

## Public Betrayed by Governor

Harry Truman as President of the United States stated, "The buck stops here." Truman's comment was based on the philosophy that when your administration of government is good, you take the credit. But when the government you lead falters, you take the blame.

Governor Hugh Carey must take the blame, full square, for the failure of the Public Service Commission to protect the public's interest, which has been so graphically revealed in the grand jury's report on LILCO's involvement in the Bokum Ridge uranium project, as reported in Suffolk Life over the past three weeks.

The Public Service Commission is a regulatory agency that is supposed to be the watchdog of public utilities, which are government-sanctioned monopolies. The Public Service Commission is charged with monitoring the overall operations of all utilities, set rates that are both fair to the consumer and insure that the utilities being run properly are making a profit.

LILCO ratepayers have for the better part of a decade suffered a severe case of rate shock. Year after year, we have sat helplessly by as the Public Service Commissioners approved multi-million dollar rate increases for LILCO. The need for these rate increases, which are way out of proportion to inflation, have been blamed on OPEC and the greedy Sheiks.

The rate making process is a maze of red tape not easily understood by even those involved in high finance. We have lived under the misconception that our interests were being protected by the Public Service Commission. The grand jury report indicates this is an illusion. It's painfully apparent the PSC does little to make LILCO and the other utilities in New York State prove, beyond a reasonable doubt, the expenditures of the public utility are justified. The grand jury report gives the public a rare insight into the workings of the Public Service Commission and its procedures. The report clearly indicates that the Public Service

Commission, as it is now structured, is an impotent farce. Instead of being a watchdog for the consumer, it is a cowardly puppydog for the utilities.

The Public Service Commissioners are the appointees of the Governor. They are hand picked by the elected leader of the State. As the report indicates, the Commission, as it is currently structured, is ineffective and at the beck and call of the utilities. LILCO, under this lack of authority, has gone ahead and has done as it damned well pleased while the Public Service Commission has sat mumly on the side, never using its voice or authority to protect the public's interests.

LILCO has, persistently over the history of the Bokum Ridge Project, loaned and advanced monies in violation of the limit set by the Public Service Commission. They made application for these loans after the fact. When applications were filed with the PSC, they were seemingly ramrodded through the commission without any investigation, attempts to confirm information given, or what even appeared to be thorough discussion.

The result of the Public Service Commission's flagrant abuse is LILCO and its ratepayers are now saddled with a \$78 million burden. LILCO is on record, according to the Grand Jury, as seeking to pass along to its consumers any loss incurred, and a new application for another rate increase to offset this loss is a virtual certainty.

There is no question the public needs and must definitely have protection from monopolies such as LILCO. All utilities such as LILCO, like any other business, can have bad managers, bad directors. They can be selfish, or even corrupt. Without a Public Service Commission, one whose primary duty is protection of the interests of the consumer and the power to act, the public monopolies are given a license to steal.

As the chief executive of the State of New York, the governor used the powers vested in that office to appoint the members of the Public Service Commission. It was his responsibility

to choose commissioners who would perform honestly and efficiently in that role. They have very obviously failed to do so. This obvious lack of responsibility to their obligation mandates the Governor to demand the immediate resignation of those PSC commissioners who have so flagrantly violated the public trust. The public is better off without a regulatory agency that is nothing more than a sham, rather than continue with the illusion there is protection for the public when there is, indeed, none at all.

Governor Carey, because he has been negligent in exercising any control over the PSC, must assume the responsibility for the mess LILCO has gotten itself into. It is the ratepayers who will have to pay for the blundering by LILCO and Carey, that will force rates even higher.

LILCO rates, right now, are already among the highest in the nation. It is estimated that when the full impact of the Bokum Ridge fiasco is added, and when Shoreham goes on line and the construction overruns of this horrendous mistake are integrated

into the rate base, ratepayers can look forward to a jump in their LILCO bills of about 50 percent, conservatively estimated. This is the Governor's legacy for Long Island!

The alternative to Carey's replacement of the Public Service Commission is to find a replacement for the Governor himself. No man, not even if his name is Carey, should be able to perpetrate such a horrible financial burden on the people. The State Legislature must immediately draft the legislation taking the Public Service Commission out of the hands of the Governor and have the commissioners elected to office statewide. The name itself, Public Service, should be changed to Public Protection Commission for this is what this commission must be, a protectorate of the public from unscrupulous, monopolistic utilities who are rewarded with increased profits for every dollar they spend because they are guaranteed a set percentage of return, whether they invest the public's money wisely or improperly.

