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COMING NOW!!! To a Block Near You

Childrens Hospitals Mn razes housing, parking ramp, power plant, and TRUST & raises health care costs.



In PHILLIPS WEST on Chicago Avenue Between 25th and 26th Streets Childrens Hospital of Minnesota has demolished (in violation of decades-old community agreements and without required protection against pollution contamination) nearly this entire block of 26 units of substantial housing. The chasm in this photo is the foundation of a 750+ parking ramp, circular entrance, and offices. It would be most appropriately named Reagan Parking Ramp and Offices recognizing the presidency of Ronald Reagan in whose term deregulation of health care was begun that has allowed and prompted such rampant "survival-of-the-fittest" competition amongst health care providers. Simultaneously, the University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview is building a mega-Children's Hospital at Riverside and 26th Avenue. "Let the races begin."



In MIDTOWN PHILLIPS, across Chicago Avenue south of 25th Street and in the area of closed Elliot Avenue, Children's Hospitals of MN has demolished the north end of a parking ramp to make room for a 5 Story Tower (and another level underground) to include an emergency room, surgery suites, and neo-natal intensive care with the first phase costing \$200 million.



In PHILLIPS WEST at 2400 Park Avenue, Lutheran Social Service of MN is building the Center for Changing Lives Together the projects 6 partners will provide multiple services at the site.

LSS of Mn: adoption and pregnancy counseling, financial counseling, refugee services, and youth, housing, and employment services. **Faith in the City:** personal finance center and wellness connection. **Messiah Lutheran Church:** worship, food pantry, suitably yours (women's office clothes closet), and their hopemakers program. **Hennepin County:** Hennepin County Office of Planning and Development, Park Avenue Apartments—48 new units of housing connected to the Center for Changing Lives to help end homelessness in Minnesota by providing affordable housing with ready access to social services that nurture family wellness and stability. **Kaleidoscope:** Kaleidoscope Activity Center for Phillips Community youth. **Phillips West Neighborhood Organization (PWNO):** offices for citizen organizing and participation. Completion in 2008.



In VENTURA VILLAGE at the NE corner of Franklin and Portland Avenues, the Wellstone Apartments is being built by partners Hope Community and Aeon (formerly Central Community Housing Trust). These 49 mixed-income rental units are an excellent example of housing and retail built from within Phillips Community with resident oversight. This is Phase III of the Franklin-Portland Gateway development, Wellstone will include units ranging from studios to 3-bedrooms and 6,000 square feet of commercial space at street level. The Hope Campus is a place where community is encouraged to happen through the creation of relational environments.

BY HARVEY WINJE
ANALYSIS

Every neighborhood in the Phillips Community, Ventura Village, Phillips West, Midtown Phillips, East Phillips, and Little Earth of United Tribes, is undergoing large changes on some block. For those living in Phillips, if there isn't a change on your block happening right now, there is one close by and probably will be one on your block soon.

All change brings with it some negative factors while it is happening. Whether the changes bring long term benefit to residents and current businesses in Phillips remains to be seen. Some of the changes become a "domino" dynamic on the community as they lead to more and more encroachment on residential blocks one after another. Each block and every resident can only wonder how soon their block will be a "domino" and be toppled.

Unfortunately, contemplation of when a block will be next to fall often leads to suspicion between neighbors and distrust of the institutions, small and large, who Phillips residents once counted as allies. When developments suddenly appear that are contrary to the many long range plans made during the last 50 years, residents feel hurt, depressed, and betrayed by the very individuals that sat together making those plans with them.

The eroding of block owner-occupied homes begins slowly like a trickle of water on the bank of a river. A "flood" on the "banks" of Phillips has occurred on some blocks.

Loosing housing is bad enough. Loosing the trust built in thousands of hours of meetings, block parties, and various campaigns is a tragedy and is unredeemable by any of the amenities of the "improvements."

The character of the Phillips Community is changing. It remains to be seen whether the large institutions and developments now characterizing themselves as being in a "residential area" will have eliminated all of those resi-

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"Just cause you got the monkey off your back doesn't mean the circus has left town."

— George Carlin, Born May 12, 1937 - Died June 22, 2008



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Wendell Phillips (1811-1884)

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Eric Sevareid, "The Press and the People," television program, 1959

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PHILLIPS WHAT WHERE? CONTEST



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JUNE HINT:

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June Contest Results

Jennie Bjorgo, Eunice Beane, Bill Marsall, and Pamela Rivera correctly answered the June PWW photo as the former Emrich Bakery turned storefront at 26th and Bloomington so Lowell at Welna drew one of their names from a hat to receive the \$10.00 Gift Certificate at Welna Hardware.

And the WINNER IS Pamela Riveria.

Jennie Bjorgo and Bill Marsall will get \$10.00 Gift Certificate for identifying the new owner as Basim Sabris.

Continued May Contest Results

Dawn Wangen wins a \$10. gift certificate to Welna because she identified the owners of properties along 24th and Chicago as well as the developer who is proposing to tear down the half block of houses to build an office complex that "melds into an existing residential neighborhood". Thank you Dawn for alerting the Community to this next block to be gentrified into the City's Life Sciences Corridor promotional scheme. [See Page 8]

