Resilient responses amidst turmoil

BY HARVEY WINIE

Turmoil has dominated national and international affairs and news beginning 2016. Local affairs and news also admit turmoil of unrest, inequities, violence, and challenges ahead. Review of 2015 and view of 2016 show resilient responses.

New Food and Beverage Choices Coming to Abbott Northwestern Hospital

BY ALISON PENCE, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – WEST METRO, ALLINA HEALTH

On December 1st, Abbott Northwestern Hospital and Allina Health announced that they were putting into action a new food and beverage policy starting in 2016. These changes will include removing sugary drinks and deep-fat fried foods from all cafes, vending machines and gift shops. As part of this change, the hospital has terminated the lease with the McDonald’s that has been located inside the hospital for many years. The McDonald’s will close by the end of May.

The decision to create a policy such as this one and to remove the McDonald’s restaurant was not one that was made easily or quickly. For many years, both Allina Health and Abbott Northwestern Hospital have been looking at the role that lifestyle choices make in the health of our patients, their families, our staff and community members.

We know that this change will have an impact on the options available in our buildings, however as our President and CEO, Dr. Penny Wheeler has said “As an organization focused on health, it is our responsibility to model and encourage healthy choices.”

The new policy does not prevent employees and visitors from bringing their own food and beverages into the building, it just means that we will focus on selling healthier options to make it easier to choose healthy. Since the announcement, we have heard from a majority of our employees and visitors that they welcome the coming changes.

Changes to the cafeteria, gift shop and vending choices are currently underway to reflect our new focus. In early 2016, Abbott Northwestern will begin the planning process for the new focus.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day TOWN HALL MEETING Monday • Jan 18th 6:00 - 8:00 PM Phillips Community Center 2323 Elevation Avenue South, Mpls. 55404 Use West Parking Lot & MGd. Entrance

Phillis Community Center

Addressing ISLAMOPHOBIA

"Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God’s Children. The time is always right to do what is right."

BY MPRB STAFF, [ABRIDGED BY ED.]

After a year of condition and service level public meetings of 157 City neighborhood parks, MPRB Supt. Jayne Miller gave Closing the Gap: Investing in Neighborhood Parks initiative recommendations to commissioners.

Miller shared ballot language for a Nov. 2016 referendum, an implementation plan, and elements of an agreement with the Mpls. City Council.

The MPRB is expected to act on the proposals Jan 20th. Miller will give the 2018-2022 Initiative specifics in April.

See Sup’t’s presentation www.minneapolisparks.org/closingthegap.

Background

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Go Home!

United States..."
"As an organization focused on health, it is our responsibility to model and encourage healthy choices."

BY ERIN THOMASON
Children & Family Programs
Family Storytime
Fri. 10:30 am. All ages & parent or caregiver. Talk, sing, read, write and play with books, stories, rhymes, music and movement. Puzzlemania!
Thurs. Aug 6 & 13, 2-3 pm. For families. Enjoy a variety of educational & fun puzzles & games!
Family Storytime
Fri. Aug 7 & 14, 10:30 am. All ages & parent or caregiver.
Franklin Teen Center Programs
Urban 4-H Club
Tues. 5-7 pm. From urban gardening to digital photos/video to theater.
Teen Tech Workshop
Wed. 4:30-6 pm. Get creative, make music, videos, animation & other projects using both high- & low-tech tools from iPads & 3D printers to synthesizers & sewing machines. Led by Teen Tech Squad.
Young Achievers
Thurs. 4:30-6 pm. Want community involvement? Bring your friends for poetry, arts, & games.
Adult Programs
Education Alternatives
Discussion Group
Mon, Jan 11, 1 pm. Join a monthly discussion of persistent problems in education & possible solutions centered around topics raised in Knowles Dougherty's blog: educationspersistentproblems.
Membor Writing Group
Thurs. Jan 21, 1 pm. Want to create a record of personal history? Bring what you have written & are willing to read to the group for helpful comments & suggestions.

