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Truth and Consequences

BY TONY BOUZA

There is no doubt in my mind that the most vital institution in America is a free press.

Period.

And the responsibility of the Fourth Estate?

Dig for and report the truth.

I tried hard to lead my life as a public servant in service to that principle.

A friend recently died and I was one of many to be called for his obituary. An obituary is a biographical sketch of a person's life. A eulogy is praise for one's life. A subtle but meaningful difference.

The friend—whom I won't name—led a really distinguished life of service and achievement.

'Nuff said—the Trib covered that well.

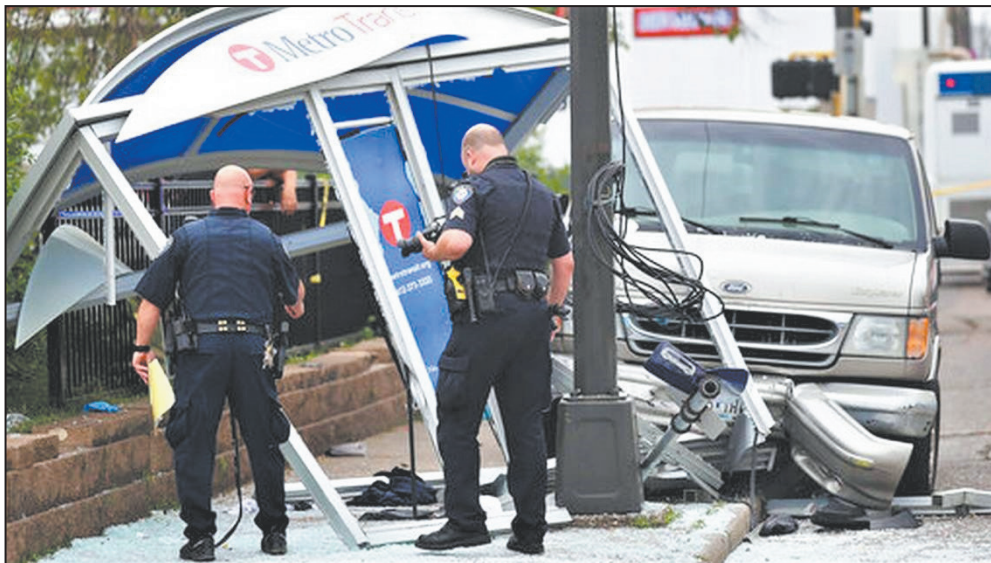
He was, for most of his life, a religious man, but died a committed atheist. Three responsible sources told the Trib obituarist (a neologism?) this, citing one of the principal comments the deceased repeatedly made in his summary days.

Was this newsworthy or not?

The answer lies in answering the question—will the reader care? Is it something she should know in reading the summation of the life?

Gloria Vanderbilt died the other day, and, hoping to learn some contemporary history, I read her obit in The Times. I learned—in addition to

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According to people who have viewed video footage, George R. Jensen deliberately drove his van into a bus shelter in North Minneapolis and injured six African Americans waiting for a bus on July 9.

Race War

BY ED FELIEN

There is a Race War happening in America.

Some very crazy white people are attacking and murdering people of color.

Dylann Roof killed nine African Americans during a church service at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in 2015. White supremacist James Fields deliberately rammed his car into a crowd of demonstrators protesting the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville in 2017, killing Heather Heyer. According to the Anti-Defamation League, white supremacists have killed 73 people since Charlottesville, culminating in 22 people being killed in El Paso by a white supremacist trying to stop the "Mexican invasion."

On July 9, George R. Jensen drove around the bus stop on Broadway and Lynedale in North Minneapolis, and, according to the criminal complaint, stopped, tried to talk to women, offered them money (presumably for

prostitution), but none were interested. Then he positioned his car in the bus zone and drove it straight into the bus shelter, injuring six people. One person had multiple pelvic fractures, fractured ribs and vertebra, and another had fractured ribs, a spleen laceration, broken legs, a scalp cut and a bruised lung.

