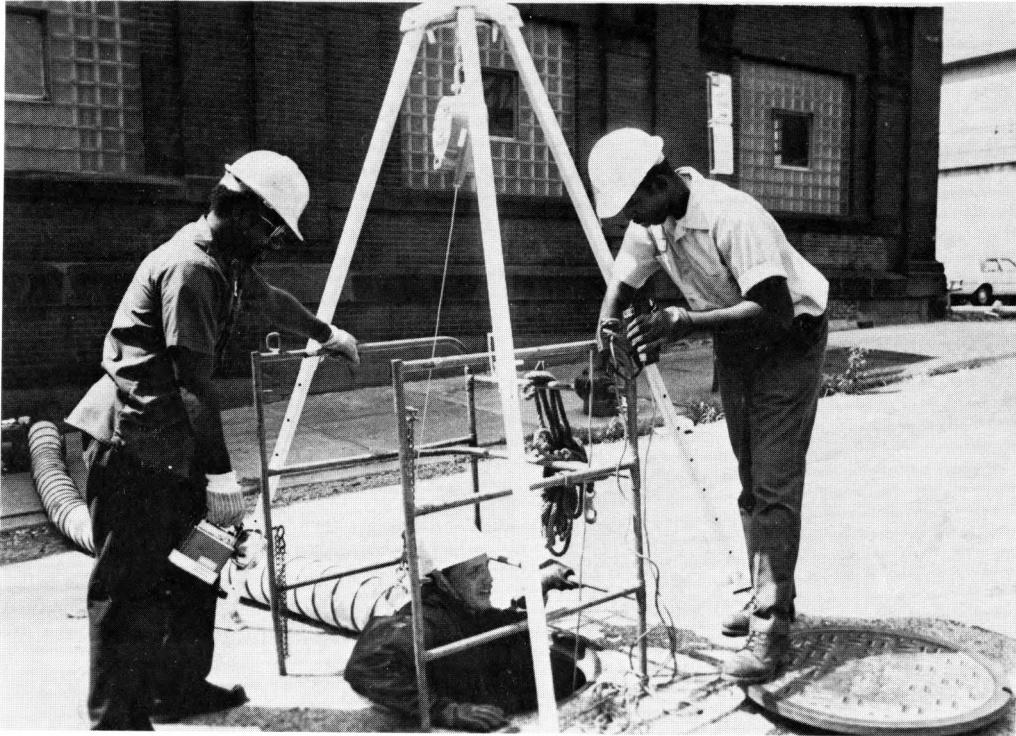


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Philadelphia Water Department Newsletter

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Robert Phillips and George Beach wish Lars Anderson well as he descends into the manhole to check the intercepting sewer.

also responsible for retrieving and installing inlet covers, installing locking covers, unclogging choked inlet traps and outlet piping so that inlets can take water, alleviating flooded streets and intersections when hydrants are illegally opened during summer months, when heavy rains occur and during fire-fighting operations. Of all of these, vandalism causes the largest problem. Missing or stolen inlet covers create hazardous conditions for pedestrians, who can trip or fall over an uncovered inlet. Brown added that "people should report open inlets as soon as possible. Open inlets can be especially dangerous for the blind and the elderly."

Since moving into its new Fox Street headquarters, Inlet Cleaning's efficiency has increased as a result of its Operational Information System. This computerized system allows Inlet Cleaning to monitor the status of each inlet in the city. This system provides detailed graphics of the inlets, helping customer service representatives pin-point which inlets need to be cleaned. The system can also track what is happening to complaints, update information, maintain records and serve as a scheduling source for crew chiefs.

The 24 employees of the Interceptor Services unit are responsible for the operation, cleaning, maintenance and repair of regulators, tide gates, diversion chambers, syphon valves and other wastewater control devices. The Unit inspects 174 combined sewer regulator chambers and 20 diversion chambers within the City. These chambers are located along the Delaware and Schuylkill rivers and the Pennypack, Frankford, Tacony and Cobbs creeks. Interceptors also respond to oil and chemical spills, fires or any other type of emergencies involving the combined sewer regulator system.