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Come to an enrollment fair at one of our locations for information and help enrolling and meet with our certified MNsure Navigators
Open enrollment period to apply for insurance benefits is Nov. 1, 2015 – Jan. 31, 2016

Waite House
2323 11th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN, 55404

Thursday, January 21st, 2016
3 PM - 6 PM

Assistance offered in English and Spanish. Hablamos Español.

Munchies, Music & Movement at Ebenezer Tower Apartments

Do you want to have fun, be connected and learn something new?

Munchies, Music & Movement is a project of Phillips Wellness 50+, a grassroots movement of people aged 50 and older supporting each other to improve health and well-being.

Joyce McAfee-Brown, Hennepin County Extension Nutrition Educator, will lead a series of eight sessions at Ebenezer Tower Apartments in early February. Contact Donna Nordin at 612-741-5180 or dnordin2@comcast.net for details.

Join us in Phillips Wellness 50+. It’s for you. It’s for all of us! Phillips Wellness 50+ is supported by the Vital Aging Network, HealthPartners and a Bush Foundation Community Innovation grant.
Grandson writes from scarce documents

**BY JOHN FERMAN, GUEST AUTHOR**

Inside the Main Lake Street Gates and just beyond the Civil War plots stands a columnar marble marker. Its legends are barely readable save for the name at the bottom: FERMAN.

This columnar, marble marker lies just inside the Main Lake Street Gates and beyond the Civil War plots. Its legends are barely readable save for the name at the bottom: FERMAN. It marks the gravesites of John Christian Ferman, Josephine (Josefsen) Ferman—his wife—and their eldest daughter and youngest son. This photo was taken by Grandson John Ferman.

Descendant of Norwegian seafarers chose baking, centuries later in Norway and in Minneapolis

BY JOHN FERMAN, GUEST AUTHOR

In any event, John was a baker at the Bantly Bakery at 89 S.E. Main Street in 1884. October 25 of that year he married Josephine Josefsen. They were to have five children between 1886 and 1889, three survived to adulthood. John was a baker at 320 Cedar Avenue in 1893 and continued there until 1912. John also baked at 231 Cedar in 1913 and 2106 4th Avenue in 1914 and returned to 320 Cedar for 1915. John passed away October 18, 1917.

Prepared by grandson from a dearth of actual records.

The Phoenix Rises Again!

**BY PATRICK CABELLO HANSEL**

What do we look for when the sunset sky/stirs up the crows? John Richard.

The 2nd issue of “The Phoenix of Phillips”, our neighborhood’s own literary magazine, will be an insert in the February issue of The Alley. But you can get a preview copy and hear some of the writers at its Coming-Out-Party, Thursday, January 28 at 7 pm at the Midtown Global Market. Writers young and old will read at the Midtown Global Market.

The Phoenix of Phillips is a part of the Semilla Center for Healing and the Arts of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church at 2742 15th Ave S. Over the past nine years, Semilla (seed in Spanish) has taught over 2000 people mosaics, murals, photography, dramatic creative writing and other art forms. Professional artists, working with community residents, have installed 22 murals and over 50 other public art place holders. In 2016, partners will include Andersen United School (Go Phoenixes!), Roosevelt High School, St. Paul’s Home (low-income senior housing) and the Multiple Sclerosis Achievement Center.

At the January opening, you will also be able to see the youth photography project of St. Paul’s Semilla Center. Youth photographers from ages 7 to 18 have created a beautiful documentary of “My Beautiful Community”. You will also hear about Semilla’s April National Poetry Month Event: “Word-Image-Power” which will connect literary and visual artists in a series of hands-on activities, open mics and exhibitions.

The next issue of The Phoenix of Phillips will be out in June, on the theme of “This is My Story”. Information on submissions and other activities of the Semilla Center can be obtained by e-mail at stpaulscreate@gmail.com or calling 612-724-2862.

These activities are made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund. Additional funding through a partnership with Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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Free Food and Clothes
In Cedar Field Park

They came on a pre-Christmas Saturday to Cedar Field Park. They hung cloths on the baseball backstop – piled more clothes and boxes of shoes under them. They set up tables and a generator and emptied cans of soup in heated crockpots. For the rest of the day, they served hot soup to the people of East Phillips. Neighbors and passersby stopped to talk, eat and pick out what they needed: a pair of pants, a warm shirt, shoes or jacket.

