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THE WAY TO GO for the Port Jefferson Sewer District (#8) was outlined at an informational meeting January 6 between the SCAA Board, Ed Rutsch, Director of Historic Conservation and Interpretation, Inc., and leaders of the Stony Brook, Setauket, and Port Jefferson historical, civic, and environmental groups. The Suffolk County Dept. of Environmental Control is contracting with a leading New Jersey environmental engineering firm to conduct the studies for an Environmental Impact Statement for the Port Jefferson Sewer District. Rutsch, a well-known historical archaeologist, and his firm, experienced in this field, have been retained by the engineering firm to prepare a base map of all prehistoric and historic sites in the area. Appropriate sites will also be prepared for the National Register. Planning for sewer lines will be done to minimize impact in the sensitive areas. This is the way it ought to be done! **** for the enlightened thinking in the Dept. of Environmental Control or the environmental engineering firm that made this possible!

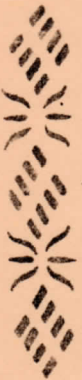
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The Association for Preservation Technology (APT) is an association of professionals active in the preservation of historic resources and the development of architectural preservation techniques. The bi-monthly Bulletin is the "source" for information on early technology, paint, hardware, wood processing, decorative arts, epoxy repair, mortar analysis, stabilization, fire protection, etc. Individual membership is \$20, and back issues are available from: Mrs. Ann Falkner, Exec. Sec., APT, Box 2487 Station D, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1P 5W6.

Experimental Archaeology Papers #1, 2, and 3 are out of print, but #4 will be available in early 1976, approximately 360 pp., edited by Errett Callahan, #4 from Publications, Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology, Virginia Commonwealth U., Richmond, Va. 23284 (make checks to Dept. S & A). It covers the Pamunkey Project (living archaeology field schools) and includes interdisciplinary research papers covering artifact analysis, documentation of tool replication and utilization, and hunting/gathering subsistence activities relevant to Mid-Atlantic, Middle Woodland Indians.

The Old Rag Report: A Practical Guide to Living Archaeology by Errett Callahan, 156 pp., #4 from above address. It documents the replication of a hunting/gathering subsistence experiment related to the Early Woodland period.

Guide to Long Island Geology, compiled for the recent visit to Long Island by the New York State Geological Assn., contains 327 pages of background information and details for field trips. Available for \$8 from Prof. Manfred P. Wolff, Hofstra University, Hempstead, N.Y.



ARCHAEOLOGY FILMS AND DISCUSSION: The School of Cultural Arts of Westhampton Beach and S.C.A.A. are co-sponsoring, with BOCES I, an East End archaeology program --

DATE: Saturday, March 20

TIME: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

PLACE: BOCES I Special Ed. Bldg., opposite Westhampton Air Base on the Westhampton-Riverhead Rd.

ETC: Bring bag lunch; coffee and tea available

FILMS: Early man; prehistoric sites; the how and why of an excavation; North American Indians; Eastern Woodland Indians; historical archaeology

DISCUSSION: Informal, with SCAA archaeologists

FEE: \$2.00

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Richard Leakey Lecture on Early Man Research -- Thursday, April 1, 8:15 PM at Town Hall. Tickets \$5, at the New School and Town Hall Box Office, beginning March 18.

George Catlin's Letters and Notes on the Manners, Customs and Condition of the North American Indians, edited into 1 volume by Michael Mooney, illustrated by Catlin's noted paintings, Clarkson N. Potter, \$15.

Lucy: Growing Up Human -- A Chimpanzee Daughter in a Psychotherapist's Family. Science and Behavior Books, PO Box 11457, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306, \$9, by Maurice K. Tenenlin.


Full Fathom Five -- Wrecks of the Spanish Armada, by Colin Martin. The Viking Press, \$12.50.

The Survival of the Bark Canoe, by John McPhee. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$8.


The Grass Roots Primer -- The Spare Time, Low Cost, At Home Guide to Environmental Action (saving the earth from and for the people), edited by James Robertson and John Lewallen. Sierra Club Books/Charles Scribner's Sons, \$8.

IMAC - Inter-Media Art Center is a multi-media and video production agency and resource center for Long Island, partially supported by the N.Y. State Council on the Arts. It assists in production as well as loans equipment. For further information, contact them at 81 Bay Ave., Huntington, N.Y. 11743 or 549-0939.

