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December, 1988

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SPORTS BAR OUT

In a vote taken on November 16, the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board voted against granting a liquor license to the Sports Bar at 200 Lombard Street. The proposed tavern and adult amusement arcade was opposed by several community organizations. LCB Chairman James Goodman, Commissioners Oliver Slinker and Robert Fohl voted unanimously against the proposal of developers Jack Blumenfeld and his son Eric.

The position of the SHCA, the Blackwell Court Condominium Association, the River-view Condominium Association, and the Queen Village Neighbors Association, was against the granting of a liquor license on the grounds that it would increase traffic and parking problems and the number of rowdy people in the vicinity of 2nd and South Streets. Walter Cohen, from the Philadelphia law firm of Sugarman and Cohen, represented the neighborhood groups. Society Hill resident, Meyer Bushman chaired the committee responsible for selecting the firm.

The legal fees for this action must be paid, as well as the additional cost of opposing a possible appeal by the Blumenfelds—so we ask for continued community support. Please write your checks to: S.O.S. Fund (Save Our Streets) and mail to: S.O.S., Box 3, Phila., PA 19105.

Board Votes Against Incinerator

As currently planned, Jefferson University's proposed incinerator for hospital and infectious wastes will be located at the hospital site bordering Society Hill at Walnut and 11th Streets. This is one reason why the SHCA board of directors voted on October 19 to oppose the project. The main objection to the on-site incinerator is based on the fact that the burning of such waste could be environmentally unsound.

According to a SHCA representative with technical and professional expertise in the field of waste disposal, hospital and infectious waste incineration is poorly understood because it has had little scientific scrutiny. Until recently, in fact, it has not been regulated by the government. Most recently the EPA's Hazardous Waste Division sponsored a study of measurements of the emissions of ten California hospital incinerators, which, incidentally, were all considered state-of-the-art technology. The results of the study were alarming: While the

parameters of combustion (e.g. carbon monoxide and particulates) seemed to indicate that the incinerators were well operated, the emissions of dioxin and heavy metals were disturbingly high. In fact, they were 30 to 1000 times greater per pound burned than typical municipal solid waste incinerators! (Dioxins, for example, are recognized carcinogens.) As a result of these findings, the National Science Foundation proposed a program to better understand what is actually occurring in those devices.

Because the basic underlying mechanisms of hospital waste incineration are poorly understood, Pennsylvania's well-meaning regulatory standards are unreliable. Most likely these standards will evolve with increasing knowledge. It seems, therefore, irresponsible to introduce such technology in our area at this time. The fears that neighbors have about environmental soundness cannot be taken lightly, since technical consultants have been known to promote the safety of products only to learn later that their enthusiasm had been premature. Rather than risk jeopardizing the environment of our community, the SHCA board decided to oppose the hospital's plan and has communicated that decision to administrators of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital.

SOUTH STREET PATROLS TO CONTINUE THRU WINTER

The South Street Task Force, made up of local civic association representatives and city commissioners, continues to meet monthly to discuss and recommend solutions to the many problems generated by the crowds of young people drawn to South Street, especially on weekends.

Incidents attributed to the large disorderly crowd following the rap concert at Penn's Landing in October were brought up at the November meeting. City Commissioner James White stated that the concert was a project of the Penn's Landing

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

All SHCA board and general membership meetings are held on Wednesdays at Old Pine Community Center, 4th and Lombard Streets.

The next general membership meeting will begin with refreshments at 7:30 p.m. on December 14, with meeting at 8 p.m. The board meeting will be at 6:30 p.m.

Holiday Full House? There's Room at the Inn

If you expect your house to be overrun with visitors this holiday season, we would like to remind you that our neighborhood has several suitable hotels that can accommodate them. In particular, there are two new delightful inns, just recently opened, you may not yet know about:

The **Independence Park Inn** is located at 235 Chestnut Street, across from the Visitor Center at the national park, in a Victorian building listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Opened in July, this newly constructed hotel is European in style. Small and elegant, it offers 36 guest rooms, no two alike, furnished in a distinctive, traditional manner with either king or queen-sized beds, complete with remote-control TVs and tiled bathrooms. A complimentary European breakfast is served in the glass-enclosed garden courtyard. Guests are also offered complimentary afternoon tea from 5 to 7 p.m. Call for reservations or information at 922-4443.


Another new inn, situated within Independence National Historic Park and also listed in the National Register of His-

toric Places, is the **Thomas Bond House**. Just opened in October, this Bed & Breakfast hotel is located at 129 South Second Street, near Walnut Street. It is named after Dr. Thomas Bond, who built the original part of the building in 1769. (Dr. Bond also founded Pennsylvania Hospital along with Dr. Benjamin Rush and Benjamin Franklin.) The inn has 12 guest bedrooms, each tastefully furnished with reproduction period furniture and accessories, private baths, phones, and TVs. It offers a continental breakfast weekdays and a full breakfast on weekends. However, without an elevator, it is probably unsuitable for the elderly or handicapped. Parking is available in a public garage adjacent to the building. The phone number is 923-8523.

