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Reflections

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225-1033

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Remember bobbing for apples as a kid? Well, let's do it again and more . . . SOHO'S 1ST ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY - You are cordially invited to visit a Victorian Haunted House (currently haunting by Ted Krauss and family), right next door to SOHO founder Miles Parker's home, in the once proposed historic neighborhood.

Costumes are the order of the night, with prizes for the best disguising attempts. The horrendous happenings commence at 8:00 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 1st. The place - 136 Fir, corner of Front & Fir.

This is a BYOB, casual, fun, get-together - so come and be spooked by your SOHO friends. We'll all be waiting to give you an unforgettable evening ! Heh-heh...

Review :

National City Tour

NATIONAL CITY TOUR RECAP - SOHO again hosted an outstanding tour on October 4th, in National City. Nine structures were open to the public, with around 30 pointed out along the bus tour. We are deeply thankful for the cooperation we received from the people of National City. Also, many thanks are in order to chairpersons Pat Tarasuck, Annie Camacho and Cia Baron - along with the small army of people it took in making the day a success.



Results:

GARAGE SALE - Our most consistent fund raiser came through again ! The September 27th garage sale profited \$317.00 - the biggest sale ever !! Our next attempt at this on-going event will be in January, 1976. So, we need all your ancient and unused collectables. Scour those nooks and crannies for your resaleable disregarded items, and call Bill Cartwright at 232-6611. If they are large items, they can be picked up. Small items can be taken to 3821 1st Avenue. With your help, we'll get it together !

Notices:

Of Special Interest

SOHO membership is running in the hundreds these days, but we need people to really become actively involved in our many activities. Specifically, we need:

- 1) People to help with mailing
- 2) People to do telephoning
- 3) Tour guides & Hostesses
- 4) A TYPIST ! ! ! (with access to an IBM Carbon typewriter.)
- 5) A publicity person

What it all comes down to is PEOPLE. People and involvement. These jobs will only require a few hours per month, but your help is essential. You can call SOHO's number, 225-1033, and leave a message. Just state your name, home & business phone, and what type of work you would be interested in helping with. We'll be looking forward to hearing from you !

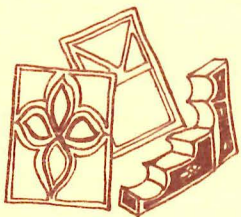


Volunteers

On Saturday, December 6, from 1:00 to 4:00, there will be a silver tea at the Villa Montezuma, 20th and K. All proceeds will go to the interior restoration of the Villa, with special attention being given to the magnificent stained glass windows, which are in special need of concern.

Volunteers from SOHO would be greatly appreciated to help with this project. We need hostesses and clean-up people, along with musicians to provide some chamber music. Anyone who is interested in this worthwhile endeavor can call Alijandra Mogilner, at 297-2161. Thanks !

Sale: SOHO Artifacts



- from the SOHO collection comes leaded glass windows, Victorian doors, cornices, and an old bannister. Also, old storefront letters. Call Bill at 232-6611.
WICKER CHAIR
. Call Susan Donnell at 232-6611 x 226

Calender

- Nov. 1 - 1st Annual Halloween Party
- Nov. 4 - ELECTION DAY Don't forget to VOTE !
- December - Christian, Burton & Bushyhead houses are being moved to Heritage Park in Old Town

Issues :

Redlining Attacked !

A new state agency promises to renew the drive against redlining, the practice by some lenders and government agencies of withholding financing in specific geographical areas without regard to the worth of the would-be property owners. The new Housing Finance Agency will make direct mortgage loans to finance low and moderate income housing. The agency is expected to issue \$200 million in revenue bonds later this year and to submit \$500 million in general obligation bonds for voter approval in November 1976. A spokesman for the California Association of Realtors welcomed the program, but said that counselling of potential home owners would be required to make it a success. According to Richard Farrer, president of the 80,000 member organization, families need to know how they can inexpensively renovate older structures. Farrer also contends that cities must be pressured to provide equal services in redlined areas, including capital improvements, police protection, and trash pick-up.

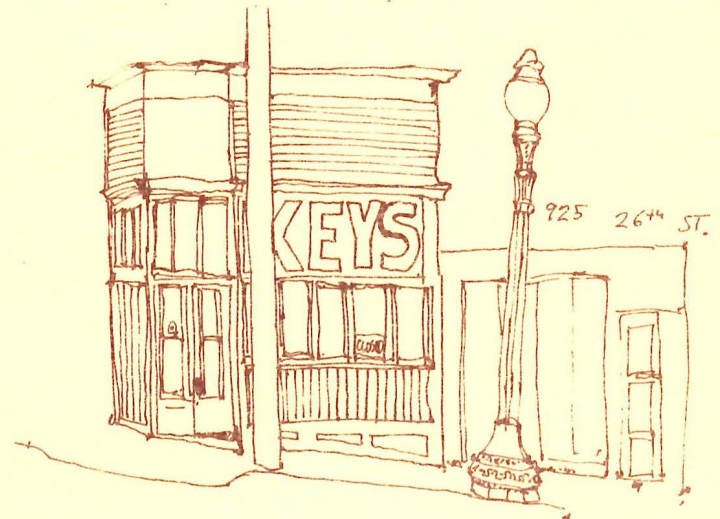
Demolished

TACOMA, WASH. Gregory Mattson said he was never notified by any government agency that a house he had bought was condemned and scheduled to be demolished. So when Mattson thought he was investing in fix-up property, he didn't realize he would have to fix up a vacant lot. Mattson discovered his house had been demolished from a neighbor who had watched the bulldozers do their duty. Mattson said he thought the neighbor was kidding. But demolition crews were acting on a very real condemnation order from the Tacoma Building Department, orders Mattson said he knew nothing about. The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development knew about the order even before it sold the home to Mattson, an official said. "We had a notice of abatement proceedings on file in November 1973 when the house was sold," said John Valley. HUD's acting director of property disposition in Seattle. But HUD neglected to tell Tacoma the house had been sold to Mattson. "We can't take the time to do these things for every house we sell," said Valley. "We feel the buyers should make some kind of inquiry to the property city departments." Ben Thompson of Tacoma's Building Department said he never learned HUD had sold the house. "We kept sending them notice after notice by certified mail, but we never received any reply," he said. Meanwhile at HUD, the notices were being dutifully filed away.

Old Town: A Hit

San Diego's Old Town outdistanced Sea World and the Zoo as a visitor drawing card in September. Almost a quarter of a million tourists visited the historic area which includes Heritage Park. The figure represents an increase of 82 percent over the same month a year ago.

The surge in attendance has been paced by the growth in visitor oriented commercial establishments which have located in the district, many of which have renovated older structures. All construction in the area is guided by a design review board which seeks to maintain the district's unique scale and character.



New Members

Our dynamic organization is growing by leaps and bounds each month !
In the month of September, we want to extend a cordial welcome to our
newest autumnal arrivals:

Linda J. Asmus
Lee & Kathy Brown
Bruce Conzelman
William & Carolyn Eastman
Frank A. Frye III

Mrs. Duane Jackson
Ed & Angie Kasitz
Charlotte K. Lane
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Merrilees
J. W. Richen

We are very happy to have all of you as part of our group, and hope
you will become involved in one or more of our community projects. Our
President, Bill Cartwright, will be more than glad to assist you ! Just
call him at 232-6611, between 9:00 and 4:00. Again - welcome !

Membership

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip Code _____ Phone _____

I am interested in joining an action group. Please contact me !

Tax Exempt Status

SOHO is exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the
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