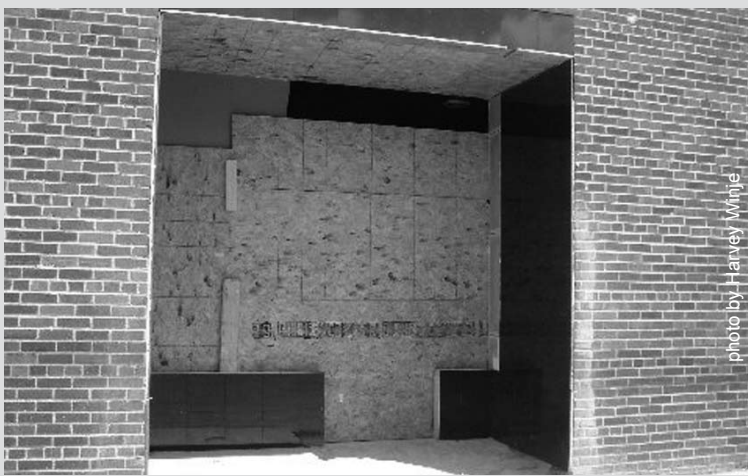


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for concealing the truth."**

— George Carlin, May 12, 1937 - June 22, 2008

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What's Up at the Franklin Community Library

BY ERIN THOMASSON

Summer Youth Programs

I Like Pancakes! Songs and Games with Ross Sutter

Wednesday, July 9, 10:30 a.m.
Clap your hands, stomp your feet and get moving to the beat as Ross Sutter sings songs about favorite foods. You'll have a chance to try out different rhythm instruments.

Kids Book Club

Thursdays, July 10 & Aug. 7, 3-4 p.m.

Limit 8. For kids entering grades 3-6. Pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Information Desk.

Land of 10,000 Lakes

Tuesday, July 15, 3 p.m.

For kids entering grades 1-5. Join us in a celebration of Minnesota's 10,000 lakes! We'll read great stories, make fingerprint fish bookmarks, create poems in homage to the lakes and compete to catch the biggest whopper.

Franklin Library Reads 10,000 Pages in One Week!

Tuesday, July 15, noon-8 p.m.; Wednesday, July 16, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Thursday, July 17, noon-8 p.m.; Friday, July 18, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday, July 19, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Join us as we attempt to read 10,000 pages in one week! Visit the library, read and record the number of pages in celebration of Minnesota's sesquicentennial.

Special Preschool Stories: Celebrate Minnesota!

Wednesday, July 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Registration begins May 22; limit 25. For kids in preschool. Join us for Minnesota picture books, games and crafts to celebrate our great state! This special preschool storytime is a part of the "Franklin Library Reads 10,000 Pages in One Week" program.

Raptors of Minnesota

Saturday, July 19, 2:30 p.m.

Space is limited. For kids entering K and up. Meet an owl, a hawk, a falcon and a very special guest - a bald eagle - from the University of Minnesota's Raptor Center. Learn about the different types of raptors, their characteristics, identification, diets and habitats.

Make Impermanent Art with Shakun Maheshwari

Tuesday, July 22, 3 p.m.

Registration begins May 22; limit 30. Learn about India's rich culture and history through the visual arts. Make art with stones, chalk or sand - impermanent art that still satisfies our creative



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Puzzlemania!

Fridays, June 6-Aug. 29 (except July 4 & Aug. 1), 4-5 p.m.

For kids entering K and up. Enjoy a variety of educational and fun puzzles and games!

Check out Franklin Library's new Teen Center!

Conversation Circles for Teens

Wednesdays, June 4-Aug. 27, 5-6 p.m.

Conversation Circles are a volunteer-led opportunity for non-native English speakers to practice their English in an informal setting. Practice your English and make new friends. It's free! No registration required. Call 612-630-6069 for more information.

Henna Tattoo: A Body Art

Thursday, July 24, 3 p.m.

Learn about henna or mehndi, the ancient Indian folk art, and receive a free design on your hand!

Ongoing Programming

Preschool Storytime – Wednesdays at 10:30 am.

Cuentos, Cantos y Actividades/ Family Storytime in Spanish – Thursdays at 6:30 pm.

Franklin Learning Center – 612-630-6830

The Franklin Learning Center (FLC) is an adult literacy program housed in the Franklin Library with one-to-one tutoring and small group work for ELL, math, GED and citizenship studies. The hours are Mon. 12 to 8, Tue., Wed. & Thu. 9 to 3, Fri. 10 to 6 and Sat. 1 – 5. We are also looking for volunteers."

Finding her inspiration in community, culture, and children, Erin Thomasson is a mother, musician, gardener, and long-time resident of the Phillips Community.

Arsenic Contamination Solutions are still Contaminated by Bureaucracy

MDH Expresses No Concern Over Delayed Soil Removal during Public Comment Period

BY H. LYNN ADELSMAN

At the most recent Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) meeting June 11 at the Midtown YWCA the EPA proposed further soil removal of our neighborhood's yards by lowering the level of clean-up from arsenic contamination levels of 95 ppm down to levels that test at 25ppm. This will lead to 488 more yards in south Minneapolis having soil removed, projected to begin in 2009 and continue until possibly 2013 or later.

City Council member Gary Schiff commented that soil removal is taking too long and more crews are necessary to reduce the number of years the EPA is estimating it will take to clean up contaminated yards. Schiff also said, "Yards with pollution levels from 16-25ppm should also be cleaned up. Over 130 properties will be left with arsenic contamination if the EPA doesn't do a thorough job."

Of the nearly 50 community members present, many with children expressed concern over their own and their neighbor's homes with arsenic contaminated soils. Especially given how difficult it is to prevent children from wandering on to a yard next door where the arsenic levels in soil test high. One resident said, "It's impossible to keep my three year old son away from the end of the yard close to my neighbor's arsenic contaminated soil. I would have to watch him every minute to do that." Another woman noted her two girls less than two years old are not permitted to play in their contaminated yard, "and if the process takes at least another four years my children will be 6 and 8, losing out on too many years that they might safely enjoy playing outside."

Children in south Minneapolis are growing up on a residential arsenic superfund site where Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) officials have known about arsenic contaminated soil since 1994.