County Attorney Mike Freeman said Jensen will be charged with five counts of criminal vehicular operation.

Minnesota Statute 609.2113: CRIMINAL VEHICULAR OPERATION; BODILY HARM. Subdivision 1. Great bodily harm. A person is guilty of criminal vehicular operation resulting in great bodily harm and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than five years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both, if the person causes great bodily harm to another not constituting attempted murder or assault as a result of operating a motor vehicle in a grossly negligent manner.

Freeman doesn't think Jensen will do time. He's not even confident he can get a conviction. Jensen is 83. He has no criminal record.

Longtime leaders in the Civil Rights Movement in North Minneapolis called a news conference to respond to Freeman's decision. Radio personality Ron Edwards; Spike Moss, formerly the Director of The Way; Ora Hokes, head of the local NAACP; and Tyrone Tirrell, president of the African-American Leadership Council, threatened to appeal Freeman's decision to the Minnesota Supreme Court. Terrill asked, "What does it take to be charged with a hate crime? That car is no different from a gun."

Assault is any attempt or action that causes physical harm to another person. In Minnesota, there are five categories, or degrees, of assault, all of which take into account the extent of the injuries and the type of weapon used:

Fifth—No weapon used, no serious bodily injury.

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My day in court

BY ED FELIEN

First, I want to thank the friends and supporters who came downtown to see me try to slay the dragon.

The judge asked me why I was doing this. If you don't like the decisions they make, then there are elections. I said, these elected officials took an oath of office to protect the public welfare. They're not doing it. They are threatening to destroy a valued cultural resource in South Minneapolis. All I am asking is that they remove the boulders blocking the flow of Minnehaha Creek under the 30th Avenue footbridge, and that they commission a new profile of Minnehaha Creek from the outlet at 27th Avenue to a point past the 30th Avenue footbridge to determine the control point for the water level of Lake Hiawatha.

The attorney representing the Park Board said I lacked legal standing to bring an action against the Park Board and that my facts were wrong.

I responded to their argument:

Respondents claim that Petitioner has no legal standing to bring forth a Writ of Mandamus to force



Drawing by Clea Felien

the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to remove boulders from Minnehaha Creek that are causing the flooding of homes in the area and the flooding of Hiawatha Golf Course.

Petitioner has used Hiawatha Golf Course as a source of recreation for almost seventy years. It is one of the reasons Petitioner has chosen to live most of his life in South Minneapolis. He and his African-American friends take pride in knowing that Hiawatha was home to the first national golf tournament open to African Americans, The Bronze. The legend—that Joe Louis, the Brown Bomber, over-clubbed the third hole with a five iron and drove his ball through a picture window across 43rd Street—is part of the folklore of South Minneapolis. We are saddened that the Park

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OPEN STREETS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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Open Streets on Nicollet Avenue – music, beer running, great food ... and scooters, oh, my!

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

We attended the Open Streets on Franklin Avenue a couple of weeks ago and man, there were a LOT of scooters. Scooters were a novelty rarely seen just last year at Open Streets. During my one-week visit to Atlanta this year in early August, that city was awash in scooters and I thought maybe the Twin Cities were falling behind. But Open Streets convinced me otherwise.

Sept. 22 will see Nicollet Avenue's Open Streets, and I expect

it to be more of the same. Another thing I saw at Franklin Open Streets—with the entire width of the street plus two large sidewalks to use, a lot of pedestrians were walking in the bike lanes! But that's fine because people were riding bikes on the sidewalks. I just don't know what's wrong with some people. Please don't do these things. But do—download your free Metro Transit day pass from the Open Streets website, go to Nicollet Avenue Open Streets, and have fun staying safe while learning about all manner

of transportation alternatives and local small businesses.

