Shepherd boy learned how to be admirably purposeful, determined, and unwavering

By LEON OMANN and
http://www.exploreminnesota.com/explore.minnesota/PHIL%20PARK%20PHIL%20PARK
Ahmed Yusuf, a Phillips resi- dent, is Co-Author of “A Crack in the Sky” performed at the History Theatre until March 4, 2018. It is a World Premiere Drama by Harrison David Rivers and Ahmed Yusuf.

Directed by Faye Price it por- traves the journey from Somalia to the U.S.A. in 1984. A young shepherd boy stands in front of his mother to tell her of the deci- sion he has made in the night. He has had enough of the nomadic life, of herding goats and sheep, and is leaving to seek out a bet- ter life. With that, he sets off on an adventure that takes him on the road less traveled from Somalia to Minnesota. It’s the

Get in the Swim! Because
Phillips Community has been admirably purposeful, determined, and unwavering
The Phillips Aquatics Center opens in early spring.

By JULIE CONAGLIA

Phillips Aquatics Center will have its own check-in desk. A grand- opening date will be announced soon for early spring – likely just about a year following the 2017 groundbreaking.

The project includes renovation of a six-lane competition pool and spectator area, originally part of Phillips Junior High School, demolished in the 1980s. It also adds a new four-lane teaching pool, locker rooms and commu- nity room.

Dual pools will allow for a wide range of aquatics programs. This is a one-of-a-kind facility

Become admirably purposeful, determined, and unwavering at
Best Buy Teen Tech Center

By INFO@HOPECOMMUNITYTN.ORG

Hope Community, 611 E Franklin Av, celebrated its 40th anniversary with the grand open- ing of Best Buy Teen Tech Center: state-of-the-art technology to engage teens 13-18 in using tech- nology for learning, creativity, & career-path development.

Teens may do: Graphic design Sound and video production Digital photography Filmmaking

Scratch visual programming Coding and much more! In safe, interactive space to use the latest technology & multime- dia tools with peer and mentor support.

Visitors Welcome: Tues.-Thurs: 3-7 Sat: 9-5
To volunteer, tour, or sign up, contact Coordinator: J.T. Evans 763-245-3453 (office) 612-435-1685 (office) JTEvans@hope-commu- nity.org

For TTC news, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and You Tube. Member of Clubhouse Network, a global community of 100 Clubhouses in 19 coun- tries. Clubhouse Network pro- vides 25,000 youth with access to resources, skills, and experiences to succeed in careers, contribute to communities, and lead out- standing lives

Mueller Knighted, Laundromat Demolished, and Sauna on The Av.

By NORWAYHOUSE.ORG

Norway House, the Nat’l Norwegian Ctr in Am., is proud to announce that King Harald V of Norway, conferred upon Jeff Mueller, Director of Adm. & Fin., the rank of Knight First Class in the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit for over 40 years of service to Norway as past pres. and now board member of the Norwegian American Chamber of Commerce, active in the Syttende Mai Committee, the troop exchange program with the MN Nat’l Guard & the Norwegian Home Guard (NOREX), Torske Klubben, & other organizations. Jeff is a graduate of Augsburg Univ. with a degree in political science.

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don’t say much, see what the little
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—Wendell Phillips

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“Let me make the newspaper
and I care not for the religion
and the laws.” —Wendell Phillips

Welcome to
PHILLIPS WEST

By CRYSTAL WINSCHTL
Phillips West Neighborhood
Upcoming Events:
Check out the Phillips West
Website: www.phillipswest.info

March 1 (Thursday) 6:00 to 7:00 P.M.
PHWNO Meeting!

Join your neighbors and other
Community Partners for updates
from Local Government, City, 3rd
Precinct Police, Wells Fargo will be
present to discuss their plans for
a new parking ramp. Met Transit
will also be present to discuss
locations for the new D Line (Rapid Bus
Transit along Chicago Avenue).
This meeting will take place at
the Center for Changing Lives in the
Central Room (200 Park Avenue).
Free parking is available in the
parking lot.

