

SAVE OUR HERITAGE ORGANISATION

Newsletter

May-June, 1972

ONE YEAR AFTER

The anniversary of our moving the Sherman-Gilbert House is a time for us to consider what has been accomplished in the past year. The house is still setting on a temporary foundation but we expected that it would be for approximately a year and a half.

The Heritage Park Commission has completed a site plan that includes twelve to thirteen structures. All of these structures will not be houses. They hope to have a mansion as the center focal point, a row of commercial shops and perhaps a firehouse or schoolhouse to complete the Victorian Preserve.

The County Park Development Department is working on site development. They are installing utility lines and plantings on the site. The site should show considerable improvement within six months.

Dick Yale is heading a Research Committee made up of college students. Lucy Killea and Helen Ferris are assisting Mr. Yale.

There is a possibility that the permanent foundation will be constructed and the Sherman-Gilbert House will be moved onto it in the near future. Our members and friends will be notified of any progress made in restoring the Sherman-Gilbert House.



HIGHLY IMPORTANT NEWS

DAY TRIP FOR STORE EMPLOYEES

SAN DIEGO TO LOS ANGELES

WALKING TOUR OF NEW TOWN

BANKER'S HILL TOUR



SOHO coordinated a day tour for employees of the Walker-Scott stores. On May 7 and 9 they visited the Mission de Alcala, Cabrillo Monument, Old Town area, Golden Hill (tour of Wilde home), downtown area, Hillcrest area (tour of Mcvey-Webb Home) and Florence Heights area (tour of Miles Parker's home).

We had a tremendous amount of assistance and would like to thank everyone who took part. Those people are:

Mr. George A. Scott for sponsoring the tour.

Mrs. Margaret De Hass for her part in arranging the tour.

The Phoenix Institute for the use of the Wilde Home.

Miles Parker for the use of his home.

Hostesses in Wilde Home: Carolyn Hay, Mildred Hill, Donna Regan, Cathy Cartwright, Vivian Widdop, Frances Brennan, Sara King, Nancy Brown, Kathy Steele, Christi Pitts, Vicki Blum, Melissa Wilson and Laurie Herrera.

Hostesses in Miles Parker's home: Peggy Shepley, Sharon Stevenson, Karen Koons and Vicki Stapleford.

Hostesses in Webb Home: Chris Smock, Edna Kemp, Barbara Briggs, Louise Harvey, Pat McGuire, Karen Hutchens, Diane Atturio, Kathy Ford, Susan Mayer and Camilla Percival.

Bus Tour Guides: Virginia Evans, Barry Worthington, Nicholas Fintzelberg, Sallie Johns and Lynn Kaplan.

The trip to Los Angeles historic areas was a smashing success! Louise Harvey did a superb job of coordinating the trip. Assisting Louise were Donna Regan and Mildred Hill. Jeff Wexler served as Host Chairman with assistance from Diane Buckles. Claire Kaplan and Lee Douglas had the 5:30 A.M. phone calls and the responsibility of Reservations. Pat Roll and Chris Smock assisted Barbara Briggs with Hostesses and Refreshments.

The tall man carrying the SOHO banner was Leighton Morse. Miles Parker provided sketches of the Los Angeles area for the graphic material.

We've had many comments of how great the trip was and how much everyone enjoyed the day. Next time be sure you're included in the fun and excitement of "learning with SOHO".

Citizens Coordinate for Century Three in association with the AIA, AIP, San Diego Historical Society, Historic Sites Board and SOHO sponsored a walking tour of downtown of May 21st. The tour included Horton Plaza, Gaslamp District, Sumner Building, Horton Hotel and Balboa Theatre.

The tour sponsored by the San Diego Historical Society will be held on Saturday June 3rd. Selected homes will be open to the public from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and may be obtained from Mrs. James L. Darling, 1039 Meade Avenue, San Diego 92116. Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Make checks payable to the San Diego Historical Society. For more information, telephone Mrs. David A. Grull, 297-2312.

The Historic Sites Board Research Committee needs volunteers. If you are interested in learning while you work, telephone Helen Ferris, 223-3039.

PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION

An Art Mart to benefit SOHO will be held June 18th at the Thursday Club on Point Loma. Please see the enclosed invitation for more details.

Marie Filius, Chairman

THE CURRENT EMINENT DANGERS OF WANTON DESTRUCTION

PROGRESS OF THE COMMITTEE
TOWARDS THE SANTA FE
DEPOT

PROBABLE ACTION OF THE DOWNTOWN
PROJECT

If you haven't signed and mailed your letters, please do so today.

We understand that Mayor Pete Wilson has written to the President of Santa Fe Industries, Mr. John S. Reed, urging that the depot be preserved.

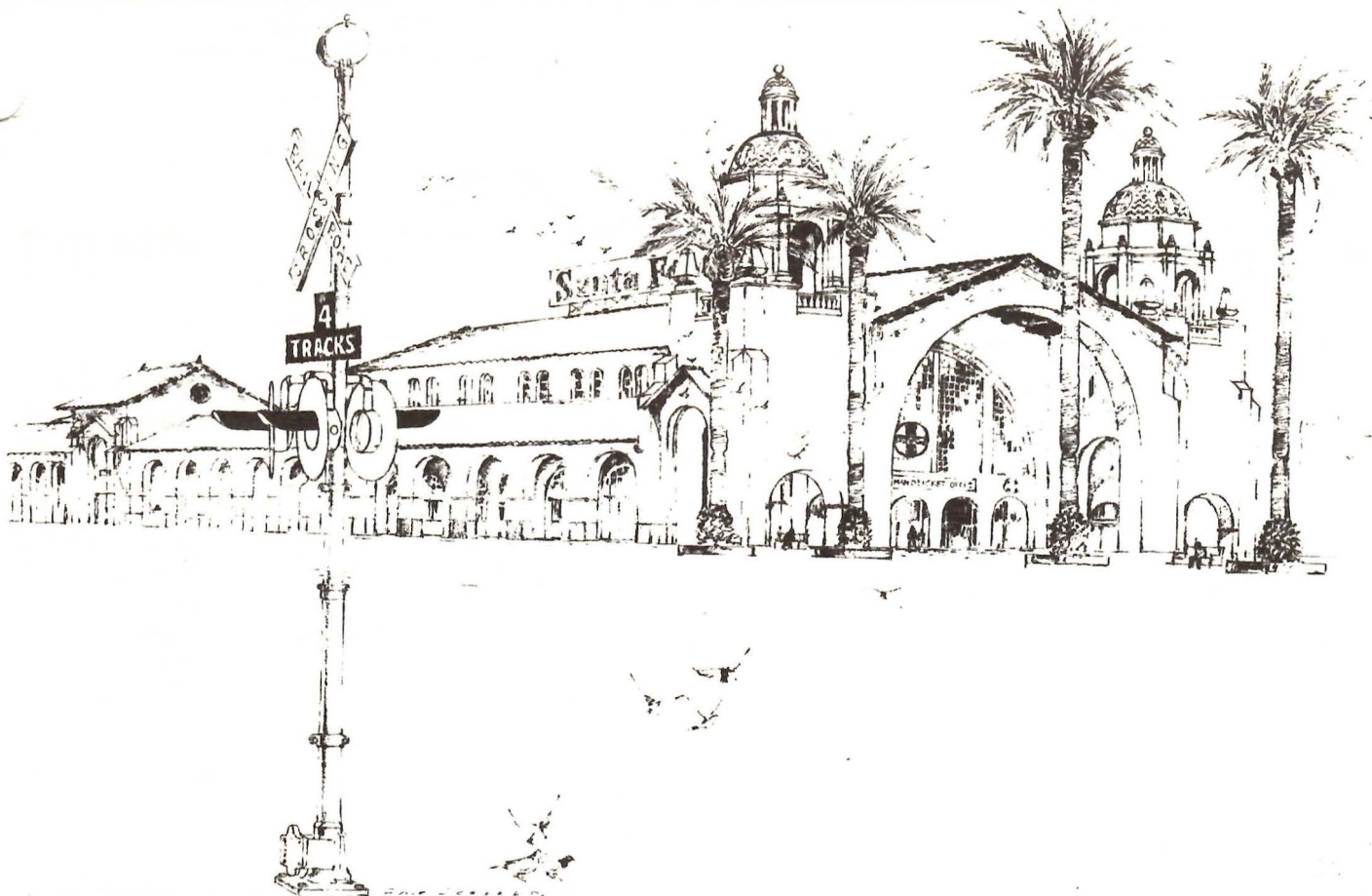
Bill Cartwright, Chairman



The City Council, sitting as the City's Redevelopment Agency, will hold a public hearing at 2 p.m. June 20th on the proposed Plaza Redevelopment Project.