Everyone enjoyed the hot soup and winter cloths and some wondered who these generous people were who chose to remain anonymous behind their Guy Fawkes masks.

The EPIC Board of Directors usually meets on the FIRST Saturday of the month – Next Meetings:
Saturday, 1/9/2016 and 2/6/2016 at 10:00 AM. (Note: The Jan. meeting is moved back 1 week)

The EPIC Community Meetings are on the SECOND Thursday – Next Meetings;
Thursday, 1/14/16 and 2/21/2016 at 6:30 PM
Agenda includes Neighborhood Industrial Pollution, Crime Initiatives, and EPIC project updates.

The East Phillips Park Programming Partnership meets on the LAST Tuesday – Next meetings;
Join us 1/26/16 and 2/23/16 at 11:30 AM. Lunch is served.

For Your 2016 Calendar: * Happy New Year!

The East Phillips Community 17th Ave. Gardeners meet on the second Saturday of Each Month during the gardening season, normally from April through September. Next meetings are Saturday, 4/9/2016 & 5/14/2016 at 9:00 AM at the Community Center at 2307 17th Ave. S. Subsequent meetings will be held in the Garden.

* East Phillips Residents wanting a 2016 Garden Plot, contact Brad Pass at 612-916-8478
* Watch this space for additional or changed meeting information

For Your 2016 Calendar: * Happy New Year!

East Phillips Improvement Coalition

Watch this space for additional or changed meeting information

East Phillips Improvement Coalition

Join us for the
MIDTOWN PHILLIPS
COMMUNITY DINNER & ANNUAL MEETING
Tuesday, February 23
5:30-7:30pm
Andersen Community School cafeteria
1098 Andersen Lane, Minneapolis

All are welcome!
Learn more about what’s going on in your community, the resources it offers, and how you can be more involved.
Social hour and dinner 5:30-6:15pm;
Program 6:15, 7:30pm
– FREE Dinner catered by Salsa a la Salsa
– Speakers & Entertainment!
– Neighborhood Reports
– Info and Resource Fair
– New Board Elections of:
  • CEO
  • Board Chair
  • Board Vice Chair

Join us for a HUD- and NSP-approved Home Stretch Homebuyer Workshop
Find out if homeownership is right for you, if now is the time, and how to qualify.
Come in to meet with a homeownership advisor to talk about your personal path to homeownership.
Homeownership advising is free!

For more info: PRG, Inc.
www.prginc.org • 612.721.7556

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Join us for a HUD- and NSP-approved Home Stretch Homebuyer Workshop

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2015: A Year In Review

January: Neighborhood Priority Plan - It took a month to prepare and took a year to get approved.
February: Neighborhood Priority Plan - Parks and Swimming are major issues for designated spending.
March: Editorial - Suggested that Ventura Village create Street Ambassadors for year-around clean-up.
April: Editorial - Why is Park Planning So Problematic? Blue Cross/Blue Shield Awards Bocce Ball Grant.

June: Bernie Sanders Brings Down the House - Thousands attend Indian Center Rally - Backyard Proposal
July: Minneapolis Schools Announces Pool Partnership - Bocce Ball Debut part of East Phillips Celebration
August: Open Streets - Franklin Avenue Event Preview: Music, Bike Rodeo, Bocce Ball, Community Tables

September: Phillips Community Open House - Neighbors weigh in on PCC Pool Design Presentations
November: Mashkikiit Gitigan Harvest Party Story - Dona Rosa, Ventura Villages Farming Asst. Introduced
December: New Ventura Village Board Elections - Pool test filling - Saturday Indoor Bocce Ball Games

Martin Luther King Day Community Forum is Monday, January 18th

How Should the Phillips Community Address Islamophobia?