Feb. 24, 1942-Jan 22, 2018
Martha ‘Annie’ Young

“Annie” Young, a woman who lived her
way, giving more then she
took and making the world a better place for all.
She was so proud of the
people and parks in the
county’s #1 Park system. Surived by her
son and daughter-in-law Shawn & Jessica Young
and her three
grandchildren, Chelsea, Sophia and Charlie Young.

Memorial services to be held outdoors on
Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 10:00 am at
Riverside Park in Mpls.

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Preservation group pressures City and State rescue

After 7,000 bodies were exhumed and moved from dishveled cemetery

In April 1919, the Minneapolis City Council voted to close Layman’s Cemetery to future burials. What followed was the most chaotic period in the cemetery’s history. It was a time when tall tales and extravagant claims were picked up and repeated in the newspapers. It was a time when the editorial pages of the local newspapers published dozens of letters from citizens arguing in favor of protecting the cemetery and from those who argued that the land should be cleared for commercial development or for recreational uses.

There is little doubt that the cemetery had fallen on hard times and that local business owners and homeowners had cause to be concerned. Markers had fallen over, weeds and grass were knee deep; there was no fence so the cemetery was open to trespass.

The Layman Land Company, descendants of the cemetery’s original owners, offered to distill the bodies of those whose families wished to have them moved and, under certain conditions, to pay for new “boxes.” The cemetery’s superintendent reported that 40% of the lots had been cleared, but he only counted lots with multiple graves and not the many thousands of single graves. (Current estimates are that approximately 7,000 people were removed, and slightly fewer than 22,000 remain, so the percentage of removals is closer to 24% to 40% as reported.)

Initially, arguments about who was responsible for having let the cemetery wind up in such a sorry state resulted in a lot of finger pointing but little action. Members of the Minneapolis Cemetery Protection Association, a preservation group founded in 1925, argued that cemetery maintenance was the responsibility of the Layman Land Company and proposed taking legal action to force them to maintain the cemetery properly. Martin G. Layman, the cemetery’s superintendent and the grandson of Martin & Elizabeth Layman, the cemetery’s original owners, rightly pointed out that his relatives had made no provision for perpetual care of the graves other than charging an $1 or $2 annual maintenance fee. He said that in 1924 only seven families had paid the fee which may have been the result of confusion about what the city council’s action in the distinction between the cemetery’s being closed versus it’s having been condemned (which would have required the removal of bodies) was one that many people did not understand and was further muddled by Mr. Layman’s claim that no one knew what the future held for the cemetery.

In 1925, the state legislature passed the Enabling Act which would have given title to a 175-foot-wide strip along Lake Street to the Layman Land Company, and which would have given the Minneapolis Park Board the authority to condemn the cemetery. Once condemned, the Park Board would own, at no cost, all of the land except the 175-foot-wide strip fronting Lake Street. Oddly enough, no one had asked the Park Board whether they wanted additional land and it turned out that they did not.

The proposal to strip part of the cemetery into a park came after several other ideas had been proposed (or at least rumored) but failed to materialize. Among them were a new Milwaukee Road Railroad Depot, a proposal for the Ford automotive plant, a market, an auditorium, and a tourist camp. Of all of the proposals, the park proposal sparked the greatest controversy. It pitted those who insisted that the city’s Founding Fathers would not have wanted children to be deprived of their right for a place to play against those who argued that the cemetery was sacred ground and that the removal of the cemetery was disrespectful and an act of desecration.

Politicians who introduced the Enabling Act or supported its passage had severely underestimated the fury and political power of the descendants of those buried in the cemetery. Many of the “Pioneers’ Children,” as one paper named them, stood ready to take the battle to court. They were joined in their struggle by a variety of veterans groups, the Odd Fellows, Territorial Pioneers, and Boy Scouts. Hundreds of interested people attended meetings of the Minneapolis Cemetery Protective Association.

In 1927, under significant political pressure, the Minnesota Legislature rescinded the Enabling Act and approved a request for the city to sell $50,000 in bonds. Of that, $35,000 was used to buy out the Layman heirs and the remaining money was used for improvements to the cemetery grounds. The city assumed responsibility for maintaining the cemetery’s structures and grounds but families of those who were not moved retained ownership of their graves.

