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"Dig We Must": slogan of Con Ed.
But the same can be said
Of the anthropology of the dead.

Archaeologists take great care
In excavating a five foot square;
Seeking clues that will make us aware

Of how the Indians lived before
Europeans set foot on Long Island's shore
And other events of days of yore.

For techniques archaeological
Resolve question historical
As well as anthropological.

When archaeologists dig they're obligated
To make sure they have properly excavated
So a past life-style can be recreated.

And they write for publication
About things they learn from excavation.
In order to share their information.

The poem closes with this instruction
To those in the profession of construction:
Take care! Don't cause a site's destruction.

- Daniel Kaplan

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INFO ON WHERE TO DIG RESPONSIBLY:

Locally -- Ron Wyatt, Garvies Point Museum; Sherene Baugher, Anth. Dept., Wagner College, Staten Island, N.Y.; Dr. Henry Moeller (283-1527 or 668-5800) for underwater archaeology of the 'HMS Culloden' off East Hampton; Dr. Mike Gramly, Anth. Dept., SUNY, Stony Brook; Dr. John Strong, Southampton College (283-4000) for trip to Midwest Mound sites.

Nationally -- Listing of U.S. digs by S.A.A.: Dr. R. Adams, 4242 Piedras Dr. E, Suite 250, U. of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Tex. 78228 (free); Fieldwork Bulletin, A.I.A., 260 W. Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10013 (\$1.00); Calendar of Excavations in Britain; B. Wailes, Anth Dept., U. of Pennsylvania, Univ. Museum, 33rd & Spruce Sts., Philadelphia, Pa. 19104 (50¢); Israel Ministry of Ed. and Culture, Dept. of Antiquities and Museums, P.O.B. 586, Jerusalem, Israel (free list); Archaeology Abroad Service, 31-34 Gordon Sq., London WCLH OPY, England - \$2.40 for excavations in countries other than Britain.

SAVE MAY 1st ... CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOPS ... 9:30 - 3:00 ... \$3 (with lunch)

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THE FIRST ANNUAL GOLDEN AWARD will be presented to Dr. Philip Weigand, Chairman, Anthropology Dept., SUNY, Stony Brook at the Saturday, May 1st S.C.A.A. Conference and Workshops. Dr. Weigand will depart this Summer for 15 months' archaeological research in Western Mexico while on Sabbatical. He will be missed, as he was one of the founding members of the S.C.A.A. and has contributed his expertise and experience in many ways. His concern for archaeology in Suffolk County has led to the "L.I. Archaeology" course offered at SUNY, the 1976 SUNY Summer Field School, and the goals of a Suffolk structure for public archaeology and a regional archaeologist position in the Anth. Dept. This would lead to a much-needed program of regional studies which would be a great contribution to the people of L.I.

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EXCELLENT, INEXPENSIVE BICENTENNIAL Materials emphasising arts and crafts are available from the S.C. Cooperative Extension Service, Griffing Ave., Riverhead, N.Y. 11901. Two of the listings of particular interest to history buffs are "Folk Lore and History" and "Genealogy".

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NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION of S.C.A.A. officers is due at our Spring Conference and Annual Meeting on May 1st. Nominating Committee Chairman Jim Shea reports the following slate: President - Ben Werner; Vice-President - Walt Saxon; Recording Secretary - Gretchen Gwynne; Corresponding Secretary - Gay Levine; Treasurer - Marilyn Shea. Further nominations by members will be accepted by mail or on the floor of the meeting, provided the nominee has consented. All members are invited to participate in the work of the organization.

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BEST ENVIRONMENTAL BARGAIN ON L.I. is the Snail Trail, published by the Environmental Centers of Smithtown & Setauket. It informs you of the myriad of naturalist, conservation, or science-oriented programs for children and adults on L.I., as well as observation hints for the season. A one-time charge of \$2 for address plate and postage is all that is required. Send name and fee to them at

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NOTICE OUR NEW LOOK? The handsome logo gracing our front page and stationery and a new format for our Newsletter (will appear with the next issue) were designed by one of Manhattan's leading design firms, the Milton Anderson Company, courtesy of board member Gretchen Gwynne, who happens to have some connections there ... Some kids and other people have asked for the design on T-shirts, so we will be taking orders for custom silk-screened beauties, courtesy of artisan Marilyn Shea, at the May 1st Conference.

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★★★★ TO THE HUNTINGTON AUDUBON SOCIETY for contributing to environmental awareness through their Feb. 6 program, A Forum -- Planning for Coastal Management. Let's have more of these thoughtful, fruitful interchanges!

NORTHEAST HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY COUNCIL 1976 SPRING SYMPOSIUM will be held at the Morgan Overlook Lodge, Bear Mountain, N.Y. on Saturday, April 10 from 9:30 AM to 9:30 PM. Eleven workshops are scheduled, plus a tour Sunday AM of a local Revolutionary War Period Fortification. Registration is \$1.50; lunch - \$2.75; dinner \$10.50. Reservations to: J.H. Mead, Angola Rd., Cornwall, N.Y. 12518.

