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Connecting with South High Journalism

By NATALIE MAZEY

Hyperlocal community journalism like *the alley* is a pinnacle of democracy, uplifting local voices and local stories. Especially in a time when Minnesota is a focus of national and international news, fostering local voices allows us to exist within the community and lean on one another. News on Minnesota should come from Minnesotans.

The Southerner, South High's student-written and student-produced newspaper is a prime example of how fostering community journalism in young people upholds our community in a time of shaky ground.

Griffin Larson, Editor-in-Chief and Opinions & Visuals Editor, is a senior at South. Since his Freshman year, he's worked on the *Southerner*, covering stories from budget cuts to the aftermath of COVID on students. During his time as a student journalist, Larson has found hyperlocal community news as a way to stay grounded.

"It's really easy, especially now, when so many crazy things are happening, to disassociate from the news," Larson said. "But I think following the news on a really hyper local scale, and practicing those skills of being involved and learning what goes into reporting to be able to better understand the news that we're reading is really important."

Learning the skills of a journalist in the classroom, at South High, and in the greater community, has given Larson and his fellow students skills that build stronger community members.

"There's a lot of skills that go into interviewing," Larson said. "[Like] learning how to talk to people, figuring out how to write, how to ask the right questions, letting them speak more for their own opinion, and then having the opportunity to give people a platform and give people voice about issues that are important."

Oliver Stricherz, Arts and Entertainment Editor at the *Southerner* and senior at South High, echoes this sentiment.

"Being able to look at the world through the eyes of a journalist, I've discovered so much more that's happened in the immediate South community," Stricherz said. "It made me feel like I should be more involved because there's a story everywhere. I notice a lot more things, and I think that it's good for high schoolers to do that because it's a whole different perspective – the ways that high schoolers see the world."

Stricherz's time at the *Southerner* has led him to write stories on artists in his school and events in the community like the Twin Cities

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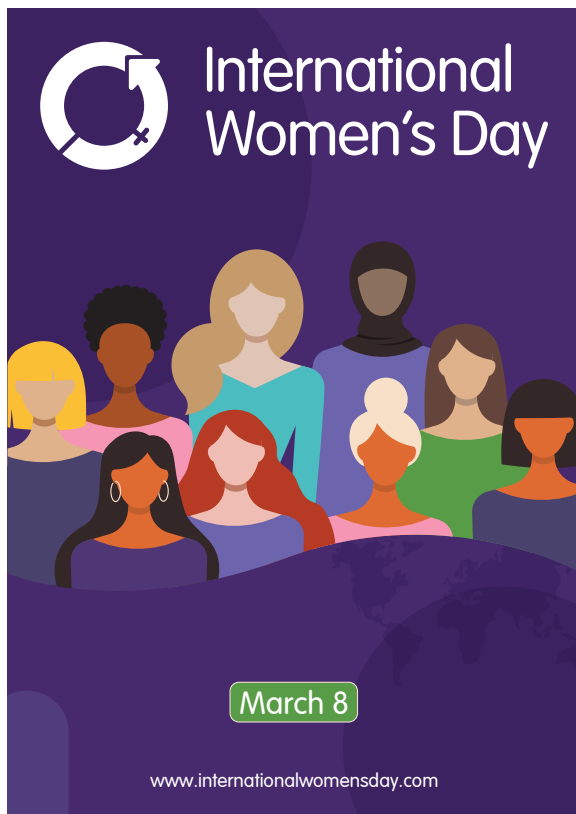
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The Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) March

was held on Feb. 14, 2026, beginning and ending at the Minneapolis American Indian Center (MAIC). This annual march is part of a larger effort to bring awareness to the higher rates of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, men, boys, Two-Spirit, and LGBTQI+ relatives. It is an opportunity to highlight and honor relatives and families impacted by the epidemic.

The event is a collaborative effort between many organizations including: Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition (MIWSAC), the Minneapolis American Indian Center (MAIC), the Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center (MIWRC), the Indian Health Board of Minneapolis, the Native American Community Development Institute (NACDI), the Minnesota Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) Office, Gatherings Cafe, Minneapolis Public Schools American Indian Education, the Indigenous Protectors Movement, the TRADISH Project (a MAIC program), the Culture Language Arts Network (a MAIC program), Indigenous Women's Life Net (a MAIC Program), the Many Shields Society, Mending the Sacred Hoop, Make Voting a Tradition (a NACDI program), and the American Indian Movement (AIM).



March: Women's History Month Celebrating the long path to equality

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1848 - Seneca Falls Convention: Organized by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott, this was the first women's rights convention, initiating the organized movement.

1848 - Property Rights: Mississippi passes the Married Women's Property Act, granting women, for the first time, some control over their property.

How did IWD start?



1911 - First International Women's Day: Celebrated on March 19, recognizing women's rights in several European countries.

1913 - Woman Suffrage Parade: Over 5,000 women march in Washington, D.C. for the right to vote.

1920 - 19th Amendment Ratified: Women gain the constitutional right to vote in the United States.

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ICE Encounters: Sharing Our Stories

the alley is offering space to share anonymous stories of encounters with ICE. These stories will not be easy to read; however, we know that they are important for all of us to witness now, and for those in the future to read of what happened and is continuing to happen here. **See Page 9 for this first story.**

In order to promote anonymity and veracity, we ask that stories are shared and then submitted by a trusted neighbor of yours. We may not be able to publish all stories. Please review submission criteria and have your neighbor submit at alleynews.org/submissions.

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- agitating for change,
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PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH + FAMILIES

GO ANALOG WITH ZINES!

Wednesday, February 18
4:30PM - 6:30PM

Grades 9-12. Unleash your inner activist, fan, or teacher and share your ideas in the quick and informal format zine, popularized by punks, sci-fi fans, and independent publishers. Learn about the history of zines and then make your own using collage, drawing, stamping, and other lo-fi methods. Publish a small edition on the library photocopiers to keep, exchange with classmates, or give away. Collaborator: Minnesota Center for Book Arts. This program is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

GLOW IN THE DARK PUPPET LAB

Fri. March 6th,
3:30-4:30 PM

Grades 2-5. Explore the curious world of blacklight. Test colors, tinker with materials and shapes to find the glow! Follow Z Puppets' design and engineering formula to create a critter to take home. Materials provided. Collaborator: Z Puppets Rosenschnoz.

STEAM WORKSHOP (AGES 8+)

Wednesdays: 5 - 6 pm

Drop in for fun and creative STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math) experiments and projects! Materials provided. Led by Franklin Library's Teen Tech Squad.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, 12:30-2 PM

Join Franklin Library staff for free coffee & conversations with neighbors.

ADULT TUTORING

Every Saturday, 10 am-12 pm

Are you an adult looking to improve your literacy skills? Would you like

How to write a LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor are always welcomed. Three important criteria: no foul language, do no harm to an individual, must be "signed" by the author. Short and succinct is better - under 300 words if possible. Letters may be edited for length.

email your letter to copydesk@alleynews.org no later than the 12th of the month, by 5pm SHARP.



Calling Artists!

Franklin Library is seeking new and emerging artists for temporary art exhibits.

Priority is given to artists who:

- Reside or work in the neighborhood
- Are new or have limited access to exhibiting their work
- Represent the voices of diverse communities
- Submit art with potential for broad community interest

A sample of your work is required. Selected exhibits will receive a \$200 honorarium. Contact the Franklin Library Art Committee in person or at fr.artdisplay@hclib.org with any questions.

help with homework? Are you studying for your GED? Adult Tutoring is a drop-in program for adults seeking 1:1 help with basic level reading, writing, math, and English language. Adults will work with trained volunteer tutors at the library during tutoring hours. Drop-ins are welcome on a first-come, first-served basis.

ASK THE LIBRARY

Have a reference or library account question? You can chat, email, text, or call the library. Chat or email at www.hclib.org/contact, text to 612-400-7722, or call 612-543-KNOW (5669) to reach library staff by phone.

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PHILLIPS ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Phillips Voices:

Erica

The Phillips Community Oral History Project aims to document, amplify, and empower the multicultural and multi-generational voices of those in the Phillips Community to tell their own stories on their own terms.

This month's feature is community member Erica, who interviewed with the Oral History Project team at the Franklin Library. As a transplant to Minneapolis, Erica shared what stands out to her about Minneapolis and the Phillips neighborhood.

Can you start by sharing your name, oh not sharing your name, if you feel comfortable sharing your pronouns and your age if you feel comfortable.

