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Than When or If You Arrive…”*

* see pg. 7 for the rest of the quote

by Harvey Winje

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the Phillips Community about clearing land
of 27 homes and 5 businesses where a state
of the art, garbage transfer station was to be
built costing 10 million dollars. A diverse
community of homeowners and renters,
seasoned activists and passionate mothers
decided that their children were worth more
than what a garbage station represented and
that together, they would fight to prevent this
from occurring. The garbage transfer station
was not built in Phillips. In fact, it was not
built anywhere. Instead, the community did
the research to discover that they could save
Hennepin County these many millions of
dollars with a relatively simple remodeling
to the downtown incinerator to accept the
existing garbage trucks to operate efficient-
ly. This organizing effort became the catalyst
for The Green Institute.

Meanwhile, some of the activists combat-

The Alley’s Annual Fundraising
event persevered through
record snowfall!

The record-setting snowfall the
evening of The Alley Newspaper’s
Annual Meeting and Fundraising
Auction understandably limited
attendance and income for this
important event.

Bravo and thanks to the three
dozens who were able to navigate
the streets and snowdrifts.
Thank you also to the individuals
and businesses whose donations
were auctioned.

The Alley does need additional
financial contributions donations to
accomplish our work this New Year.

In spite of enormous snow drifts
and narrowed streets, the US mail
is still getting delivered remarkably
well. Please consider using the mail
and making a tax deductible con-
tribution to Alley Communications,
the community-owned nonprofit
that produces The Alley Newspaper.

Assist The Alley in 2011 to con-
tinue to ENGAGE and INFORM
about life in the neighborhoods of
Phillips Community and also reach-
ing into the Backyards of Central,
Powderhorn Park, and Corcoran
Neighborhoods.

Every increment of $5 is appreci-
ated. Give whatever amount you
can afford.

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the “donate now” button at www.
alleynews.org

Two Thousand Ten was a great journey for The Alley as we began in January with the Bound for the Future issue and published month after month of special neighborhood news on page one always being backed up on the inside by our exclusive, exceptional regular writers page after page. We invite readers to take a quick review of those front pages and a couple of capsule reviews of last year before turning your attention to our 2011 journey with our fine writers who are all “glad to be alive.”

Historical Commentary

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The Alley Newspaper is Bound for The Future!

Bound for the Future had two meanings for The Alley Newspaper in 2010 and now into 2011.

First, it means that the first 30 years of The Alley Newspaper are now reprinted on quality newsprint paper and the other 40 years are housed in two sets of 15, hardcover volumes. One set is available to the public at the Downtown Central Library and the other set is housed in the Hennepin County Library after an Alley volunteer spent hundreds of hours assembling a complete set of these many issues.

The next tasks are:
1. Minnesota Historical Society to complete 35 years of issues into microfilm.
2. Digitizing of the 35 years of issues.
3. Produce an index for use with all of the reproductions.

Secondly, “Bound for the Future” means that The Alley has survived for 35 years and is setting a course to continue publishing in 2011 this community-owned and governed newspaper. We hope it is also “bound for the future” while many small and large newspaper are ceasing production. This community-owned media vehicle continues to follow its mission to allow neighborhoods to talk to each other, “inform and engage” local residents and workers, advocate for causes of peace and justice, and invite everyone to tell a story.

We’re excited and cautious about this continuation. While there is great encouragement to continue publishing and to find the means to provide the financial support of this endeavor, it is a daunting task. We’re strengthened by the job knowing it is a valuable resource and that so many people read the paper and depend on it to be available to fulfill specific, respective purposes.

We invite others to help continue holding a vision of the future for the Phillips Community and beyond and to implement that vision. We are still looking for Board Members to help to guide our work, donations of money and articles, advertisers, and constructive critique. We appreciate hearing from our readers no matter what your views are because all views help us to serve our purpose. You can reach us at alleynews.org or 612-990-4022 or PO Box 7006, MPLS, MN 55407. All of us at Alley Communications wish you ample times of hope and joy in 2011.

What are the goals for content in each Alley Newspaper?