Another Bed & Breakfast inn, the **Society Hill Hotel**, is located at 301 Chestnut Street, above a bar-restaurant that was originally built as an oyster house in 1832. It served as a recruiting station during the Civil War and became a hotel and restaurant in the early 1900's. Today's restored hotel has kept much of the original structure

and woodwork intact, and it boasts 12 rooms that welcome guests with fresh-cut flowers, color TVs, and private bathrooms that provide hairdryers and Eurobath bathing gels. Breakfast is delivered to rooms, along with the morning papers, and parking is available at a municipal facility one block away. Please note that there is no elevator. For reservations or more information, call 925-1394.

For your holiday guests who may desire a full-service hotel, we recommend the **Sheraton Society Hill** at One Dock Street. It has, of course, a restaurant, a dance club (Spectacles), a concierge staff, a health club with swimming pool and sauna, and even first-run movies on cable TV. No matter how many visitors descend upon your humble abode during the holiday season, the Sheraton's 365 rooms should be able to provide comfortable accommodations. Special holiday rates are tied into the hotel's "Best Value Weekend" rates. Call 238-6000 for more information.



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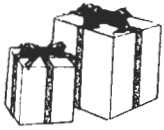
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A HOLIDAY AGENDA



November 10 - January 8

National Museum of American Jewish History. 55 N. 5th Street. Contemporary Artifacts Exhibition. Sale of Jewish ceremonials and thematic art by local and worldwide craft artists. Monumental photographic exhibition: A Century of Ambivalence, Jews of Old Russia and the Soviet Union.

November 21 - December 26

Bourse Building. Antiphonal Brass concert series. Noon choral concerts featuring local elementary and high schools. December band concert series. Free gift wrapping. Call the Bourse for details: 625-0300.

December 6, 7, 8

7 p.m. **Old St. Mary's Church.** Devotions in honor of St. Mary.

December 7

7:30 p.m. **Old St. Joseph's Church.** (321 Willings Alley). Solemn Latin Vigil for the Immaculate Conception.

December 8

Old St. Mary's Church Masses. 8 a.m. & noon
Feast of the Immaculate Conception 7 p.m.
Old St. Joseph's Church. Masses. 7:25 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.
Feast of the Immaculate Conception 12:45 p.m. & 5:05 p.m.

December 9 - 11

St. Peter's Parents' Association. Holiday Sale of trees, greens and gifts. Sales located in schoolyard. Dec. 9: Noon - 8 p.m.; Dec. 10: 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Dec. 11: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

December 10

Bourse Building. Kids' Day. Live reindeer. Also jugglers, Merlin the Wizard, Peanut Butter, the famous face painter and The Touch of Class, ballet dancers.

December 11

3 p.m. **Old St. Joseph's Church.** Philadelphia Chamber Chorus concert (Bach's Magnificat)
4 p.m. **Old First Reformed Church.** Advent Vespers.

December 13

Powel House. 244 S. 3rd St. Historic house museum will be decorated for Christmas by this date. Call for tour information: 925-2251.

December 14

1:30 p.m. **St. Peter's Lower School.** Celebration of carols and poetry, in the Alumni Theatre.

December 15

8 p.m. **St. Peter's Upper School.** Christmas Play in St. Peter's Church.

December 17

1-4 p.m. **Old First Reformed Church.** Children's Christmas: stories, crafts and songs to explore the Christmas message.

December 17-18

5-7 p.m. **The Bourse.** Vince Montana Orchestra and the Jaasu Ballet.

December 18

11 a.m. **Old First Reformed Church.** Worship Service, special music and the story of The Other Wise Man.
3 p.m. **Mother Bethel A.M.E. Church.** Trustee Auxiliary and Gospel Chorus present the Mt. Carmel Baptist Choir in concert.
5 p.m. **St. Peter's Church.** Candlelight Christmas lessons and carol service. Christmas party following at Old Pine Community Center. All are welcome.

December 21

7:30 p.m. **Old St. Joseph's Church.** Communal Reconciliation Service.
7:30 p.m. **Old First Reformed Church.** Caroling in Olde City. Refreshments upon return.
7:30 p.m. **Old St. Mary's Church.** Advent Penance Service.

December 20-30

First Reformed Church. 4th and Race Streets. Nativity scene in creche, with live animals.

December 24

4 p.m. **St. Peter's Church.** Children's Nativity Service.
5 p.m. **Christ Church.** Family Service.
5:30 p.m. **Old St. Joseph's Church.** Christmas Vigil Mass.
6:30 p.m. Parish Party.
6:30 p.m. **Old First Reformed Church.** Live tableau at outdoor Nativity creche.
7:30 p.m. **Old Pine Street Church.** Christmas Eve Service.
8 p.m. **Holy Trinity Church.** (6th & Spruce) Christmas Vigil Mass.
8:30 p.m. **Old St. Joseph's Church.** Christmas Vigil. Mass of
9:30 p.m. Midnight Parish Party.
10:30 p.m. **St. Peter's Church.** Christmas Vigil Mass. Music by men and boys' choir.
10:30 p.m. **Christ Church.** Festival music for choir, organ, brass and timpani. John Binsfield, organist-choirmaster. Cantata No. 191, J.S. Bach. Christ Church Choir and American Brass Ensemble. (Open to the public.)
11 p.m. **St. Peter's Church.** Festival Eucharist.
11 p.m. **Christ Church.** Holy Communion.
Midnight **Old St. Mary's Church.** Christmas Mass.

