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In December each year, your subscription to Suffolk Life expires. We customarily include a bill for the following year's subscription in an envelope in our paper.

Most residents send in a check for a one year subscription at \$4.99. This covers the cost of bringing them Suffolk Life for 51 weeks a year. It works out to less than 10 cents per week. Our newsstand price is 25 cents per week. Thus, an annual subscription saves you \$7.00.

In 1975, we budgeted \$432,000 to write, edit, print and distribute the news portion of Suffolk Life. Every penny of this money is used for reporters, editors, photographers and syndicated services, plus composition, printing, and distribution of the news portion of Suffolk Life.

We depend on our readers' subscriptions to finance this portion of your Suffolk Life newspaper.

The advertising portion of the paper is paid for by the advertisers. It is self-sustaining from the rest of the publication. Most administrative and overhead costs are also charged off to the advertising department, even though many of these costs are directly related to the news portion of Suffolk Life.

It has been through the generosity of our subscribers that Suffolk Life has been able to become one of the largest weekly newspapers in the country.

Our news staff is young and dedicated. Many of our people work 50, 60 and 70 hours each week to bring you, our readers, background information on important issues that affect your lives. During the past election alone, our news staff put in over 2,000 man hours in research, interviewing, investigation, writing and reporting.

The news staff's reward for these efforts was an extra large turnout of interested and informed voters who made their choices based on fact and knowledge - not emotion.

Suffolk Life, through its news pages has been a positive factor in

promoting and protecting the quality of life of all residents.

Extensive investigation, reporting and editorials, have saved the taxpayer literally thousands of dollars per year by exposing waste and corruption. Suffolk Life has been the champion of the middle class, fighting for its survival.

The newspaper has no political allegiances, and as a result, is able to operate independently, calling the shots as we see them. Ask any hardnosed, partisan Democrat or Republican what Suffolk Life's politics are, and he will answer our politics are opposite of his political philosophy. And this is the way it should be in a good independent newspaper.

Suffolk Life is able to be independent and free of control because its support is widely based and truly from the people.

We feel the public is much further ahead by having an independent newspaper they support through their \$4.99 annual subscription than having the news produced or the newspaper supported through the patronage-rich legal advertising granted by one party or another.

This is why it is so important each resident who receives Suffolk Life send his annual subscription payment of \$4.99.

All our 1975 subscriptions expire during December to simplify bookkeeping and records. This saves an enormous amount of costs which we are able to pass on in the form of a better newspaper.

In our carrier delivery areas, you will find a subscription envelope inserted between pages 2 and 3 this week. We ask you to place your check or money order for \$4.99 in this envelope and return it to us. We would appreciate it if you would send it in immediately.

If you do not see this envelope inserted between pages 2 and 3, please use your own envelope and fill out the subscription coupon found on this page. Thank you for your cooperation and support. And why not?

The Community's Needs vs Industry's Needs

The Port Jefferson Village Board is exploring the possibility of rezoning all harbor property to exclude and do away with the oil interest that now dominates the area.

Port Jefferson Harbor is unique because it is one of the few natural deep water ports on Long Island. Historically, it has been a commercial port. Its history goes back to the American Revolution when great gun boats and brigantines brought in supplies and debarked from its wharves. Later, the horse and carriage gave way to the combustion engine, and whaling

ships became a thing of the past. Still later, the shores of Port Jefferson Harbor spawned oil storage terminals.

Today, a sizeable percentage of Long Island's fuel consumption passes through the tanks in Port Jefferson. The Harbor serves major companies as well as Consolidated Petroleum, which is owned by Northville Industries. Oil tanks are not the prettiest things in the world, and oil tankers have a history of mishaps which result in oil spills and contamination.

Many residents of the North Shore have become concerned about the

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appearance of the harbor. As a result, the Port Jefferson Village Board has undertaken a feasibility study on zoning changes that would transform the Harbor from heavy industrial usage to recreational.