A Community Forum Hosted by Siad Ali
Minneapolis School Board Member

Next Ventura Village Monthly Meetings:
January 28th: Housing & Land Committee: 5:30 PM
January 28th: Crime & Safety Committee: 6:30 PM
February 2nd: Wellness, Gardening & Greening: 6:30 PM
February 3rd: Community Engagement Committee: 6:00 PM
January 13th Board of Directors Meeting: 6:00 PM
January 13th: General Membership Meeting: 7:00 PM

Ventura Village is located upstairs in the Phillips Community Center at 2323 - 11th Avenue South • Minneapolis • 612-874-9070
Your paint!

Grant. We've had some gener-

ous massive and unsightly trucks,

In the most recent histori-

cal, political, and economic foun-

dations of urban planning, it is

able to grasp the full breadth and

depth of the issues, and the

Our focus will be

pool right here, in the heart of the

no access fee for people to use the

pool that is there and the needs of

There is a potential “Angel

The program is funded by a fee on the sale of new paint that

will contribute $50,000, pending

The Alley Annual

The Alley is social!

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2015 Re- FRONT

Put it in The Alley & it

HN Cty Library has reprinted The Alley 1976 thru 2007 and Bound in 13 volume set at Main Lib
is bound for the future library and Franklin Library. This year they will reprint and bind 2008 thru 2011. THANK YOU.
2015 was a very good year for The Alley Newspaper

Early in December we asked a group of Alley Communications stakeholders, this question: What role does The Alley Newspaper serve?

In Mid-December, we exhibited examples of their answers at the American Swedish Institute’s Holiday Open House and beginning of a year-long celebration of The Alley Newspaper’s “Life After 40”!

In Mid-February, we’ll have another opportunity for readers and supporters to offer their ideas and financial support as we continue our “Life After 40” celebration.

The February 12th event, “Heart to Heart Evening with The Alley,” at the Midtown Global Market, 920 East Lake Street, 5:30 to 7:30. Enjoy a piece of 40th Anniversary Cake.

The Alley Newspaper is...

Lifting Every Voice
• Helping to distribute the annual “Phoenix of Phillips” magazine
• “Raise Your Voice” column by Peter Molenaar
• Franklin Learning Center stories

Connecting Neighbors
• News from and by Ventura Village Neighborhood Association, Phillips West Neighborhood Organization, Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Improvement Association, and East Phillips Improvement Coalition
• Photo documentation of “Amen Corner” produced by the Communities of Light/Rebirthing Communities of the BYI

Documenting History
• The Alley Newspaper in numerous volumes at the public libraries
• Tales from Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery
• Tributes to elders who have passed on

Facilitating Deliberation
• Phillips Aquatic Center: 4 Page Special Section and consistent articles on this development
• Presenting various viewpoints on the Village Market Proposal Development
• Updates on the Midtown Cepro Site Park

Advocating on Issues
• Roof Depot Acquisition Proposal by City of Mpls.
• Pedestrian Safety
• Building Healthy Community Backyard Initiative (BYI)

Back Page
• Special gardening insert-2015 co-produced with the BYI Growing the Backyard CHAT
• Helping to lead the BYI Communications CHAT (Community Health Action Team)

Promoting Art and Culture
• In the Heart of the Beast Theatre history project and performances
• Open Eye Figure Theatre performances
• Semilla project coverage of poetry, ceramics and photography
• Responsible journalism
• Citizen involvement
• Spirit of Phillips cartoons
• Contact us for how YOU or your organization can be involved with The Alley Newspaper in 2016!

JANUARY WITH PANGEA

Check out these events from Pangea & our partners!

Lake Street Arts!
Poetry Open Mic
Friday, January 22, 7:30 pm
Pangea World Theater Studio

Café con Pan by LUCA
Saturday, Jan 16, 3:00-5:00 pm
Plaza Centenario

Lake Street Arts!
Open Ensemble
Monday, Jan 25, 6:00-8:00 pm
Pangea World Theater Studio

Lake Street Arts!
At the Market
Pangea poets & guests performing at the Midtown Global market!
Thursday, Jan 21, 5:00-6:00 pm
Midtown Global Market

Lake Street Arts!
Stories Matter
Saturday, January 30, 7:30 pm
Pangea World Theater Studio

Find out more at Facebook.com/PangeaWorldTheater, or email us at pangea@pangeaworldtheater.org
Resilient responses amidst turmoil

A. “Alley-oops” is when a basket-ball player throws the ball near the basket and another player stuffs it through the net for a score. All Communications gives chances for others to “score” by telling their stories and opinions.