The cemetery was recognized as a memorial to the veterans and city’s early residents and was renamed Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers Memorial Cemetery with emphasis on the word “Memorial.”
In 1978, after the devastating health impact of LEAD was known, LAWS WERE PASSED PROHIBITING LEAD IN GASOLINE AND PAINT.

In the mid '70s after the devastating health impact of ASBESTOS was understood, BUILDING CODES WERE CHANGED PROHIBITING ASBESTOS IN VINYL FLOORING, HOUSE SIDING, PIPE INSULATION AND etc.

In 2018, after the devastating health impact of POLYCYCLIC AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS (PAHS) has been studied and is fully understood, WHY IS IT THAT AN ASPHALT PLANT, A FOUNDRY AND HEAVY INDUSTRIAL DIESEL TRUCK TRAFFIC are STILL ALLOWED NEXT TO A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND, A DAY-CARE CENTER AND IN OUR RESIDENTIAL EAST PHILLIPS NEIGHBORHOOD?

For Your Calendar:
EPIC Board of Directors meets on the FIRST Saturday of the month – Next Meetings; Saturday, 3/3/2018, 4/7/2018 & 5/5/2018 at 10:00 A.M. at 2433 Bloomington Ave. S.

EPIC Community Meetings are on the SECOND Thursday – Next Meetings; Thursday, 3/8/18, 4/12/2018 & 5/10/18 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; Tuesday 3/27/18, 4/24/18 & 5/29/18 at 11:30 AM. Lunch is served.

EPIC Annual Meeting is on Saturday April 28th starting at 9:30 A.M.

The East Phillips Community 17th Ave. Gardeners meet on the SECOND Saturday – Next Mtng: Saturday, 3/10/18 & 4/14/18 & 5 at 9:00 A.M.

* East Phillips Residents wanting a 2018 Garden Plot, contact Brad Pass at 612-916-8478

Meeting Locations: Unless noted, meetings and events are held at the fully accessible East Phillips Park Cultural & Community Center located at 2307 17th Ave. S.
Current and upcoming job opportunities at Phillips Aquatics Center

Minneapolis Park Board is hiring 6 full-time employees & several part-time positions

With construction of the Phillips Aquatics Center project in its final phase, the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) is getting ready to open the first and only indoor swimming facility in the Minneapolis park system.

Preparations include recruiting, hiring and training five full-time lifeguards and a full-time aquatics specialist to work at the center’s two pools: a renovated six-lane competitive pool with a spectator area and a new four-lane teaching pool.

For detailed job descriptions and information about applying, you can go to the www.minneapolisparks.org/jobs website. Several part-time employment opportunities at the aquatics center will be listed in the weeks before the grand opening, anticipated for early spring, 2018.

In addition to staffing the aquatics center, MPRB is developing and implementing an operations and maintenance program to make sure the aquatics center runs smoothly and efficiently. Finally, it has been working with partners, including Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) to develop a full slate of public programming, including swim lessons, which will be announced in mid-February.

Stay tuned for updates and for your invitation to grand opening of the Phillips Aquatics Center!
By HOWARD MCQUITTER II

“Hostiles” (2018) Western/Adventure/Drama/Action Entertainment Studio Motion Pictures

The western genre is rare nowadays, director Scott Cooper’s (“Crazy Horse”; “Black Mass”, Out of the Furnace”) puts more a little meat into this western/adventure story. The film is served well by the cast -- Christian Bale (Joseph J. Blocker), Wes Studi (Chief Yellow Hawk), Rory Cochrane (Metz) and Rosamund Pike (Rosalie Quaid). Set in 1892, during the presidency of Benjamin Harrison (the 23rd president of the United States), Captain J. Blocker reluctantly agrees to escort a dying Cheyenne war chief and his family back to tribal lands from Fort Berringer, an Army outpost in New Mexico, to the land in Montana. However, the journey has many dangers. In some ways, “Hostiles” is similar to Clint Eastwood’s “The Outlaw Josey Wales” (1976). Running times for “Hostiles” is 135 minutes.