Ten years later the known threat to public health was confirmed in a September 27, 2004 memorandum sent from Kenneth Rhame, EPA's on-scene coordinator of soil

testing, to Richard Karl, Director of the Superfund Division, EPA Region 5. In the memorandum requesting further funding for soil testing and removal Rhame noted, "The EPA seeks to mitigate the imminent and substantial threat to public health and the environment posed by the presence of arsenic contamination in and around these residences."

In the memorandum Rhame asks that removal begin as soon as possible, noting that the MDH and the Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (ATSDR) advise the EPA that, "Levels greater than 30 ppm pose an immediate health threat, particularly to sensitive populations such as children and pregnant women present in the Phillips neighborhood." Yet at the June 11, 2008 meeting no MDH or the EPA representative spoke publicly on how it is imperative that contaminated soil removal take place as soon as possible.

While the community is in the process of collecting public input for yet another EPA proposal to apply for federal clean up funding, this all delays soil removal below 95ppm for another year. The additional meetings, proposals and applications require hours of labor, plane tickets and hotels for EPA employees to work in Minneapolis traveling from EPA Regions 5 headquarters in Chicago.

As public health research advances in Phillips and in the surrounding communities there is no question that the health impact of arsenic contaminated soil has a negative health effect worsened by exposures to other hazardous substances in our urban area. Still little is known nor is documentation being sought to understand the cumulative health impact that this toxic contamination may play in our community's health and well being. For example, as noted in a recent GIS mapping study done for an environmental justice bill passed by Rep. Karen Clark in the MN legislature, Phillips Neighborhood experiences the highest hospital admissions in the state for asthma attacks, while also having a dis-

proportionately high number of children experiencing childhood lead poisoning, and high levels of families living in poverty. More than a majority of the population is Indigenous and/or people of color.

In passing her bill, Rep Clark stated "It is important that our public health agencies work with the MN Pollution Control Agency, the MN Department of Agriculture and others to give our people the right to know the health impact created by these toxic burdens, especially on our children and pregnant women."

Neighbors and officials advocating public health wonder if the EPA funding for proposals and applications couldn't be better spent on removing the contaminated soil as soon as possible before another summer passes and our children play knowingly in the arsenic contaminated soil. This is just one step necessary to reduce the combined interactions and negative health effects that may be due to many hazardous substances in our south Minneapolis community.

Editors Note:

The Alley Newspaper was sent an e-mail press release 6 days before the June 11th meeting. In a phone call to the EPA office in Chicago, Illinois, the Alley editor was told he didn't understand how complicated it is to set meetings and that if there was an outpouring of concern about short notice at the meeting they would have another meeting. The editor had suggested that people do have other interests in their lives and that they may well make commitments earlier than one week. Also, that a monthly newspaper won't be able to include notices given on such short notice. This is only one of several indications that EPA staff running a decontamination program in Minneapolis is too disconnected being located in Chicago and only flying here with 2 to 3 people for each meeting. Perhaps, the flight costs could be better spent here in Minneapolis

Bicycle Etiquette

FROM MIDTOWN GREENWAY COALITION

It's that time of year where more and more people are using the Greenway. Last summer, the Greenway saw an average of 2,500 trail users per day with it's peak on the 4th of July with nearly 4,500 cyclists. We expect to see more trail users with more people hearing about the Greenway and gas

prices climbing.


With more trail users and people new to using the trail, please remember that the Midtown Greenway is a mixed-use trail. Bikers, walkers, runners, and in-line skaters of all ages and all abilities use the trail. Here are a few things that you can do to improve everyone's experience on the Greenway.

- Please stay in your lane.
- Although there is no speed limit on the trail, please ride at safe

speeds based on the number of other trail users and conditions.

- Give audible warning when passing other trail users.
- Use caution when entering and exiting the trail.
- Be extra courteous when passing children, groups of trail users, and high traffic areas like the Bike Center.
- Please help to make everyone's trip on the Greenway safe and enjoyable.





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July 4th Fireworks “Sparks” Washington Avenue Murder



The grave and Cast Iron Cross of John Hamorrik buried at Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery who had been killed on the 4th of July 1906 by Stephen Shurba

Fireworks have been associated with 4th of July since 1777, when the citizens of Philadelphia decided to use them to mark the

first anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. John Adams, Founding Father and second President of the

Tales from Pioneers & Soldiers Cemetery

SUE HUNTER WEIR
48th in a Series

United States, was among those who advocated for celebrating that event with “bonfires and illuminations from one end of the country to the other, from this time forward forevermore.” As beautiful as the fireworks displays were, they were not without their drawbacks. Overzealous patriots accidentally set fire to countless buildings, and excessive amounts of black powder in cheap firecrackers were the cause of numerous injuries and deaths.

On July 4, 1906, a young man’s desire to get money so that he could buy more fireworks triggered a bar room brawl that ended in a fatal shooting. The young man, Stephen Shurba, entered a saloon at 1814 Washington Avenue South around 8 p.m. and demanded that his father, Andrew Shurba, give him money so that he could buy fireworks. Stephen had spent the earlier part of the day drinking, blowing off all of the firecrackers that he had and shooting blanks from his 22-calibre gun. Andrew Shurba, distressed by his son’s drunkenness, refused to give him any money,

at which point Stephen reportedly hit him. Jan Hamorrik (known to his friends as “Big John”) stepped in to protect the elder Shurba. Witnesses say that Hamorrik slapped Stephen’s face. Stephen went to the lavatory at the back of the saloon where he replaced the blanks in his gun with live ammunition. He returned to the front of the saloon a few minutes later, and fired several shots at Hamorrik. Two of them struck Hamorrik, and he collapsed. He was placed in a police patrol wagon but died before reaching the hospital. Meanwhile, a combative Stephen Shurba was arrested and taken to the city jail where he passed out. The following day he claimed not to remember anything that had happened.