I'm she/her are my pronouns and I am age 23. I'll be 24 in two days.

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Can you tell us how long you've been in Minnesota?

I've been in Minnesota for almost three years. But this is my second time in Minneapolis. I've been everywhere. I've been in St. Paul, Chaska, Duluth, Eveleth, Virginia. I've been everywhere. I've been homeless around that, but I've been in and out of not group homes but, or actually no group homes, in shelters and things like that. Not group homes though, god what was that, Board and Lodge, a GRH thing.

Are there places in the neighborhood that you feel a special connection?

I actually don't know this neighborhood. I don't know anywhere around like Minnesota. Y'all are way too big, like I don't know where to go. I'm not sure where to go.

So how did you find the Franklin library?

Right, well the last time I was here when I was homeless, there's a shelter down the street. But the last time I was here in Minneapolis I sort of just stumbled upon it because I don't actually know where I'm going in the state like even if I was to live here I still wouldn't know. Because I'm not native here.

I just like how involved you [Minnesotans] are in the community you know. I don't think anybody does it like y'all...

So you said you stayed at a shelter down the street the last time you were here.
That's correct.

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Is there anything that stands out to you about this neighborhood when you spend time in it or around the corner at this library or things you notice in the neighborhood?

Well, there's an Aldi right across the street and it's real real friendly like around here. There's a little restaurant called Maria's Cafe, that's cool. And if you keep going down there's a little Minneapolis sort of shop center, you know the tobacco store, you know it looks, this is a nice little busy avenue, little strip joint like from the library to the shopping center down the street. So, it's very well put together.

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I just like how involved you [Minnesotans] are in the community you know. I don't think anybody does it like y'all and y'all you know still have to work the community and you know you still have to work for the community and you still work around the community and you do not work into the community. Like do you understand? I think that's really really cool that you do so much for your people. And nobody says thank you. And not because you know they have to or they don't have to.

the phillips community oral history project is a joint effort by alley communications and the united phillips coalition, including phillips west neighborhood organization (pwno), east phillips improvement coalition (epic), and midtown phillips neighborhood association, inc. (mpnai).

Tales from Pioneers and Soldiers Memorial Cemetery

BY SUE HUNTER WEIR

244TH IN A SERIES

Abbie Palmer and Jasper Woodward

Wide Variations of Infant and Child Mortality Rates Over Time and Cures

Abbie Palmer and Jasper Woodward lost their two-year-old daughter Martha on May 28, 1878. She died from measles. Her parents were not the only ones to mourn a child lost to that disease: there are 121 others buried in the Cemetery. Six of them were over ten years old; the other 115 were younger, and the vast majority of those were younger than two years old.



Martha Woodward's father, Jasper Woodward, and her sister, Nellie. Unfortunately, we do not have a photograph of Martha. Jasper Woodward, a Civil Veteran, is buried in Lakewood Cemetery of Minneapolis; it is 250 acres and opened in 1871.



Abbie Palmer Woodward is buried next to her two daughters, Nellie and Annie, in Lot 90, Block K, only the base of their marker remains, in Pioneers and Soldiers Memorial Cemetery that began in 1858 and is 27 acres now.

Mortality Rates Change While Grief is Constant

The infant and child mortality rates in the United States in the 19th century were at, or close to, 40% which, in the 20th century, led some people to believe that bereaved parents did not suffer as much, or in the same way, as parents who have lost a child do today. But Martha's aunt (Abbie's sister) paints a different picture in a heartbreaking entry in her diary in which she described the family's preparations for burying Martha next to her sister Nellie. Nellie had died two years earlier, at the age of nine, from scarlet fever:

"For the past few days I have been with Abbie and in this short time she has had a little daughter given her and taken away by the one who knowest what is best for all and placed in the vault til spring shall come, then it will be buried by the side of dear little Nellie where Abbie goes as often as she can and carries her choicest flowers to place on her little grave. It was my lot to prepare the little one for its coffin bed, and it seemed too pretty to be laid away in the cold grave as it lay there dressed in one of the beautiful dresses its mother had taken so much pride in making, and sweet flowers scattered around its little form. But, as pretty and dear as the baby was, the coffin lid was placed over it and little Annie was carried away, and its mother felt as if little Nellie would no longer be alone in the Cemetery."

It wasn't until 1968, the year that measles vaccines became widely available, that parents could do more than stand by watching their children suffer and hope for the best. The vaccine is 97% effective but 95% of children need to be vaccinated to prevent the disease from spreading.

Measles Eradicated by 2000

In 2000, the Center for Disease Control claimed that measles had been eradicated in the United States—there had not been an outbreak in over 12 months. More recently, the World Health Organization reported that between 2002 and 2023, more

than 60 million lives had been saved worldwide. Imagine that. Sixty million lives saved. Most of them are children.

Measles Returns 2 1/2 Decades Later

Sadly, measles is making a comeback. In 2025, the highest number of cases of measles in recent U.S. history was reported. In 2026, the number is likely to be much higher. By mid-February there had been 733 reported cases. The vast majority have occurred in children who have not been vaccinated. Two cases have been reported in an ICE detention center in Texas where conditions—crowded conditions, lack of sanitation and health care—make it ripe for a larger outbreak.

Martha's parents and the parents of the other children who died did not have the option of vaccinating their children. We do.

Devoted Mother

Martha is buried next to her sister, Nellie, and her mother, Abbie Palmer Woodward. Despite the loss of her two daughters, Abbie was described in her obituary as a woman of "sunny disposition and helpful character." She was "a devoted mother whose efforts on behalf of her three [surviving] sons were constant." Abbie Palmer Woodward died on June 30, 1898. Abbie, Nellie and Martha are buried in Lot 90, Block K.



Join Sue Hunter Weir at the Hennepin History Museum at 2:00 on Saturday, March 7th for...

PEANUTS, POPCORN & PREEMIES:

The Story of Wonderland Park

A 10-acre park located between 31st and 33rd Avenues of East Lake Street southward to 32nd Street that was open five months a year from 1905 to 1911.

And while you're at the museum, check out *In Memoriam*, a beautiful exhibit about Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers Memorial Cemetery. The exhibit closes on March 14th.

For details, check out Hennepinhistory.org. Pay as you can. Hennepin History Museum is located at 2303 3rd Avenue South in Whittier.

SUE HUNTER WEIR is Chair of Friends of the Cemetery, an organization dedicated to preserving and maintaining Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers Memorial Cemetery. She has lived in Phillips for almost 50 years and loves living in such a historic community.

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Something I Said...

Right Thing the Wrong Way

By DWIGHT HOBBS



Dwight Hobbes

ICE is doing the right thing the wrong way. The 2024 wholesale deportation of Tren de Aragua gang members vied-escaped terrorizing apartment residents of Aurora, Colorado was a desperately needed rescue action. It began a practice, though, by which, instead of targeting violent parasites who prey on those leading productive lives, federal law enforcement is, itself, wantonly destructive.

For going on two years, South Minneapolis has seen Mexican immigrants and Mexican American citizens live in fear to the point of hysteria, making what used to be a humorous quip frighteningly real: because you're paranoid doesn't mean they're not out to get you. Accordingly, it's quite sensible that in January the Minneapolis City Council asked Gov. Tim Walz to institute an eviction moratorium. You go to work, get arrested and deported, you're unable to pay rent. You don't get deported but are detained too long, you can't work, can't pay rent. City Council Member Robin Wonsley said at the news conference. "No family should have to choose between keeping a roof over their heads and risking being kidnapped by ICE." She also addressed an attendant issue. "Normal tasks such as taking the bus to work, picking up kids from school, attending doctor appointments, and visits to places of worship, are now dangerous."

It's to the point that Carniceria meat market/grocery store makes free deliveries. Valerie Aguirre, manager, told *Sahan Journal*. "It's a necessity," she said, "because [families] are scared. They can't go out to buy what they need, like food or bath stuff." One South Minneapolis food shelf

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How to Improve Your Online Privacy

By CHRIS FERGUSON

First and foremost, you shouldn't bring any devices, such as a smartphone or a smartwatch, with you to a protest. Cell connections are frequently hijacked by law enforcement without a warrant. Any information you send through that connection can be traced back to you. This is possible no matter which of the following steps you take. Even if you're using a VPN (explained below) they can still capture the encrypted data and store it. The most secure way to secure your digital footprint is to stay off the Internet.

1. The Foundations: Accounts & Access

Before worrying about trackers, users need to secure their front door.