Nicollet Avenue's Open Streets is a bit different in that it's one of only two Open Streets that is organized and hosted by the neighborhood organization rather than OurStreets.MN. Or rather, plural organizations, in this case, Lyndale Neighborhood Association (LNA) and Kingfield Neighborhood Association (KFNA). The event runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., as do all Open Streets, during which time cars and buses are banned from the

street, and traffic crossing the street is restricted. The route starts in front of Kmart on Lake Street, and goes to 46th Street West. The overall Open Streets sponsors are the same as all the Open Streets events, including Metro Transit, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and AARP, among others. The local sponsors for this event are numerous, almost twice as

Architecture, Outsider Pizza, Curran's, Stonewood Properties, Nicollet Ace Hardware, Hawkins Automotive Inc., Driftwood Char Bar, Hola Arepa, Cocina Latina, Roadrunner Records and the LowBrow.

That sixth one, Run for Beer, is another thing that makes this particular Open Streets different from the rest. Run for Beer

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many as other Open Streets we have covered—Inner City Tennis, T-Mobile, USInternet, House Lift, KFAI, Run for Beer, Quality Coaches, YMCA, Pompadour Salon, Pat's Tap, Butter Bakery, Revival, Ramen Kazama, Locus

is an annual event coinciding with Open Streets on Nicollet and presented by an organization called Minnesota Brewery Running Series. As far as I know, Open Streets Nicollet is the only one that has any kind of



run associated with it, let alone a beer run. So that children and others can participate more fully, this event is now a triple-header, including a Run for Root Beer and a Slow Bike Ride for Beer, as well. Participants can be sole competitors or teams (at least one of the Open Street sponsors is fielding a team, but teams can be any group that wants to run as a team). Races are staggered and will kick off starting at 11:15 a.m. with the 5K Run for Beer. The quarter-mile Run for Root Beer is targeted at early runners 9 years old or younger and will begin at 12:15 p.m. A Slow Bike Race (for Beer, of course) will close out the race day at 1:15 p.m. All races will kick off under the inflatable arch in front of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park. One hundred percent of all registration fees go directly to Kingfield and Lyndale Neighborhood Associations. All participants have to be pre-registered to run, which you can do at Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beer-run-nicollet-open-streets-part-of-2019-mn-brewery-running-series-registration-62603008283>.

Because not all the sponsor organizations are super-familiar, we looked into a few of them. Foodies will be well familiar with Revival, Ramen Kazama and Hola Arepa (Southside Pride's restaurant reviews have covered Hola Arepa, in fact) and, of course, Curran's and Cocina Latina have been in the neighborhood for decades. KFAI, Inner City Tennis, Nicollet Ace Hardware, Pat's Tap, Butter Bakery Cafe, Driftwood Char Bar, and Roadrunner Records need no explainers, nor do T-Mobile and USInternet. But for the others, a few words of introduction. Hawkins Automotive, Inc.—as the name implies, an auto repair shop, on a street that has a lot of them. In business at 4500 Nicollet, family-owned, 60-plus-year-old business. Quality Coaches—also auto repair, located at 20 W. 38th St. since

1972, they have five stars on both Angie's List and Car Talk and were voted "Best for Women" by MN Women's Press. Pompadour Salon—a self-described "lifestyle salon," they do haircuts and styles for women, men and children, and other esthetic services such as eyelash extensions, waxing and updos for weddings and such. Located at 3743 Nicollet. Locus Architecture, House Lift, and Stonewood Properties—no relation between them, but they're all involved in designing, remodeling or building homes. Stonewood builds houses, only houses, and only two or three a year. Needless to say, these are big, impressive houses. It's owned by the son of a house builder who carries on the tradition. House Lift is one of the many respected remodeling experts in South Minneapolis. Locus Architecture is a neighborhood institution, a 20-plus-year-old firm, yet with a