Intercepting chambers perform a vital function in the Water Department's efforts to prevent the pollution of our waterways. Normally, wastewater is diverted by a weir, or "half wall," into an interceptor chamber which directs the flow to a collector sewer to one of our three wastewater treatment

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Collectively Yours

When we last left our story, we were fascinated by the sight of Bill Lauer of Sewer Maintenance repairing the invert of the old brick-lined sewer running along Wissahickon Creek.

Although sewers are certainly an exciting topic, it is time to move on to the other units which make up the Waste and Stormwater Collection Division. Inlet Cleaning is another component of the collector system network. This unit has more than 75,000 inlets to maintain to insure that rain water runs smoothly into stormwater and combined sewers. Inlets have to be cleaned periodically due to the accumulation of trash and other debris such as leaves, which are swept in with the rain or sometimes dropped into inlets by people.

This trash clogs inlets and can cause flooding and odors. In 1987, over 49,000 inlets were cleaned mechanically and over 4,000 cleaned manually.

According to Douglas McCoy, Inlet Cleaning Supervisor, almost anything can be found in inlets, from trash, jewelry, bed springs... anything imaginable. McCoy said, "The public needs to be educated. Some people do not realize that the trash they conveniently drop into inlets clogs up the system." Claude Brown, Inlet Cleaning Superintendent, agreed. "We cannot take inlets for granted. Inlets provide a service to get the surface water off the street. People must realize that inlets do not have a direct line to an incinerator."

In addition to cleaning inlets, the unit is

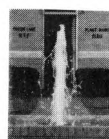
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Lawrence Phillips brooms the area after the inlet has been cleaned.

plants. During periods of heavy rainfall, the combined sewer may reach its capacity, causing some of the flow to leap over the weir and into a stream or river, while remaining flow is still directed through the chamber. Presently, this type of arrangement is vital, for without the regulators, the combined sewer systems would back-up, causing massive floodings throughout the City. Excessive flows could badly damage the sewer system and overload our treatment plants' capacities.

Ron Lamon, Interceptor Service Supervisor, who quipped that "all of the good-looking people work for Interceptors," is also proud of the amount of work accomplished by his unit every day. "On an average day," Lamon stated, "Interceptor crews make approximately 34 confined entries. They enter regulator chambers protected against all of the hazards associated with turbulent flowing water, such as industrial wastes and toxic gases, to repair, clean up or grease a gate."

Maintaining the City's regulating chambers has been made easier by the Combined Sewer Overflow Program, which to date is working in the chambers in the Northeast section of Philadelphia and is still in its developmental stages. So far, the program has been a great success. Instrumentation such as level sensors and rain gauges send signals to the process control computer at the Fox

Street headquarters, alerting crews of gates which are jammed or malfunctioning. The 63 monitoring stations installed in the northeast chambers allow crews to identify trouble spots first thing in the morning, eliminating random spot checking and the possibility of missing a chamber in need of repair.

Collector System Support provides engineering and technical services to Inlet Cleaning, Interceptors and Sewer Maintenance and can take credit for the design of the Operational Information System. A similar system is in the works for Sewer Maintenance, and due to its complexity, it is still in its developmental stages. Collector System Support has 39 employees and three separate units – Water Transport Records, Engineering Services and Data Acquisitions.

In reference to the entire Collector Support System, Robert Thompson, Water Transport Engineer II, said, "We find ourselves being a jack-of-all-trades. We get involved with policy making, with regulatory agencies, with different departments and people. We may not work on one project continuously because we always have something important going on. Yet we work with a team concept in mind. The most rewarding thing is when you finally accomplish something that has been an on-going problem."