Password Hygiene: Don't trust the password manager built into your phone or browser. Move away from reused passwords and use a password manager such as Bitwarden or NordPass. Make sure you back up your passwords to an encrypted storage site like Proton Drive or Cryptpad.fr.

Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA): Set up multifactor authentication on all accounts that offer it, including your bank, social media, your email, and your phone carrier. You can also use an authenticator like Proton Authenticator.

2. Browser and Device Hardening

This is where most daily tracking happens. Police and government officials have unprecedented access to your device.

Privacy-First Browsers: Stop using Chrome/Safari and switch to **Duck Duck Go**, **Firefox** with privacy extensions or **Brave**. If you're on your phone, you should download them from your app store. You can download them from the website for your computer, either Mac or Windows.

Essential Extensions For Firefox: Install these from the browser. One of the perks of these extensions is that you'll see WAY fewer ads as you browse.

Click the menu on the top right, then click "Extensions and Themes." Then search for the extension and click "Add to Firefox." Install **uBlock Origin** to block trackers and ads. Additionally, add **Privacy Badger**, **AdGuard Ad Blocker**, **Decentraleyes**, **Facebook container**, **Sponsor Block** (blocks most ads on YouTube) & **DuckDuckGo Privacy Essentials**. One of the perks of these extensions is that you'll see WAY fewer ads as you browse.

Protect Your Device: Disable face unlock and biometric unlock on your phones and computers. Police can compel you to unlock your device with your face or fingerprint, but they require a court order to get your PIN.

3. Network Privacy

How data travels from the device to the internet.

Use a VPN: This is the only tip on this document that will cost money. Use a VPN (Virtual Private Network) like **NordVPN** or **ProtonVPN**. Do NOT use a free one, as they make money by collecting your web traffic and selling it. A VPN is great because they encrypt and hide all your traffic from your Internet service provider and third parties. The reputable ones (like the ones mentioned above) don't keep logs. In addition to keeping your traffic hidden from your ISP, they can make you appear to be online from other countries, which can do things like affect the prices you see on airline, travel, and other sites. Additionally, you can access geo-restricted content such as videos, music, and movies by tricking the providers into thinking you're in another country.

Change your DNS: DNS helps your device connect to online ser-

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PHILLIPS WEST COMMUNITY & BOARD MEETING

MARCH 16, 2026 | 6-8 PM
2400 PARK AVENUE
CENTER FOR CHANGING LIVES

PWNO will be hosting our upcoming Community and Board Meetings together! We're hoping that this gives community members the opportunity to engage with the organization more directly and can provide a space for community members to express their interests to the board. Food will be provided.

AGENDA:

- 6:00 PM: PWNO Business and Reports**
- 6:30 PM: Community Discussion**
- 8:00 PM: End**

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Greece's Golden Age: Passion and/or Wisdom?

By MARTI MALTBY

Many years ago, I heard a debate about whether Greece's Golden Age was represented by the great poets such as Homer, or by the philosophers such as Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle. Why should this matter to us now, thousands of years later? Because it might give us some insight into today's situation.

Homer gave us epic tales involving a vibrant world of violent passions, both positive and negative. Wars were fought over trivial matters. Gods and men competed for glory. Each individual had unique powers and personalities.

By contrast, the philosophers sat around and discussed. Plato's Republic, one of the classics of philosophy, contains no action other than people making speeches. Their goal is to discover reality (or however Plato phrased it; I haven't read him in over 30 years). They focused on universal truths that applied



Marti Maltby

equally to everyone, not individual people.

In our modern scientific, rational society, we side with the philosophers. We like to think we can understand, and therefore control, anything. We can master anything, from climate change to the common cold, if we can properly dissect and define it. Once we can understand it, we can manipulate it, and ultimately control it. We follow the philosophers, breaking everything down, examining it, and eventually finding the truth. We believe that with enough time and

effort, we will command the economy through interest rates and trade policies, eradicate obesity through medications, and create fabulous cities through urban planning.

If anyone doubts my description of our society, let's look at an example. The federal definition of homelessness contains 26,545 words. By contrast, the United States Constitution originally had about 4,500 words, which included the signatures. (It has grown to about 7,700 words with the amendments.) Put differently, we need about six times as many words to define homelessness now as were needed to found the country 250 years ago.

But today, the world feels much more like Homer's writing than the philosophers' treatises. We see incredible overreactions to personal slights. Passions are running wild. The battlelines are clearly marked, but they shift in a moment if an

enemy becomes useful or an ally's devotion becomes suspect.

What does this mean for us? To be successful, we need both passion and wisdom to deal with the situation around us. The truth is that the most successful people manage to blend the two worlds. They demonstrate intense passion in pursuing their vision, even if they themselves don't come across as particularly passionate. They pursue their goals relentlessly. But they use ideas and concepts to find the best way of achieving their goals.

Those who can't combine these attributes might succeed for a time, but eventually they will fail. If they rely solely on passion, they will be easily manipulated. Just as a wild animal can be trapped by a hunter who understands the animal's instincts, so a passionate but undisciplined person can be manipulated based on their instinctive responses.

But those who rely too heavily on ideas and systems don't fare

much better. Without passion, and especially without being able to inspire passion in others, they create bureaucracy and argument but don't make the world a better place. Their utopian ideals don't gain the momentum to become reality.

In our day, we desperately need to marry passion with wisdom. The biggest threats we face are well funded, organized, and ruthless in pursuit of their goals. Without passion, we define the problems from the sidelines, but we won't defeat those problems. And without wisdom, we can fight against the problems, but we won't be able to clearly say what we are fighting for.

MARTI MALTBY is an avid cyclist, Director at Peace House Community, and an obnoxiously proud Canadian.



CUHCC Constructing a New Building; Remains Open to Patients

By ROLI DWIVEDI, MD, CEO

Starting in April, neighborhood residents will see major changes on the corner of Bloomington Ave and Franklin as the University of Minnesota begins construction on a new, state-of-the-art clinic building for the Community-University Health Care Center. The new CUHCC will have two stories, be nearly twice as big, and include new services such as physical therapy and imaging. Its new, onsite pharmacy will allow patients to fill their prescriptions after their medical, dental, or mental health appointment, adding to the clinic's one-stop shop service model.

A community institution for 60 years

In addition to work beginning on the new building, 2026 also marks CUHCC's 60th Anniversary. Started by two UMN Pediatricians and the Minneapolis Health Department in 1966, CUHCC first operated out of a small apartment building built in the 1800s. It lacked an elevator and air conditioning. The University constructed its current building in 1991. In 1994, CUHCC began pursuing designation as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). The clinic achieved full FQHC status in 2002 and receives federal funding to provide comprehensive healthcare services to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. As an FQHC, the majority of CUHCC's Board of Directors are current patients and the clinic offers a discount program that bases the cost of care on patients' income and family size.



Dr. Roli Dwivedi

CUHCC's current services

Today, the clinic pursues its mission - Transforming care and education to advance health among the patients and communities we serve - by providing comprehensive medical, dental, and behavioral health care for people of all ages. Services include:

- **Primary care:** Pediatric, OB and midwifery, geriatric services, medication therapy management for substance use disorder, chronic disease management, and more.
- **Dental:** Preventive and restorative care, emergency services, and root canals.
- **Mental health:** Individual and group therapy, and case management and rehabilitation services for patients with severe and persistent mental illness. CUHCC is one of two Minnesota FQHCs that offer psychiatry services, which are difficult to access for low-income residents.
- **Supportive services:** Medication management and pharmacy counseling, dietetic counseling, care coordination, pro bono legal assistance, assistance applying for health insurance and other benefits,

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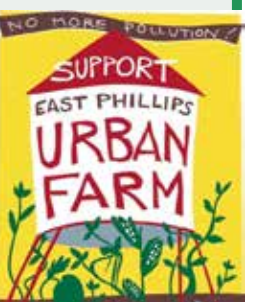
EAST PHILLIPS INDOOR URBAN FARM UPDATE

In November, the City offered EPNI half of the building, and just over half of the site for a reduced price: 4.19 acres for \$6.125 million.

The East Phillips Neighborhood Institute is still waiting to hear back from the City of Minneapolis regarding a letter sent after two community meetings.

