

Zoning Approved For New Banking Complex



photo by Edsel Adams

State-of-the-art, high-rise banking will finally become a reality in the Village. Developers have designed the new structure to reflect the historic flavor of Broad Ripple by incorporating the street-level design of the Vogue Theater with the ground floor of the new tower.

by Alan Hague

Broad Ripple residents will no longer have to travel downtown to complete complex banking transactions: construction on a high-rise banking center at the site of the Vogue nightclub is scheduled to start this summer. “We are all excited about this wonderful project,” said Brad Hopper, Broad Ripple Village Association executive director. “I think we finally have the Broad Ripple residents and businesses in full agreement. Frankly, we were a bit surprised at first when there was no opposition to this one. But once you see the plans, you can’t help but love it. This ten-story financial center will really put us on the map.”

While the historic Vogue nightclub, once a first-run movie house built in 1936, will be razed for this project, the developers have given a nod to the past by replicating the design of the street-level Vogue façade in the new structure. “We want customers to feel like their old landmark is still here,” said Le Bank president David Trambler. “Heck, we might even still serve popcorn in the bank lobby. We also have plans to show old movies on a big TV, you know, to give it the feel of a theater.” We DO know, David, and it sounds great to us!

This reporter has heard some behind-the-scenes details of this banking behemoth. The first floor will be for day-to-day banking. The second floor will be dedicated to home loans, with dozens of loan officers to eliminate the wait. The third floor will handle stock and bond transactions. The tenth floor will be Broad Ripple’s first coffee house/observation deck. “Our customers will enjoy free cups of Joe,” imagines David, “while look-

ing out over the top of the Marathon station across College Avenue. Heck, they’ll be able to see clean over to Broad Ripple Animal Clinic!”

Broad Ripple Village beat out several other locations for this Le Bank project. “Broad Ripple really scooped us on this one,” laments an unnamed mayor a few miles to the north. “Even with our impressive incentive offer, Le Bank wanted to be with all the other banks in Broad Ripple. I guess we will have to try to be Broad Ripple without the bars OR the banks.”

Le Bank’s arrival will bring hundreds of new jobs, from custodians to executives. This means that hundreds of new workers will be driving into the Village every day. Unfortunately, more parking spaces are not part of the construction plan. To the contrary, the larger size of the new structure will eliminate some already existing spots. “We feel that our customers will carpool to take advantage of our extensive banking services,” beamed David Trambler. “Our lawyers cooked up that carpooling scheme to get

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Artist rendering of the main lobby on the first floor of the Broad Ripple Le Bank.

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Giant Duck Seen in Broad Ripple Park



photo by Yeti Drake

Our staff photographer captured this rare glimpse of the huge duck scurrying into the forest section of Broad Ripple Park.

by Nala Eugah

The Gazette has received numerous phone calls and emails regarding the rogue duck giantress waddling through the Village. Quite frankly, we did not believe the reports - until today, when our staff photographer was on a routine assignment near the normally quiet playground at Broad Ripple Park. “I couldn’t believe my eyes,” recalled Yeti Drake, Gazette photographer. “There she was, right in front of me and I had my trusty Pentax loaded with film! The pictures are a little blurry because I was shaking with excitement. Luckily the playground was empty, as all the children were in school at the time. Just think of the disaster we could have had. Seeing your little playmate squashed by a huge webbed foot could put you off ducks for life.”

Gazette Staff Methods Revealed



photo by Aider Doughn

The Gazette staff gathering news on the canal. Note that even while undercover, the editor has his Hubbard & Cravens coffee with him.

by Aider Doughn

Chances are that you will not be reading this. If the editorial staff of the Gazette is doing their job, this article will get pulled. The undercover methods of the Gazette staff have long been a mystery. I am fully prepared to risk my employment at the Gazette to expose one of their techniques for news gathering.

The Hagues often fly (paddle?) under the radar by donning duck outfits to join the ducks in the canal. These clever disguises allow them to scoop all the news bureaus. For example, remember that story about the digging on College Avenue in the last issue? You didn’t see that on the AP Wire or in the Star. That was pure Broad Ripple Gazette.

I decided that our readers need to know the lengths that the Hagues stretch to just to bring you the news. But remember, you didn’t hear it from me!

Random Ripplings

Freedoms restored to Village

The citizens of Broad Ripple can rejoice! According to the window at Broad Ripple Lawn Equipment at 64th and Ferguson, we have two new freedoms: the freedom to tune-up now and the freedom to mow. Thank you Broad Ripple Lawn Equipment for your fight for our rights. We salute you!



This advertisement is a bit late as it fell behind our copy desk. We just found it and decided to run it anyway so we wouldn’t have to return the money. We hope the lunch special being advertised is still valid.