See Open Streets, page 4 A previous year's Run for Beer



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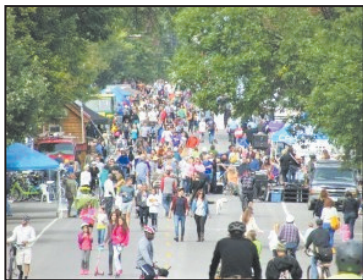
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lot of young, visionary architects, a wall full of awards, and a holistic, socially-conscious approach. They design houses, commercial spaces, worship spaces and more. Outsider Pizza—not a pizza place but a frozen pizza available at Cub, Target or Lunds&Byerlys. We covered it in a previous Open Streets. Finally, the one restaurant I was curious to know more about, I believe in its first year as a sponsor, is the Lowbrow. So, I

went there last week for dinner, and I liked it a lot. It has an arty, young, casual vibe, really good comfort food offerings, and a



Open Streets (from KFNA)

decent beer and wine selection. Known for their giant oatmeal creme “pies” (not pies, but a take on the Little Debbie’s classic).

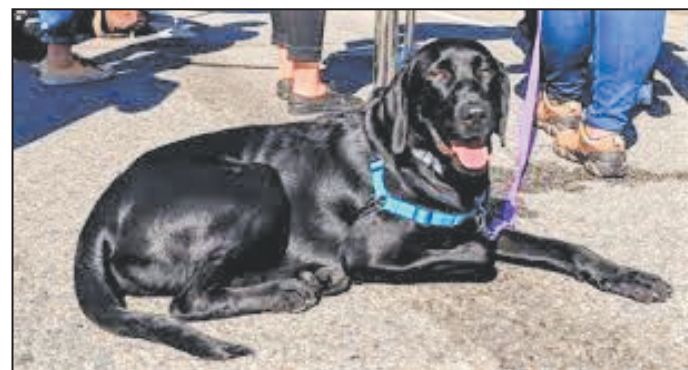
One of the sponsors—Nicollet Ace Hardware—is going way beyond the call of duty in its participation in Open Streets. Most of the sponsors will be content with getting their name in the program, having the word “sponsor” associated with them, and having a sidewalk sale, an information booth, or in the case of the larger organizations, a music stage or a sidewalk activity. But the hardware store, besides sponsoring a team in the Run for Beer, complete with event swag, is doing loads of activities. There are at least four animal-related activities—a petting zoo, pony rides, a German Shepherd demo team, and a Puppy Parade! (It’s worth a trip to Open Streets just for that last one alone, in my opinion). Additionally, they will have a sidewalk sale, separate booths for showcasing some of



Pompadour exterior

their vendors, and a henna booth where you can get decorations on your bod. And what else can you expect on the day? Roadrunner Records and/or KFAI will be presenting music on the avenue, dancing optional, and there will probably be music or at least outdoor eating and drinking at Pat’s Tap, the Butter Bakery, and Driftwood Char Bar, as well as other establishments. Politicians and electeds will be working the crowd, alone or with aides, peripatetically or in booths. Another great and unique part of Nicollet’s Open Streets (although other neighborhoods started copying it this year, we noticed) is its Artisan Market, featuring

crafts and products made by cottage businesses and artisans in the neighborhood. A few of these artisans pitch the event and their own wares ahead of time. One this year asking you to check them out is a home-based artist operating under the name Nest and Tessellate, offering “magical folk art.” You can check out their products at www.nestandtessellate.art/about. In any case, be sure and bring money or means of payment, because in addition to the Artisan Market, there will be other surprise sidewalk sales, foods to try and drinks to drink. And watch out for those bad boys riding scooters on the sidewalk.



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The Gichi-gami Gathering to Stop Line 3

BY JIM TJEPKEMA

Now is the time to gather on the shores of Gichi-gami—Lake Superior—and raise our voices so that Governor Walz, our state agencies, and all Minnesotans can hear. This gathering, titled The Gichi-gami Gathering to Stop Line 3, will be held in Duluth on Sept. 28 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Anyone who is opposed to Line 3 or interested in learning about the fight against this oil pipeline should consider attending.