In the letter, EPNI requested that the City:

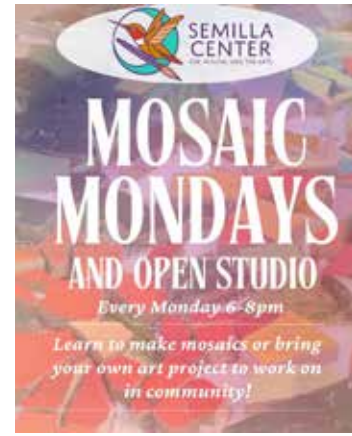
- Sell the northern half of the parking lot at no additional cost
- Provide a temporary use agreement to allow staff to farm on the parking lot beginning March 1, 2026
- Give EPNI the right of first refusal to purchase the northern portion of the site in the future
- Commit to a community engagement process to define what the City's intended land use will be
- Determine whether the City can commit to not disturb the foundation of the northern portion
- Pay for remediation of the full site
- Provide EPNI the rights to build climate infrastructure on the northern portion (solar, geothermal)
- Provide EPNI Tax Increment Financing and other City funding tools to reduce the cost of the purchase
- No Demolition of the northern part of the building



MARCH EVENTS

The alley recommends confirming all events beforehand as event status may change quickly due to community safety concerns caused by ongoing ICE actions.

open mic hosted by Davi Gray and Zeke Caligiuri will follow, and ASL interpretation is featured for the entire event. Please note that masks are required at Moon Palace Books. For more information about Better Things, visit reentrylab.org/better-things



STRANGE HEART: The Dream Songs of John Berryman
March 5 - 22
Open Eye Theatre
506 E 24th Street
\$15 - \$32

Poet John Berryman is best known for *The Dream Songs*, a 385-poem sequence that was largely written while he served as a lecturer at the University of Minnesota from 1955 until his death in 1972. In *Strange Heart*, Twin Cities vocalists Bradley Greenwald and Anna Hashizume will front a live band playing a dreamy jazz-infused score in play-wright-composer Broskof's lyrical portrait of Berryman, whose work is considered exemplary of the Confessional poetry movement. For tickets and details on the performance, go to openeyetheatre.org/strange-heart.

Bug Ballet
Fri, Mar 6 - Sat, Mar 14
Southern Theater
\$15-\$45 Sliding Scale

What will happen when we are gone and our homes sit empty, deteriorating, decomposing?

Maybe if we are lucky they will become grand stages for the *Bug Ballet!* <https://southerntheater.org/>

International Women's Day Concert
Sunday, March 8
2 - 3 PM

American Swedish Institute
2600 Park Avenue
Pay What You Can
Registration Req.

Celebrate International Women's Day at ASI with a program of Nordic music and dance hosted by renowned Minnesota nyckelharapist Renee Vaughan. This special event will highlight the music and dance traditions pioneered by women who immigrated to the United States. from the Nordic region. The women focused on in this program were fiddlers and bag pipe players from Sweden, a Norwegian hardingfele player, a Finnish accordion player, and more. Register at aasimn.org/events-calendar/international-womens-day-celebration.

Better Things 5x5 Reading and Open Mic
Tuesday, March 3
7 PM

Moon Palace Books
3032 Minnehaha Avenue
Free

Better Things March 5x5 reading features amazing writers Rosetta Peters, Ashe Jaafaru, Cecily McMillan, Lester Batiste, and Lt. Sunnic. A community



The Dance is Not Over, a new documentary featuring Patrick Scully, artistic founder of Patrick's Cabaret, will screen on March 29 at the Quatrefoil Library.



Somali Weaving Workshop
Saturday, March 14
Somali Museum
2925 Chicago Avenue
Greenway Basement (ground) Level
2 - 4 PM
Free

At this hands-on cultural experience, you will learn traditional weaving techniques that can be used to create intricate and vibrant artworks with no tools other than your own hands! This is a chance to learn and listen to the stories and experiences that shape this beautiful craft from the Somali Museum's Weaving Instructors.

HerStory Book Fair
Saturday, March 14
Noon - 3 PM
Midtown Global Market
920 E Lake Street
Free

Now in its second year, the annual HerStory Book Fair at the Midtown Global Market celebrates the powerful and diverse literary voices of Minnesota's women authors through a multicultural lens. Don't miss this chance to meet authors, shop for books, support literacy, and discover your next favorite author!

The Phillips Community Maple Tapping Project
Thursday, March 19
4 - 7 PM
East Phillips Park
2307 17th Avenue S
\$10-\$20 (financial assistance available)

Have you ever wondered how maple sap is transformed into sticky, sweet syrup? The Phillips Community Maple Tapping Project, led by Four Sisters Food Sovereignty, gives you the chance to watch the process in action in your own neighborhood...and an option to learn how to tap your own trees! If you don't have a tree but want to try tapping, there will also be opportunities to collect sap from other trees. To participate, search "maple" at minneapolis-parks.org/activities-events, then scroll down and click on the event to register. For assistance with registration, call East Phillips Park at 612-370-4888. If cost is a barrier, please reach out to giacono@nacdci.org.

The Dance is Not Over
Sunday, March 29
7 - 9 PM
Quatrefoil Library
1220 E Lake Street
Free

The Dance is Not Over is a feature length documentary by Mark Wojahn starring dancer, choreographer, and artistic founder of Patrick's Cabaret, Patrick Scully. Filmed over a period of six years and framed around the rehearsals of Scully's dance company, the movie zooms in on secrets of Scully's early years as he finds his movement in contact improv, goes on to dance with Remy Charlip in New York, founds Patrick's Cabaret, battles the 90's culture wars, and presents his homoerotic personification of Walt Whitman in the performance *Leaves of Grass: Illuminated*.

The film screening will be followed by a Q&A with star Patrick Scully. No RSVP required, all are welcome!

MARK WOJAHN



CUHCC, cont.
 From page 5...

advocacy services for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, and health education. For more information, visit cuhcc.umn.edu. To schedule an appointment, call 612-301-3433. CUHCC also offers same day visits and walk-in services for urgent medical, dental and therapy needs. Virtual care is available for many appointments.

Need for bigger, better space

After 35 years, the building is

outdated and inadequate for its 12,000 patients and the 175 future healthcare professionals from UMN's Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Nursing, Social Work, and Public Health who annually train at the clinic. There are too few exam rooms. The lobby is crowded and lacks privacy for patients checking in and the tiny breakroom is inadequate for the 146+ staff working there each day.

The new clinic will accommodate an estimated 10% increase in patient volume by 2029 in a setting that promotes dignity and healing for patients, fosters inter-

professional collaboration across medical, dental and mental health departments, and provides staff with adequate, comfortable space for meeting, breaks, and self-care.

Open during construction

Continuing to provide high quality care to residents of the Phillips Community and beyond is CUHCC's highest priority during construction. To achieve this, the contractor, JE Dunn will build the new clinic in CUHCC's current parking lot while CUHCC continues operating out of its current building. To lessen the parking

Old CUHCC building.

impact on streets around the clinic, CUHCC will expand its small parking lot on the building's south side and rent dedicated parking spaces for staff on University's West Bank. Beginning mid-April, patients can park in this expanded lot and across the street at the Fond Du Lac building on Bloomington Avenue. During construction, the clinic's Fresh Food Wednesday free produce distributions will be suspended to conserve parking spots and minimize foot traffic around the construction.

Once the clinic opens in late 2027, JE Dunn will demolish the current building and replace it with a new parking lot.

CUHCC's 226 team includes 210 UMN employees and 16 doctors and midwives contracted through University of Minnesota Physicians, a multi-specialty group practice for the University of Minnesota Medical School faculty. Through competitive processes, UMN selected HGA Architects to design the building and landscaping and JE Dunn to construct it. The \$45 million cost of the building is funded through annual institutional support and other contributions from the University of Minnesota and philanthropic support from generous donors.

Interesting Details

CUHCC's 12,049 patients collectively speak 57 languages.



Rendering of the new CUHCC building.