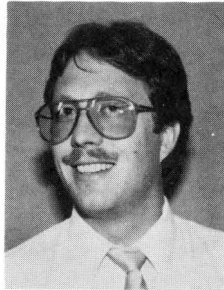
Time to Give

Many of us could not afford to donate \$30,000 at a drop of the hat to social and community organizations. Stars, athletes and the wealthy in general, e.g., Michael Jackson, Mike Tyson and Donald Trump, can afford to give healthy sums of money to organizations that help the poor, children, and those less fortunate. Such donations are necessary and admirable. However, we have people here in the Department who give just as much or more than these men by donating another valuable entity – their time. The volunteers from our Department are from different backgrounds and have different reasons for choosing the organizations they work with. But no matter what type of work they do, they help to make the lives of others better. The organizations they volunteer for vary from the Afro-American Cultural & Historical Museum to the Boy and Girl Scouts of America. Most of these volunteers work for more than one organization and emphasize the need for additional volunteers. In some cases you can give up your lunch time once or twice a week to stuff envelopes for an organization. Every bit helps. Contact the following volunteers for more information.

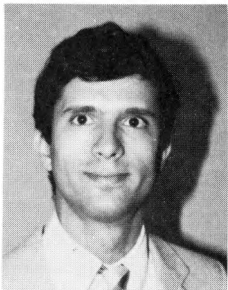
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| Charles E. Mingo 16-1618 | Shekinal Revival Temple |
| Michelle Mason 592-4906 | New Hope Outreach Center |
| John Morris 592-6158 | Block Captains |
| Joe Cerrone 592-8095 | Big Brother/Big Sister Organization |
| Elmer Lott 16-1315 | Boy Scouts of America |
| Gail Maenner 16-1313 | Juniata Park Boys & Girls Club |
| Gary Burlingame 592-0209 | Community Care Center of Northeast |



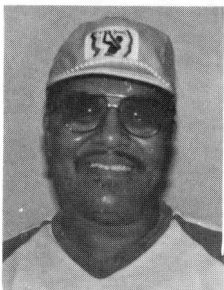
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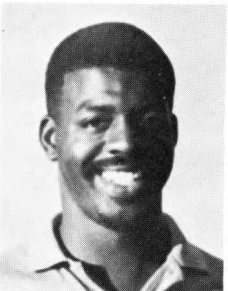
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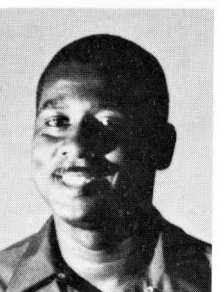
Edna Hassell



Bill Toffey



Charles Mingo



Idell Dearry

A Big Brother In Our Midst

If you are 18 or older, willing to spend only four hours a week with a lonely child between the ages of seven to 16 and can attend bi-monthly meetings, according to Joe Cerrone from Industrial Waste, you may qualify to join the ranks of the Big Brother/Big Sister organization. The organization matches up fatherless boys and motherless girls with role models who they can talk to and who can help give the extra guidance that they may be missing in a one parent household. Joe has been a part of the Big Brother/Big Sister organization for the last eight years. He serves on the Activity Committee and the Membership Committee as a Big Brother Field Representative.

Being a big brother himself, Joe knows that the candidates he helps select have to not only have patience but they must also be dedicated to finding time for a little brother

or sister in their schedule. Joe's little brother Joey is 13 years old. He has been Joe's fourth little brother since he has been in the program. For the last four years they have been together doing everything from walking, talking, camping, playing and watching sports to going to the zoo. Joe said that he likes this one on one relationship with Joey because he can see where he is helping Joey to grow as a young person.

Joe has two children, Mike, 4 and daughter Catie, 10, but he still finds time to spend with Joey and the Big Brother/Big Sister organization. In reference to other volunteers who have obligations and still find time for the organization, Joe said, "All the volunteers are really special people. Over the years you feel a real comradeship with the other volunteers. It's kind of neat to see the program still in tact."

Spending Time With Teens

Teen Haven is a national Christian organization which gives teens of all races a change to get to know one another and have fun together. This non-profit organization is located on North Broad Street, is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6 - 9. Idell Dearry, from Sewer Maintenance, is a teaching assistant for the program and a driver. He picks the teens up and takes them to church, bible studies and other Christian affairs throughout the city connected with Teen Haven. With four children of his own who participate in the program Idell said, "It's a joy to talk to those children and a joy to see young people not involved in drugs. It's just a thrill to see them doing something

constructive - not just my children but kids period."