The plan, if passed by the village board and approved by the county's planning department (which has a say because this is coastal water), would phase out the commercial operations over a seventeen to 22 year period.

The first question raised is if this were to become a reality, how would it affect Long Island's petroleum needs? The oil companies who like the deal they have in Port Jefferson have undertaken a campaign of scare tactics to stop this rezoning. They are claiming the cost of petroleum products on Long Island will skyrocket. This need not happen.

During the phase-out period, Nassau and Suffolk Counties should encourage the extension of the Buckeye Pipeline which now runs from terminals in New Jersey to Kennedy Airport to continue eastward on the Island. Pipelines are a much more economical method of transporting petroleum, and they are far safer ecologically. But, many roadblocks have been placed in the path of the pipeline extension.

The Village would like to see Port Jefferson Harbor developed along recreational lines. This makes sense and would probably be more economically favorable to the community as a whole.

Recreational boating is growing at a rate of over 10 per cent per year. It has been computed that boat owners on Long Island spend over one half billion dollars annually. As boating increases, the space for berthing

and servicing boats becomes more scarce. Right now boating is a nine month business on Long Island. Most people try to get their craft into the water early in March and are using their boats as late as December.

Port Jefferson Harbor is a natural for recreational boating because of its sheltered deep water channel. It can serve both Nassau and Suffolk residents as well as become a major port-of-call for New Englander boaters. The Village board's decision to pursue this course rather than oil, is a look to the future.

While recreational boating is increasing and will continue to increase, oil, according to everything we have read, will surely be depleted by the turn of the century.

In this world of rapidly changing technology, it would not be presumptuous to believe that new sources of energy will have been devised and be in common use within fifteen years.

Knowing this, a plan to phase out the oil industry in the harbor makes greater sense. For when the day comes that oil is no longer a viable energy source, the oil companies that are greedily attempting to squash this planning for the future will abandon their properties, leaving only their empty oil tanks as a monument to an era past.

In the final analysis, the Village Board must take into consideration what is good for the community as a whole, not what will benefit a special interest. Developing Port Jefferson Harbor as a recreational port-of-call and phasing out commercial development makes good, long run economical and ecological sense. It is in the best interest of the community and the Island. And why not?

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Subscriptions Are Now Due

Dear Reader:

1975 has been a good year at Suffolk Life.

We have grown up a bit, as you probably have noticed by the quality of the news content in your paper. Our news section was enlarged considerably and for the first time in our history, our news pages took on a professional appearance.

Our philosophy has not changed. Suffolk Life is your paper - it is published for and about you. We have been successful as a publishing venture because you have supported us throughout the years. Through your support, we have given back to you a better quality of life because we have been there, asking questions. We have helped bring about a more representative form of government by introducing candidates to you and endorsing those we felt would be more responsive to you than to the political machines.

When Suffolk Life was first published, news was almost totally controlled by the individual political parties. Today, even patronage-rich newspapers are beginning to show their independence and are, although begrudgingly, printing news of all political faiths. They are following in Suffolk Life's foot steps'.

At one time, the average person was totally ignored by the media. Unless you were a big businessman, in politics, or a civic leader, you never read about or saw pictures of your life. Suffolk Life, from its beginning, went out and photographed the average person doing his thing at his club or function. For fifteen years, our pages have been filled with people very important to us.

We have spoken out on many controversial issues that many papers felt were too hot to handle. We stuck our neck out and brought those issues to your attention. Many times we took the unpopular side of an issue - to get people talking and thinking about it. We have never been afraid to publish an opposing opinion. We don't claim to be perfect nor are we always right, but we do stand up and fight for what we believe in.

Suffolk Life has grown and is becoming a big newspaper, but we will never be too big to recognize that our strength lies with you. Once a year we ask every reader to help us continue to bring you a totally independent newspaper by taking time out and squeezing \$4.99 out of your budget to pay for your subscription.