How to submit to the alley

1. Find and write about a topic relevant to the Phillips Community.
2. Stick to these general rules: 500 words for an opinion piece and up to 700 for a feature piece, and no profanity or harm!
3. Ask a friend to proof-read!
4. Send in your article and any images, permissions, and captions in their final and best form to copydesk@alleynews.org, or upload at alleynews.org/submissions, by 5pm SHARP on the 12th of the month.
5. Copydesk may follow up with clarifications, any image issues, etc.
6. The Editorial Leadership Committee selects what goes in the alley each month. Articles may be edited for length and clarity; news and stories that focus on Phillips and are timely will be prioritized!

accepted submissions: photos, neighborhood news, feature articles, interviews, profiles, fiction, cartoons, opinions, artwork, poetry



Save the Date: Spring Vintage Wear Market and Shoe Drive

Sat, March 7
 11 am-3 pm

The reuse market is an important part of sustainability, a core value of Minneapolis and sister city Uppsala in Sweden. In practice of this value, the Minneapolis-Uppsala Friendship committee invites you to its Spring Vintage Wear Market at ASI. This unique, upscale vintage shopping experience will feature 25 curated vendors, live music, and refreshments available for purchase at Fika Café. A \$5 donation or 1-5 pairs of used shoes are recommended in lieu of an entrance fee. The used shoes will go to micro-entrepreneurs in the developing world who then establish their own small businesses.

HENNEPIN COUNTY MINNESOTA

Hello Neighbors!
 I hope everyone is staying hydrated, finding joy and sharing love!

I release a monthly newsletter to residents with updates on:

- Hennepin County Board actions
- County Programs & Grants
- Upcoming Community Events in District 4
- County and Community Resources

Angela Conley
 District 4
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For more information on supports for our businesses, food, health, housing, legal & more, please visit www.hennepin.us/operation-reconnect

February's recap newsletter included updates from the 2026 National Associations of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

I presided as Chair of the Community Economic and Workforce Development Committee. Our policy steering committees lead key policy priorities for our nations 3,069 counties, parishes & boroughs.

February was National Heart Health Month!
 Make sure you are taking care of your heart, getting exercise, drinking water and eating healthy.

Sign up for District 4 Newsletter
hennepin.us/angelaconley

Keep up to date with on socials
 @D4Commish

Leadership Positions on Board Committees
 Intergovernmental Relations Co-chair
 Public Health Chair
 Hennepin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Chair

Please reach out with questions, comments, or to learn more about how to get involved. This space paid for by Commissioner Angela Conley



EAST & MIDTOWN PHILLIPS STRONG

We are committed to supporting all of our Phillips residents, which includes **our immigrant neighbors**. If you have questions or need resources related to immigration or overall neighborhood support, our website is often updated with local resources and community events. Please continue to take care of yourself, loved-ones, and neighbors.

To learn more and access immigration resources, please visit <https://www.unitedphillips.org/immigration> or scan the QR code below.

In collaboration with various neighbors, religious communities, businesses, and other local organizations, **mutual aid efforts have been skyrocketing!** In the Phillips neighborhoods, over \$400,000 of housing funds were distributed, tens of thousands of groceries and supplies have been safely delivered to vulnerable neighbors, and thousands of relational bonds have been formed.



Ingebretsen's pop-up food shelf

Phillips Tool Library

The Phillips Tool Library will launch in March of 2026! The tool library focuses on providing free access to high-need gardening oriented tools. Details and access to the rental form will be available at: www.unitedphillips.org/phillips-tool-library. The library includes two tiers of tools:

- Tier 1 tools (these can be rented by anyone right away):
 - Hori Hori Tools, 50 x 50 cell seed starting trays, 75 x 75 cell seed starting trays, collapsible milk crates for harvesting, a soil sampling probe, broad-fork (Johnny's seed), weed wrench (midsize), large branch lopper, fruit picker, 5" stirrup hoe, 3.5" stirrup hoe, wire weeder, pole digger.
- Tier 2 tools (For established urban farms or neighbors who have previously borrowed a tool):
 - EGO CS1611 16 in. chainsaw, EGO hedge trimmer, EGO PS1001 pole saw, EGO lawnmower, EGO leaf blower, orchard ladder, Terrateck wheel hoe, and Dewalt impact driver + drill and screw bits.



ICE Encounters

Brother-in-Law Taken

By ANONYMOUS

I wanted to share my story, to document what is happening with ICE in our community. I am originally from Western Wisconsin, but visited Minneapolis every chance I had, once I got my driver's license. Growing up gay in a small town, Minneapolis was a place of freedom and community I always dreamed of. I moved to South Minneapolis almost 30 years ago. I lived in several neighborhoods around South and ended up in Phillips because my husband grew up here. My husband was born in Mexico. His mom brought his siblings and him here in the early 1990s, looking for better opportunities. They started the legal process, which is very slow. Their priority date, even though applied for right away when they got here, was almost 15 years later.

My family's experience with ICE started months before the surge in Minneapolis. In July, 2025, ICE agents surrounded my brother-in-law's neighborhood in a northern suburb of Minneapolis. They created a checkpoint requiring all people traveling in and out to show ID and they directed all non-white people to pull over and have their vehicles inspected. They detained my BIL and 6 other men that day. They left his car running with the keys in it on the side of the road. His fiancé only found out he had been taken, because his boss called and said he didn't arrive at work. She walked the neighborhood and found his car.

We were not too worried when the abduction happened, because he had been detained a couple times previously for traffic violations in counties that did not provide sanctuary from ICE. Each time that he was transferred to ICE previously, he was released in a day or two once we could provide his documents and work

authorization. He had been married to an American Citizen and had sponsorship to make him able to live and work in the US legally. ICE held my BIL in a former women's prison in Freeborn County, in southern Minnesota. It took over 2 months to get a hearing. After two court hearings, with Minnesota immigration judges who both thought my BIL should be released, ICE appealed the case to a judge in the state of Virginia. The Virginia judge's opinion was that even though he was here with a valid work permit, ICE did not want him to stay so they would hold him until they had "enough evidence" to deport him. The only other option was to self-deport. The threat they used was that if he was forcefully deported, he could not come back to his US citizen daughter for 10 years. If he self-deported, he could return in 2 years. We raised the money for self-deportation. (They charge you for the armed ride to the airport \$700, since they cannot release a detainee to get their own ride.)

Everything was set for BIL to self-deport in October, 2025. We were on alert, because ICE does not tell you the date or where they will deport him to, in order to prevent family or friends from trying to intercept the detainee. We had money ready to wire him once he got on the ground in Mexico, and to get him to a city where he could set up his new life. November went by and in the beginning of December guards woke my BIL up at 3am with the news that they were transferring him to a jail that was now being used as a detention center in Iowa. Guards taunted him that they wouldn't have room for him in Minnesota, because the detention center was about to be "filled with Somalis."

Currently, my BIL is still in detention in Iowa. We found out last week (early February) that one of the judges from Minnesota has been writing opinions back to the judge in Virginia, advocating for him to be released due to having a valid work authorization and green card application in process with USCIS. ICE is still holding the money we paid for self-deporting and is not giving

any date for when he could be released or deported. BIL's attorney is an immigration attorney and said that many of his cases are being handled similarly. He said it seems that ICE is trying to wait people out by detaining them for no reason, until they have used up all their savings and lose their apartment or home and choose to self-deport. My BIL has not been able to work and if it wasn't for his fiancé paying the rent and expenses, he would have lost everything in the more than 6 months he has been held with no charges.



Women's History, cont.

from page 1...

- 1923 - **Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) Drafted:** Alice Paul drafts the ERA, aimed at guaranteeing legal gender equality.
- 1963 - **The Feminine Mystique:** Betty Friedan publishes the book, sparking the second-wave feminist movement.
- 1963 - **Equal Pay Act:** Congress passes legislation prohibiting sex-based wage discrimination.
- 1964 - **Civil Rights Act (Title VII):** Prohibits employment discrimination based on sex, race, color, religion, or national origin.
- 1966 - **NOW Formed:** The National Organization for Women is founded to advance women's equality.
- 1972 - **Title IX: Education Amendments** are signed into law, guaranteeing equal access to higher education and sports.
- 1973 - **Roe v. Wade:** The Supreme Court affirms a woman's constitutional right to an abortion.

1974: **The Equal Credit Opportunity Act** passed, prohibiting discrimination based on sex or marital status, allowing women to secure credit cards and loans without a male co-signer.

1981 - **First Woman on Supreme Court:** Sandra Day O'Connor is sworn in.

1994 - **Violence Against Women Act (VAWA):** Provides federal resources to combat domestic violence and sexual assault.

2021 - **First Woman Vice President:** Kamala Harris is sworn in, marking a milestone in political representation.

Wrong Way, cont.

from page 3...

has seen volunteers and client numbers in that same community drop since late December. And is working with Powderhorn volunteers to deliver groceries to homes of those who are afraid to set foot outdoors. Last January the pantry's produce distribution served 300 families. Same time this year, only 80.

