



Not just another brick: Above, Jeff Smith, a worker with Architectural Artifacts, painstakingly pries loose part of the ivory terra-cotta facade from the soon-to-be-demolished Sheridan Theater on North Sheridan Road. Other members of the crew watch co-worker Stuart Grannen (at left), who wields a jackhammer to loosen bricks and mortar around the prized 20-by-80-foot facade. Besides the facade, other valuables have been or will be removed.

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