Idell's oldest son was attending Teen Haven when he started getting involved. Teen Haven needed a driver about a couple of years ago. Idell took a driving test with the director, passed and has been working and driving for Teen Haven ever since.

Idell also spends time ministering to inmates at Holmesburg Prison and the elderly at a nursing home located at 10th & Wallace. He will soon be ministering to youth at a half-way house here in the city. The reason for his volunteer work can be summed up when he said, "Any work being directed towards the Lord is worthwhile and enjoyable."

Busy, Busy Beaver

Gail M. Maenner, a clerk typist at NE-Abatement, has quite a busy schedule. For the last six years she has been spending approximately 10 hours a week working for the Juniata Park Boys and Girls Club, a community non-profit organization which survives through community fund raising.

"If we did not volunteer, it would not get done," said Gail in reference to the work the entire community does for the club. To survive, the club has to raise enough money to meet expenses. Besides major expenses for athletic programs, the club has to pay the City for renting the building. Gail does her share to raise money. She organizes and runs

an annual carnival for one week in the spring which raises \$50,000. She also coaches a soccer team in the spring and a basketball team in the fall for the club, helps run the Christmas Bazaar, runs the snack stand at athletic events, presides as president for the ladies auxiliary, organizes dances for teens, writes articles about the club to local papers and serves as a liaison to City agencies.

Gail's contribution continues to bond the community and its children. It is not a surprise that Gail's dedication for this club can be traced back to her parents. Her father was once President of the club. It is apparent that Gail's spirit of caring is rooted in the pride she has for her community.

Volunteering from the Heart

The Afro-American Historical and Cultural Museum provides the finest example of Afro-American history and culture. They have various exhibits for different occasions. These exhibits extend from the history of the Black church to the present state of South Africa. The museum also has workshops, movies, and events designed for the family to enjoy. Quality volunteers like Edna Hassell from Customer Information help to maintain the Museum's exhibitions, programs and presentations.

Edna who thinks that the volunteer time she gives is more than just work said, "You get to meet people. There are a lot of people who are not aware of what the museum offers. I am happy to tell people what they have to

offer. Volunteering has its rewards. I like being positive – just helping people – period."

Edna's volunteer work extends from soliciting membership for the museum to getting the mail out. She also helps with the museum's annual phon-a-thon in which memberships are gathered. She spends four hours a week with the museum.

She spends the rest of her time volunteering for different activities held for the Tourist Center at Penn's Landing. Edna was recently on the Planning Committee for the "Black Family Reunion Conference," a three day workshop which occurred in February. She finds volunteer work to be no hassle since she has been involved with social events to help others for more than 15 years.



Giving Blood & Time

Charles Mingo from Emergency Support Services, volunteers in the "Crack Down On Drugs" program for the Shekinah Revival Temple as well as holding the following positions: Chairman of the Deacon Board, member of the Trustee Board, Vice President of the ushering board and a member of the adult choir. "I have a 12-year-old son and I don't want him to be caught in drugs. I volunteer to let the community know there is a problem. I just want them to know I am concerned," said Charles who stands out on the streets to tell neighbors what is being done to fight drugs and what can be done. He just wants to make things better for Philadelphia's neighborhoods and their children.

Charles has also donated about 35 units of blood for the 19 years that he has been

working for the Department. He mentioned that his life is about doing work for the Lord whether it is giving blood or giving his time.

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He said, "The Blood drive is important because you have millions and millions of people who need transfusions. Thirty years ago you did not hear about a blood shortage. Today you do. I have to at least do my part."

Prepared To Service



His wife volunteered him to go camping for a week with a boy scout troop as a favor for a friend. This interaction with the Boy Scouts, however, was a new beginning for Elmer Lott, a mechanical electrical operator for the NEWPCP. He has been volunteering with the Boy Scouts for many years since his original trip.

"Anytime you can help give guidance – it feels good. There are many kids that don't have a father figure. We are in the business to help put kids on the straight road. However, we also need more adults to volunteer," said Elmer explaining why he is involved with the Boy Scouts.