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us the zoning variance we needed. Normally a 10-story building would need more than 600 parking spots and we only have about 30. We have great lawyers. Please don’t quote me on that whole parking thing.” Don’t worry, David. We are very careful with our quoting. We haven’t received any complaints yet.

Steve Ross, owner of the Vogue nightclub, has been looking forward to this project for months. “I still remember the day I got the call from David [Trambler],” recalls Steve. “He came over with the bank tower renderings and at first I was horrified. Tear down the Vogue? But after the shock wore off, it all made sense. Ten stories of 24-hour banking - brilliant!”

It *is* brilliant, Steve. We don’t know why someone didn’t think of it sooner. We plan to be first in line to open a business account (and maybe get a free toaster? Hint!). The Broad Ripple Gazelle will have a full-length

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HAPPY APRIL FOOLS DAY!

**You didn't really think we would let anyone
tear down the Vogue, did you?**

**Elizabeth and I DO occasionally go undercover
as ducks to get stories though.**

-Alan

The April Fools Special Edition of the Gazette, The Broad Ripple Gazelle, is a four-page publication on the outside of the REAL edition of the Gazette. Removing it will result in a normal 20-page issue with real news.

Here is an extra historic photo for being a good sport!



photo courtesy of Vernon Earle

Looking northwest across Broad Ripple Avenue toward White River from the high school. Note that the avenue is dirt. The large building to the left is probably the old ice house or maybe the boat house. Applebee's is there today. The photo is not dated.

Scientists Make Discovery of Water Babies in Canal



photo by F. Stoph
Mr. Stork (left) watched as Martha Kleemer (center) and Ted Hydropalmer (right) offered the newly discovered water baby a glass of water.

by Nala Eugah

April 1 Scientists shocked the Broad Ripple community today with the announcement that water babies, possibly from outer space, have been found growing in the canal. This announcement ends years of speculation about these watery aliens. While experts are still evaluating the evidence, it appears that the finds are genuine.

“Amazing,” commented human baby expert Mr. Stork, pictured above. “This water baby is nothing like the babies I deliver. It must have come from outer space!”

That’s right, Mr. Stork. According to the experts, outer space is exactly where the water babies are from. Probably from the Nebulus Hydromia galaxy, but I am getting ahead of myself. Let me start at the beginning.

It all started on a dark and stormy evening about 4 months ago. A panel of scientists was strolling along the canal when they heard a small splash. “We thought it was an *anas platyrhynchos* [a duck] at first,” recalled scientist Franklin Pipette. “Once we climbed down the bank and into the canal we realized this was no water fowl. What we saw both shocked and delighted us, although we knew we would have a lot of explaining to do. Was the world ready for water babies?”

The scientists quickly and carefully placed one of the larger water babies into a lacy bassinet and carried it up to the dry tow path. “Luckily there



photo by Otto Phocus
A panel of water scientists held a press conference to announce the discovery.

was a full moon that night,” said scientist Mort Pestle. “The moonlight helped when we were trying to pass that bassinet back up the bank of the canal.”

As soon as the scientists were sure of their discovery, a press conference was held. All the broadcast networks in the Village interrupted their regular schedules to carry the special report. “We didn’t want to start a panic,” said Franklin, “but this news was too exciting to keep to ourselves. We knew it would create a big splash.”

Immediately after alerting the public of the existence of the water babies, the panel of scientists returned to the canal to search for clues that might explain how the babies travelled to the Broad Ripple waterway. “The obvious origin of the water babies was outer space,” explained Mort. “I mean, where else?”

Sure enough, a series of outer space transport tubes were discovered just below the water’s surface. Scientist Walter Berger quickly extracted one of the outer space tubes from the canal and affixed it to an attractive wooden plaque. It was on that very wooden plaque that Walter later presented his discovery to the world. “I remember that evening,” mused Walter. “When I set that outer space transport tube on the table next to Jack [Fromelgeiser] I could tell he thought I had sprung a leak. But after we presented the facts of the transport tubes and the water babies and he had time to absorb it all, he was a believer. I think I even saw a few tears. It is understandable. These water babies are a major discovery. Something like this can change your outlook on life. They’re just so darn cute!”

In a special exhibit sponsored by the Broad Ripple Gazelle, the water babies, outer space transport tubes, and Walter Berger will be on display through the summer at the Broad Ripple Historical Museum. The exhibit is open Mondays through Thursdays from 2pm to 3pm. Admission is \$3.25. Bring the family - you won’t want to miss this one.



photo by F. Stoph
Martha Kleemer (left) and Ted Hydropalmer (right) presented an artist’s depiction of the possible appearance of the water baby’s parents.



photo by Megan Pixel
Jack Fromelgeiser (right) appeared concerned as scientist Walter Berger (left) placed the transport tube on the table.