And why not?

## Long Island Business is Great

We have all heard the doom and gloom in the national press. The country, according to the President, is officially in a recession. Not here on Long Island!

Long Island Business, the Island's business news weekly and reference service, published by Paul Townsend, reported that the Long Island unemployment rate is 1 percent below New York State and 2 percent below the nation's. We gained 14,800 jobs in the past four months, up from a gain of 6,600 over the same time period last year. While the nation's building industry dropped 50 percent in 1981, Long Island housing starts increased by 20 percent over 1980. The great percentage of these were in Brookhaven and the five east end towns.

Long Island Business went on to report that the consumers' income in Nassau and Suffolk increased faster than inflation, the only two counties to do so in the nation. Here at Suffolk Life Newspapers, our sales in

November alone increased by 23 percent. This is the sixth consecutive month of solid gain. Suffolk Life newspapers in many ways is a barometer of how businesses are doing in the area. The advertising that retailers do is indicative of the business they are doing, or what they can anticipate gaining through this investment.

Why should Long Island be such an economic haven in a time of recession? One of the reasons is we never quite recovered from the recession of the mid-70's itself. Our growth has been steady and positive, but not overwhelming. Our businesses learned to be more competitive, our workforce more productive. This financial news is particularly encouraging as it is an indication that when the national recession, which is predicted to break by early Spring, does, we will be one step ahead of the rest of the nation and have an unusual opportunity of surging ahead.

And why not?

## Readers' Opinion

Dear Mr. Willmott:

Thank you, Patchogue Lions Club, for your generous gift to the Patchogue-Medford Library of the complete World Book Encyclopedia on tape for the visually handicapped. Last year the Lions donated cassette and record players which both sighted and visually handicapped may use, but this is the first time the library has been able to make a complete set of encyclopedias available to the blind.

On the outside the volumes look much like a printed encyclopedia in loose leaf, but inside each volume are cassettes, an index in braille, and printed instructions for use. Braille on the cover of each volume enables the blind user to identify the volume needed. Each cassette has four tracks to assist the user in locating precise information. The cassettes must be

used on a special cassette player, also a gift from the Lions Club, which is available for use in the library at the Reference Desk.

Thank you, Lions, for helping us serve the community better.

Sincerely yours,  
Elaine B. Phipps

Dear Mr. Willmott:

Thank you for the article you wrote in regard to my son Hank. Henry managed to collect \$25.49. It wasn't enough to win a bike but he has done something useful for those children and that has made him happy. My husband and I are very proud of him.

Sincerely and thankfully yours,  
Eileen Schmidt

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## Fighting the System

School taxes chew up the largest proportion of our real estate and all state taxes: between 60 and 70 percent of our real estate taxes go to pay for public schools, and almost a third of our state budget is used to fund education. As gigantic as these percentages are, they are not leveling off. School boards have refused to accept the reality that the public is out of money, that people cannot afford any increases.

While the county and town governments slashed their budgets, school boards last spring presented budgets calling for increases from 5 to 20 percent. This was done while the districts are experiencing declining enrollments. One would reason that with fewer students, school budgets should go down. Administrators, in partnership with teachers and with rubber stamps for school boards, have reduced class sizes and added new courses to keep staffing up even though they have less students to be educated.

As an example, in Central School District Number One, in the Town of Riverhead, the enrollment dropped between 1977 and 1981, from around 4,545 students to about 3,750. The budget went from around \$11.2 million to \$16.4 million, and the money spent per student went from \$2,462 to \$4,384. If the budget had been raised to account for inflation, it would have been only \$13.5 million. When the budget was presented this year and went down to defeat on the first vote, the second vote saw its passage by a very small percentage.

One board member has decided to do something about the situation. Agnes Stark, at the last board meeting, presented the taxpayers'

position. When the administration came to the board and expected it to rubber-stamp the administration's proposition to reduce class sizes even further, Stark objected furiously. The Riverhead School Board has become, for all effective purposes, a parrot for the administration. The superintendent of schools, as well as the assistant superintendent, sit on the school board - not as advisors, but for all apparent purposes as the dominant factor.

Back several months ago, we attended a school board meeting where Stark had attempted to make a resolution on disseminating the district's rules and regulations on drugs and alcohol to students and parents. Superintendent Alan Hernandez in answer to her motion, stated he would take it under consideration. We found this amazing, as he was not elected as a school board member, yet could sit there and dictate to the board what it would consider and what it wouldn't.