The Alley Newspaper is not classic journalism that strives for objectivity. The paper is subjective because it is written by people who live and work in the community and their experiences in doing so.

Ever wonder how The Alley arrived at its name? It acquired the name 35 years ago to represent the honest, person-to-person conversations that happen over the backyard fences of the community whether they are figurative or actual fences. The Alley name represents the common, everyday things that occur in backyards and alleys. The front yards do not necessarily preclude the day-to-day activities of the folks who live there.

The printed pages of an issue are finite and especially when we are limited to publishing only 8 pages per issue. So we have to make choices on what goes into each issue. We have a list of topics from which we strive to have something about every month.

Like a family’s income and expenses, The Alley’s ability to include or exclude those priorities each month is dependent on income. Though The Alley is a nonprofit organization, very little of our income comes from gifts or grants. Instead, we are dependent on having a steady stream of advertisers. Nonetheless, you can expect to see these topics from which we select each month:

- Advocacy of Community Interests
- Aesthetics and Architecture
- Arsenic
- Autistic Spectrum
- Good Food
- Healthcare
- History
- Literature
- Neighborhood News
- Opinion
- Resources
- Sports
- Stories of people’s Lives and Events
- Walking and Biking

If you would like to influence the paper’s content, if you would like to see us run an article about you, please contact the paper’s editor Harvey Winje. The Alley, please contact Harvey. The Alley wants YOU!


Peter Kirschmann, Eve MacLeish, Brenda Morrow, Leon Morrow, and Pamela Rivera knew that the December Phillips What Where photo (bottom 3 right photos) was at the corner of 26th Street and Hiawatha Avenue.

No one told us it is exactly nor did it nor did we that featured the beginning of this sculpture on the front page of The Alley, July 2010.

But Eve came closer with the following narrative so she wins this month’s gift certificate to Welna Hardware, “the image of the low-truck sculpture is part of the decorative wall metal sculptures along Hiawatha Avenue at 26th St. between 26th and 26th Mpls. Public Works Maintenance Facility. See some of the other vehicles to the right (bottom two pictures). The first part of the decoration, the metal mesh, aged nicely into rust before the vehicle sculptures went up. I enjoy this every morning on my way to work!”

So….FYI & I For Your Information and Inspiration to our Kaspari Owners.

Kaspari Design Services. Brad Kaspari was born in rural North Dakota and grew up on Northern Minnesota’s Iron Range. He has completed numerous public art commissions across the country, both as a solo artist and as a part of collaborative teams. His work ranges from temporary interactive sculptural installations to permanently scattered site sculptural objects, making to fully architecturally inte- grated projects such as terrazzo and decorative stone floorings treatments. He has received grants and awards from the McKnight and Jerome Foundations and the National Endowment for the Arts. He recently served on the public art planning and station design task force for Minnesota’s Hiawatha Light Rail extension.

Brad currently lives in Seward Neighborhood Minneapolis, Minnesota where he directs his own design and fabrication firm, Kaspari Design Services. For over twelve years Kaspari Design has been producing original public art commis- sion work, as well as, providing design, project management, and fabrication services for nationally recognized artists and corporate cli- ents.

Guess What AND Where the right top photo is and get a chance to be in a drawing for $10. Gift Certificate to Welna Hardware.
January Programs at the Franklin Library

BY ERIN THOMASON

Children's Programs

Family Storytime
Wed. Feb. 23, 10:30–11 a.m.
Age 2 & up: Share books, stories, rhymes, music, and movement with your children.

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Grow with the library/ Somali Play and Learn
Fri., thru Jan. 7 & 14, 10–11 a.m.
Library staff and preschool-grade 2. Dhamaan ama caawinaa kaa da’ digsa. Ka soo qaybgal Caruureed Af-Soomaali ah/
Age 2 & up. Share books, stories, waxaa lagu maalgaliyey lacag 6–7 p.m.

Hobbies

Teen Programs

Kids Book Club
Fri. Jan. 21, 4–5 p.m. Grade 2 and up.
Join us for winter-themed stories and games!

Wii at the Library
Thurs. thru Feb. 23, 4–4:30 p.m.
Grade 6 and up. Play Wii sports at the library! Grab a friend, bring your favorite board or card game, or play ours!