December 25

7:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Old St. Joseph's Church. Christmas Day Masses.
8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
St. Peter's Church. Liturgy for Christmas Day with music.
10 a.m. **Christ Church.** Christmas Service. Hymn and Communion.
9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Old St. Mary's Church. Christmas Day Masses.
10:30 a.m. **Old Pine Street Church.** Christmas Worship.
Noon **Holy Trinity Church** Christmas Day Mass.
12-5 p.m. **National Museum of American Jewish History.** Being Jewish at Christmas. Featuring music, film and exhibitions.
St. Andrews Ukranian Catholic Church. 427 Pine Street. Christmas schedule unavailable at press time. For information call information call 925-7024.

December 31

5 p.m. **Old St. Mary's Church.** New Year's Day Vigil Mass.
5:30 p.m. **Old St. Joseph's Church.** New Year's Vigil Mass.
8:30 p.m. Sequicentennial Mass.
9:30 p.m. Parish Reception.
Midnight **Mother Bethel A.M.E. Church,** Watchnight Service.

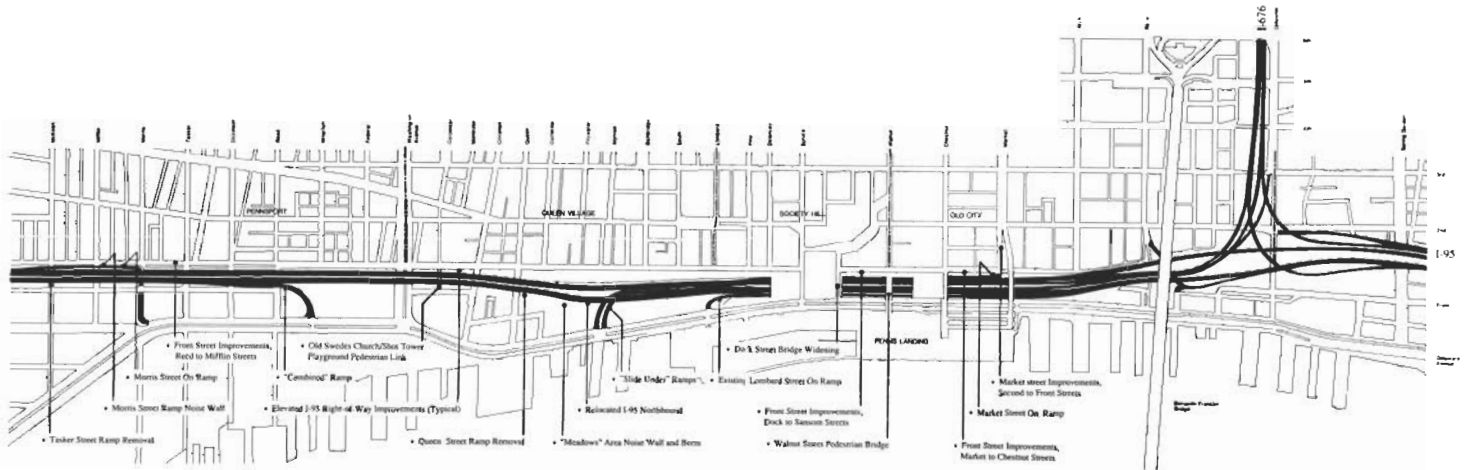
January 1

7:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
Old St. Joseph's Church. New Year's Day Masses.
8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
St. Peter's Church. Holy Eucharist.
9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Old St. Mary's Church. New Year's Day Masses.
Noon **Holy Trinity Church.** New Year's Day Mass.

January 6

6-8 p.m. **Hill-Physick-Keith House Museum.** 321 S. 4th Street. Twelfth-night Party. \$12.50.

I-95 RAMPS TO OPEN IN 1991

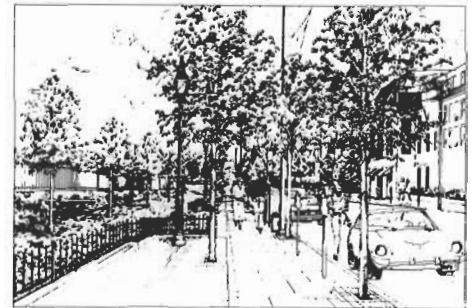


The I-95 design team led by Urban Engineers, Inc., working in consultation with abutting neighborhood organizations, has continued to develop designs for the proposed access improvements between I-95, Central Philadelphia and the Delaware River waterfront.

The construction of the Market Street and Morris Street ramps and the Slide-Under ramps in Queen Village providing access to and from I-95 to Delaware Avenue will start in 1990. This construction, improvements to elevated sections in South Philadelphia, and completion of the cover in

Society Hill, were defined in the Final Environmental Impact Statement approved in 1986.