Unfortunately, Riverhead is not unusual, but typical. In all too many school districts, the members of the school board, although well-meaning, are patsies for the administration. They lack the expertise and the courage to buck the "professionals." What the administration, the mouth-piece of the teachers' union, asks for, it gets. The taxpayers foot the bill. We hope that in her own way, Stark forces the other Riverhead board members to act as responsible representatives of the taxpayers instead of being rubber stamps for the educational establishment.

Who knows, if Stark is successful in Riverhead, courage might spread to other districts. And why not?

## Spanning the South Fork

Recently Governor Hugh Carey announced his plan for alleviating the traffic congestion on the South Fork. His plan calls for an extension of Sunrise Highway along LILCO's high-tension line right-of-way. Carey mistakenly claimed that his plan would only affect one barn, and that it would answer local needs by opening up the highly congested South Fork roadways.

Southampton Supervisor Martin

Lang pointed out that the Governor's plan would affect more than 300 homes, require enormous changes in the terrain and pave over some of the prime watersheds on the South Fork. Lang recommended, as an alternative, the elimination of Long Island Rail Road from Speonk east on the South Fork and from Riverhead east on the North Fork. The road beds, Land said, should be ripped up, paved over and turned into limited-access

bus and truck routes.

Lang maintains that the railroad is of limited value to the East End's transportation needs, as the trains run infrequently and are of almost no value today for freight. If trucks and buses had a high-speed, limited-access route, congestion on the highways would be alleviated and the poor public transportation service improved.

As conditions exist now on the South Fork, particularly during the summer, a solution must be found. Even with the highway congestion, the South Fork has been "discovered" and more people are coming all the time. On Fridays and Sundays, traffic is bumper-to-bumper from East Hampton to Hampton Bays. The conditions promise only to get worse unless a new road is built.

The road is opposed by many who already have homes here, as they feel that if the congestion is eliminated, even more people will come and the South Fork will change quickly and radically. Many of the year-rounders

and some part-timers claim that the damage has already been done, that we can't remain isolationist, and that the best way to solve the problem is to face it directly by extending Sunrise Highway to the East End and trying to control growth through planning and zoning. One thing is for sure: we can't continue to bury our heads in the sand and hope that the problem will go away. It will only get more out of hand.

Lang's proposal is an alternative. Whether it is practical or feasible is a question that should be answered. Carey's proposal seems more an off-the-cuff solution without knowledge or consideration of the conditions of the South Fork. It is, however, directing attention to a problem many choose to ignore but one that is having increasing consequences. We hope the state and local officials can reach a consensus and find an answer that will protect the environment and the area's quality of life while meeting the demands for better transportation.

And why not?

## 'Twas the Week Before Christmas

The invitation said, "Come for a good time. Let's put our cares aside and enjoy a Christmas party." It had been a busy, hard year. It seemed only fitting and proper to have a good, old-fashioned office Christmas party.

The night was cold and blustery, with a hint of snow in the making. The band was playing, and although it was early, many had arrived. "Merry Christmas, Charlie," "Merry Christmas Beth," "What will you have, Sam?" "Make it a double martini. Got to get into the spirit in a hurry." "How about boogying, Sam?" "Boy, that really worked up a thirst. Make it another double."

As the evening wore on and the doubles piled up, Sam became the clown. Everybody laughed at his antics. Quiet old Sam, the mouse of the office, was finally letting his hair down. Knew the old boy had it in him! What a change in his personality. Some party it has been, everybody had a good time. Why not one for the road to keep that glow burning?

Where did I leave the keys? I always put them in my vest pocket. That's right, I had them out on the bar. What do you know, they were in my coat pocket after all. Darn, the car is hard to start. How did I flood it? Is somebody trying to tell me something?

Wasn't much snow, just a few flakes. Better have my eyes checked, things are not as sharp as they used to be. Didn't realize it was as late as it is, better hustle it a little. Why are so many drivers trying to play chicken tonight, don't they realize this is the season to be jolly, good will to all men? Look at this clown coming at me. He will veer off at the last minute, won't he? Turn, wheel, turn.

Sam was a good guy, so quiet and reserved. We'll sure miss him. I really feel sorry for that guy he had the accident with. Did you know he was working a second job to earn some extra money to buy gifts for his kids? Oh! well, that's life - or does it have to be?