Music Listening Club
Wed. thru Feb. 16, 4:45–5:45 p.m.
Grade 6 and up. Listen to the sounds of Kayne West, MF DOOM, NAS and local artists such as Desdemona, Brother Ali and more! Focus will be on the lyrics, rhythm and sound by songs and listening to the way they’re recited through the songs.

Adult Programs

Seniors Play Reading Group
Fri., Jan. 14, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Join us for a stimulating morning of reading and discussion of some of the great plays of our heritage.

Career Discussion for Grandparents & Caregivers
Fri., Jan. 14, 1–3 p.m.
Join us for a stimulating discussion of nonfiction books. For additional information, call the library, 952-847-2925.

Philips Technology Center: register online for these and more at www.hclib.org or call 952-847-2925

Computer Basics Workshop
Thurs. Jan. 6, 7, 10a.m.–noon
Learn how to set tab stops, use bulleted lists, bold and italic formats to make your resume shine. Prerequisite: Microsoft Word. Basics or familiarity with word processing is highly recommended.

Microsoft Publisher: Basics
Thurs. Jan. 13, 7–8 p.m.
Registration required— register online or call 952-847-2925. Learn to use the menus and toolbars to create and publish your own flyers, brochures and greeting cards.

Franklin Learning Center:
75th Anniversary

Jan 6th (Thursday) 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. – Phillips West Community Meeting! Agenda items include: an update from the Midtown Global Market, Minneapolis Police Update and Discussion on Neighborhood Gang Characteristics presented by the Police Department, 2011 Street Resurfacing in Phillips West presented by Public Works, and a Children’s Hospital Continued Construction Update Presented by Lee from Children’s Hospital.

Jan 16th (Thursday) 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. – Phillips West Community Meeting! Agenda items include: an update from the Midtown Global Market, Minneapolis Police Update and Discussion on Neighborhood Gang Characteristics presented by the Police Department, 2011 Street Resurfacing in Phillips West presented by Public Works, and a Children’s Hospital Continued Construction Update Presented by Lee from Children’s Hospital.

Jan 20th (Thursday) 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. – Phillips West Community Meeting! Agenda items include: an update from the Midtown Global Market, Minneapolis Police Update and Discussion on Neighborhood Gang Characteristics presented by the Police Department, 2011 Street Resurfacing in Phillips West presented by Public Works, and a Children’s Hospital Continued Construction Update Presented by Lee from Children’s Hospital.

Jan 27th (Thursday) 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. – Phillips West Community Meeting! Agenda items include: an update from the Midtown Global Market, Minneapolis Police Update and Discussion on Neighborhood Gang Characteristics presented by the Police Department, 2011 Street Resurfacing in Phillips West presented by Public Works, and a Children’s Hospital Continued Construction Update Presented by Lee from Children’s Hospital.

Jan 31st (Monday) 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. – Phillips West Community Meeting! Agenda items include: an update from the Midtown Global Market, Minneapolis Police Update and Discussion on Neighborhood Gang Characteristics presented by the Police Department, 2011 Street Resurfacing in Phillips West presented by Public Works, and a Children’s Hospital Continued Construction Update Presented by Lee from Children’s Hospital.

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Bartered Health Care Fails in court

Tales from Pioneers & Soldiers Cemetery

The case as though Strebel had died intestate. Strebel’s small fortune was to be divided among 18 blood relatives. Dolly and her attorneys appealed the case to the District Court, but upheld the Probate Court’s decision.

George Strebel died from heart disease on October 21, 1916. His body was held in the cemetery’s vault for eight months, then buried, only to be exhumed shortly thereafter by identification of the remains by a man he had severed all ties decades earlier. He is buried to the left of the small obelisk (see arrow).
FOOD OBSESSION: FOOD AND CLASS

by Jane Thomson

Recently, an article in the November 29 Newsweek that claimed that eating habits and tastes are the new dividers of social class in America. Well-processed foods can be very organic, out-of-season and hard-to-find-foods, as they have access to high-end stores that enter these things and have the money to buy them when they are there. These foods are usually nutritious, delicious and satiating. One woman said that the article felt she was doing her part to make the world a better place by demanding such foods for her. She mentioned how the poor go to a convenience store or a huge supermarket and get the cheapest foods available and featured in coupons and price deals, foods that give quick satisfaction, little real nutrition and a load of calories.