The cover completion will improve pedestrian access between the Olde City and Society Hill historic areas and the waterfront, as well as screen views of the highway. The work includes three elements: (1) the Walnut Street Bridge - a 50-foot-wide extension of Walnut Street over I-95 and Delaware Avenue to Penn's Landing; (2) landscaping improvement along the east side of Front Street, between Dock and Sansom Streets - to visually link the existing cover sections north and south and screen



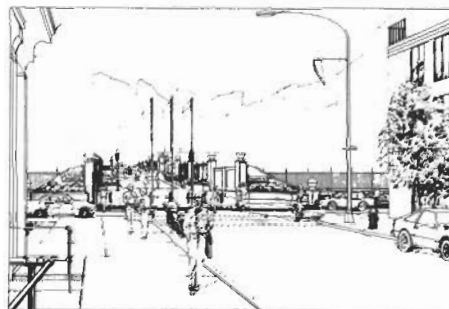
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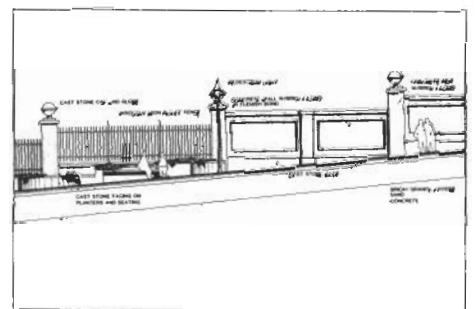
• Walnut Street Bridge at Front Street

views of I-95 below: (3) Dock Street Bridge - a 10-foot wide northerly extension of the Dock Street Bridge structure over I-95, accommodating landscaped planters to screen views of the highway below.

The Walnut Street Bridge parapet design follows traditional historic area design with brick-faced piers and alternating sections of iron picket railings and brick-faced walls. Piers and walls will have cast stone bases and decorative caps. Raised stone planters incorporating seating will abut open railing

sections. Paving will be a combination of herringbone pattern brick, granite edging and flagstone paving. Ornamental lighting will be installed. Design treatments for Front and Dock streets will complement that proposed for the Walnut Street Bridge.

Other related work will include the removal of the stub of the formerly proposed Queen Street ramp and the demolition of the Tasker Street ramp. The new ramps will not be opened until I-676 (Vine Expressway) is opened to traffic. This is anticipated for the spring of 1991.



• Detail: Walnut Street Bridge Parapet



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Citizens Alert! News about Historical Buildings

The PSFS bank building at 7th and Walnut Streets has been bought by Sam Rappaport. The Lea & Febiger Publishers building on Washington Square South and 6th Street is for sale. Also a "For Sale By Owner" sign has been installed in the window of the property at 270 S. 2nd Street, formerly the Perelman Antique Toy Museum. All of these three buildings are historically significant — so watch for zoning application notices and report them to SHCA zoning committee members. Either Steve Skale at 465-2900 (w) or 238-1040 (h); or Joyce Cole at 569-8200 (w) or 925-7103 (h).

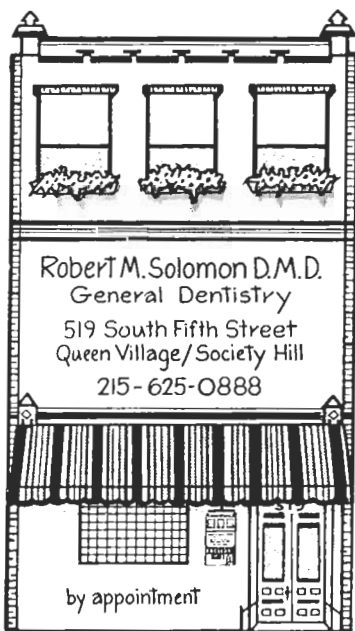
SOUTH STREET

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Corporation and was sponsored by local radio stations. White represented the happening as a lesson learned by the City of Philadelphia and said that external applications for special events will get extra scrutiny in the future. Becky Stoloff, who is the SHCA representative to the task force, has been named to the "large population special events committee". Other committees adopted by the task force include the following: by-laws, planning and coordination, beautification, security and code enforcement, and transportation.

It was reported at the October meeting that Licenses and Inspections had turned down the application for a dance hall license by the Down South Club on South Street.

It was also reported that the South Street Detail police who patrolled the area this past summer will continue their patrol throughout the winter.



Washington Square Park Gets Adopted



(Official U.S. Navy Photograph by PH2 H. Johnson)

Kitty Hawk cleanup crew working at Tomb of Unknown Soldier at Washington Square Park.

For residents who watched Washington Square languish in an unkempt condition for so many years, the spruced-up look of the park in recent months has brought some satisfaction. The Washington Square Association is still pursuing national park status. Also, the Association's board has commissioned the Delta Group, an architectural landscaping firm, to do a survey of the park as part of a five-year beautification plan and as a prerequisite to any formal fund seeking. Meantime, Captain F. Lee Tillotson of the aircraft carrier, *Kitty Hawk*, has adopted the park as one of the crew's several community projects, which also include an elementary school, a PAL group and a youth league.

It all began when Commander Jim Dodge, also of the *Kitty Hawk*, took his family on a tour of the historic area and was appalled at the condition of the park dedicated to unknown dead soldiers of the Revolutionary War and their Commander in Chief, George Washington. Coincidentally, there were 12 sailors on the carrier and five wives of the crew who were to become naturalized U.S. citizens on the 201st anniversary of the signing of the Constitution last September. It occurred to Commander Dodge that Washington Square would be a most appropriate place for the naturalization ceremony.