Line 3 is not a replacement for old Line 3, as claimed by Enbridge Energy, the company that wants

to build it. It is a major new pipeline that would be used to carry tar sands oil—the world’s dirtiest oil—from Canada to Superior, Wis., crossing Ojibwe treaty land, wild rice lakes, and the headwaters of the Mississippi River. Enbridge does not have all the permits they need to start construction, and there has been a ruling that found the Environmental Impact Study for the line didn’t even study the spill risks to Lake Superior. The environmental damage from burning the dirty tar sands oil that would flow through this pipeline would be equal to the pollution from 50 coal-fueled power plants.

Enbridge spent \$11 million on lobbying for Line 3. A big effort by those against this line has stopped the line from being built up to this point. The Gichi-gami Gathering is being held in an effort to keep up and expand the public opposition to Line 3.

The event starts at Lake Place Park, at 214 E. Superior St., with a rally, followed by a march, and ends with a family-friendly festival. For more information and updates go to the Facebook event page at Gichi-gami Gathering to Stop Line 3 or go to www.gichi-gami-gathering.com. People who are concerned about the great damage



this pipeline would do to our environment and the impact it would have on our climate should think

about joining the gathering in Duluth (55802) on Saturday, Sept. 28, from 1 to 6 p.m.

Hiawatha Golf Course – why is pumping necessary?

BY KATHRYN KELLY

We keep hearing that the pumping at Hiawatha Golf Course is bad. But why? Let’s turn this idea on its head and ask why is this pumping necessary?

Why is Hiawatha Golf Course pumping so much water; where is all of this water coming from?

Lake Hiawatha is the collection point for the whole Minnehaha Creek watershed to the north, south and west. This area produces a massive amount of water that needs to pass through little Lake Hiawatha on its way to the Mississippi River. If you look at a map of the watershed, you realize what an amazing feat is accomplished by this little lake in taking on this massive volume of water today.

Over the last 100 years, huge amounts of development in the upper watershed have dumped more and more water into this little lake. And, with expected climate change, it is an unrealistic expectation that this little lake will continue to take on this huge task. But, SaveHiawatha18 has learned that little has been done in the communities in the upper watershed to reduce their contribution



to this massive amount of water flow. The current efforts consist of storing the water temporarily and trying to control its release into the watershed. Ultimately, this does nothing to relieve the burden placed on this little lake. It is only a complex dance that determines whose water gets to be released at any point in time.

And, the Minneapolis Park Board’s solution of flooding the golf course will only make a slightly larger lake, which will quickly fill with water and provide a momentary increase in storage that will do nothing for the long term. Storing a little more water in this basin will not change the fact that the same volume of water will still have to move through this small park.

Let us remember the three main

sources of the water being pumped from the golf course: seepage from Lake Hiawatha due to abnormally high lake levels, surface and ground water from the surrounding terrain, and the city’s storm sewer water that is dumped into the golf course at East 43rd Street and 19th Avenue South.

Will the pumping end with the Park Board’s new plan for Hiawatha Golf Course?

The short answer is NO! It will just be moved into the neighborhoods. The Park Board admits that the groundwater levels will go up in the neighborhoods once pumping stops at the golf course. Under the Park Board’s original reduced pumping plan they also state that 46 percent of the water pumped from the neighborhoods will come from the “Creek and

Lake.” So, the City of Minneapolis will install pumps in the neighborhoods and try to pump the water from the neighborhoods to the golf course property, with almost half of the pumped water coming from the golf course property. Does this sound crazy to you? It sounds crazy and frightening to the affected homeowners!

Are there solutions?

The government agencies for these areas need to get together and define solutions that REDUCE the volume of water coming into little Lake Hiawatha and/

or INCREASE the capacity for outbound Minnehaha Creek to drain water more quickly. Otherwise, they are DOING NOTHING to ultimately solve the problem. And, moving the pumping of water from the golf course into the neighborhoods will just put hundreds of low-lying homes at risk, and move the burden of handling this water to the homeowners, the business owners and the City of Minneapolis.

So, is pumping bad? We say NO; pumping is necessary. It is just a question of the best place to do it. Pumping will be occurring somewhere because this water needs to be moved out of this area. The current pumping at the golf course is the only PROVEN method of evacuating the water safely while protecting the neighborhoods and allowing the golf course to provide recreation to thousands of people.