Elmer spends approximately 30-40 hrs. a month volunteering as District Commissioner, with a staff of Assistant District Commissioners and Unit Commissioners. Elmer and his staff serve as a liaison between the cub scouts, scout masters and the Boy Scout Council of Philadelphia. He and his staff also help to organize the troops.

A big believer in giving kids something constructive to do, Elmer has a track record of helping youths in various organizations. Before volunteering his time with the Boy Scouts, Elmer was helping the Girl Scouts of America when he had three daughters participating in the program. Elmer also spent eight to nine years volunteering at the Germantown YMCA until it closed. Elmer said that the Boy Scout motto is – Be Prepared. He, without a doubt is well prepared to help the children in his community.

Captain of the Block

John A. Morris, a communications operator in Security Services, volunteers at least 10 hours a week as block captain for the 200 block of Melville Street.

John has been block captain for the last nine years. Even though he sings professionally at night clubs, plays basketball with a semi-pro team, sings with the Mt. Ephram Male chorus and holds the position as Jr. Deacon in the Mason Keystone Lodge 24, he still finds time to give to the community.

As block captain, John organizes block

parties and block clean ups. He helps the senior citizens take care of trash on their sidewalks and shovel snow during the winter. Growing up in the neighborhood and living on Melville St. for 28 years, John knows all the children on his block on a first name basis. About a year or two ago he helped the Crisis Intervention Network ease tension between Black and Asian children.

John who enjoys working with the children in his neighborhood said, "With a little guidance you can see a tremendous change –

kids become more polite. They say good morning, good afternoon and good night."

Even though John has recently moved out of the neighborhood, he remains the block captain at the request of the neighbors. He said that he goes to the neighborhood every day to "secure the fort" and to see that things are okay. Being appreciated by the people of Melville St. makes him proud to be Captain of the Block.

No Turkeying Around

Before turkeys hit the freezer in the market they have to be caught. Imagine turkey hunting for two to three years and never being able to get up close to shoot one to take home. Well, John Craney from Customer Service can confess to this experience. Every spring he goes turkey hunting in up-state Pennsylvania for a week to return empty-handed.

Even though he returns without a bird in hand, every year he gets better at out-smarting the turkeys he hunts. The reason John has not caught a turkey just yet goes far beyond the skill of shooting. According to John, turkeys are very intelligent birds who have keen senses – excellent hearing and sight. In order to catch one, you have to get awfully close and in order to get close you have to discover tactics so that the turkey does not know you are near. Experiments have been performed to show that if a human being stands in an area for 10 seconds a turkey can scan the area in $\frac{1}{10}$ of that time and spot you first. That's time enough for the turkey to get away and hide.

John tries two different techniques to out-smart these birds. Since the hunters are only



John Craney and his sneaky turkey box.

allowed to shoot the male turkey, John uses a turkey call box which makes the sound of a female turkey. If the sound is made to perfection and the male turkey is convinced that a female turkey is near, he will respond by

following the sound of the turkey box. Making the turkey call is not always easy. In the spring you cannot use the same call you use in the fall. The calls range in different pitches. In the evening when you cannot hear or see the male turkeys, the owl hooter is used. Since the turkey and the owl are natural enemies, the turkey will gobble which allows you to find its location. John and the other hunters wear camouflage clothing so that they are not spotted easily by the turkeys. John says the most important thing is to be hidden and still.

Although John is constantly listening to tapes on turkey hunting to improve on his techniques, he stresses safety measures for people who enjoy hunting turkeys. "The main thing is not to have anybody injured. While hunting, everyone should remember that you don't have to shoot something to have a good time. Comraderie with the other fellows and the beautiful scenery of the mountains are what I enjoy the most," said John.

Most people laugh and have a lot of questions for John when they find out about his turkey hunting. However, turkey hunting is definitely no laughing matter nor just another sport to John. Let's hope he catches one before next Thanksgiving, and then maybe he will invite us to the feast.

Administration Help

The government has not been giving out many dollars lately, not even to the most hard working and worthy organizations. Gary A. Burlingame, an aquatic biologist at the Belmont Plant is a member of the Board of Directors at the Community Care Center (CCC) of Northeast. Gary helps this non-profit organization raise money to provide home health care to the elderly, handicapped and infirm.