In no time at all, enthusiasm for Washington Square spread among the *Kitty Hawk* crew and caring for the memorial area was adopted as an official project — with a

regularly scheduled cleanup and a daily raising and lowering of the flag at 8 a.m. and sunset, respectively. The crew did an initial overhaul that included replacing the flagpole lanyards, rendering them vandalproof; cleaning the eternal flame apparatus, which is sometimes used as a cookstove; painting the light standards and washing the statue, which is still scheduled for a complete refinishing some time soon.

The naturalization ceremony went beautifully. Steve Lopez, columnist for the *Inquirer*, wrote it up and the crew has been receiving letters from grateful citizens commending them for their zeal and caring.

The *Kitty Hawk* will be stationed at the Philadelphia Navy Yard until 1990 and the crew expects to continue its Washington Square project until the time it leaves, when it intends to pass along the caretaking of the park to the crew of the next aircraft carrier in port.

When one Society Hill neighbor learned about the dedication of these men, she suggested that we put up for adoption Three Bear Park and Starr Garden!

Restaurant Hosts SHCA Reception

A membership Open House will be hosted by the Bistro Romano, a new restaurant in Society Hill, located on Lombard Street between 2nd and Front Streets. For date and time of the meeting, please watch for further announcements.

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SHCA BOARD DEFINES POLICY ISSUES

At the October 19 SHCA Board meeting, a motion was made and adopted that the donation of any portion of the membership dues to a charitable organization, even if that organization was within Society Hill boundaries and served Society Hill families, was not a justifiable use of the dues of a non-profit association.

The SHCA Board reviewed a long-standing policy regarding the use of the SHCA membership list as a mailing list for any other organization at the October 19 meeting. The Board reaffirmed its position that the SHCA would not make its mailing list available for use by any organization, charitable or otherwise.

Aaron J. Beyer reminded SHCA Board members at the October meeting that they should not put themselves in the position of making policy statements or imply, by any means, that they were representing the view of the association without a vote and the formal authorization of the SHCA.

Robert Smith Birthday Party on January 14, 1989

Colonial America's leading builder/architect will be remembered again on his 266th birthday. Born in Lugton, Scotland, across the river from Dalkeith, Midlothian, Smith was in Philadelphia early in the year 1749. For 28 years he designed and built the most important buildings in Philadelphia, including St. Peter's Church, Old Pine Church, and the Walnut Street prison. Smith's own home was on 2nd Street just below South — a site marked by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania five years ago.

The birthday program starts at 12 noon on Saturday, January 14 at Carpenters' Hall, with toasts drunk to Robert Smith. The party will be accompanied by a bagpiper to the First Bank next door for a Scottish buffet. The feature of the afternoon will be an illustrated talk by curator of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Beatrice Garvan "Scotland on Schuylkill: Captain John Macpherson's Mount Pleasant" on which she is the leading authority.

The party will be then bussed to Mount Pleasant in Fairmount Park after laying a wreath on Macpherson's tomb, which is located in Old St. Paul's churchyard at 3rd and Willings Alley. Macpherson was a successful privateer operating against the

French in the Caribbean who amassed a great fortune in prizes. He was also an eccentric, feisty man whose public exploits livened up colonial Philadelphia.

An early sellout is expected. For information and reservations, please call 922-3623.

CORRECTIONS:

Fluffy Palmer, SHCA administrator is also the administrator of the Society Hill Town Watch. Any questions, please feel free to call the number that represents both organizations — SHCA and Town Watch: 625-9255. (Or, you can remember the number as: 625-WALK.)

Joyce Cole's number has been changed to 569-8200.

Ruth Dugan's number is: 922-3195.

The work number for **Wayne Weisman** is no longer valid. He can be reached at home at 627-1828.

Rosemarie Fluehr has a new work number — 546-0550.

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A Taste of the Old South

The Friends of Independence National Historical Park and the Society for the Preservation of Landmarks are co-sponsoring an exciting springtime trip to the deep south departing Philadelphia on March 29th and returning on April 2nd, 1989. The group will visit Mobile and its historic district, Biloxi to tour Jefferson Davis' last home, lunch in an ante-bellum mansion in Natchez and then an exploration of the Natchez Trace Parkway operated by the National Park Service. There will be a special guided tour of the Vicksburg Civil War battlefield.

The cost of this trip will be \$665 per person (sharing accommodations) including all meals, hotels, transfers, guide and admission fees, plus a contribution to either FINHP or The Landmarks Society (your choice). Airfare will be the responsibility of the individual. Costs range from \$233 for a non-refundable ticket to \$693.

There is space for only 30 persons, so please make your reservation now by sending a deposit of \$100 per person to Jo Ann Buller, Bright-Cooke Travel, 325 Chestnut Street - Suite 1101, Philadelphia, PA 19106. You will receive a detailed itinerary upon receipt of your deposit. Checks should be made payable to Bright-Cooke Travel.