This \$4.99 supports the news portion of Suffolk Life. This year, 1976, we will spend over one half million on just the news portion of Suffolk Life. In 1976, our continued success is going to depend on you and other loyal and generous supporters who will invest in Suffolk Life.

In the coming year we want to keep growing and fighting the bureaucracy that is strangling you. We hope our efforts will close the ever widening gap between what you earn and what you take home. We will monitor school board, village, town and county board meetings. We will keep a watchful eye on government and when we see your money being wasted, or you being shortchanged, we will try to expose it and try to bring about changes.

We will encourage and support government officials who are responsive to you and who have your best interest at heart. We will do our damndest to bring about the downfall of those who are dishonest, unethical and arrogant. We will provide a forum for your ideas, your thoughts, and your wishes. We will always be at your affairs, taking photographs and highlighting the good life in Suffolk.

Only with your personal support and that of thousands of others, can we remain in the forefront to do battle for you. There are new areas of news and reporting we will branch into with your support. But, in order to reach our goal, we must call on you. You know the importance of maintaining a strong, effective and free Suffolk Life.

Won't you send in your annual subscription now? With your support we will not let down our guard a fraction; we will stay on top of the bureaucracy and continue to publish the best newspaper our staff can produce.

Your subscription will help preserve the great American ideal - a free and open press in this year of the Bicentennial. And why not?

No Trespassing

Every day, on my way to work, I drive past the old Cranberry Bog just south of the County Center in Riverhead. This bog holds many special memories for me.

As a boy, I spent hundreds of hours doing the things a boy in the country loves to do. Like other boys growing up in the area, I chased frogs, caught tadpoles and fished for the biggest pickerel. As I grew older, I trapped muskrat, mink and one skunk. I hunted pheasant and quail, and shot ducks. During the winter I skated with friends on a small pond that is an offshoot of Wildwood Lake. I attended field trials; I gathered wild cranberries in winter and wild blueberries in summer.

The Cranberry Bog and the Little Peconic, which run through it were then owned by a private private interest, but was enjoyed primarily by the public.

A few years ago, this property was taken by the county. I was happy when it happened - this

special part of my life would be preserved and my children and others would be able to enjoy what I have treasured.

Two weeks ago, as I headed down the Moriches Road, I saw some white signs posted along this property. These white signs say: "No Hunting, No Fishing, No Trespassing - Suffolk County Parks Department." My curiosity was aroused. I did some exploring, checking the recent acquisitions of the Parks Department. Sure enough, great tracts of land throughout the county are posted this year. People are to be kept out.

I suppose there is some rationale for this, like people upsetting the delicate ecology; or excluding people who do not appreciate the value of the area and litter or vandalize these lands. There are probably many reasons the Parks Department can give for keeping people off this property.

It just seems like a damned shame that we have allowed ourselves to be suckered by a bureaucracy that finds rules and regulations which deny people the use of the finer things in life necessary.

I don't know how you feel about it, but if I'm going to be denied access to County property, I'll be damned if I can see any reason for the County to own it.

Why should we work to earn money, and pay taxes, then deny ourselves access to property we own. The skunk I caught in the old Cranberry Bog couldn't have stunk as much as the Suffolk County Parks management's attitude towards people.

There is going to be a new group running the county come January 1. Let's hope they can find a way to put people back in the parks. And why not?

Do You Want New Taxes?

When we spoke with Perry Duryea last week, he commented that his mail from residents about taxes has been surprisingly light, although Governor Carey is in the process of proposing \$8 million in new taxes which will be paid by you.

Duryea told us he didn't know if people had become resigned to being taxed or if they felt their letters could not alter the inevitable outcome. He wants to know whether you want new taxes added to the already large share you are now paying.

At the same time you are writing your Assemblyman about how you feel, we think it would be a good idea to let the governor and state senator know what you are thinking, too. And why not?