B. American Indian Community Development Corporation and Indian Health Board bought the Blue Nile Restaurant; now what?

C. Changing Climate and the Accord agreed by 195 nations in Paris is a monumental task. Negotiating for Change in the Phillips Neighborhoods that were ill-advised are ready for action in 2016.

D. Buildings between 19th and 21st Avenues on Lake Street and the Brown Institute/Community Ed Bldg. at Hiawatha and Lake will be razed for new developments. Action is still happening to save the history of one of these structures that has been a church, a lodge hall, and a factory for Burma-Shave and its highway ad signage.

E. Enlarging Great Northern Corporation and employment at Franklin Street Bakery results in closing of this production plant.

F. Finalizing of scope, plans, and finances of the renovation and reopening of the Phillips Pool into the Phillips Aquatic Center begins a new era in the five-decade saga of this 1972 addition to Wendell Phillips Junior High School, demolished in 1984.

G. Gardening for Health by individuals, block cubs, and organizations to localize healthy food supply and encourage that availability to everyone.

H. Hope Community and Aeon Corporation completed their acquisition and newest building—The Rose, named for Sister Rose Tillmans, founder of Peace House—of affordable housing and retail on all four corners of Franklin and Portland Avenues thus adding to three decades of community organizing and sustainable development of that northwest segment of Phillips Community.

I. Light Rail Transit has been a catalyst for apartment and retail development wherever rails are laid. One of the most collaborative such actions began and will continue for a decade in four phases costing $200 Million at Hiawatha and Lake Street. Partners are Corcoran Neighborhood Organization, Midtown Farmer’s Market, Hennepin County, BVK Group and L&H Station Development, LLC. Resulting in 100,000 square feet of County social service offices, about 16,000 square feet of retail space and up to 565 housing units—all built around an outdoor public market close to a busy light rail stop.

J. Jousting by City; the land use dispute at the Roof Depot site between neighbors and City of Mpls. is like a martial game between two horsemen wielding lances endeavoring to strike the opponent while riding towards one another at high speed to break opponent’s lance or knock the opponent off the horse. Once defeated by neighborhood opposition and Owner’s decision to not sell, the City surprised all by pulling out a new weapon, eminent domain, prolonging the contest and betraying neighborhood preferences.

K. Keeping Vigilance is a constant necessity adhering to the advice of Wendell Phillips, “Power is ever stealing from the many to the few.”

L. Laundering by Norway House in their newly purchased building at Elliott and Franklin Avenues until they demolished the building after raising $13 Million to build Phase II of their plans. Meanwhile success exceeds projections of their new gallery, Also Ingebetrens Deli and Gift Shop, and office complex.

M. Morphing of the space between 14th and 15th on East Lake Street from eight decade, staple clothing retailer Kaplan Bros upscale Quxlowl Restaurant opening soon.

N. Negotiating for Change in Equity and Power .

O. Organizing continues annually in superb fashion for the Green Sweep/Clean Sweep Events. Neighborhood Festivals, and Annual Gatherings.

P. Protesting Traffic Dangers that trouble pedestrians, bikers and drivers at many local spots; this year attention was drawn to the hazards where 11th Avenue intersects with 26th Street without protective signage or street marking.

Q. Quoting Wendell Phillips often monthly and turning 90+ into cartoons for our edification, Dave Moore and Linnea Hadaway bring his social justice campaign into the 21st Century from the 19th Century. See Dave’s written version of his rap/spoken word poem explaining Wendell Phillips the Agitator on page 11 of this Alley Newspaper.

R. Rising of East Franklin Avenue and East Lake Street over the past four and one half decades is remarkable and not as heralded as it deserves. Why?

S. Staging possibilities by PPL remains to be seen as they utilize the New Franklin Theater building they bought in December adjacent to their 11th and East Franklin headquarters.