Newspaper accounts in the days immediately following the shooting and testimony given during the trial (which took place in October) contained a number of discrepancies and contradictions. No doubt part of the confusion came about because all of the witnesses had been drinking. It was further complicated by the fact that the saloon was a gathering place for a tightly-knit immigrant community; many of those in the bar were related to, or close friends, of Hamorrik or Shurba. Stephen Shurba’s father was a friend John Hamorrik. The bartender (and owner of the saloon) was Stephen Shurba’s brother-in-law. Many of the witnesses were not fluent in English.

Reporters’ characterizations of the shooter and his victim varied considerably between the day of the shooting and the end of the trial—at times Stephen Shurba was portrayed as a victim, at other times John Hamorrik was. Sympathetic accounts referred to Stephen as a “boy” or “lad.” Unsympathetic accounts described him as a murderer—the use of word “alleged” for defendants who were charged, but not convicted, was not yet standard editorial policy. Stephen’s youthfulness was important. The grand jury indicted him for first degree murder which meant that if he was found guilty, and the judge ruled that he was an adult, Stephen would automatically receive the death penalty.

The trial lasted only one week, but it was an emotional one. Prosecutors maintained that the fact that Stephen had reloaded his gun was proof that the crime was premeditated and not a crime of passion. Shurba’s

attorneys argued that he had shot Hamorrik, a man much larger than he was, in self defense. On the second day of the trial, Anna Hamorrik, the victim’s widow and the mother of their young daughter, took the stand. She had not witnessed the shooting but was called to identify the clothing that her husband was wearing on the day that he died. Not surprisingly, the young widow aroused a great deal of sympathy as she struggled to keep from crying while giving her testimony. The defense team had its own sympathetic witness—Andrew Shurba, Stephen’s father. Andrew Shurba admitted that he had been annoyed by his son’s behavior on the night of the shooting but testified that Hamorrik provoked the second confrontation in the saloon and that his son fired his gun in self-defense.

During closing arguments, the prosecutor recognized that he had not convinced the jury that the murder was premeditated and reduced the charge to second degree murder. At 4:30 p.m. on October 11th, the jury received its charge. By 10:30 a.m., the following morning, their verdict was announced in court. They found Stephen Shurba guilty of first-degree manslaughter. The maximum sentence for that charge was 30 years in prison, but the judge took Shurba’s age into account when determining his sentence. He was sentenced to serve an indeterminate period at Stillwater Prison with the possibility of being released in five years for good behavior. Presumably that is what happened—Stephen Shurba was out of prison well before he registered for the draft in World War I. He died in Baltimore, Maryland in January 1971. Depending upon which document was correct (his draft registration or his death certificate), he was either 81 or 83 when he died.

John Hamorrik was 24 years old when he died. He is buried in Lot 2, Block j-1 in Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers Memorial Cemetery. His grave is marked by an iron cross.

Sue Hunter Weir is Phillips historian extraordinaire, member of Friends of the Cemetery who, with husband Paul Weir, have lived in Phillips over 30 years and together also garden with the 12th & 13th Avenue Block Club, was a co-founder of Phillips website pnn.org.

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Manny’s Tortas

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June 2006 as road construction began to interrupt his business at the other two locations.

Manny Gonzalez is active in this community. Like every business owner, he is looking for information and all the support he can find. Our business owners are filled with the passion necessary to work down to dusk, 7 days a week. We need to trumpet their successes, share their challenges and provide every resource available when they need it.

Joyce Wisdom has led the Lake Street Council as Executive Director since 2004. Joyce engages, serves, and represents the Lake Street business community from the Mississippi River to Lake Calhoun. Joyce lives in Longfellow Neighborhood and also serves on the Mpls. Public Art Advisory Committee.

Michelle Gayer is the Salty Tart and the Salty Tart is Michelle

A LAKE STREET PROFILE
BY JOYCE WISDOM

The Salty Tart Patisserie is the newest business to open in the Global Market and Michelle Gayer is proud owner. Michelle has over 16 years of experience in the food industry and baking is her true love. She's always wanted to own her own business and now her dream has come true.

She has been in conversation off and on with folks at the Global Market for over 2-years, but says timing is everything and now's the right time to bring the Salty Tart to the Global Market. During those 2 years she has been busy teaching classes at Le Cordon Bleu. Michelle says she loves baking and I'm telling you that you can taste it in every bite of her scrumptious treats.

Michelle also has a real passion for connecting with her customers...a must for success. Michelle knows the cost of making her dream a reality too. She's putting in those 16 hour work days that start at 5 a.m. and she's going through the shock of what it costs to set up and open a small business. Like all small business owners, the hundreds of business decisions she's had to make have caused her on occasion to lose a bit of sleep.

I asked her where she got the beautiful old windows that frame her shop. She said she got them from her friend Dean, another reminder that it takes a village of family and friends to start a small business. Alongside the rustic windows and beadboard are beautiful little crystal chandeliers. How does her business reflect who she is? Simply put: "Everyway!" The look of the Salty Tart is kind of like Michelle herself, not exactly prim and proper,

yet filled with fine things. Asked where the name Salty Tart came from, Michelle said it started with a suggestion from friend Brenda Langton who originally suggested "salty cupcake." That evolved into The Salty Tart which still makes Michelle giggle and she hopes it makes you giggle a bit too. Deciding on a name for her business was once one of those decisions that kept her awake. Sleep or not, she made a good decision.

Michelle clearly has what it takes to be a success, as both a business owner and being single mom to young Ava and Isabel. She is brimming with happiness at the moment. Do the girls want to follow in mom's footsteps? Well, right now Isabel wants to be an artist (just a stone's throw from mom's business) and Ava has an early interest in recycling and reducing waste. Every business owner sees their children taking over the business someday, but it will be a long, long time before Michelle leaves the oven.