According to Gary, the CCC of Northeast is one of the first organizations of its kind. It is supported by the community of Northeast Philadelphia and its churches. It is a ministry that provides health and housekeeping care with spiritual and emotional support at an affordable cost to the client.

Gary has been involved with this organization for 3 to 4 years. He and his wife initially started with the organization by working out of their church, the Holmesburg Methodist in Northeast Philadelphia. Gary runs the Sunday Nursery at his church and he and his wife co-chair the Council on Ministry. Gary encourages anybody interested in volunteering for the CCC of Northeast to call him.

It's About Caring

Very few people are willing to go to a prison as a volunteer and very few people are willing to volunteer their time to talk to street people, prostitutes and drug addicts. Nevertheless, Michelle Mason from Customer Affairs has been volunteering her time for 2-3 years helping people who have been abandoned by the system.

"Caring for people that most people forget about and spreading the gospel", Michelle said, "are the most important things I enjoy about volunteering." At 25, Michelle is an evangelist with the New Hope Outreach Center at 4913 Wayne Avenue where she is in charge of the Children Ministries.

Michelle is also in charge of the Prison Ministry for her church. Three times a week from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Michelle takes a group of church members out to the Holmesburg prison to counsel inmates and fellowship in bible study. Michelle, who does not profess to always being relaxed while volunteering at the prison said, "The first time I went I was very paranoid. I practically cried. Now, I love it. I love it better than eating. I feel like I'm a part of it. Spreading the gospel

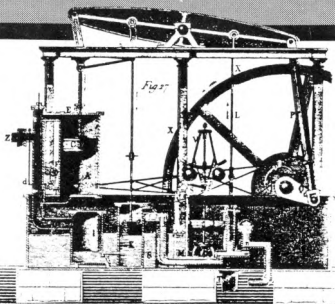
there makes me feel at home."

Michelle also spreads the gospel to drug addicts from the Narcotics Anonymous Program who come to her and ask for help. These addicts are usually recommended by former drug users that Michelle has helped in the past.

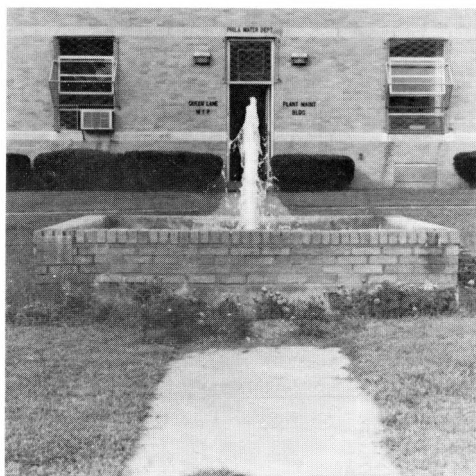
And last but not least, Michelle also tutors for the Mayor's Commission on Literacy. As you can see, Michelle enjoys the challenge

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of working one on one with people and helping them to the best of her ability. With one daughter, Angie, 7, she still meets her role as a mother and provider as she helps others less fortunate.



WHAT'S PUMPING



Queen Lane's fountain....

Queen Lane personnel are going all out in beautification efforts at their plant. In addition to the spot-lighting of the architecturally pleasing Filtration Building, a QL crew built a fountain to celebrate the essence of the plant...water. Judging from the group assembled in the picture, it sure isn't the fountain of youth.



....and the men who built it.

Safety Luncheon

by Ben Aptaker, Safety Office

On July 19, the Safety Office held its annual Safety Incentive Awards Luncheon. Thirty-five Water Department employees who had not lost time due to injury in 1986 or 1987, and drivers who had no preventable collisions in 1986, had their names chosen at random by computer. The 35 lucky employees were invited to lunch at the ARA Conference Room, where they were informed that they each had won a \$75 savings bond. Commissioner Marrazzo and the Safety Office staff spoke briefly on the purpose of the awards, and the methods of selection, and thanked those present for their conscientious approach to safety in their work places.

In addition to the savings bond, 150 eligible employees were awarded flashlights as incentive prizes.