It doesn't have to be this way. At Cedar Food and Grill, the grocery store at 2742 15th Ave S, Cedar Avenue, "M" is making sure that there are fresh fruits and vegetables overall foods available at a cheap and low-income customers. Wholesome foods, some even organic, can be found at some huge supermarkets. Your backyard garden and will yield organic and locally grown foods. Canning and freeze will make them last, with no waste. (Since an experience canning a pint of tomatoes in junior high school home ec class, I haven't canned any foods. I should read up on it and try it again.) Eating less meat, cooking at home also make for tasty, nutritious dinners – and again. (Eating less meat, cook- I should read up on it and try it again.)

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Right On Lake Street

The Green Institute’s Phillips EcoEnterprise Center Building at 2001 21st Avenue was sold to Wellington Management, also owner of Hi-Lake Shopping Center which Wellington purchased from the family of Erling Rice. Rice owned the shopping center at the time the original ReUse Center rented the large, former J.C. Penney store at the east end of 1980’s first “strip-mall” on Lake Street. At the signing of the ReUse Center lease in 1985, Erling Rice was still hoping that a grocery store could be there. Rice is credited with being the mastermind of developing the Red Owl store on this site (currently Savers ) as the first, warehouse size grocery store. When the whole shopping center was in financial trouble, he bought it with a former U of M classmate, Curt Carlson, founder of Gold Bond Stamps and Radisson Corporation. “Grocer” Erling’s, hopes have come true with the Add’s now on site.

The Original vision of the ReUse Center was for it to be a subsidiary of The Green Institute which would have allowed it to succeed or fail on its own. But, like a lot of parents, it is difficult to allow or accept your “first child” to just go off on its own and leave you. The deci- sion to allow the ReUse Center to become a subsidiary of The Green Institute was squared by a board of directors who did not know of the origins of The Green Institute or the ReUse Center and who also did not reside within the community that had conceived of these dynamic ini- tiatives. The ReUse Center became an essential financial component of The Green Institute and, in the end, shed to the needs of itself that would have allowed it to continue to grow and thrive (and in good faith sense) in the neighborhood and be more than just one more architectural salvage yard. Perhaps the greatest tragedy is that this community initiative that grew out of a great deal of struggle and plain hard old work by a diverse group of people and perspectives did not continue to find a way to be anchored and supported in the com- munity which had helped to nurtured its early years. Maybe the same decisions would have been reached but it would have at least subsided with a great deal more deserved appreciation and ceremony.

The idea is still a great one, right? Let’s hear YOUR IDEAS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MINNEAPOLIS REUSE CENTER!!!! Email editor@alleynews.org or send a comment to PO Box 7006, Mpls., MN 55407.

Editors Note: In an effort to be fully transparent, the Editor of The Alley was one of many volunteers in the early years and is married to the ReUse Center founder, Susan Gust who was the Director of the ReUse Center until May 1997. Information for this piece was obtained from her and the original business plan, meeting notes and anecdotal expe- riences of the ReUse Center staff. The business plan and other docu- mentation of the beginning years of the ReUse Center can be contacted by contacting The Alley Newspaper.
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

By AGATHA VAALER, GREEN INSTITUTE

On December 11, The Green Institute closed its Minneapolis ReUse Center store. The ReUse Center has struggled in recent years to meet its costs. The Maplewood ReUse Center store (1727 E Hwy 36 E, Maplewood, MN 55109) will remain open.

The Green Institute recognizes the symbolic value of the Minneapolis ReUse Center to many long-time Minneapolis residents, especially those who remember the grassroots struggle leading to its founding and impact on Phillips community revitaliza-tion and environmental advocacy in the 1990s. The Green Institute Board has taken a long term view, however, that includes an eventual re-establishment of ReUse Center operations in a more retail-friendly Minneapolis location.