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SUNY, STONY BROOK SUMMER DIG: C.E.D. will sponsor a Summer Field School in Suffolk County for six weeks. This will be the first full-scale university-sponsored field school in Suffolk and will be under the direction of Dr. Mike Grandly of the Anthropology Dept. Only 20 people from throughout the country will be admitted; apply to CED for further information.



Indian Exhibit at Guild Hall, East Hampton showing now through Feb. 28 is "Beads: North American Indian Beadwork" from the museum of the American Indian, New York City. There is also a display of Shinnecock arts and crafts from the Reservation.

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SCAA INTERVENES IN LILOCO HEARING -- SCAA is preparing information for LILOCO's April 6 hearing in Riverhead on the proposed 36.7 mile routes for power transmission lines from Jamesport to Holbrook. Board member Lynn Ceci will testify on behalf of SCAA. SCAA will utilize a study of the proposed routes made by Ron Wyatt of Garvies Point museum and information from the State Museum and Science Service,

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SCAA Testifies on Behalf of Archaeology at the Jan. 28 regional hearing for proposed regulations for the new State Environmental Quality Review of the Environmental Conservation Law.

SCAA will also testify on behalf of cultural resource management at the Feb. 18 regional meeting on the DEC's Mined Land Reclamation Law, which affects L.I.'s sandpits.

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SCAA MEETINGS WITH COUNTY LEGISLATORS are expected to be held shortly, in which SCAA Board members will inform pertinent officials of the archaeological situation in the county and press for study and implementation of SCAA goals, including county support for archaeology, the development of a natural history museum, and passage of protective and preservation laws. We will let you know the results of these meetings.

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ECOTIPS on the many aspects of our environment that affect us in every way are available free from Concern, Inc., 2233 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20007. The latest are: Ozone: The Earth's Protective Shield, and New Energy Technologies for Buildings.

Energy for the Home, by Peter Clegg (Garden Way Publishing, Charlotte, Vt. 05445; \$6) is a practical guide for people building homes to the sources of power that are cheapest and least-polluting (water, the sun, wind, wood, and methane).

ALBANY HOT LINE -- a toll-free Citizens Hot Line to Albany which enables you to find out the current status of any bill in the New York Legislature. If you know the number of a bill, you can obtain up-to-date information on whether it is in committee, on the floor, has been passed or signed into law. The number is: 1 - 800 - 342 - 9060.

Best Environmental Information Bargain is the FREE subscription to the NYS Environment newsletter. Send name and address to DEC, 50 Wolf Rd., Albany, N.Y. 12233, Attn: Larry Noffer, Circulation Manager. Another bargain is the DEC's bi-monthly magazine, The Conservationist, \$3/50/yr.; \$6/2 yrs.; \$2/yr. to schools from Box 2326, Grand Central Sta., New York, N.Y. 10017.

Flora '76 Reduced Price Tickets are available through Y.O.U., which will for the first time have an exhibition on Conservation Education. The show is March 6 through 14 at the Nassau Colosseum, and tickets are \$2.25 weekdays, \$2.75 weekends through Andrew Eddy, 7 Frances Blvd., Holtsville 11742; make checks payable to Bayard Cutting Arboretum Horticultural Society.

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A Conference on Amerinds and Their Paleoenvironments in Northeastern North America is being held at the New York Academy of Sciences February 4-6. The latest research and new interpretations of the Paleo and Archaic periods are being discussed, so the results should be stimulating; the papers and discussion will be published. Lynn Ceci will give a paper on "The Nature of the Locally Available Food Sources and the Concept of 'Environmental Perception'" based on Long Island data, and Ron Wyatt will speak on "The Archaic on Long Island". The conference was organized by Bert Salwen of N.Y.U. and Walter Newman of Queens College, C.U.N.Y..

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Y.O.U. Long Island Conservation Education Conference will be held Thurs., January 29 from 7 to 10 PM at Dowling College. Attendance is by invitation to the 30+ organizations (totaling more than 43,000 members) who comprise Your Organization United, dedicated to conservation and education. Ten speakers from state and county park commissions, state and county government, and educational and conservation groups will speak on the topic. SCAA will be represented.

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A "first" for Suffolk County are the "Management Handbooks for Land Use" resulting from a 3-year study of the South Fork made possible by a private grant to the Group for America's South Fork. The Handbooks will provide detailed information on natural resources for local government to utilize in planning decisions. Too bad it doesn't also include an archaeological survey to pinpoint the cultural resources which should also be considered in planning for development.

