment and for their personal use

and abuse? It is absolutely without justification for taxpayers to furnish high-salaried politicians transportation with the price of the car, the insurance, the fuel and repairs upkeep. What a saving that would prove to be in any budget!

Perhaps we should start taking license plate numbers, times and locations of government cars on the road.

Sincerely,
The Hansens

"Keep up the good work"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

You are something! Sent your suggested message to Cohalan re: "holding the line" excellent "action" device. I wonder how many he received. Keep up the good work.

Also can we count on your help to tell Suffolk folks about bus transit?

Regards
Dick Shiebler

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Man of His Word

Over a lifetime, we have had several Presidents who talked tough. Now we have a President who is tough.

Reagan is a man of his word, and again has proved it by vetoing Congress's \$428 billion stopgap financing resolution. Congress has played games with most Presidents. They wait until the very last moment to pass budgets or resolutions, forcing the President to approve them or cause drastic reactions.

These panic votes have been one of the major culprits of runaway inflation and huge federal deficits. Congress reasons, "What difference does it make, a few billion here, a few billion there? We'll just crank up the printing presses and print more worthless paper." The difference, of course, is that the consumer's dollar is worth less, and the taxpayer pays a higher percentage of income in taxes.

Until Monday morning, every President in our memory caved in. In

vetoing this spending resolution, Reagan ordered the non-essential services provided by the federal government to be dismantled. He means business, thank God.

It's time we had a President in more than name only. This country has been out of money for years. It has been spending the assets of our children and our children's children. Our government has watered down our seniors' savings and ruined their plans for retirement. The government has made it impossible for young people to buy a home or plan for their children's college education.

As we as individuals learned very early in life, we must live within our means. Government must do the same. Reagan may well turn out to be one of the most unpopular Presidents we have ever had, but one of the most effective, because he acts like a man and does what has to be done. And why not?

LILCO Folly Defies Logic

In the past two weeks Suffolk Life has published a report by a special grand jury covering an investigation into LILCO's investment in the Bokum Ridge Uranium Project. The reading of this transcript relates a horror story. Although the grand jury was thorough, its report left many questions unanswered.

In February, 1976 LILCO's management made application to the PSC, seeking to advance Bokum Ridge \$15 million as a "security deposit." LILCO sought this authorization pursuant to Public Service Law, Section 107. Although processing such an application routinely takes an average of six months, the Public Service Commission granted approval in what amounted to five working days. What was so imperative about LILCO's application that caused the Public Service Commission to act so expeditiously? Why didn't the PSC independently verify the facts pertaining to this investment? Why didn't it call for a public hearing on this application, which is routine in a matter of this nature? The

elimination of a public hearing in this case was in stark contrast to normal procedure in similar matters of this nature.

In granting LILCO's request, the PSC stipulated that no more than \$15 million be forwarded to Bokum. Yet LILCO's corporate directors, without prior notice to the PSC, then advanced an additional \$18 million. It wasn't until months later that LILCO informed the PSC of this fact, shortly before the utility filed an application to up the ante to Bokum to \$51 million, \$13 million of which was to be a "rollback" of the already advanced \$18 million, and considered part of the new request. Why did the PSC permit this to happen without raising a storm of protest? Are there no laws to prevent the management of a utility like LILCO from arrogantly violating a PSC ruling? If not, why not?

According to the grand jury report, it became apparent in 1977 that Bokum Ridge Corporation could not live up to its obligations, and that it would be impossible to deliver the fuel that had been contracted for. At this point, LILCO had a total of \$15 million

invested in the venture. The only thing LILCO's management had to show for this investment was a flooded mineshaft. In April 1977, the principals of Bokum indicated they wanted out. LILCO ordered a study on the feasibility of taking the corporation over entirely. According to the grand jury report, the study dissuaded LILCO from even making an offer. Why then would the management of LILCO continue to advance money to Bokum, if it was a bad financial venture? Why not cut its losses right then?