The Green Institute Board President Lisa McDonald said, “Despite the closure of this Minneapolis store, the Green Institute is currently revamping its ReUse/Deconstruction model to make it profitable, to continue its mission focus and to have a presence in Minneapolis. The current board has been very involved on a day-to-day basis...I’m really proud to serve with such a great group of folks dedicated to continuing to operate and grow our business model.”

Minneapolis ReUse Center Closes

The business model of relying on in-person sales to local customers did not produce adequate revenue to weather the downturn in the economy nor to offset the high costs of real estate and running the program’s deconstruction services component. The Green Institute has spent the last seven months evaluating the current model for ReUse and Deconstruction in order to make strategic decisions that bring the program back into a leading position nationally and to make it increasingly effective at creating jobs, reducing land- fall waste and selling reclaimed building material to today’s Twin Cities’ customers. Included in these efforts is seeking a non-profit partner to run a deconstruction jobs training program and evaluating innovative retail strategies, including e-commerce capabilities and a revised model for conducting on-site sales.

If you have enjoyed the products, services or mission of the Green Institute, we would appreciate your support in any of the following ways: Make a monetary gift (Contribute via www.greeninstitute.org); Shop at the Maplewood ReUse Center, 1727 E Hwy 36, Maplewood, MN; Become a fan on Facebook (search “ReUse Center”). Join our email list by visiting www.theresecenter.com/membership.html.
What Democracy Looks Like

From the November/December issue of "Teamster" magazine:
Did you know that more than 750 Teamster women recently marched throughout downtown Minneapolis, coloring the city in a sea of pink and black rally signs? The chant “We’re Teamsters! We fight! We fight for workers’ rights!” was amplified by sky-scraper acoustics. The refrain “Workers ‘Yes’, Wall Street ‘No’” echoed.

The photo-journalist who covered the 2010 Teamsters Women’s Conference depicted the event with a multi-racial/multi-national collage. One beaming face was adored by the Muslim hajib. Message: no order of prejudicial exclusion is to be tolerated by our union movement.

Did you know that some 600 Teamsters National Black Caucus members recently walked gallantly through the streets of Washington, D.C.? “Civil rights and workers’ rights go hand-in-hand” was the theme. The 47th anniversary of Martin Luther King’s “I Have A Dream” speech was commemo-

Truthfully, every page of the “Teamster” depicts the face of democracy. In his lead article “Corporations Vs. Working Americans”, General President James P. Hoffa states: “The central political battle today is between the corporations on one side and the little guy on the other... The fight is about whether the government should protect corporate power to enrich a few billionaires, or restrict corporate power to protect the lib-

Peter Molenaar
Raise Your Voice

Drugs or toys to be safe... It’s why workers’ wages have stagnated or fallen over the past decade, and why so many families are losing their homes. It’s why so many jobs moved offshore so quickly...”

“Corporations have been wily about disguising their plans to further concentrate their wealth and influence. They’re adept at creating phony populist groups that claim to support individual freedom... I have a message for you. Concentration of wealth in too few hands will lead to ex- treme abuses of power and the destruction of your property and liberty. It’s the many of us vs. the few of them.”

Some strong and meaningful words have been issued. To which I will add: 1.) the class struggle and the struggle for democracy are intertwined 2.) democracy can never be fully secured under capi-

It’s why we can’t trust our food, came out of the ground—peeled, sliced, and deep fried. Salads were fresh but I ate are getting toppings with dressings that were made from everything that was not load-

And yet we have today... over 98 percent of all fast food restaurants have their food brought to the restaurant that has been pre-packed with some factory, with additives, preservative and fillers—hence your body’s need to help the food’s taste. To come to the aid of us to help enhance the food’s taste!

When was the last time you went into McDonald’s, Burger King or Taco Bell and actually watched the so-called “cooks,” cook your food? For me, the last time I went into Burger King I watched the “cooks” pre-made and cooked hamburger patty out of the freezer, plate it with cheese. I think they added orange; wrap it up in a wrap-

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Remember hearing about the lady that tried to sue McDonald’s because she was fat? Do you think the flavor enhancer that is in the food ever had anything to do with that? Not only with this whole aspect of our food being genetically “enhanced.” There has been a huge growth within the medical field as well. The pharmaceutical companies are also on the rise to help the doctors push all sorts of pills on you to compensate for all the extra additives that are put into our food.