T. Talking Together happens a lot in our communities although there can never be too much as long as it leads to cohesiveness and sustainable results.

U. Uprooting Banyan Community to their new building where Groundbreaking happened in 2015, will happen in 2016 on 13th Avenue between 25th and 26th Streets while still leaving them “rooted” in programming in the Phillips Community. They have been at 26th and Bloomington after their beginning on 25th and 16th Avenue.

V. Voting in 2016 will have substantial impact on the future.

W. Welcoming Immigrants to an immigrant community is a constant obligation and privilege.

X. Xenophobia and printing happen more than is healthy for everyone just like everywhere else.

Y. Yearning for justice and peace continues to keep hope alive and stimulate action.

Z. Zoning of Biking lanes happened with substantial changes to driving lanes and some amenities that were ill-advised are already changed. Reviews of the changes are mixed; a full year of use is needed for an accurate assessment of their value use.
Franklin Learning Center Stories

The city in 2065
Ogasu

City will be a most beautiful city. They will build a new model. The government will hire more security. The people will live in suburbs; government people will live in the cities – machines will clean the cities. It will be paradise.

Learning English.
Amina

My name is Amina Ahmed. I am a student in the Franklin Learning Center. I learn math and English reading and writing. When I came in the library, I didn’t speak English or read or write. Now I can speak English and write. Now I can speak English and write. Now I can speak English and write. Now I can speak English and write. Now I can speak English and write.

FLC Student working with Tutor Joan

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FLC Student Ivan

I am taking driver’s lessons, will you help me?” His uncle laughed at him and said, “My nephew, do you remember when you said to me to send money? I said to you, I didn’t have money. You had money, but you believe me today.” My cousin said, “Yes, that is true my uncle. Sorry about that. I didn’t believe that someone in America didn’t have money. I have more experience now.” My uncle said, “Come back to me and I will help you, if Allah accepts me. You will feel better.” After six months my cousin got a driver’s license and he became a truck driver. Now he has money and is a businessman.

Franklin Ave.

Today in early morning I was coming back from work and was it was snowing so hard that I could hardly see the road. After I parked my car at home and got out, I froze in amazement how beautiful it was outside. Snow covered roads, and parked cars. Tree branches were covered with white and reflection from the lights made them bright and shiny. Streets empty of people and moving cars were quiet and peaceful. Light snow was covering me and everything around me, making me forget my hard day work. Then I realized how much I miss this amazing time of year.

Feeling Proud
Said

One time when I felt proud of myself was when I recommend good education to my sister. She didn’t like school and learning from books. Only cooked and stayed home. I encouraged her to like education. When I gave her the recommendation, she told me, “I want to be young and have time to learn.” Finally, when she was 17 years old, she took my recommendation and she came back to school. She succeeded at her education and I was happy.

My Story
Abdi

My name is Adio. I am from Mogadishu, Somalia, but I am an American now. I came to America in 1999 with my friend and her daughter. I came without any English. In my house in Mogadishu, I did not see any cockroaches or mice. In my first house in Bridgeport, Connecticut, I saw both cockroaches and mice. I did not believe I was in America. I came to Minneapolis in 2001. I am learning English. I like Franklin Learning Center. The staff are friendly, helpful, and encouraging. I live in a nice, clean building. No cockroaches or mice. I believe I live in America. Thank you everyone.

The Two People are Puppets
Brian

I saw some puppets on the way to the learning center on Saturday. They were characters on the street near Holiday gas station. One was green and the other one was pink. The green one reminded me of John Deere. I want to leave class and go watch the puppets.
No…and lucky for us the ‘eternity from a ‘static singularity.’

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forthcoming exam on the subject of the ‘cosmic holes’ and other.

friends and neighbors, the universe oscillates within the cosmos. As we come to recognize change as the eternal constant, we become consistent with ‘dialectical-materialism,’ i.e., the philosophy elaborated by Marx, Engles, and Lenin. “There can be no straight and pure path to socialism,” said Lenin. So, all things considered, at this time, I suggest we walk with Bernie Sanders. Frankly, the next Big Bang will take a while to develop.