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

All of us here at Suffolk Life Newspapers, Ad-View Publishers-Printing Corp., and We Deliver Inc., wish all of you, our readers and advertisers a very warm and merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

To the Christian world, Christmas signifies the birth of the Messiah. It is the unselfish act of a power stronger than man - the gift to mankind of a part of this power.

The message God's son brought to us is clear and concise. It is a message of love, of understanding, and of giving more of ourselves than we expect to receive in return. His

teachings and the example of His life give us a guideline that, if followed by all, could bring peace and harmony to mankind.

We all, believers or not, might look into our hearts to evaluate ourselves, to see if the life we are living is contributing to a better life for all those we come in contact with.

Christmas time, a time of renewal, of joy and happiness, might well be a good time to re-establish our outlook and our goals. After all, in the end, we are all striving for the same things - inner peace, happiness, and a sense of fulfillment. And why not?

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What Does Tony Pace Want?

We have witnessed many bitter political battles in our years of reporting the news, but the current donnybrook in Islip is the worst we've seen. Tony Pace, Republican leader of Islip Town has shown total disregard for the rights of the town residents.

Supervisor Peter Cohalan was re-elected this November by a 2 to 1 margin by the people. They know who he is and what he stands for. He is one of the few public servants in recent years who has dedicated himself to the people 100 per cent.

Tony Pace, the Republican leader, has decided he wants to run the town, but he has never been elected to office. At last week's town board meeting, three of the Republican councilmen controlled by Pace attempted to strip Cohalan of all his powers as Supervisor. They passed resolutions cutting the Supervisor's power to hire and fire personnel, to have or veto town spending, and to have or veto town

According to Cohalan, Pace told him early in November he wanted to run the town as he saw fit, and was going to cut Cohalan's power. Pace would do the hiring and firing, who would receive town contracts, who would receive variances, rezonings, and the like.

Pace, by pulling the strings of three town board members, has the opportunity to destroy everything Cohalan has fought to build in the town. We do not know what Pace's problem is, or if it is just a matter of the man being on a super ego trip, but he must realize that Islip Town belongs to the people and that in no way will Cohalan allow him to make it his personal hunting grounds.

If Pace felt he was qualified to be Supervisor, he should have had the guts to run for this office. The people of Islip chose the man they wanted to run the town, and they are not about to give their choice up to a political boss.

After Nixon's Watergate, we doubt anyone trusts government operations to a power hungry politician. This message should have come through loud and clear. Just look what happened in Brookhaven with the Zeidler albatross around the Republican candidates' necks.

The shenanigans Pace has pulled to dictate town policy to Cohalan can only result in the Republican Party being torn to shambles and will give the Democrats an even stronger hold on Suffolk County.

We encourage the Suffolk County Republican Executive Committee, and party leader Buzz Schwenk in particular, to step into this horrendous mess and demand that Pace back off. Cohalan has the support of the people and because of this, this is one fight a power hungry politician is not going to win. And why not?

Thank You For Remembering

We would like to thank the thousands of readers who remembered to send in their \$4.99 to renew their subscription for 1976. For those who have not remembered to do so, we would like to

remind you that all one year subscriptions are due for renewal January 1.

This year in our hand-delivery area, your carrier who has been delivering your Suffolk Life every Sunday all year long will knock on your door and ask you to renew your subscription. We are doing this to make it more convenient for you to renew. The young carrier boy or girl who will ask for your renewal will receive a portion of the subscription monies collected. Also, the carrier who is able to fill the greatest number of subscriptions will win a ten speed bike. The carrier will give you, when you renew, a receipt which we encourage you to keep.

Suffolk Life has all subscriptions expire on December 31st to enable you to keep track conveniently of your subscription renewal date. Your subscription to Suffolk Life pays for the news portion of Suffolk Life, insuring that it remains independent, uncontrolled, and your newspaper.

We would like to thank all of you who have already sent in your subscriptions and all those who will help the carriers have a rewarding and prosperous Christmas. And why not?

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