



# Lost time regained by fans of Philly history

**Gone, but not forgotten.** From Stetson hats to Market Street ferries, the lost world of old Philly is under our feet.



Book cover / PROVIDED

If you go

## 'Lost Philadelphia'

Tonight at 6, Free Philadelphia History Museum, 15 S. Seventh St.

Two aficionados of Philadelphia's unique style teamed up for a book project that showcases invisible pieces of the past.

"San Francisco had an earthquake and Chicago

had a fire. We, on the other hand, more than any other city in America, preserved and repurposed lots of 18th and 19th century-style buildings," said Ed Mauger, 70, co-author of "Lost Philadelphia" and a Philly tour

guide for more than 10 years.

"Lost Philadelphia" features about 150 photographs of the city's former great architectural standouts accompanied by detailed historical informa-

tion, with an emphasis on institutions that failed to stand the test of time.

"They're lost in that they're lost to their original purpose," Mauger said of buildings such as Eastern State Penitentiary and the Stetson hat factory.

Other places include the historic Dunbar Theatre, a black-owned theater on Lombard and Broad streets. It was a gem in the historic corridor along Lombard and South Streets that "was like Philadelphia's very own Harlem," said co-author Bob Skiba, 63.

"Social history doesn't

really leave a visible footprint," said Skiba, a Philly tour guide for 14 years, who also offers tours of the Gayborhood.

The book includes the grittier side of history, with information about the historic Tenderloin district.

"Today we have 1,200 legal [alcohol] licenses in Philadelphia. But it was estimated in any year during Prohibition that there were 12,000 speakeasies in Philadelphia," Skiba said.

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## The gifts that just keep on Giving Back

Tracy Buchholz, left, from the Support Center for Child Advocates helps sort donated toys as part of her nonprofit's participation in Giving Back day on Tuesday. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

## Convicted. Former Philly officer lied to help drug traffickers

Former Philadelphia Police officer Rafael Cordero, 52, was convicted Monday of interfering with a federal investigation, officials said.

Cordero, a 23-year veteran of the force, fed information to his half-brother David Garcia, a member of a drug trafficking organization led by Christian Serrano and Edwin Medina, about the investigation into their illegal activities.

In 2011, Cordero told Garcia about a surveillance camera installed at a garage at 538 East Indiana Ave. in Kensington by the DEA to monitor Serrano and Medina's activities.

After law enforcement raided several locations associated with Medina and Serrano, Cordero

### Details of charges

Cordero was convicted of:

- Lying about conversations with his half-brother.
- Lying about why he was at a garage under surveillance by the DEA.
- Lying about sharing info on federal informants.

went to the garage at 538 E. Indiana Ave. and was looking in the windows when he was spotted by law enforcement.

Cordero could face up to 20 years in prison at sentencing on March 3.

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### Busted

## Teacher arrested on child pornography

alleging he possessed and shared child pornography.

Pennsylvania State Police recovered videos showing young children being sexually assaulted

### By the numbers

# 160

Minutes of video found

education teacher at the Chester County middle school for 11 years, faces 13 felony charges, including dissemination of child pornography.

child pornography that allegedly led to Hamilton's Phoenixville home.

Police and school officials have indicated there is no evidence Hamilton