



Tim Vincent, left, and Butch Cravillian, right, in mini-excavator, work Thursday to tear down The Body Shop at Monroe Avenue and Main Street in downtown Green Bay. KYLE

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Green Bay strips away The Body Shop

Adult-themed club razed at gateway to downtown

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A longtime strip club in downtown Green Bay is on its way to becoming a parking lot, as city officials bring down the curtain on adult entertainment in the central business district.

The Body Shop, a tavern and strip club at 418 N. Monroe Ave., was demolished Thursday in a move that some cheered and others lamented.

Known for its adult-themed entertain-

ment that included "Amateur Night" every Wednesday, The Body Shop had grown into somewhat of a dubious institution in Green Bay's downtown.

But as economic hard times and other factors began to hurt business, landlord Bill Travis agreed to sell the property to city officials who were intent on eliminating the strip club.

"I never liked what we had on the corner here," Mayor Jim Schmitt said during a brief ceremony Thursday before the bulldozers took over.

City officials, who paid \$175,000 for the property, plan to convert it into a parking

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