In some aspects I feel this is one of the reasons why I am in the profession I am in. Don’t get me wrong, I love to cook. And I mean love to cook food, real food. There is so much that corporate America has failed to notice. At what price do we stop cutting out the meat and replace it with some by-product? How much stock do you have invested in your custom-

Food & Lack of Nutrition

By Randall Gray

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Health providers and community development organizations invited to work with Back Yard community

BY JANICE BARBEE, CULTURAL WELLNESS CENTER

Looking back over the activities and accomplishments of 2010, the partners of the Backyard Initiative have a lot to celebrate. The resi-
dents of the Backyard (Phillips, Powderhorn Park, Central, and Corcoran) and Alnila Hospitals and Clinics are creating a new kind of partnership to improve the health of the community.

On December 10, the Cultural Wellness Center and Alnila hosted a celebration of the BYI partners and other guests to learn about the Backyard Initiative and meet Dr. David Kindig, Emeritus Professor of Population Health Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, School of Medicine. Dr. Kindig shared Hennepin County’s scores from the County Health Rankings which ranks the overall health of every county in the state (available on www.countyhealthrankings.org).

The report, released by the University of Wisconsin’s Population Health Institute and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, is the first of its kind to measure the state of health of a county based on health measures and other key factors that affect health, such as smoking, obesity, binge drinking, access to primary care providers, rates of high school graduation, rates of violent crime, air pollution levels, liquor store density, unemployment rates and number of children living in poverty. A list of such measures, chosen by community residents, could be a tool to help the Backyard residents assess the health of the Backyard community.

Marcus Thyesgen, MD, presi-
dent of the Center for Healthcare Innovation at Alnila Hospitals & Clinics (the Backyard Initiative is an initiative of this Center) spoke about the need for a “new model” of partnerships between the local community and the health system.

To help change the way commu-
nity residents in the room relate to and work with the health system, we must find a way to work together with residents and the health system.

2. Dakota Language House CHAT: The house will be licensed as an extended family care home where up to 14 chil-
dren will be immersed in the Dakota language.

4. Backyard Orchard CHAT: To connect gay, lesbian, trans-
gender, and bisexual (GLBT) folks to health care and community resources and to the community.

4. Communications/Tell Me A Story CHAT: To lessen or eliminate the divide between people in the Backyard and those who don’t. This CHAT held a workshop in November to help CHAT partici-
pants to learn how to write and submit content to The Alley and other media sources.

5. Partnership of Diabetes (A-POD) CHAT: To provide sustainable, community-based support, strategies, planning and to help community members to help create healthier communities.

6. Backyard Clean Sweep CHAT: To share health information and support through the system of block clubs in the Backyard, and through the community-building CleanSweep event.

7. Anchor Families CHAT: This team is working to help families in the Backyard by helping to develop anchor families to help change the way community members relate to corporations and health care.

8. Latino/A Environmental Health Begins At Home: This CHAT’s vision is to create a healthier indoor environment for Latino families, build com-
munity between Latino families, and build momentum in the community to be a part of the broader environmental jus-
tice movement. The first stage of this effort is to help Latinas to make healthier products to live healthier ways to implement what they have learned, and support each other to maintain a healthy environment.

9. MN Integrates Health CHAT: Project SELF (Save, Educate, Liberate, Free) is an Integrative Health CHAT group that will establish a program called “Nomadic Expressions” which aims to assist youth, children, and youth by providing a living and artistic expressions through poetry, open micro-
phone sessions, information share-

11. Food & Lack of Nutrition CHAT: To help people make healthier food choices and to help them understand the nutritional value of their food.

12. Affordable Care CHAT: To give residents the opportunity to learn about health insurance options.

13. CHAT: This team continues to carry out the assessment, evaluation, and research needs needed to make the clear choice whether I should be changing the way I live. With all the chemicals that are put into our food, there is a lot to learn and we need to make the clear choice whether we would like to indulge in the food item they are about to digest.