Minnesota Multi Housing Association president Cecil Smith told Finance & Commerce he's concerned that merely considering the moratorium resolution would damage the "ability to attract resources for future development." Well, Smith doesn't have to worry about a roof over his

family's head or, in fact, seeing to it they're fed. That crisis stares impacted tenants straight in the face, not in the future but right now.

The sweeping action effected in Aurora, Colorado was the right way to get rid of criminals. People simply going about their lives, making ends meet, doing their best to keep the wolf from the door are an entirely different matter. In the Twin Cities, particularly South Minneapolis' Mexican and Mexican American communities, the wrong people are catching hell.

DWIGHT HOBBS is a long-time Twin Cities journalist and essayist.



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Movie Corner

Best Films of 2025



By HOWARD MCQUITTER II

1. **Sinners** - Director: Ryan Coogler
2. **One Battle After Another** - Director: Paul Thomas Anderson
3. **Hamnet** - Director: Chloe Zhao
4. **Marty Supreme** - Director: Josh Safdie
5. ***The Dance is Not Over** - Director: Mark Wohahn
6. ***Regretfully at Dawn** - Director: Sivaroj Kongsakul
7. **The Life of Chuck** - Director: Mike Flanagan
8. **Good Boy** - Director: Ben Leonberg
9. **Weapons** - Director: Zach Creggar
10. **Bugonia** - Director: Yorgos Lanthimos

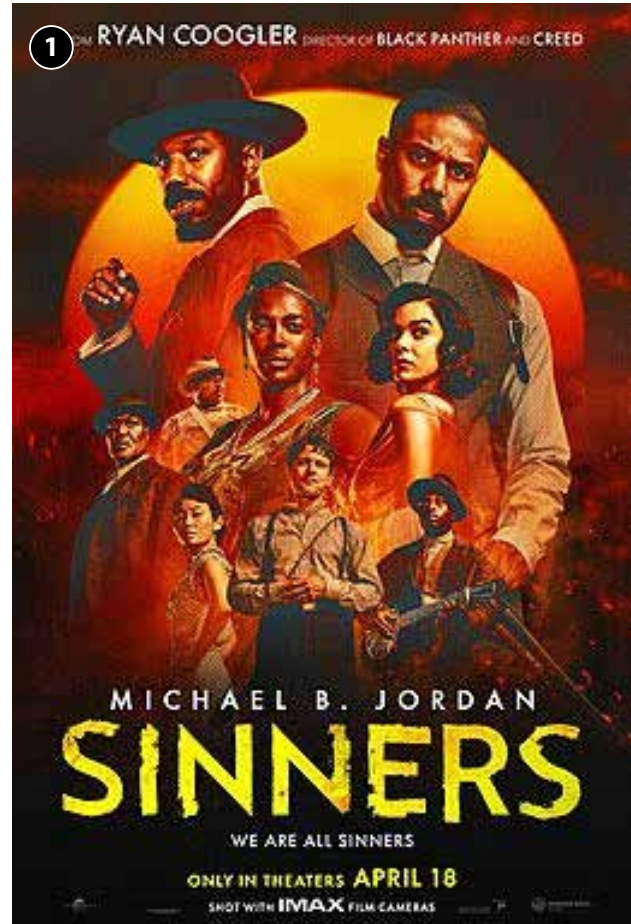


Howard McQuitter II

Suggested Film:
Eddington - Director: Ari Aster

50th Anniversary of Films:
Jaws (1975) Director: Steven Spielberg, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* (1975) - Director: Milos Forman

*Appeared in Minneapolis-St. Paul International Film Festival



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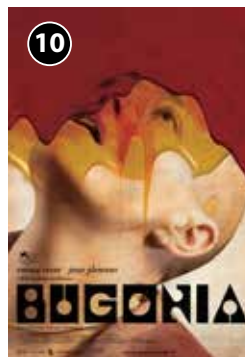
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Immigration Resources

ICE agents have been terrorizing our neighborhoods. Below are some immigration resources for both vulnerable neighbors and people who want to support them.

This is also a great time to meet your neighbors, offer a friendly face, and support our immigrant-run businesses.

Monarca
Hotline: 612-441-2881
Posters for businesses:
<https://monarcamn.org/resources>

Immigrant Law Center of MN
Know Your Rights, Family Preparedness, and Legal Clinics:
<https://www.ilcm.org/immigration-resources/know-your-rights/>

Addiction Recovery Services
Care Without Judgment

Compassionate, confidential care for anyone using opioid or fentanyl use, alcohol, or other substances

- Medication to reduce or quit drug use
- Counseling & mental health support
- Wound & medical care
- Care coordination and referrals
- HIV / Hepatitis C testing & treatment
- Harm reduction & safer use education

COMMUNITY-UNIVERSITY HEALTH CARE CENTER

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
2001 Bloomington Ave
Minneapolis

Clinic
612-301-3433

Text to SUD Team
612-207-8352

Walk-in Care Available
z.umn.edu/sud-assistance

Privacy, cont.
from page 4...

vices, and every device that connects to the Internet uses it. Your ISP can and probably does keep a record of all the services you connect to. Worse, they often sell that collected data, and they're usually not very fast. These public DNS providers don't keep logs, and they encrypt your traffic, ensuring that your ISP (or anybody else) can't see which sites and services you're connecting to. Changing your DNS is a simple way to increase the privacy AND speed of your browsing, and most of them block malware and phishing sites. Many of them offer the added service of blocking things like adult sites if you wish. There are many trustworthy free public DNS providers, such as Cloudflare, Google, AdGuard, and Quad9.

tal right rather than a paid feature. As it's run by a non-profit, Signal is not beholden to shareholders or advertisers, meaning it has no incentive to track your behavior or harvest your data. It does not show ads. Every communication from text and voice memos to group video calls is protected by industry-leading end-to-end encryption that is now enhanced with quantum-resistant protection (PQ3) to secure your data against future threats.

Private Search Engines: Search engines like DuckDuckGo, Brave Search, or StartPage instead of Google. Switching to a privacy-based search engine like the ones mentioned is one of the most effective ways to break free from surveillance and reclaim your digital anonymity.

4. Communication & Messaging

End-to-End Encrypted Messaging: Texting is not secure. There is some protection available in the Android and iPhone ecosystems, but it isn't foolproof. This insecurity is highlighted when a person on an iPhone texts someone using Android. Those messages are not secure. Signal is considered the current gold standard in keeping your conversations truly private, preferred over Telegram, WhatsApp, or Facebook Messages. People should use Signal because it's the only major messaging platform that treats privacy as a fundamen-

Unlike Google, which builds a permanent, multidimensional profile of your life by linking your search queries to your IP address, location, and personal account, private engines do not track or store your search history.

This prevents the creation of a "filter bubble," where algorithms decide what information you see based on your past behavior, and it stops the intrusive "retargeting" ads that seem to follow you across the web. Furthermore, because these engines don't monetize your personal vulnerabilities or interests, they provide a more objective search experience,

shielding you from data brokers. This reduces the risk of your sensitive information being exposed in a data breach or following you across the web.

Email Aliasing: Use services like Firefox email relay or iCloud Hide My Email to prevent your primary address from being sold to data brokers. They provide you with a burner email address that forwards to your real email address while hiding it at the same time. This comes in very handy when you want to unsubscribe from something, as you just disable the address and never hear from it again.

Encrypted Email: Use a service like Proton Mail or Tuta to keep your emails away from prying eyes, advertisers, and trackers. Not even the companies providing the emails can see what the contents are. With Proton, you can email other Proton users and those emails will be encrypted end-to-end with no effort on your part. You can also securely email anybody and encrypt it with a password.

If you have Gmail, you should enable confidential mode as a start. Unfortunately, there aren't many simple encryption options for regular Gmail users, and you should avoid sending sensitive information using it. Never send information like account numbers, PINs, or Social Security numbers via email.

"When the great newspapers don't say much, see what the little independent ones say."

-Wendell Phillips

South High, cont.

from page 1...

International film festival – you can read some of his reviews of the film festival in past issues of the alley! The opportunities of student journalism transcend the walls of the high school community.

"South exists within a community, and we try to never forget that," Stricherz said.

Everly Comeaux is a junior going into her second year with the Southerner as the Features Editor. The skills she's learn as a student journalist have led her to dig deeper into the news.

"As teenagers, it's really easy to see some current event on social media, and think that you already know the whole picture just because you saw one Instagram post or one TikTok about it," Comeaux said. "But being in a journalist's perspective has helped me dive deeper and read more stories about what's actually going on, instead of seeing something and automatically believing it."