In June 1978, Bokum was technically in default and, due to the incomplete state of the mineshaft, there was no way it could deliver the fuel product. Why didn't LILCO, at this point, seize the assets of the corporation, as they were allowed to do under the original contract, and recoup what it could of its original \$15 million investment. What strange factors were at play to keep this from happening?

The directors of LILCO had reputations for being good business people. Wouldn't it be considered a prudent practice for any business to seize the assets and take over the corporation if allowed to do so by contract, to protect its investment?

Instead of following this course of action, LILCO, in August 1978, made application to the PSC to invest the additional \$51 million. Without protest for the unauthorized advances LILCO then admitted making, the PSC approved the request, thereby giving retroactive approval for the advances LILCO's management illegally made. Again, this approval was made without verification of the facts, depending primarily upon the representation made by the utility. This approval was given in November 1978.

In January 1980, LILCO's officials again sought authorization to increase the amount of the loan. The petition was submitted in the late afternoon of January 23. The commissioners approved this authorization on the morning of January 24. Analysis of the petition, preparation of a staff report, and the

evaluation of the request and action by the PSC commissioners occurred literally overnight. This was an absolute sham, making the PSC nothing more than an echo for LILCO.

By the end of 1980, the management of LILCO had invested, loaned or advanced to Bokum Ridge at least \$78 million. That's how much it admitted to at that time. How much more have they invested that has not yet been made public, advances made without PSC approval that might be uncovered in the future LILCO applications? What was, or still is, the strange hold Bokum had over LILCO's management? What kind of power does LILCO's management have over the PSC which causes that agency, designed to protect the consumer, to cause it to throw all caution to the winds, permitting the investment of good money after bad?

Thus far, all the management of LILCO has to show for its investment of millions of dollars is an incomplete, flooded mineshaft. Is LILCO worried? Hell no! LILCO apparently feels if the venture is a failure, or adversely affects the utility's finances, it need only file an application to the PSC seeking another rate increase. LILCO's directors have already made it painfully clear that they will seek to pass along to ratepayers the financial impact of this folly and other examples of corporate mismanagement on their part.

As long as LILCO's directors can continue to saddle its ratepayers with its lack of management, poor fiscal judgement and bad investments, protecting its stockholders from the impact of such actions, keeping the dividends sent to stockholders high by taking them out of the pockets of the public, they will continue to do it to Long Island.

What can be done to make the PSC responsive to the public, rather than an echo for the utilities? What can be done to prevent LILCO from arrogantly ignoring PSC rulings, as they have done in the Bokum folly? Be sure to read Suffolk Life next week for some answers.

And why not?

Readers' Opinion

"Saddled with the incubus"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

I earnestly invite your attention to the enclosed clipping from Reader's Digest, October 1981, entitled The Great Chicago Money Tunnel.

Suffering Long Island taxpayers trapped in this miserable sewer situation are not alone. In the Chicago area the taxpayers have for the better part of a century been saddled with the tunnel and Reservoir plan known as TARP or Deep Tunnel and the voters have never had a voice.

In 1970 the Metropolitan Sanitary District, MSD levied a tax of 23 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. The present rate is 74.6 cents and is expected to reach 80 cents later this year.

Too late to lock the stable now, our successors are saddled with the sewer incubus for generations to come. As Tennyson said "The evil that men do lives after them."

Cordially,
Louis C. Raegner

"Wishes to extend its heart felt thanks"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

The parish of Good Shepherd Church in Holbrook wishes to extend its heart felt thanks to the Holbrook, Ronkonkoma, and Sayville Fire Departments, the many community organizations, the surrounding small businesses, other Churches in the area and the residents of Holbrook for their immediate and generous response to our parish following the fire on September 25, 1981, which destroyed our church.

The immediate concern demonstrated by our neighbors has brought great support to us in our time of need. Once again, the priests and the parishioners thank all those who responded.

Yours very truly,
Rev. Augustine Sheehan,
Pastor
Rev. Patrick J. Boyan, and
Rev. Joseph SaFraniec

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