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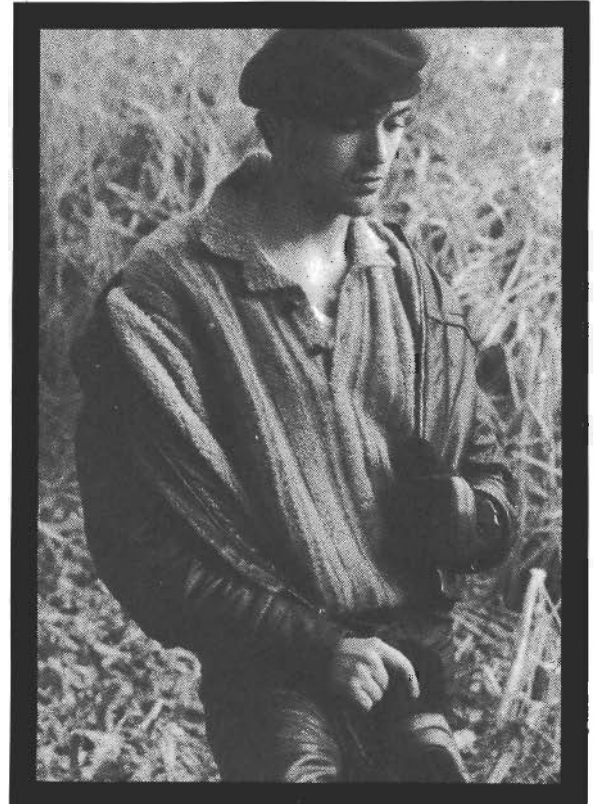
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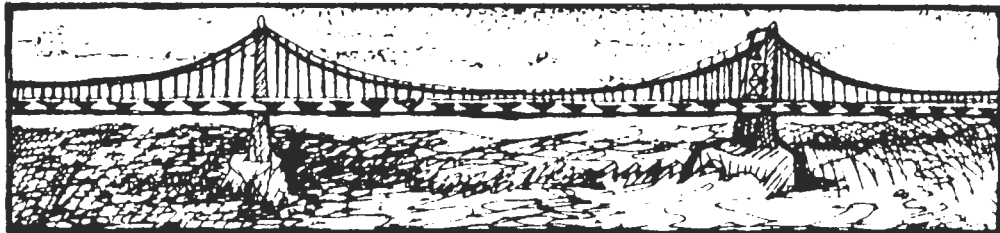
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Architects

Neighbors have been admiring the distinctive building at 420 Walnut Street, an addition to Society Hill, which opened in August as the new home of the Annenberg Research Institute. The Institute is a postdoctoral center for the nontheological study of Judaic and Near Eastern history and cultures—a major educational and cultural addition to Philadelphia, as well as the international community of scholars.

The building was designed by the architectural firm of Geddes Brecher Qualls Cunningham. It is a 30,000-square-foot facility, six stories tall with two additional levels below ground. The brick and limestone exterior was designed to maintain the architectural integrity of its historic setting near Independence Hall.

The Annenberg Research Institute inherited the library of Dropsie College, a major resource in the fields of Biblical and related studies. Its library contains more than 120,000 books and rare manuscripts, and its state-of-the-art computer center

includes laser discs containing the entire body of early Greek literature, plus translations of the Bible in six languages. The first group of invited Research Fellows from the United States, Canada, Egypt and Israel has begun a year of study at the Institute's new home.

LET THERE BE LIGHT

At the October 19th SHCA board meeting, Harris Nadley, chair of the Neighborhood Maintenance Committee, reported that a survey of area street lights reveals that 20 per cent of them are damaged. Residents may have noticed blinking lights, knocked down posts, or that the cast iron supports of some lights are rusting. If you are aware of any lights on your street that do not function properly, please call Harris at 925-4282, as he is coordinating the effort to keep our streets well lit.



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Honors For Two Local Men

John A. Griswold, retired ornithologist and former curator of birds at the Philadelphia Zoo, has just been named to the Avicultural Hall of Fame. The award was given by the International Wild Waterfowl Association meeting in Atlanta on October 22. Mr. Griswold, known to neighbors as Gus, was president of the Society Hill Area Residents Association in the 60's. SHARA was a predecessor organization that merged with SHCA.

Charles E. Peterson

Billed as the "doyen" of American restorationists, architect Charles E. Peterson, a local resident since 1951, served on the faculty of West Dean College, Sussex, England in July for the annual course in the conservation of historic buildings. On October 7, Mr. Peterson received the Harley J. McKee Award of the Association for Preservation Technology at its 20th anniversary convocation at the Copley Plaza, Boston. Mr. Peterson was a founder and first president of that Canadian-American organization.



(Photo by Ad Kelly)

THE CASE OF THE CREAM-COLORED COUCH

One day recently, midway between trash pickup days, several large cartons were discarded on the sidewalk in the 400 block of Spruce Street. As such items usually do, these cartons served as an invitation for additional trash. The come-on was spectacularly successful, and the cartons were soon joined by an oversized white sofa. Initially the sofa was at the curb, but someone needing a parking space moved it up on

the sidewalk. It attracted the curiosity of many scavengers who investigated it and turned it down. Eventually one of them considered the three cushions worth removing.