Nature for Volunteering

About six years ago the Friends of Andorra Natural Area was only in the earliest stage of development. Today this organization functions as an educational and community center that welcomes anyone in the city who wants to visit. They have a team of naturalists who direct an interpretative program. The center provides nature walks, festivals, special events and a visitor center call the "tree house." Skin from rabbits, frogs and other animals are provided for children to touch. There are also trails for hiking and horse riding.

"There is something for everyone," said Bill Toffey, a manager in Sludge Management and one of the founding members of the Friends of Andorra Natural Area. He helped to review and organize the plan to acquire the property that is used for the center. As a board member and treasurer for the Friends of Andorra Natural Area, Bill controls the

funds which hire office staff and pay for educational materials used at this city-owned nature center in upper Roxborough. Bill also helps raise money and conduct volunteer work. He has been with the organization since its beginning and enjoys playing a continuing role in its growth.

"I like to help build and contribute to what makes the city worth living in. It's hard to say no. I feel a personal responsibility to contribute to the community," said Bill when asked about his volunteer work at the center.

Bill is also Moderator for the Board of Deacons at the Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill where he serves as chairman to a 24 member group which distributes food and clothes in Northwest Philadelphia, visits the elderly and visits infirm church members. Adding to his volunteer service in the community, Bill is the treasurer of the Philadelphia Botanical Club.

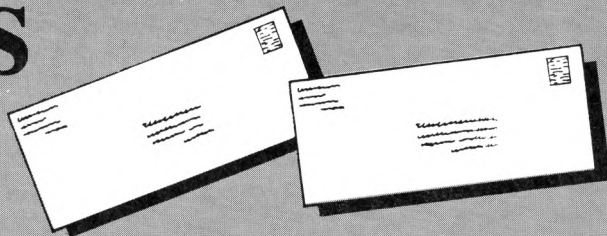
Philadelphia's Water Wonder

An exhibit featuring the Fairmount Water Works was at the Philadelphia Museum of Art until September 25. The exhibit contained paintings, watercolors, prints, photographs, drawings, sculptures, and even an off-scale, century-old model, 42 inches by 30 inches and 19 inches at its highest, of the Water Works and the surrounding area. To date, approximately \$8 million has been spent on the restoration. Completion is expected in 1991.



William Rush's "The Schuylkill Freed" at the Art Museum.

Letters From our Customers



Dear Mayor Goode:

I would like to say thank you to the two men in truck #840065 from the Water Dept. who got my skateboard out of the sewer. They came within an hour after I called and got it out for me.*

Thank you.

Al M.
Age 11
Elbridge St.
Phila.

* Our skateboard heros are James Workman and Joe Hall of Inlet Cleaning.

Dear Commissioner:

I am writing this note to let you know how pleased I was with the courtesy and time that was taken by one of your employees, John Craney of Customer Service, to satisfy my problem. About 10 days ago I had a sewer problem in front of my house. It was flooded and overflowing and needed a cleaning badly. When I got in touch with your office, Mr. Craney assured me some one would be out. He called me and told me when they would be there. This matter was taken care of in one day. I wish to commend John Craney for a very caring position he took in reference to my problem.

Sincerely,

John J.D.
Eastwick Ave.
Phila.

Dear Mr. Marrazzo:

I am writing to acknowledge an impressive and outstanding display of customer service on the part of the Water Department. The other morning, I called your Department seeking advice and assistance in retrieving a set of house and car keys which had accidentally fallen through an inlet at 24th and Pine streets. After explaining the situation to Mr. Claude Brown, he contacted a work crew in the area and instructed me to meet the crew at the inlet. The crew, consisting of Henry Brown and Mr. Jordan, promptly arrived at the appointed time. They immediately started working and with the use of a crane, removed a large quantity of the mucky residue, which was then carefully probed with a shovel. After following this procedure numerous times, Mr. Jordan successfully located the keys. Thereafter, Mr. Brown and Mr. Jordan were very careful to clean and wash down the street before leaving. It certainly is a credit to the excellent service of the Water Department and especially Mr. Brown and Mr. Jordan whose work and determination recovered the lost keys.