Recommended 2017 Films by Women Directors

By HOWARD MCQUITTER II


Recommended Women Directors from 36th Annual Mpls/St. Paul Film Festival

By HOWARD MCQUITTER II


Films at the 36th Minneapolis-St. Paul Film Festival not necessarily rated.

All from 2017. I saw 25 films, in all at the 36th Mpls/St. Paul Festival.

St. Patricks Fire

By PATRICK CABELLO HANSEL

Would you willingly go back to the land where you were enslaved? That’s what St. Patrick did, in 432 C.E. He was a Roman citizen of Britain, and captured by slave traders when he was 16. He spent years herding sheep in County Antrim, escaped after a dream to go back to Ireland to preach. According to legend, on the night before Easter, he lit a fire on the Hill of Tara in County Meath, which was the seat of the high king of Ireland, Laoghaire. That was the province of the high king to decide when and where the sacred fire was lit, but again, according to legend—Laoghaire was so impressed with St. Patrick that he gave him permission to go throughout the whole land.

On the journey to the Hill of Tara, St. Patrick and his followers are said to have sung the song he composed, which came to be known as “St. Patrick’s Breastplate”. One verse goes like this:

I bind unto myself today the virtues of the starlit heaven, the glorious sun’s life-giving ray, the whiteness of the moon at even, the flashing of the lightning’s eye, the whirring wind’s tempestuous shocks, the stable earth, the deep salt sea around the old eternal rocks.

I know not how much of the legend is true, and being Patrick myself, I don’t care! I do know that the Semilla Center for Healing and the Arts @St. Paul’s Lutheran is hosting a St. Patrick’s Day Bonfire on the 2800 block of 15th Ave S. It will start when the sun goes down, which three days before the vernal equinox is at 7:21 pm. We can’t promise flashing lightning or whirling wind, but St. Paul’s is but a half block away, in case the weather is anything but clement. Catholics, Protestants, Druids and all other manner of humans are welcome! For more info, check out our Face book page: Semilla Center. Then, on Sunday, March 25, St. Paul’s will host its annual Palm Sunday Procession for Peace, starting at 11 am. We will walk through the neighborhood, stopping to pray for peace at various sites of hope and pain. It will be followed by a pot-luck lunch. Again, all manner of beings are welcome. For more information, call 612-724-3862 or e-mail: stpaulscreate@gmail.com.
44th MayDay! Theme Decision Time!

By MEG WALSH

Welcome to two brainstorm community meetings for the 44th MayDay Parade Theme.

MayDay Parade, Ceremony, and Festival process begins in Feb & Mar. Neighbors and Artists have a conversation about our community: hopes, concerns, & images that resonate & inspire as we look towards this new year.

1st Mtg. Feb. 27th 6-9:30pm; brainstorm to speak of concerns & ideas, and involving individuals participate in these issues.

2nd Mtg. Mar. 20 6-9:30pm; MayDay staff presents their ideas garnered from 1st Mtg. Participants give feedback—asking questions, offering ideas, and helping network possibilities for furthering the theme.

ALL ARE WELCOME! At Avalon theatre: 1500 E Lake St., Mpls, Mn 55407/Phone: 612-721-2535 info@hobt.org

MayDay Green Team

By LUCINDA ANDERSON

MD Green Team needs volunteers for planning team. MayDay 2018 is earth’s 5th year helping reduce waste at this large community event. MayDay presents a fantastic opportunity to learn about planning and Public Event Waste reduction. You’ll join an awesome group of fellow volunteers to boot.

Volunteers needed on the day of the event too; mark May 6th on your calendar.

Interested, or have questions? Lucinda Anderson at luroympls@yahoo.com. Thanks!

A Comprehensive Review: Christina Kielytka’s 40+ years as an artist.

March 3, 12-3.

Gandhi Mahal Community Room, 3009 27th Ave S., Minneapolis.

While there is grief in no longer being able to paint, this is a time of celebrating the world as I have seen it.

Letter to the Editor

Progress and Vigilance

[EDITOR’S NOTE: The Alley Newspaper asked Lindsey Fenner, East Phillips resident, HN County Library worker and AFSEM Local 2822 for any updates within the library system since she wrote an article in the FEBRUARY 2018 issue of The Alley. Here is what Linsey offered.]