And why not?  
Almost no one can drink and drive.

We may think we can, but we can't. Your body can absorb no more than one ounce of alcohol per hour, and an ounce of alcohol is just two-thirds of a normal drink. An ounce of alcohol is two glasses of white wine. An ounce of alcohol is two beers. You are legally drunk in the State of New York if you register over .10 alcoholic content in your bloodstream. More than one ounce of alcohol consumed in an hour's time will give you this reading. You may not think you are drunk. You may not even think you are feeling the effects. Generally, a drunk is the last one to realize that he is loaded. Your friends won't tell you and if they try, you probably won't listen.

The Suffolk County Police, New York State Troopers and the Police Departments of the five east end towns have vowed to get every drunk who is on the road off the road this Christmas. They don't want any Sams on their consciences.

The new state motor vehicle laws are really tough. If you get pulled over and the police officer has any reason to believe that you have been drinking, you may be charged with driving while ability impaired by alcohol. The penalty is a \$250 fine and-or 15 days in jail. If you refuse to take a chemical analysis test - for breath, blood, saliva or urine - or if you take one and your blood-alcohol content is beyond the .10 limit, you can be charged with driving while intoxicated. You are then a drunk driver, and the fine is a minimum of \$350.

It's strictly all business as far as drunk driving goes. This is the way it should be. There isn't a day that goes by that someone is not seriously injured by a drunk driver. The holidays are the worst time for these accidents. Don't become a statistic. Remember the rule: your body cannot absorb any more than one ounce of alcohol per hour. If you must drink, keep your consumption under this level and you might make it home.

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# Willmotts and Why-Not's

David J. Willmott, Editor

## Forget It Pete

Nassau County Executive Francis Purcell and Suffolk County Executive Peter F. Cohalan jointly announced this past week that they would explore raising Suffolk County's sales tax by one cent. Such action was recommended by a special task force here in Suffolk that offered this suggestion as a possible way to reduce the county portion of real estate taxes.

The real estate tax burden here on Long Island is horrendous; the rates are the highest in the nation. Relief from real estate taxes has been demanded by all segments of the community: senior citizens and young marrieds as well as commercial enterprises. A sales tax is looked upon by Task Force members as more equitable. It is only collected from those who spend, and because it is paid a little bit at a time, it is considered much more politically safe.

Currently, the county portion of the real estate tax bill amounts to 11 to 18 percent of the total; the variation determined by the location of the school or tax district. The great majority of real estate taxes are for schools, and are normally in the 60 to 70 percent range in most areas.

We are extremely apprehensive about increasing the sales tax. We note with interest that both County Executives say that if such a tax were approved, it would be used to reduce, not eliminate, the county portion of real estate taxes. We fear that if this tax is accepted and is used to reduce the county portion of real estate taxes, it would only be a matter of

time before the "needs" of the county became such that the amount of money raised on real estate would again equal the current cost. We would end up paying the same in real estate taxes and have an increase of one cent on the sales tax. The temptation would be too great, not only for the county, but for the towns and the school districts, to increase their budgets, hoping the sales tax method of collection would help disguise the impact of these increases.

There is another consideration in increasing sales taxes that few people seem to think about. When you increase sales taxes, you reduce the availability of spendable income by that percentage. You automatically guarantee that the area will do one percent less in gross sales. This reduction in gross sales results in a cutback in the area's ability to develop jobs and improve the economy.

If Purcell and Cohalan are seriously concerned about taxes, they would be wise to consider a cap on all real estate taxes allowed to be raised in the county, similar to what the voters imposed in California and Massachusetts. This would be meaningful legislation that would work to the betterment of the residents, instead of a flimflam game of taking tax money out of one pocket and putting it in another.

We strongly encourage the county executives of Nassau and Suffolk to forget about increasing sales taxes and concentrate on cutting cost.

And why not?

## Don't Import Hate

The Reverend Ian Paisley is a hatemonger. He is the avowed spokesman for the militant Protestant faction engaged in the violent struggle in Northern Ireland. He and his ilk, both among the militant Protestants and the Catholic Irish Republican Army side are despised. Paisley has applied for permission to enter this country in January 1982. He does not come as a man of peace, but as a man of hate. His request for entry has brought

heated debate, not only among Irish Catholics, but among a good portion of the Senate and Congress from all ethnic backgrounds and religious faiths.