Residents in the block were not pleased. They flooded City Hall with complaints. Much to the astonishment of one complaining resident, a gentleman rang her doorbell and introduced himself as Joseph Black-

son, District Superintendent, Department of Streets and Sanitation, Citywide Cleaning, 2601 Glenwood Avenue, telephone 978-3970. Mr. Blackson explained that there is a city ordinance against putting out trash except on pickup days, and if caught the perpetrators would be fined. The difficulty, of course, is to catch them in the act.

There isn't any punchline to this story: the couch and the cartons were picked up on Wednesday night and we're happy to report that phone calls to City Hall do occasionally get some action.

Volunteers Needed

The Atwater Kent Museum is seeking **volunteer docents** to assist in the showing of the historical "**Enchanted Colonial Village.**" Designed and fabricated in 1962 for the Lit Brothers Department Store, the "**Village**" was a mainstay of Center City's Christmas decorations in the 1960's. The exhibit will be on display at Mellon Independence Center (the restored Lit Brothers building) from Friday, November, 25 through mid-January. Volunteers are needed to work two-hour shifts. Training will be offered. For more information, call: Teddi Cunningham, Volunteer Corps coordinator or Gloria Hickey, coordinator of programs and public affairs at the Atwater Kent Museum, at **922-3031** or **686-3630**.

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Lights, Camera, Action: **WE'RE IN THE MOVIES**

Over the last several years Society Hill has been the scene for many films. As a historical source, our streets are ideal for documentaries. Filmmakers have found that the visual beauty of the area makes it a wonderful backdrop for commercial films, as well — to say nothing of saving on the cost of building sets! Our neighborhood hospitality is well-known and appreciated in the film industry.

Many residents remember the excitement, but also the inconvenience of a documentary shot by MGM/UA, about three years ago, called "Washington II, The Forging of a Nation," at which time many of our streets were "paved" with dirt for authenticity. After the disruption to the area, caused by the degree and length of their intrusion, the SHCA decided it should have a liaison between the city's film office and our neighborhood that would alert us about future productions. It was also decided that commercial films which impact on our neighborhood for any length of time should

recompense us in some way.

Since then, Joy Lindy has been the SHCA's TV and Movie Production representative. She reports that last spring, as many of us will recall, the 200 block of Spruce Street, the 300 block of Delancey Street, Old Pine Church and the Head House Square area became "sets" for a film shot by Twentieth Century Fox. The film, called "Worth Winning," stars Mark Harmon and Lesley Ann Warren. Joy Lindy alerted the producer, Dale Pollock, of our policy, and he expressed his appreciation for our cooperation by sending the SHCA and Town Watch a check for \$1000, which was divided between both civic organizations. He said: "Without your effort and dedication, we would not have been able to achieve the success we had in obtaining the Philadelphia footage so crucial to "Worth Winning." The film is expected to be distributed some time in the near future, and we look forward once again to seeing our community on the big screen!

CHARTER DAY ON SOCIETY HILL

The Friends of Nicholas More are planning another lively program on the early history of Society Hill, to be staged on or about March 25, 1989. It will feature "A Walk Down Old 4th Street." Charter Day 1988, the 306th anniversary of the signing by William Penn of the Charter of the Society of Free Traders in Pennsylvania, featured a program of speakers who showed slides, films and artifacts on the "early life on the riverfront." There was a big turnout to hear the archeologists' contribution to the history of Society Hill. Residents interested in attending this year's Charter Day program are asked to watch for further announcements of time and place.

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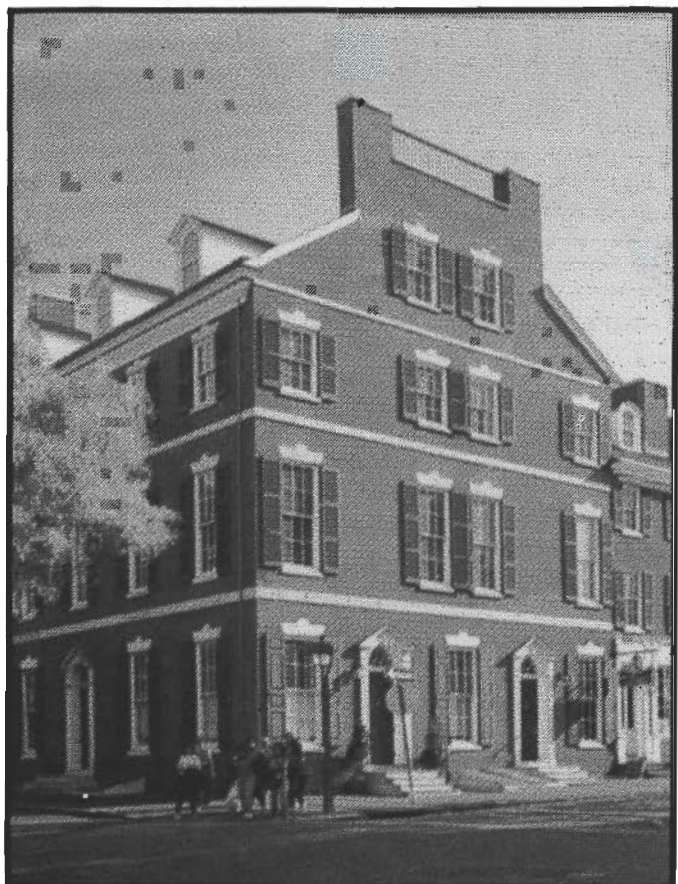
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ADVERTISING MANAGER FOUND — AT LAST!