There are plans developing for overdose training (not Narcan administration, but more general) for staff at three of the most impacted libraries (including Franklin). Franklin and two more libraries will be added to the pilot sharps container list.

We have a labor/management meeting the end of February to discuss what training would look like, and hopefully get the answers to the questions we had asked at the last meeting about what the actual policy, procedures, and training are for sharps and bloodborne pathogens for all of the workers in the library. (Apparently there is often a lot of blood in the bathrooms from injection accidents. On their own initiative, frontline library workers have been educating janitorial staff on the importance of wearing gloves and being cautious when changing the trash.)

So some progress! I don’t know if it was the article or the increase in incidents or both. It sounds like there is starting to be more proactive movement in the county as a whole. Vigilance around this issue will still be important.

It is complicated. And it’s one of those problems that’s too big to neatly fix, I wish we had better drug policy and support in this county. I wish we had safe injection sites. I know it’s terrible for library staff, but I wish people would inject drugs at Franklin library instead of behind my garage because they would probably have a better chance of surviving an overdose. I can’t control most of these things, but I’ll use what little bit of power I have where I can.

Native American Community Clinic went to Franklin Library in February and gave a training to library staff. As Wendell Phillips said, “We came into this world to give truth a little jog onward and to help our neighbor’s rights.”

LINDSEY FENNER

Raise Your Voice

By PETER MOLEMAAR

CITYPAGES.

2018 People issue:

Kate and Carly have renamed Lake Calhoun. We will no longer honor a defender of human bondages. Say over and over: Bde Maka Ska, be-DAY mah-KAH-skah, be-DAY mah-KAH-skah. We might honor a defender of human bondages. We will no longer be able to paint, this is a time of celebrating the world as I have seen it.

In other words, the Phillips Aquatics Center will soon be bustling with activity. If you want to be a part of it, part-time jobs for customer service/aquatics attendants and lifeguards are available: Get details at minneapolisparks.org/jobs. And get ready to make a splash this spring!

Took Al to 2104 Stevens Ave. We increased solid waste collection within U.S. Bank’s downtown against U.S. Bank’s association with nasty fossil fuel projects. Note: My worn ankles were not up to the task.

Saturday, 3:00 p.m.

Fetched Al from the Nicollet Diner, proceeded east on Franklin Ave., no, no, no, bridge down… damn, Lyndale to 1-94 east all the way to the St. Paul Labor Federation hall. The banquet heard testimony from Franklin Street Bakery workers, who in turn received solidarity greetings from the National Football League Players Association.

Sunday, 3:00 p.m.

Took Al north on Chicago Ave. to 22nd St., turned right to avoid the barricade. (The streets surrounding Peavey Park were occupied by anti-racists) A Laos, the Village Market zone was congested beyond belief by detoured traffic. Al hopped over to join the demonstration. Eventually, I escaped south on Elliot Ave.

Half-time

Found Al at the Subway sandwich shop on Washington Ave. Finished the game on my TV with lukewarm cheers for Philadelphia.

Meanwhile

Donald Trump seeks to uplift his arsenal with nuclear tipped cruise missiles. But in the villages of hunter-gatherers, women made the rules and bad men were banished… and thank you, Gisele, for taming Tom Brady.

Hope for the revolution remains.
SPRINGING INTO A HEALTHY 2018!

**OUT IN THE BACKYARD**

**MARCH 2018**

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- **March 7th and 21st:** We will be hosting our ‘MOVE’ night workout classes from 5 - 7 PM.
- **March 15th:** The PNC and the National Kidney Foundation are teaming up to provide kidney health screenings and information about the importance of kidney health.
- **March 19th:** Students from the University of Minnesota’s College of Law will be in clinic to answer any legal questions you may have. March 22nd: PNC will host their monthly foot care night, including diabetic foot tests.
- **March 26th:** Get your eyes checked and get some free glasses at our ophthalmology specialty night.
- **March 26th:** We will be hosting our ‘EAT’ night cooking class from 5 - 7 PM.

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