The State Department favors allowing his entry into this country. This is in direct contradiction to a recent decision in which they denied a visa to Honorable Owen Carron, a member of the British Parliament, because of Carron's identification with the Irish Republican Army. Both

Carron and Paisley are associated with the extreme wings that have not hesitated to use violence in settling the Irish question.

We believe the State Department was right in denying Carron's entry. We have enough hate in this country. They should do likewise with Paisley.

Their failure to do so would indicate to the world that we live by a double standard and have taken sides in this ugly question. We have enough hate in this country. We don't need to import any, whether it be Protestant or Catholic.

And why not?

## State Cops For State Roads

The New York State Thruway and the Long Island Expressway are both part of the interstate highway system. Both roads are under the jurisdiction of the state. The difference between these superhighways is that the thruway is patrolled by Nassau and Suffolk County police.

It costs Long Islanders \$6 million a year to protect the LIE, a state roadway, for which we are not reimbursed one cent from the state. Upstate residents don't pay a single penny toward policing the Expressway, yet we pay proportionately our share for the protection and

patrols of upstate roadways that are also state-owned. It's not fair. It's not equitable.

The governments of Nassau and Suffolk should sue the state either to have the state provide the funding for this service, or to provide state police manpower and equipment to do the job. Why this condition has ever been allowed to come into existence in the first place can only be attributed to the benign neglect of our past county government officials. It should not be allowed to continue, and action must be taken to correct this inequity now.

And why not?

## Readers' Opinion

### "We cannot condone violence"

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I must protest in the strongest of terms the decision to honor the multiple entry visa of Ian K. Paisley, who is scheduled to visit the United States in January of 1982.

It is the accepted policy in the Department of State to deny entry to "any foreign national who seeks to enter the United States to engage in activities prejudicial to the public interest." There can be no doubt that Mr. Paisley should be found in direct violation of section 212 (a) (27) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Ian Paisley is the self-avowed spokesman for the militant Protestant faction engaged in the violent struggle in Northern Ireland. He has consistently espoused the gospel of bloodshed in leading Protestant mob demonstrations throughout the Catholic areas of Belfast. He has been twice sentenced to jail terms in Northern Ireland for refusing to abstain from activities that have

led to bloody rioting.

The decision to allow Mr. Paisley to enter the United States would have detrimental far-reaching effects on U.S. relations with both the United Kingdom and Ireland. Furthermore, it would run directly against the United States' policy of fighting terrorism.

The recent decision of the Department of State to deny a visa to the Honorable Owen Carron, M.P. was justified by Mr. Carron's association with the Ulster Defense Force and his public statements make Mr. Carron's politics pale by comparison.

We cannot condone violence and terrorism of any political persuasion. The denial of a visa to Ian Paisley would send this signal to both sides of the violent struggle in Northern Ireland.

Sincerely,  
Alfonse D'Amato  
United States Senator

### "A sincere and grateful thank you"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

Would you please be kind enough to print the enclosed thank you:

"To all our friends who donated blood, a gift of their life, to us, at our annual blood drive this past November 19, 1981, a sincere and grateful thank you.

Your donations will make it possible for us to maintain our lives without worry of running out of the blood clotting factor which is so important in carrying out normal daily activities.

Again this year your donations benefited

many more than just the two of us. Immediately after donation, your blood was sent to Inter County Blood Services' Melville facility where it was broken down into various components, the clotting factor being one. Thus, your single donation is helping many more people than just the two of us.

On behalf of the unknown people who will receive these components, and ourselves, we extend our most sincere thanks."

Paul and Bill Andrisani  
Patchogue

### "A leash law that is seldom enforced"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

As the loving owner of two dogs (which are kept fenced or leashed at all times) I must take exception to Dorothy Jones' (Suffolk Life Nov. 25) suit against the Brookhaven Dog Pound. It would appear to me that if Ms. Jones truly loved her dog as she has stated, then Tippy would not have been permitted to roam the streets (does Ms. Jones allow her children to roam the streets unattended also?).

Further the dog would have borne proper identification in the form of a Brookhaven Town dog license tag, these are not so terribly expensive when one considers the love that Ms. Jones presumably had for Tippy. This would have ensured Tippy's prompt return to

the Jones family.

With regards to Ms. Jones' suit I think the Town Attorney should file suit against Ms. Jones on behalf of the people for the back licensing fees that should have been collected during the course of Tippy's eight year life. I think that Ms. Jones is doing herself a disservice by getting involved in this suit at all, the fact of the matter is that Brookhaven Town has a leash law that is seldom enforced, but is the law nonetheless. I would like to demand that this law be enforced, treating all unleashed dogs as dangerous strays to be tranquilized if necessary to effect their capture.