Peter Molenaar
Raise Your Voice

soon enough convene themselves to commence the next contraction phase…moving inexorably to that nanosecond of maximum compression, and then again BANG, and infintum.

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Frank Reflections

Disparities between White Supremacists, Somali-Americans today, and Dakota people 153 years ago

BY FRANK ERIKSON

How can White Supremacists who actually tried to kill people, who actually put bullets into five Black men of Black Lives Matter, not be charged with attempted murder…yet five Somali-American men are fighting charges of attempted murder and they never shot anyone; they tried to plan a terrorist attack where they would try to kill people—they only tried to go to Syria to fight for ISIS. How can White Supremacists who were part of the group who tried to kill people, get to go home after being questioned by the police, because they were not “at the scene of the crime” yet the five Somali-American men were not at any scene of a terrorist act, but they do not get to go home. They may face decades in prison.

How can Whites who tried to kill people get lesser charges than Blacks who didn't try to kill anyone, but only tried to join a terrorist group? How can Whites who are actually in a terrorist group and doing terrorist things, like trying to murder people, be in less trouble than Blacks who only tried to join a terrorist group?

And for those being critical of Somali men fleeing Syria and not fighting ISIS, how would they have defined Dakota men fleeing this area and not fighting the invading Whites? Would they see them the same as they see the fleeing Syrian men—that they did not stand up and fight the invading evil, doing what is best for the world?
What is the purpose of the BYI Communications CHAT?

“This CHAT works to lessen and ultimately eliminate the divide between people who have information and those who do not so that everyone has the opportunity to be engaged in a healthy community.”

What is the role of the Communications CHAT as part of the BYI?

The BYI Communications CHAT is a resource to the BYI in two important, general ways:

1. Internal to BYI: Assists in CHAT teams learning about the activities of other CHAT teams and to discover ways to lend expertise to each other. This internal communication helps to strengthen the relationships between individuals within the BYI and thereby strengthens the entire Backyard Initiative.

2. External to the BYI: We also support the CHAT teams communicating in their own words and ideas to the 42,000 residents and 15,000 households in the Backyard area. The Communications CHAT continues to employ methods of conveying what the Backyard Initiative is, its history, its governance structure, and the knowledge it is producing. A few examples of these internal and external strategies include:
   - Beginning in April 2013, through our partnership with Alley Communications, we featured a specific CHAT team or BYI activities on the back page of The Alley Newspaper. This monthly feature is named, “The BYI Back Page.” Each of these BYI Back Pages is produced by members of a particular CHAT.
   - This opportunity provides key learning in how to communicate with other community-based media, build on the assets of the CHAT, and communicate in a CHAT’s own words rather than being represented by others.
   - We helped to coordinate a show featuring 3 BYI CHATs on the Truth To Tell KEAI radio show.
   - The Communications CHAT represents the BYI at neighborhood events such as: Midtown Phillips Festival, Midtown Global Market Music Festival and Allina Volunteer Fair.
   - BYI Back Pages and the Definition of Health have been turned into posters so that CHAT teams can communicate about their BYI work at community and cultural events more specific to the individual CHAT teams. These posters and/or special features are, in turn, used to promote activities of the BYI and the CHAT. The 4-page special gardening insert in September of 2015 is an example of this feature.
   - Photo documentation has been done at many events to help BYI participants communicate in other ways than the written word.
   - An inventory of available meeting space in the BYI area is also being compiled for publication in early 2016.

Who is part of the Communications CHAT and how is Alley Communications involved?

Two people serve as lead contact people for the Communications CHAT: Susan Gust and Harvey M. Winje. Both of these individuals have been involved with the Backyard Initiative since 2008. As a trusted community-led media source, The Alley Newspaper was viewed as a means to help to communicate the principles, activities and the comprehensive work of the Backyard Initiative. Alley Communications, the publisher of The Alley Newspaper, holds very similar values as those of the Backyard Initiative—valuing the knowledge, expertise, assets and skills which are collectively held within the Community. By raising up this knowledge in our own voices, we have every possibility of creating a healthier community.