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The American Society for Conservation Archeology is seeking to expand its activities East of the Mississippi. It is an important representative of archaeological resource management nationally, holds annual meetings, publishes a newsletter, and is expanding its operations, including assisting N.Y.A.C. with its current litigation. Membership is \$10.00 per year, from Dr. Alexander J. Lindsay, Jr., Museum of Northern Arizona, Flagstaff, Az. 86001.

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CHANGES AT N.Y.A.C. -- Dr. Marian White of SUNY, Buffalo, one of the founders and most dedicated workers for N.Y.A.C., died Oct. 31st. Executive Director Tom King, probably the most knowledgeable cultural resources management specialist in the country, is taking a job with the National Park Service early this year. His broad responsibilities there will also be of benefit to continuing preservation efforts in New York, but he will be missed! A phenomenon like Tom King doesn't come along often ...



HELP N.Y.A.C.!!!

The N.Y.A.C. litigation against the sewer districts is proceeding, but is proving to be VERY expensive. Contributions are coming in from all over the country, as this is a land-mark case. If you or your friends are concerned about having an archaeological future to preserve, now is the time to show it with a contribution to the Legal Defense Fund, 4242 Ridge Lea Rd., Buffalo, N.Y. 14226. Please help!

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Archaeology as a Career will be one of the vocations described, by request of the students, at a career guidance session in the Westhampton High School in March. SCAA will supply an archaeologist for the occasion.

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Natural Resources Consciousness Raising is being developed by a 6-session course on "Compiling and Using Natural Resource Inventories" which began Jan. 14 for environmental groups, conservation advisory bodies, planning boards, etc. For further information and the fee, call David Newton, Land Use Management Specialist at S.C. Coop. Extension, at 727-7850. SCAA has urged Mr. Newton to also make participants aware of the role of cultural resources as an integral part of the total natural resources picture. **** to Cooperative Extension, S.C. COO and N.Y.S. DEC for this needed cooperatively-offered program.

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Bottle Digging ... The only negative response to President Ben Werner's Letter to the Editor (Dec. 10) in response to a Dec. 2, 1975 NEWSDAY article on the pleasures of "treasure hunting" was from two bottle diggers who felt we (scientific archaeology) had no right to deprive them of their personal pleasure. Yet, do they have a 'right' to destroy a historic or prehistoric site for their personal bottle collection? In New York State, apparently yes, if they are on their own property. Most bottle diggers dig anywhere they can, and usually are trespassing, so have even less of a 'right' to do so.

An Indian village site of the Woodland period (prior to and during contact with Europeans) has never been found on Long Island, so there is a large gap in our knowledge of Long Island history. What is probably such a site has been found in North Shore central Suffolk, in the process of being turned into a small, exclusive development. The owners have refused to let appropriate archaeological institutions even survey the site, yet they and others are 'pot hunting' it and bulldozing it to extinction. Wonder how they are commemorating the Bicentennial celebration of our heritage!

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The SCAA Board was reorganized in November, reflecting the commitments of members. Officers now are: Past President - Ed Johannemann; President - Ben Werner, Jr.; Vice-President - Walt Saxon; Recording Secretary - Gretchen Gwynne; Corresponding Secretary - Gay Levine; Treasurer/Membership - Marilyn Shea. The Education, Public Relations, Conference, Newsletter, Program Committees still need members and/or chairmen. Please volunteer! The Nominating Committee is being appointed by Ben Werner to prepare a slate of officers for election at the April Membership Meeting/Workshop. Let us know if you wish to serve as an officer, chairman, or on the Nominating Committee.



SPRING 1976 SCAA BOARD MEETINGS will continue to be held at the Gwynne residence, 35 Main St., Stony Brook between 11 AM and 2 PM on the 4th Tuesday of each month -- Jan. 27, Feb. 24, March 23, April 27, May 25. Meetings are open -- members and visitors are welcome.

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SCAA has a new membership category -- Institutional -- at \$10 per year. Invite your favorite institution to join!

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DUES ARE DUE! This Newsletter, a free publication on public archaeology with initial membership, meetings, and workshops come with membership in SCAA. Fees are: Life - \$100 General - \$5
Sustaining - \$15 Junior (to age 16) \$2
Institutional - \$10

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