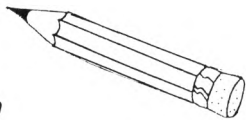
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Two Mellon Bank Center
Phila.

Water Department Highlights

The Southeast Water Pollution Control Plant was one of the 34 facilities in the U.S. which received the 1988 Silver Award from the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies. Silver Award recipients successfully operated with five or less National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit violations during the 1987 calendar year. Way to Operate!



The prized Water Department volleyball trophy once again is in the clutches of the Baxter Water Treatment Plant team, which, in all fairness, did win the trophy in championship playoffs against Southeast Construction for a second year in a row. After the game, Southeast team members were seen beating each other up.



Draw!

The Pipeline, long in search of a cartoonist, is sponsoring a cartoon contest to flush out would-be artists. Cartoon material may be "drawn" from all subjects, but preference will be given to those cartoons related to water. Winners will be made famous through publication in the fall edition of the Pipeline. Send entries in care of the Pipeline, 3rd floor, ARA.

Third Annual Open House

See the Baxter Water Treatment Plant up close and personal at this year's Open House on Saturday, October 15, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tours of facilities, equipment demonstrations, water refreshments and more!



The Water Department's lead ad-mat as it appeared in area newspapers.

Lead Advice

Within the past few months, the Water Department's 500,000 customers started receiving the Department's new brochure, "Lead, Your Drinking Water and You," with their regular billing statements. The brochure outlines the facts about where lead in drinking water comes from. It also provides tips on what people can do to prevent it from leaching into their home water supplies. Although the city's drinking water is lead-free, we're providing this brochure as a public service to our customers, assuring them continued high-quality drinking water.

ACHIEVEMENTS



Gregory Josephs accepting his certificate.

Dr. Ewaugh Finney Fields, Dean of Drexel's University College, presents Gregory Josephs of Design with a certificate recognizing his initiation into the Eta chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda, the national co-ed honorary fraternity for outstanding upperclassman. Gregory recently received his Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering at Drexel.

Congratulations to Thomas B. Gwydir, Jr., Northeast Abatement, for being granted his Professional Engineer's License.

Congratulations to Frank X. Fortino, Construction, on receiving his Professional Engineer's License on February 29, 1988.

On May 23, 1988, Michelle Taylor, NEWPCP, became the only woman Heavy Equipment Operator in the entire City.

Joe Crumety, TPO II at the Northeast Water Pollution Control Plant, may have a ticket to the 1992 Olympics...and that ticket may be his 18-year-old daughter Donna. In early March, Donna, who was a senior at Hallahan High School, became the state champion in the long jump and triple jump at the Pennsylvania Indoor Track and Field Championships at Lehigh University. Donna's leaps of 18 feet, 6 inches in the long jump and 37¼ in the triple jump marked two personal bests. The Inquirer, recognizing a good athlete when it sees one, named Donna "City Athlete of the Week" in March. Rumor has it that Donna got her running talents from her dad. Can anyone at the Northeast verify?

WEDDING BELLS

Dory Key, of Water Personnel, to Anthony Taylor, on September 10, 1988.

Carla Senss, of CBIS, and Bob Gonsiewski, of Industrial Waste, on November 26, 1988.

Karen Coleman, Sewer Maintenance, married William Stewart on July 29, 1988.

Michelle Geneine Jerry, Customer Affairs, married Vincent Mason on August 6, 1988.

BIRTHS

Bob Rotermund, of Southwest Abatement, a girl, Britta, 5 lbs., 3 oz., on May 28, 1988.

Daniel Hazley, Meter Shop, a boy, Daniel Patrick, 9 lbs., 4 oz., on April 18, 1988.

Jim Cantz, Southwest Water Pollution Control Plant, a boy, Matthew James, 7 lbs., 4 oz., on February 26, 1988.

Diane Jackson, Sewer Maintenance, a boy, William Mark, 6 lbs., 4 oz., on March 26, 1988.

Jerome Shabazz, SEWPCP, a boy, Akmal Humam, 10 lbs., 9 oz., on August 23, 1988.

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