Michelle's customers, like her, enjoy quality, freshness, something different – both savory & sweet. She's already getting a lot of very positive feedback. When asked what her favorite menu item was, she said "whatever I make that day." It's always the new and different that feeds her passion.

The Salty Tart is in the right place at the right time and so is Michelle Gayer. Even though it's been a short time since she opened for business, you can already see the glow of success surrounding this woman. Her advice to others dreaming of their own businesses? "Do it!"



Rita, Sam, Chris and Michelle at Salty Tart awaiting the next customers at the new Midtown Global Market shop.

Right On Lake Street

Lake Street "The Great Street" News Briefs

BY CHRIS OIEN & JOYCE WISDOM

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BY CHRIS OIEN

This is one of our favorite weeks of the year, because with the school year over and the summer starting, it means that the [Lake Street Ambassadors](#) are back on the job! This year we have 2 teams with 4 kids per team. We're splitting the teams up to cover more ground each day, so Lake Street will get a **more thorough cleaning than ever**. Be sure to look for them as they go by with their Visit Lake Street shirts, picking up the trash on your sidewalk. Thanks as always to our sponsors: Allina, Ryan Companies, US Bank, Metro Transit, and the node association at Lyndale, Nicollet, Chicago, Bloom-Cedar, Hiawatha, and Longfellow.

Good news for the **Resource Center of the Americas building** at Minnehaha, as the building has reopened with the Resource Center itself again residing there. They are also looking for a **new coffee shop or cafe** to set up shop there, contact Mark at 952-944-9000 if you're interested. This summer, **Intermedia**

Arts is hosting a new multimedia exhibition called **Project Girl**, which runs through August 16.

Lake Street Calendar - Upcoming Events:

- It's a busy summer for East Lake Library at 27th & Lake. They have VISTA workers this summer Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 1:00 - 5:00 PM working with young children on literacy skills. They also do Saturday storytime at the Midtown Farmers' Market every week at 10:30 and 11:00 AM. And Campfire USA will be at the library with an in-service program for teens on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:00 - 5:00 PM beginning July 9. Sign your kids up now for the Summer Reading Club and find out about special programs at the library!
- City Pages recently paid a visit to Gandhi Mahal, the new Indian restaurant at 3008 27th Ave. They wrote five good reasons why you should go too. Reason #4 was the "diverse and

intriguing culinary crossroads" at the 27th & Lake intersection, with excellent choices in Mexican, American, Japanese, and Ethiopian food all available as well.

July 1st: Author Signing at Uncle Hugo's Science Fiction Bookstore 6:00 - 7:00 PM, 2864 Chicago Ave. S. MaryJanice Davidson will discuss and sign *Undead and Unworthy*, the seventh in her humorous series about a Twin Cities shopaholic turned vampire queen.

July 19th: Lake Street Festival, presented by Latino Communications Network 12:00 - 8:00 PM, Lake Street from Bloomington to 13thA one-day music festival that celebrates the contribution Latino cultures have made to the area in the places they belong.

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Manny's Torta's adds to the excitement at The Midtown Global Market.

3 Locations Does Not An Empire Make

A LAKE STREET PROFILE
BY JOYCE WISDOM

I'm betting most of you know Manny Gonzalez. Manny and his sister Vicky own 3 Manny's Tortas locations on Lake Street. They and their family joined the many family owned and operated Lake Street businesses over a decade ago. Like others before

and since, they saw opportunity to grow their investment here. As a result, Manny's delicious sandwiches are now almost synonymous with Lake Street and Manny's joy in pleasing his customers brought a new wave of enthusiasm to our street. They and the other initial businesses in Mercado Central

helped to transform the corner of Lake & Bloomington. When revitalization began at 27th & Lake, Manny was encouraged to open another location. Manny's Tortas and Denny's have struggled through almost 3 years of construction in front of their businesses at that corner. We all know Lake Street construction

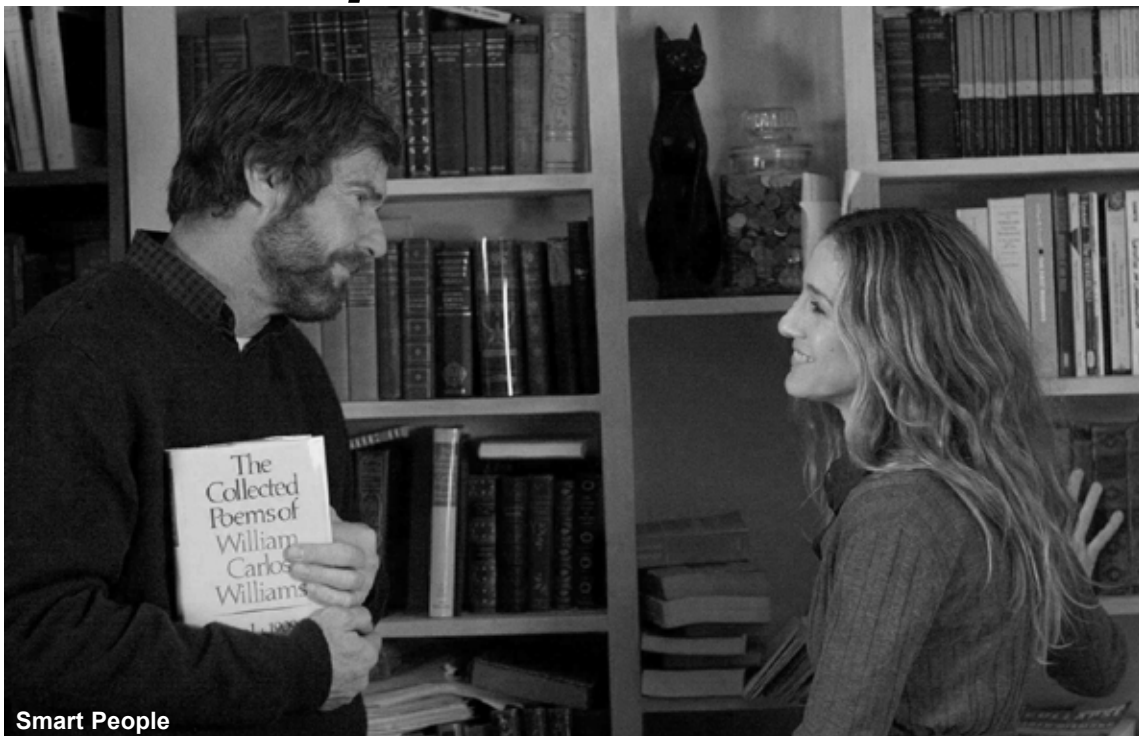
has had varied degrees of impact on our business community, but perhaps no businesses have been more impacted than those in the Coliseum Building.