Writing stories about her community like school plays and the inaccessibility of school bathrooms have deeply entrenched

Comeaux in her community.

"[Being a student journalist is] a great way to see the community while being active in the community," Comeaux said.

To read the work of these student journalists, go to shsouthern.net. The Southerner's website is updated frequently, and their print edition is published quarterly. Keep an eye out for more of their community journalism in the alley and consider writing for the alley yourself! Community journalism is a pinnacle of democracy, now more than ever.

NATALIE MAZEY serves on the board of Alley Communications and is a senior at Macalester College.



Raise Your Voice
Worst of the Worst?

By PETER MOLENAAR



Peter Molenaar

For many residents of the Phillips Neighborhood and surrounding communities, the designation "worst of the worst" is now granted to the masked invaders, who, operating with a quota in mind, were here to dislocate the lives of immigrants... people who have earned our respect, whose children have warmed our hearts for many years!

[However]: for the sake of all the children, we must ask ourselves: were the masked monsters morally deficient upon leaving their mother's wombs, or had they been dehumanized by their masters?

Lord knows, mace to the face is more than a "whiff of fascism". Looking ahead, therefore, WE THE PEOPLE are compelled to resist by means of nonviolent demonstrations, general strikes, and presumably the ballot box as well. To which I will add: that whole world is watching!

PETER MOLENAAR advocates a broad united-front, even as he describes socialism as the future solution.

READ NOT TO CONTRADICT AND CONFUTE, NOR TO BELIEVE AND TAKE FOR GRANTED... BUT TO WEIGH AND CONSIDER*

FRANCIS BACON

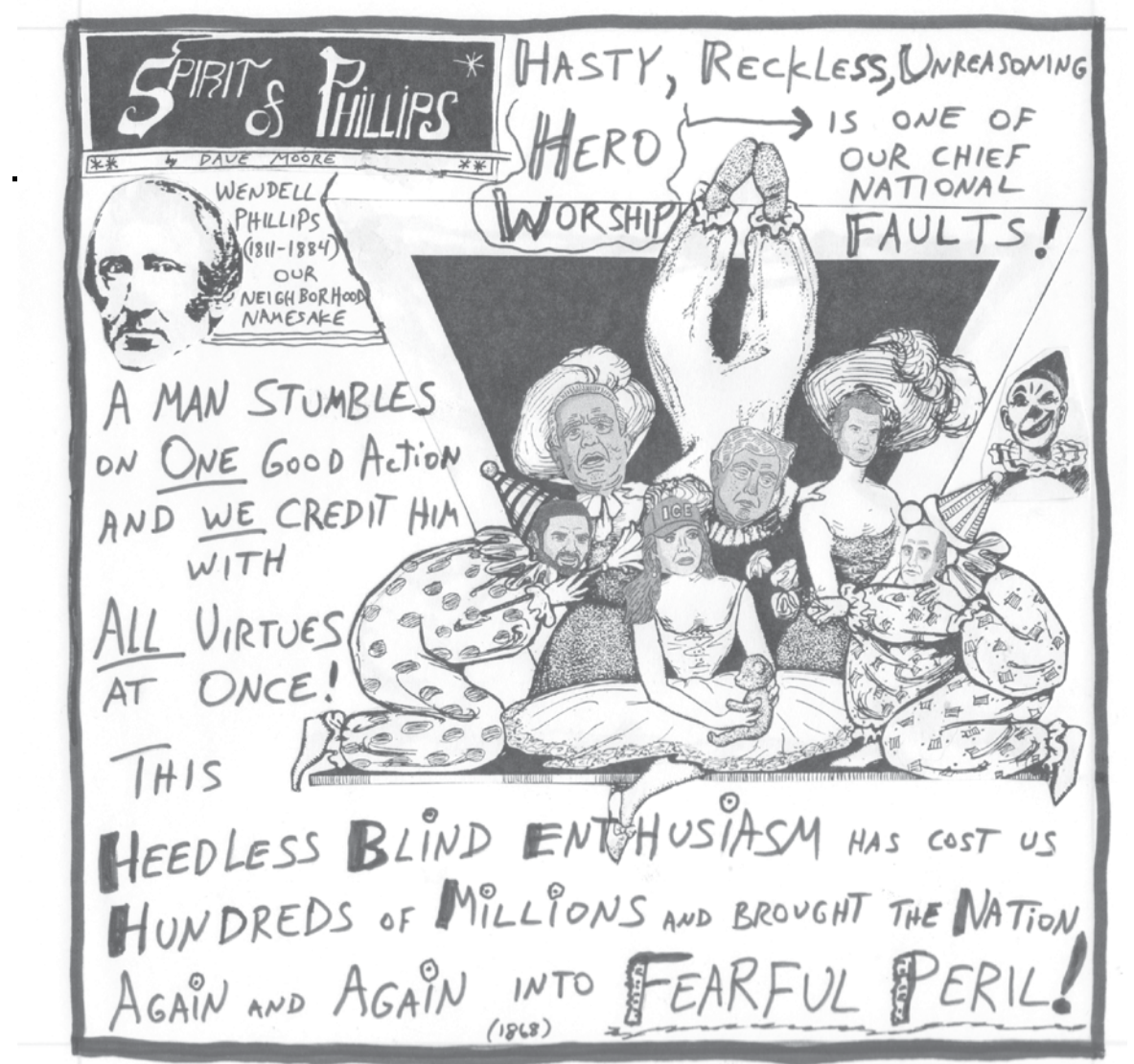
the alley invites you to CONSIDER writing a note or letter to the paper, for feedback or to publish!

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Is there something going on in Phillips that should be noted in the alley?

Let us know all about it by sending your sentences and/or photographs to: copydesk@alleynews.org or at alleynews.org/submissions

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS



▲ DAVE MOORE & LINNEA HADAWAY have lived here since the Reagan 80s and became life partners while originating the cartoon series "Spirit of Phillips."

COLUMNS Past, Present, and Future

The Parthenon has 23 interior columns for support. *The alley* has had a wide variety of Columns on interior pages for reader enjoyment and support of its value. These quick summaries are for appreciation of what *the alley* has been for 50 years and to prompt readers to become writers of similar *alley* content in the years ahead.

Gallery of Loss & Light

By HARVEY WINJE

Continued from February...

Part 5 is about the loss of trust and how nominal—in name only—titles of people, positions, and institutions cannot be assumed to be trustworthy; even though sometimes well-intended. Hopefully these episodes and anecdotes can shed light for the community going forward. How can we as individuals pivot from disappointment to opportunity; from strength to strength?

Who Was in the Room?

Decisions about property of Messiah Evangelical Church Congregation, MELCC, were probably made by key leadership members and pastors. Only five such members are briefly described below to help imagine what transpired over decades leading up to the demolition of the 1908 and 1954 buildings.

Mr. Charles O. Johnson

Charles Johnson became a copy boy at age ten, *Minneapolis Daily News* reporter as a high school student, *Minneapolis Star* sports editor at 22 years old, and *Star* and *Tribune* sports editor after a 1941 merger until retirement in 1968.

He was highly influential in establishing professional sports in Minneapolis. He mentored writers like Halsey Hall and Sid Hartman and took them on trips to persuade wealthy team owners in other states, sometimes flying in the airplane of the owner of the *Star Tribune*, John Cowles. The Cowles family lived at 2318 Park Avenue in the Tenny Mansion from 1939 until 1983—the last resident of mansions on Park Ave.

Coincidentally, that house is across 24th Street from where Messiah Church relocated in 2008 to the Center for Changing Lives building that houses offices and residential apartments.

Johnson lived at the historic 2615 apartment building across from the American Swedish Institute Turnblad Mansion, which was named after a newspaper publisher.

Mr. Hugo Carlson

Hugo Carlson joined MELCC after returning from WWI in 1920. He was attracted to services in English. He built a successful through a general contracting company.

He worked closely with Rev. Kendall, which he considered “an education and privilege.” He said, “Dr. Kendall was a unique combination of manager, psychologist, and preacher.”

Hugo Carlson served as chairman of the committee that planned and directed Messiah’s Parish and Community Center. It was a formidable undertaking, planning for the needs of a large church family, including 500 children. But, he said, “I think my vice chairman, Bob Slater, did all the work!”

