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## Friendly Philly Welcomes All

Philadelphia is a city mainly known for historical facts—William Penn on City Hall, the signing of the Declaration of Independence and Betsy Ross' house. Let's face it though, they're pretty dull after seeing them a few times. Other things most people from Unami associate with Philadelphia are murders and muggings. Actually, Philadelphia is a safe and even nice-looking place . . . if you walk on the right streets.

On weekends, a train from Chalfont costs \$1.65 one way and drops you off right in Center City. It is easy to find your way around if you remember that the numbered streets run north to south. The "tree" streets (Chestnut, Spruce, Pine, etc.) run east to west.

Hungry from your hour-long train ride, there is a huge choice of places to eat. Virtually every street corner has a hot dog vendor (with soft pretzels and sodas). This is one of the cheapest meals, and can be eaten in a park or in Rittenhouse or Washington Square, depending on which side of the city you'd like to visit. There are plenty of old favorites like McDonald's and Gino's also. Delicious French pastries can be found at the restaurant/bakery Conversation on 1642 Pine Street. Hillary's Ice Cream Parlor at 1929 Chestnut Street has been voted as having the best ice cream by *Philadelphia Magazine* for three years in a row. It deserves that honor.

Most everyone has heard of "The Gallery" mall, but there are more great places to shop in Philly. Near the Delaware River are New Market and Headhouse Square, which have all sorts of stores. Chestnut Street is also a good place to shop. Besides having lots of stores, only buses and police cars are allowed to drive on it during the day.

Of course there are more things to Philadelphia than food and shopping. There's culture at the art museum, science at the Franklin Institute, and an abundance of plays and movies. It's also exciting just to look around and discover places on your own.

## The Seventies Seemed Surprising

It may be hard to believe, but we've lived through our first full decade. Have you ever wondered what the 1970's will be remembered for in the future? If the fifties symbolize rock and roll and the sixties symbolize hard rock, inevitably the seventies will be remembered for disco. "Saturday Night Fever" started a national trend.

A good way to describe the movies of the seventies is with two words, "sequels" and "remakes." Despite that, Woody Allen's comedies were always something new. Disasters made many appearances with films like *Airport*. *Jaws* was made and was the biggest money maker of all time until *Star Wars* in 1977 topped it.

We were not strangers to real disasters. At least two major gas shortages hit America. Skylab blasted off in 1973 and blasted back in the summer of 1979. The nuclear accident at Three Mill Island started new protests. A major discovery, but not a disaster, was the first test-tube baby.

One entertainment figure kept us up to date on all the political issues. His name is Archie Bunker. He showed his "support" for the Nixon administration and his outrage at the peace protests.

Jogging and tennis will probably be remembered as the decade's leading sports. Skateboards and roller skates made a comeback. Nadia Comaneci scored a perfect ten in the 1976 Olympics. Hank Aaron beat Babe Ruth's homerun record.

Of course, there is no way to sum up a full decade in one small article. Much more happened, things that we were too young to remember or may have already forgotten. Whatever happened to streaking, "Feelings," Farrah Fawcett, or mood rings? What will happen in the 1980's? We only have to wait a few days to find out.