Manny certainly tries to cover all the bases. Road construction was complete at Lake & Chicago when he opened his newest location in the Midtown Global

Market. The Global Market is the best enterprise opportunity on Lake Street in perhaps half a century, but it will take time for each of the small entrepreneurs to expand a profit margin. Manny opened at the Global Market in

Manny's Tortas
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Smart People & The Visitor



Smart People

Smart People
Miramax Pictures
Comedy/Drama
★★★★☆

Lagoon (04/10/08)

Cast: Dennis Quaid (Laurence Wetherhold), Sarah Jessica Parker (Janet Hartigan), Thomas Haden Church (Chuck Wetherhold), Ellen Page (Vanessa Wetherhold), Christina Lahti (Nancy), Camilla Mana (Missy Chin), David Denman (Hadley), Robert Haley (Roth), Paul Huber (Ben Onufrey)

Running Time: 95 minutes

Rated: PG-13

Director: Noam Murro

"You're a giant toddler", Laurence Wetherhold (Dennis Quaid) tells his long lost younger brother Chuck Wetherhold (Thomas Haden Church). Laurence and Chuck are at odds over \$10,000 that Laurence lent him and didn't get back. Furthermore, Chuck asks for another loan but Laurence says no.

Professor Laurence probably should be doing something else other than teaching at this point but he seems stuck at his desk anyway waiting for a book deal. He's also stuck in other ways in the most curmudgeonly fashion. He has a son James (Ashton Holmes) at a university and a daughter Vanessa (Ellen Page) aspiring to go to college but seems to have

little clue on much of what's going on in his children's lives.

The abrupt turn around by Laurence as a "sensitive caring" man with 40 years previously acting and talking like a curmudgeon is what sunk the movie. The epiphany by Dennis Quaid's character is not only near miraculous but isn't very smart or believable.

The Visitor
Greenswell Productions
★★★★★
Lagoon (04/22/08)

Cast: Richard Jenkins (Walter Vale), Hanz Sierman (Tarek Khalil), Dani Jekesai Gurira (Zainab), Hiam Abbass (Mouna Khalil), Marian Seldes (Barbara), Maggie Moore (Karen), Michael Cumpsty (Charles), Bill McHenry (Darin), Richard Kind (Jacob), Tzahi Moskovite (Zev), Amir Arison (Mr. Shah), Neal Lerner (Martin Revere), Waleed Zliaiter (Omar).

PG-13

Running Time: 108 minutes

Director: Thomas McCarthy

Professor Walter Vale (Richard Jenkins) is a loner living in Connecticut but who has an apartment in New York City where he takes refuge to work on a long delayed book. What he finds at his apartment are unexpected and uninvited guests – illegal immigrant Tarek Khalil (Hanz Sierman)

from Syria and his immigrant girlfriend Zainab (Dani Jekesai Gurira) from Senegal living there for about two or three months. Initially tense between professor and the two immigrants, soon Vale invites them back to his place and a strong friendship follows. Zainab is more standoffish than Tarek to Vale at first. Tarek teaches Vale to play drums.

As the friendship matures between the American and the two foreigners, McCarthy's story is not one of glowing niceness throughout as immigration officers nab Tarek in the train station. From here, things move further into uncertainty, the introspec-



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tive Vale moves to help his new friend.

Life Before Her Eyes
2929 Productions
Drama/Thriller
Lagoon (05/06/08)
☆☆☆☆☆

Cast: Uma Thurman (Diana McFee), Evan Rachel Wood (Young Diana), Eva Amurri (Maureen), Tanner Cohen (Nate)

Director: Vadim Perelman

Rated: R

"Life Before Her Eyes" is a bummer, a real bummer so self-absorbed by its own victimology it's painful to watch not just from the subject matter but more how awful the movie really is. Neither Uma Thurman's character Diana nor Evan Rachel Wood's character as a young Diana scratch the surface of evenness.

The series of flashbacks between Diana and her best friend Maureen (Eva Amurri) in a Columbine type massacre in their high school and the present – 15 years later – both women are still best friends still living in the town where the tragedy occurred.

Diana, married with a small daughter living in the "safety" of white suburbia or white exurbia, doesn't seem to have much of a life much beyond recurring nightmares and daymares of a crazed boy with a gun who confronted them in the girl's restroom.

Her friend Maureen is the stronger of the two girls, relying on her faith in God, her family and stepping away from the sexually charged culture of young people.

"Life Before Her Eyes" is one of those movies when going to cover it makes you want to run for cover.