We're happy to report that our call for advertising help has been most ably answered — by Rita Cohen — who has already begun assuming the responsibility of advertising manager for this December issue. A Philadelphia native, Rita returned a few months ago from Indianapolis, where she, her husband, and family lived for twenty-three years, and where she participated in several civic and cultural organizations. As a new Society Hill resident, she looks forward to participating in a significant way to the neighborhood. Rita's interests include geneological research, and she is involved in tracing her family's roots. If you have any questions about submitting advertising material, please feel free to call her at 238-9976. (She's caller-friendly!)

... And, while we're on the subject of advertising, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank our advertisers for their support. It is, in fact, the fees we receive from our local businesses and services that cover the basic cost of printing this Newsletter. Because we are a nonprofit, volunteer organization, we remind advertisers that we prefer to allocate our space so that advertising approximately equals the amount of news. We welcome the introduction of new ads by local businesses and services along with our group of traditional patrons. Our volunteer staff extends holiday greetings! We look forward to another year of your cooperation.

The Resident Newsletter welcomes another editor!

Bernice Hamel, who returned to Philadelphia after a two-year stint in Boston, has joined the editorial staff. She and her husband Bernard, a professor at Drexel University, live on 2nd Street.

Bernice is a writer, ordinarily of fiction, who received an M.A. in creative writing from Temple University. She also has a consulting business in interior design. She has taken an active interest in the *Newsletter* and will be half of the alternating editorial team we have been searching for these many months. Our new editor is the first to acknowledge that after reading and admiring the *Newsletter*, it took her a year before she actually volunteered her services.



DARTS AND LAURELS

Laurel—to the Philadelphia Streets Department for changing trash pickup day from Fridays to Tuesdays in some Society Hill locations. This keeps sanitation trucks, activities, and piles of local trash off the streets and away from weekend visitors.

Dart—to all residents who put their trash in open cartons or shopping bags. On windy days, the amount of flying newspapers and debris increases exponentially.

Laurel—to the many city street cleaners who take their jobs seriously. They make a difference!

Dart—to the cable construction team who painted our sidewalk bricks with red and yellow arrows, pointers, and markers. Are these permanent reminders, or will they be removed?

Laurel—to administrators of Society Hill Sheraton—Doug McBrearty, Manager and Mike Dougherty, Director of Security—for arranging the storage of Town Watch radios and equipment.

Dart—to Washington Square Garage who persist in pushing their advertising signs onto the sidewalk of busy 6th Street.

Dart—to the Philadelphia Streets Department for ignoring the large hole in the middle of Spruce Street between 3rd and 4th.

Laurel—to Isabelle Loofbourow whose idea it was to plant that colorful array of impatiens in Washington Square Park.

Laurel—to all the volunteer gardeners whose green thumbs planted the impatiens that graced Washington Square Park for almost six months.

Staff for this issue—Charles Bangert, Sally Buell, Ruth Dugan, Nancy Frenze, Bernice Hamel, Ad Kelly and Tim Martin.

Contributors to this issue—Charles Peterson and Glad Schlossman.

Business Staff—Rita Cohen and Betty Steele.

Deadline for the March issue is February 1.
Articles may be delivered to staff members or mailed to *The Resident Newsletter*, Box #3, Philadelphia, PA 19105.
For advertising rates and information, contact Rita Cohen, 238-9976.



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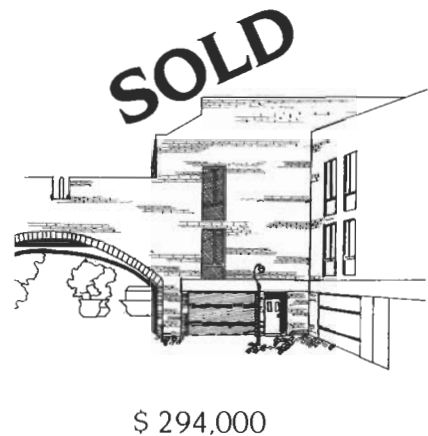
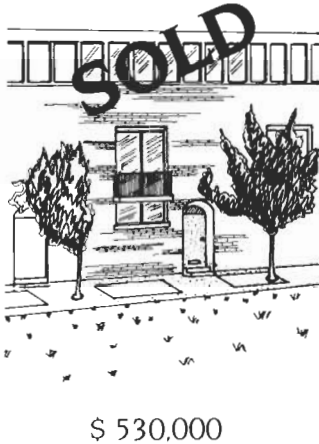
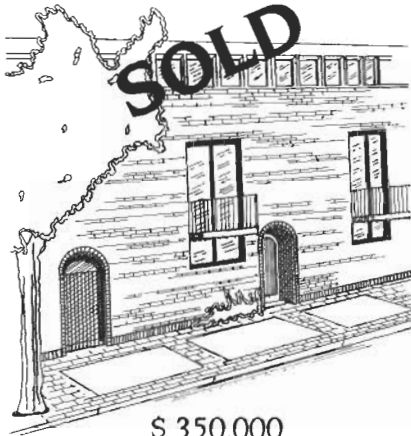
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