Dr. Robert Slater

Slater was a University of Minnesota professor and Director of the Department of Mortuary Science for 40 years. He is cred-



NANCY POWELL

Messiah Ev. Lutheran Church Sanctuary 1908. Architectural Art by Architect Harry Wild Jones

ited with advancing the mortuary science degree from an associate degree to the first full four year program in the U.S.

He was in the Navy during World War II and received a Purple Heart after being wounded at Guadalcanal. While researching this article, I learned that his facial deformity was caused by that WWII injury.

Governor and District Judge Luther Youndahl

Luther Youndahl, Governor of Minnesota from 1947 to 1951, was a member of MELCC since the second confirmation class in 1909. He graduated from the South High School campus at 24th Street and Cedar Avenue, which was demolished in 1970 and is now the site of Little Earth of United Tribes.

As governor, Youndahl was known for protecting ancient landmarks. Often characterized as “the governor who’s against sin,” he embarked on a number of crusades.

One of Youndahl’s biggest concerns was mental health, and he made reforms to Minnesota’s mental health care system. In October 1949, Youndahl burned more than 300 straitjackets and restraints from hospitals. He also increased funding for public education, expanded public housing, increased benefits for war veterans, created activities to improve the health of young people, desegregated the state’s National Guard, passed anti-discrimination laws in employment, and banned slot machines and strengthened anti-liquor laws, despite the legislature’s opposition. He persuaded the Legislature to enact an anti-slot machine law in 1947. In 1946, there were more than 8,500 slot machines in Minnesota. Much less “sinful” yet a bit risky were the two pin-ball machines across the alley from MELCC at the Chicago Avenue Eat Shop when I worked there in 1951.

The Youndahl family belonged to Messiah from its beginning, including Reuben Youndahl, Luther’s younger brother who went into the ministry and increased the Mount Olivet 200 member, debt-ridden congregation to over 10,000.

Mr. Bill Doepke

Doepke was described previously along with expertise within the family house moving business, Doepke House Movers.

Mr. John Nelson

John Nelson was a Messiah member and an executive with Apache Development Corporation that was the developer in the planning phase of the MELCC, senior living hi-rise project to be built south of the new Parish Center on Columbus Avenue.

Ms. Elsa Johnson

Elsa Johnson was a MELCC member who lived on 4th Avenue and 26th Street. She was a City

Council member and may have been the first woman to preside as City Council President. She was a radical change from quieter women in public settings.

The Pastors and many Messiah leaders didn’t live close to Messiah Church as did Elsa and my family. Membership gradually lived further away due to attrition, “white flight,” and federal housing benefits to veterans returning from wars.

Perhaps, Elsa was the forerunner to Pastor Elayne Lipp becoming Messiah’s first woman Pastor in 1983 and serving for sixteen years until leaving to care for her husband’s health.

Messiah Planned Ahead for Sanctuary, Education Facility, Better Accessibility, and Residential

This partial list and descriptions of five MELCC members easily leads to the assumption that the MELCC’s business and leadership acumen came from the membership along with the pastors.

It is obvious that their planning was looking ahead to satisfy the needs of the congregation. As mentioned before, acquisition of the Jones Mansion, its demolition, building the Parish Center along Columbus Avenue, and leaving the large frontage part of the multiple lots was forward planning to move the Sanctuary or build new on the front of the lots.

The congregation bought the Gustafson house next door to the church on Columbus Avenue, moved it to another lot, thus making space for some off-street parking and surface area to add-on to the original building for better accessibility including an elevator.

Plans were also made to build a high rise residence that went as far as building plans, investments by members to live there, developed via Apache Corporation along with assistance from Bor-Son Construction (previously mentioned as having built hi-rise apartments near Loring Park in 1966 and Children’s MN’s first building in 1969-1973).

Disclosure

I worked as a carpenter for Bor-Son Construction Co. at these buildings and years: Richfield Jr. High in 1959, 3 St. Paul Park Grade Schools in 1960, U Of M Housing in 1961, Apache Shopping Center in 1963, 2 St. Olaf College hi-rise (10 & 12 floors) from 1963-64, Carleton College Women’s Gymnasium in 1964, St. Park High School from 1964-65, 2 Summit 22 Floor hi-rises (previously mentioned) in 1966, and Apache Center Apartments in 1971.

Rev. Kendall Moved Up and Across the Street

When Rev. Kendall was elect-



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ed President of the MN Synod Augustana Lutheran Church—and later President of the MN Synod of the newly merged Lutheran Church in America—his office was in the former Anton Strong Brook’s mansion at 2445 Park Avenue. I met with him there, too; each of us on our respective sides of his desk in the office with exquisite wood paneling, seeking his advice before leaving for college.

Anton Brooks was a grain entrepreneur and also owned lumber businesses.

Rev. Marbury Anderson, 1956-1969

Changes of pastors at MELCC brought changes in leadership style. Pastor Marbury Anderson (1956-1969) for example, made his sermons available in hard copy the next Sunday on single-spaced, typed, mimeographed versions at least two pages in length, more often three, and sometimes four pages.

It is a telling phenomenon that confirmands were not required to give reviews or summary notes on the sermons, music, or architecture of the worship experience. The spiritual experience in the MELCC Sanctuary was greatly embellished by all of the parts of the structure, artistic colorful glass, music, liturgy, and the spoken word. Protestant churches had trended toward emphasis on the words of sermons. Of course, by then, students knew English and didn’t need increased practice.

Pastor Anderson’s diligent work on sermons was underscored when he said, “Having felt through the years that the greatest challenge and most important work as a pastor was the sermon, I’m especially thrilled by Brad and Janet’s action, which came as such a surprise,” said Anderson when President Emeritus of Luther Seminary in St. Paul David Tiede announced, “the newly created Marbury Anderson Chair in Biblical Preaching in 2005. It is given by Bradbury and Janet Anderson in honor of Brad’s father, the Rev. Marbury E. Anderson. The chair reflects the Andersons’ love of excellent preaching and their belief that biblical preaching is the cornerstone of a vital, healthy church.”

Back Story: In 1973, Brad Anderson joined Sound of Music, a small chain of stereo stores that was the precursor to Best Buy, as a commissioned salesman. Best Buy’s founder, Richard Schulze, named Brad Vice President in 1981. Schulze and Anderson turned the chain from a commission-driven store to a discount store, warehouse-style format. In 1986, Brad Anderson was promoted to Executive Vice President and was elected to Best Buy’s Board of Directors. In April 1991, he was promoted to president and Chief Operating Officer, then Vice Chairman in 2001, and, in June 2002, he assumed the position of Chief Executive Officer until June 2009.

Pastor Anderson’s office was in the new Parish Center with wall to wall windows above a “Swedish blue” racing strip on the outside, fluorescent lighting, and vinyl tile floor. The exact opposite of the darker wood paneled second floor office of Pastor Kendall adjacent to the church office and the sanctuary balcony. Pastor Anderson wore a white shirt and tie more often than clerical garb.

The MELCC also benefited by the exquisite ecclesiastical architecture of famous, eclectic architect Harry Wild Jones; the charismatic style and exuberance of musical direction by Dr. Leland B. Sateren, composer and Director of the Augsburg College Music Department and Choir for over 30 years; and the mastery of all music genres on the pipe organ by Bette Boyer Holmes, who could honor someone’s birthday on Sunday by weaving in the Happy Birthday song with compositions by any noted ecclesiastical music composer as though the composer had made it that way.

All together, this dynamic foursome brought innumerable and extraordinary worship experiences to all who entered those doors.

Part 6 Continuation in April alley...

- The whole of my experiences living on Block 5 were greater than the sum of the parts. Perhaps, that is true for others wherever they have lived. This is also an invitation to everyone to share stories of “the cracks in everything” and “how the ‘light’ got it.”
- MELCC Pastor Peter Erickson’s flagrant opposition to the American Indian Movement, AIM’s demands to the Lutheran Council of the U.S.A., and spiritual activism including the occupation of a surplus Minneapolis naval air station from May 17-21, 1971 highlighting broken treaties, and implementing a repurposing of abandoned buildings according to a treaty of 1805; ironically, the buildings used by the 2025-26 Immigration and Customs Enforcement Surge in Minnesota. All of this on Dakota land!
- Conclusion about trusting leaders, agreements, and treaties.
- The enlightenment that the MELCC property tragedy on Block 5 could have been a Win/Win/Win/Win/Win conclusion. Instead it ended in a Zero/Sum conclusion: one player’s gain being exactly equal to another’s loss, resulting in a net change of zero!