Walter DiPiano

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Years ago, in the midst of the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, a businessman we were acquainted with paused and said reflectively, "Do you know who the greatest salesman in the world was?" His answer was Jesus Christ. What Jesus started selling 2,000 years ago is still being sold today. There has never been a product or an idea that has had such durability or gone through generations of change without changing.

When you think of it, what kind of mark do we leave between the time we are a babe in arms and a wrinkled old man? Here was a man born of poor parents, under the worst conditions. Yet high thoughts, ideas and expressions have guided a world for more than 200 centuries. His message is simple: it's one of love, respect, and

obedience. It's not His laws but His wishes that people follow.

In these hours before Christmas 1981, we all would do well to reflect upon His birth, His life, His death, the meaning they have had for those before us, the meaning they will have to those after us. Could not each of us change our life in some small way to pattern ourselves after Him?

May this Christmas mean more than gift giving. May its spirit be more enduring than the tinsel. May the holiday leave us with a simple resolve to be a better person. We hope that this Christmas season finds you and your family at peace with each other, feeling love, warmth and well-being. And in the New Year, may you enjoy prosperity, health and happiness.

And why not?

## Chanukah's Timeless Call For Freedom

Freedom from tyranny, the enduring message of Chanukah, is a desire as old as humanity and as new as today's headlines. Chanukah's celebration of the miracle that followed the ancient Macabees' overthrow of their Syrian occupiers resonates strongly with the events in troubled parts of the world today.

Everywhere, people are fighting for freedom. One of the tensest battlegrounds in this oldest of human fights is Poland, where, like the ancient Jews, the Poles are struggling against oppressors who would stifle their creativity, their expression, their rights. In Northern Ireland, the

tragic, seemingly insoluble civil war continues. In the very lands where Judah Maccabee and his sons vanquished the forces of King Antiochus, Syrians and Jews still do battle.

What is needed to bring peace and freedom to all peoples? As the eight lights of Chanukah are kindled, we all must realize that our peace, comfort, freedom and security are great blessings. With the lighting of the first candle Sunday night, let us pray that freedom can come without bloodshed for oppressed people everywhere.

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## Our Holiday Schedule

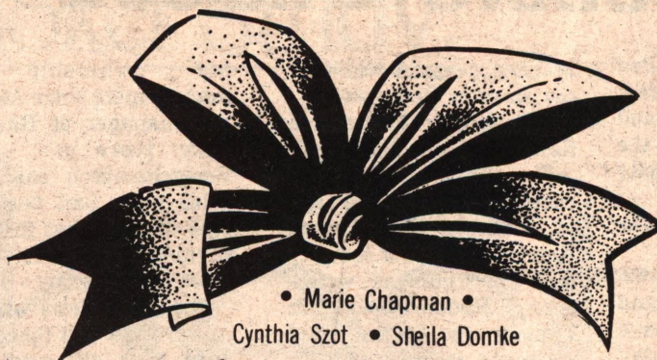
This advanced issue of Suffolk Life replaces the one you would normally have received next Wednesday, December 23. Our publication date for this issue was advanced to give our advertisers a final opportunity to call to your attention the items they offer to meet your shopping needs.

Additionally, Suffolk Life will not be published on December 30. Our offices will be closed and our staff will be enjoying a well-deserved vacation the week of December 21 through Christmas Day.

We will be back on the job and open again for normal business on

December 28, preparing for our next issue, which will be delivered to your homes on January 6.

Enjoy the holidays, and please be careful. We appreciate very much the loyalty of our readers throughout Suffolk Life's 20 years of existence. As it has in the past, Suffolk Life will be dedicated in 1982 to all of you.



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## Letter to the editor

Dear Mr. Willmott:  
Att: News Department,  
Thank you on behalf of the Centereach Rotary Club, the Senior Citizens of Centereach and Selden, and the Children of St. John the Baptist. Your article in which we requested toys for the needy was indeed a success. The generosity of our neighbors in Suffolk was a pleasant surprise.  
I would also like to thank Mary Bonsignore of the Senior Citizens' Center and Fred MacGuinness of St. John the Baptist for all their help.  
Once again, thank you for all your help.  
Patrick F. Gleason,  
President,  
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