The ambitious project to give a face-lifting to 15 blocks south of Broadway at a cost estimated as high as \$150 million won the approval Wednesday of the City Planning Commission. The vote was 5 to 1. (reprinted from the San Diego Union May 19th, 1972)

PLEASE ATTEND THIS MEETING!! The Horton Hotel, Balboa Theatre and Land Title Building are in danger of being destroyed. Let your City Officials know you care. JUNE 20th.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

An art exhibit and reception was held on May 7th at the Gallery of the Masters at the Embarcadero. Previewed was the special rendering of the Santa Fe Depot donated by Sr. Guillermo Acevedo.

A limited edition of individually colored lithographs were offered for \$35. Black and white lithographs are \$5.

These lithographs are available. Contact Glen Widdop at 234-2801. Also they will be featured at the Art Mart on June 18th.

SUPPORTIVE EFFORTS

Please pass the coupon along to a friend or interested person.

Make checks payable to Save Our Heritage Organisation/SOHO. Mail to Mrs. J.J. Kaplan, 4850 Louise Drive, San Diego 92115.

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Single \$5 _____

Family \$10 _____

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS

Although SOHO is not in any way a politically oriented organization, we of the Board would like to remind members and readers of this newsletter that among the candidates for reelection in an upcoming supervisorial race is a person who helped us to realize our goal, the Victorian Preserve. Jack Walsh began the plans for Heritage Park in the summer of 1969 when SOHO was still in its infancy. Working quietly with representatives of the many agencies and organizations involved in the acquisition of the Park land, Jack spearheaded the campaign that later materialized as Heritage Park. He and former Supervisor DeGraf Austin set up the pattern for the administration of the Park ... a committee of active citizens whose actions of the past year indicate that the Park is destined to be first rate in historic interpretation.

When the Sherman-Gilbert House needed to be moved and SOHO was still short some of the funds to pay for that move, Jack Walsh recommended to his fellow Supervisors that the County make the unprecedented effort of lending money to a private foundation. With this loan of \$5000, SOHO was able to pay for the move. The first installment of the repayment of this loan will be met by SOHO in June.

Jack Walsh had enough faith in us and in our vision of a Victorian Preserve to put his political life out on a limb to back our plans. I think that we of SOHO owe him a great deal and that we should enthusiastically support him in his reelection.

Nicholas Fintzelberg
Treasurer



PAST COMFORTS WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION

FLATS TO LET

2131 Albatross
241 Ivy Street
Green Victorian at corner of Cedar & Union

BUILDINGS TO BE HAD

2133 Albatross. Listed with University Realty.
2068 First Avenue 232-1818.
2044 First Avenue 232-1818.
2442 State Street. Listed with Art Leitch.
1203 Sunset Cliffs. Oceanfront mansion with hand-painted canvas ceilings. 16 rooms, 51' hand-tiled swimming pool. Built in 1928. Would be ideal if purchased by company for club or guest quarters. Mona Baker, 224-4519.

HAPPIER CONSIDERATIONS

Horton Hotel (now Horton Hotel Grand) is under new management. Ed Scott, well-known artist, is managing the hotel for the J. William Reeds who hold the lease on the hotel. The building is owned by W.E. Sutter. It's located on "F" Street between Third and Fourth. This is one of San Diego's oldest hotels and is in the danger area of the Plaza Redevelopment Project.

3525 Front is getting a face-lifting. You should make a point of driving the 3500 block of Front Street. There are six lovely Victorian homes that have loving owners.

CLASSIFIED

Doctor's examining table. Leather and oak. \$25. 295-0723.



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