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CH-, CH-, CH- "CHANGE"

Probably a majority of our neighbors were impressed and heartened when Iowa presented Senator Obama as its Democratic choice. It appeared the waters had parted beyond the legacy of genocide and slavery. I suggest we take the path now laid out before us.

So, forward with enthusiasm? Yes. However, our candidate will continue to function under immense pressures when he is charged with presiding over an unstable economy. For "CHANGE" to occur, a mass movement from "below" will be required.

Some programmatic points are offered here:

Immediate Relief

1. A moratorium on foreclosures and evictions. Reset mortgages so payments are affordable.

2. Extend unemployment compensation.

3. Assist deficit-ridden state and local governments so they can preserve services and jobs.

A Peacetime, Green Jobs Economy for All

1. Enact massive public works job creation to make existing buildings energy efficient, construct new schools, hospitals, affordable housing, mass transit and bridges.

2. Major clean, affordable energy development. Immediate



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program to cut greenhouse gas emissions and for environmental cleanup.

3. Enact the Employee Free Choice Act to enable workers to form unions without intimidation and win higher wages and benefits, dignity and respect.

4. Enact HR676, the US National Health Insurance Act to provide universal health insurance with single-payer financing. Fully fund public education from pre-school through higher education and technical training. No privatization of Social Security or Medicare.

Restore the Bill of Rights and Separation of Powers

1. Restore Civil Rights Act enforcement, affirmative action in employment, education, and housing. Outlaw hate crimes. Preserve Roe v. Wade.

2. Pass immigration reform

with legalization and a path to citizenship.

3. Repeal Patriot Act. Restore Habeas Corpus rights. No more torture.

4. Expand voting rights. Enact public financed elections, same day registration, verifiable voting equipment, and instant runoff voting.

Strength through Peace

1. Withdraw U.S. troops from Iraq with no bases or U.S. corporations left behind. Full care for returning veterans.

2. Adopt a new foreign policy of diplomacy and respect for all nations.

3. End trade policies that enrich corporations while destroying jobs.

4. Work to abolish nuclear weapons. Cut Pentagon spending in half, close down US bases around the world.

Note: As always, the vision projected in this column goes beyond the two party system which endeavors to manage our capitalistic society. The vision is for a socialist USA. Question is: How are we going to get there?

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Call to the Editor: How many houses were moved to clear land for the Sears Building?



Bev Keith called The Alley in June to ask if there is a museum of Sears memorabilia and old store or catalog products at the Midtown Global Market. After asking around, it was discovered that there is no place at the Midtown Exchange/Global Market for such items. Bev's mother was one of the many thousands that worked there during the store's 70 years in our community.

Her call was a reminder that she had told us before that her grandparents' house was moved to clear the land for the Sears building in 1927. It was moved to 1115 East 24th Street and is still there today. [See

photo].

Does any one know of other houses that were moved from the Sears site and the new location of the house? This is a reminder that Sears and Abbott-Northwestern may be vying for top honors in the amount of housing maintained by moving in spite of expansion developments. This, of course, is further indication that Childrens of MN's excuses that the houses on Block 5 were too big, street too small and/or not worth moving were a "red-herring", at best, and outright lie, at worst.

WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT THIS WOULD HAPPEN?

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DAVE'S DUMPSTER

OR, I'VE DROPPED MY MORTGAGE AND I CAN'T GET UP!

IT'S SO QUIET IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD THIS SUMMER! YES! SO MANY IRRITANTS GONE OR DIMINISHED....

WE COMPLAINED FOR YEARS - EVEN HIT THEM WITH A BLOCK CLUB - YET STILL THEY WERE SO DISRESPECTFUL...

REMEMBER THAT HORRIBLE GANG/DRUG/LOUD PARTY HOUSE? IT'S EMPTY!

THAT HOUSE THE WANNA-BE MILLIONAIRE ABSENT LANDLORD LET FALL INTO? DISREPAIR. IT'S EMPTY!

THE ONE RIGHT NEXT DOOR THAT HE ALSO BOUGHT! IT'S EMPTY!

THE 4-PLEX THAT ALWAYS HAD TOO MANY GUNS AND OUT-OF-TOWN RELATIVES? IT'S EMPTY! THEY ALL SNOT EACH OTHER

AND THE UGLY CONDO THAT BLOCKS THE ONCE-NICE VIEW? IT'S WAY EMPTY!

SINCE GAS WENT UP, SUBURBANITE DRIVE-THRU'S HAVE TO CAR POOL - SO THERE'S LESS TRAFFIC!

WELL, THANK MY LUCKY BANKS! ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGES HAVE CLEANED UP THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

NOW I CAN HEAR BIRDS + SQUIRRELS HAPPY WITH NEW! NESTING SPOTS! UNMOWED LAWNS LOOK LIKE URBAN PRAIRIE!

I JUST WISH WE'D HAD TIME TO SAY GOODBYE - I NEEDED CLOSURE BUT I GOT FORECLOSURE!

MEOWOW!

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty; power is ever stealing from the many to the few."

-Wendell Phillips

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Demolition of Phillips Home is a Great Loss Eradicating Trust and Emotions is a Tragedy

"All Bostonians have a local pride; Phillips loved the very stones of his native city. 'I love inexpressibly these streets of Boston, over whose pavements my mother held up tenderly my baby feet; and if God grants me time enough, I will make them too pure to bear the footsteps of a slave.'"

In the spring of 1882 Phillips was forced to move from number 26 Essex Street, in which he and his wife had lived so comfortably for forty years. The city had decided to widen the adjacent Harrison Avenue, and the work necessitated the demolition of the house. Phillips had for his old home a very great attachment; to leave it was genuine hardship. He found new quarters at number 37 Common Street. To make it more homelike, he transferred the old mantel and open grate and had the furniture similarly arranged. But the charm was broken; they never felt quite at home again.