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AMERICAN INDIAN ART OF THE PLAINS, displaying classic examples of clothing, weapons and material culture of the nomadic hunters of the Plains, will open April 14 and run through July 25 at the Garvies Point Preserve, Nassau County Museum System. Movies on the Plains Indians will be shown on weekends and books, postcards, etc. amplifying the theme will be for sale.

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ARCHIVISTS AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY PERSONNEL have enjoyed two services from SUNY, Stony Brook recently. The April 3 L.I. Archives Conference held at the University is a much-needed sharing of information for L.I. Contact Evert Volkersz at the SUNY Library for more information. Another service useful to all who are duplicating materials for archival or historical purposes is a special stock of acid-free Xerox paper available at the regular 5¢ per page fee, 3rd floor duplicating center, SUNY Library. Just ask for it.

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL PHOTOGRAPHY Workshops, Seminars, and Lectures in early April, late May, and early June are available from the Maine Photographic Workshops, Rockport, Maine 04856. Basic, advanced, and field one-week workshops are available, as are student housing, certification, college credit, and limited financial aid. Write above address or call 207-236-4788.

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THE N.Y.A.C. LAWSUIT is pending, awaiting further minor but critical revisions to a proposed out-of-court settlement by the S.H.P.O. Meanwhile, the E.P.A. has answered the suit also. The NYAC Legal Defense Fund has been named the Marian E. White Archaeological Defense Fund, and is still in dire need of contributions to support the lawsuit. Please give to this landmark case, which has already had the secondary effect of deterring similar destructive-to-cultural-remains actions in other localities and states. Send contributions to: 4242 Ridge Lea Rd., Buffalo, N.Y. 14226

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******** to Jeffrey Wenig, Director, Huntington Town Dept. of Environmental Protection for his recent "Viewpoints" (March 9, 1976) cogent article in NEWSDAY -- Don't Sell Out the Environment. Among the many enlightening points made was the fact that although critics say that environmental programs are inflationary and are one of the major causes of wholesale price index increases averaging 15% recently, studies by the E.P.A. and President's C.E.Q. show that less than 0.5% of the index price increase is due to this. And archaeological surveys, when executed as part of an Environmental Impact Statement, usually cost a small fraction of the E.I.S.



S.C.A.A. MEMBERS IN THE NEWS: Stan Wisniewski, who has a long excavation career with Metropolitan Chapter, N.Y.S.A.A., has published previously in the N.Y.S.A.A. Bulletin, Summers in Suffolk, has assisted at the Mt. Sinai dig with Ed Johannemann, and has just seen into print (N.Y.S.A.A. Bull. Nos. 53 and 55) the findings of the Ryders Pond site in Brooklyn of the late Julius Lopez, his colleague.

Gary Hammond, of the Nassau County Museum staff, made a major find of materials and correspondence from the early days of L.I. aviation history in an unused barn of a former vice-president of Kirkham Aircraft Engineering Corp., also known by other names. Seversky, Fairchild, Grumman, Republic, Curtis, Lawrence Sperry & Brewster, etc. are represented in the irreplaceable correspondence and artifacts -- tools, molds, patterns, mock-ups, blueprints, parts -- from approximately 1918 to 1940. The materials were suffering from vandalism and potential destruction by sale of the property. Gary's recognition and intervention has rescued another part of our cultural heritage, as the present owner has donated the materials to the Nassau County Museum.

Dan Kaplan, Asst. Curator, Garvies Point Preserve, is co-author (with H. Mills) of an article, "The Massapequa Lake Blade Cache", in the N.Y. State Archaeol. Assn. Bull. No. 66, March, 1976.

S.C.A.A. member and Past President, Ed Johannemann, reports the continuation of work at the post-contact Montauk Indian historical site at Montauk Point, with a Summer field surveying program scheduled.

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SOME ASPECTS OF EASTERN NORTH AMERICAN PREHISTORY: A REVIEW 1975, by Don W. Drago, American Antiquity, Vol. 41, No. 1, 1976, pp. 3-27 is the most recent overview of our area's prehistory.

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PUBLICATIONS ON UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY:

Underwater Archaeology: a Nascent Discipline, UNESCO, available from UNIPUB, Box 433, Murray Hill Sta., N.Y., N.Y. 10016, \$16.50

Shipwrecks of the Western Hemisphere, Robert Marx, \$11.95

The Underwater Dig: An Intro. to Marine Archaeology, R. Marx, \$9.95
from David McKay Co., Inc, 750 Third Ave., N.Y., N.Y. 10017

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MILITARY ARCHAEOLOGY:

Ft. Michilimackinac 1715-1781, \$12.50 from Mackinac Island State Park Comm., 905 B. Southland, Lansing, Mich. 48926.

Archaeological Investigation of Ft. Ligonier, with appendix on Animal Remains, \$4 from Ft. Ligonier Mem. Found., S. Market St., Ligonier, Penn. 15658.

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May 1st - Underwater to Aerial ... Prehistoric to Historic ...