'Mrs. Phillips for the last eleven months has been very much more ill than usual—indeed I think the shock of being flung out of our forty years' home is one she will never rally from. She has not stood or lifted herself from her pillow without help since—so I have given up lecturing—am a good boy and stay at

home—cleaning up and giving away my books and pamphlets—acting as my own executor and getting ready to go.'

Once after Essex Street had been demolished, he went back and stood for a long time looking at the vacant spot, 'It was hard,' he said, 'that the city would not let me stay till the end.' Then, after a pause, he turned away with the remark, 'It is no matter. I am almost through with it.' **

**Prophet of Liberty The Life and Times of Wendell Phillips, Greenwood Press, Publishers, Westport, Connecticut, 1958. Excerpt from Pages 657-658.

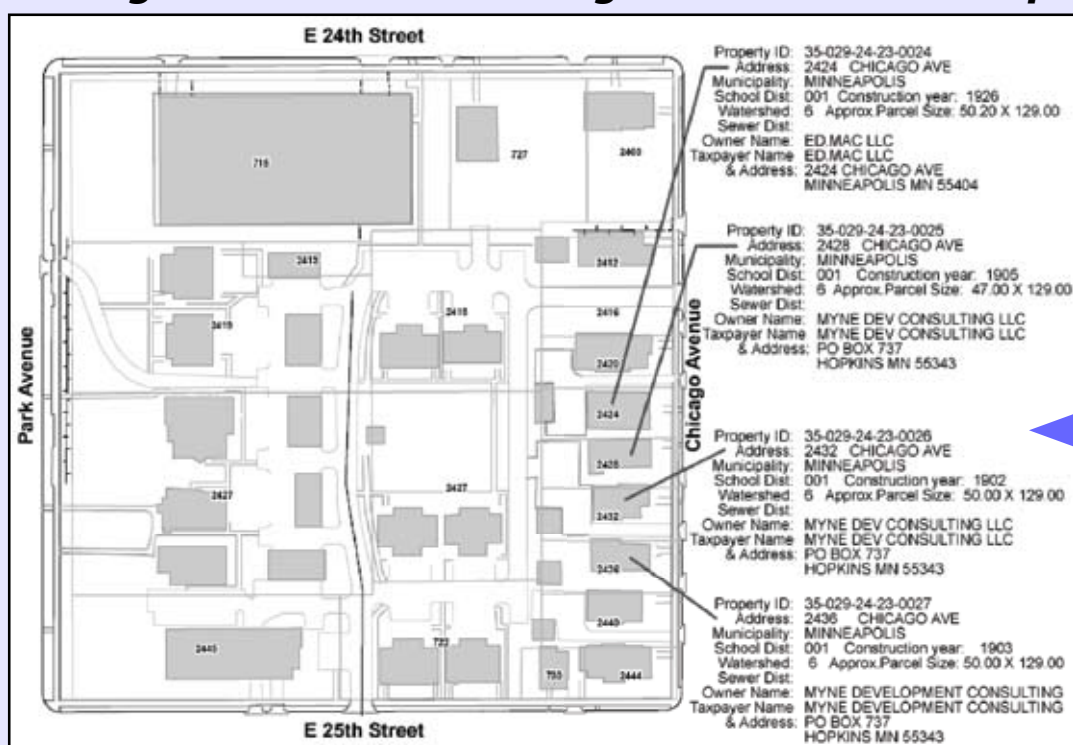
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those residential qualities of Phillips they now laud.

There are other development projects, small and large, that have varying degrees of local involvement and control but, nonetheless, have generally very positive contributions to the quality of life in Phillips.

Ch-Ch-Change is happening throughout the Phillips Community. Which ones will strengthen the Community and which ones will only strengthen a gentrified community is becoming more and more clear.

Ed Note: [This is from the website of Myne Development; their proposed plan for 24th and Chicago but unknown to neighborhood leadership]



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"I recently went to a new doctor and noticed he was located in something called the Professional Building. I felt better right away."

— George Carlin, May 12, 1937 - June 22, 2008



In East Phillips, at 2603 Bloomington a new owner of the old Emrich Bakery building is remodeling with private financing to provide space to several retail stores. After Emrich moved their baking plant to other locations (including the older Bamby [Best-American-Made-Bread-Yet] Bakery on 24th Street between Elliot and 11th Avenues, now also a shopping mall), this building was an



empty nemesis without windows and occupants to be responsible to the local area for several years. The improvements made to date, including enlarging a dozen openings to ground level with see-through glass, awnings at second floor, elimination of the previous owners paint and lacquer spraying exhaust fumes, and conversion of the large garage and truck repair bay, are the most substantial caretaking this structure has had in over 50 years. The new owner would also like to add much needed trees and grass to replace a portion of the over 17 foot sidewalk between the building and Bloomington Avenue, but has been discouraged by city officials for unknown reasons. Local residents and businesses support of this development has ebbed and flowed mostly relative to the lack of off-street parking which is a constant dilemma throughout the neighborhood as seen at the various hospital and health related developments where hundreds of units of housing are taken to encourage more traffic and pollution. In a community where over half the people have no private



The Mpls. Gas Company makes emergency repairs after a gas explosion in 1955 in front of 2603 Bloomington Av.

motorized vehicle it is perplexing as to why off-street parking is such a necessity especially with gas at \$4.+. Oh, yes, this development is also viewed cautiously because it is owned by Sabri Properties and since Basim Sabri's reputation precedes him, even his efforts to beautify the building and to discouraged offensive street drug dealing and prostitution are seen with suspicion.



Lower right photo caption: Emrich Bakery workers packaging baked goods at in Emrich Bakery Building in 1949 at 2603 Bloomington Avenue.