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her family history and many achievements—of the men she’d slept with (described as “romantically linked to” in the code of the day), as well as her horrific witnessing of her son’s suicide. I read it in expectation of revelations and The Times did not fail me.

Faith requires us to believe that for which there is no evidence. When detectives gave me half-baked theories or superstitions about cases I asked about, my answer always was, “Where’s the evidence?” Goebbels knew all about exploiting gullibility. The height of intellectuality reposes in profound gullibility. Criminal geniuses like the Nazi propagandist knew this.

When I read The Times I don’t expect them to spare anyone. Our contract is that they report the full

truth and I pay them by buying it. A simple contract but one for which many, many lives have been sacrificed. Thankfully, not here.

When a newspaper protects one sensibility of subjects it writes about, it betrays its readers. Just as simple as that.

I’m certain that in this land of “nice,” my words will sound harsh, judgmental and discourteous. That is precisely what they are.

So, we don’t need to know how the man died an atheist, after a life of pretty religious devotion. We don’t need to know whom Ms. Vanderbilt slept with. We don’t need to know a lot of things, right? Wrong!

Suppressing the truth in any form means the suppressor is judging what truths I can receive and which I must be sheltered from. In the end we are left with, “Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.”

How come the users of that phrase worked so hard to conceal the scandals of the Catholic Church? But history is replete with such things, denials, opposition and condemnations of the victims. We have a President who has only contempt for the truth.

Our only real weapon is a demand for the simple truth.

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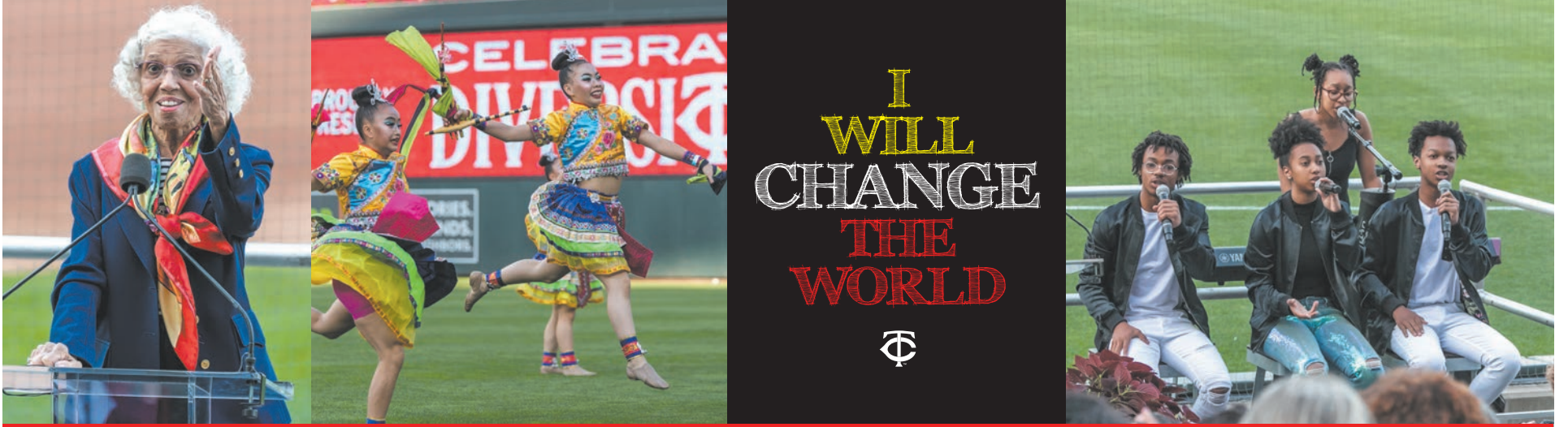
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Happenings in the Chicago and 48th vicinity

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

We have discovered some interesting goods and services on Chicago Avenue around the 48th Street commercial hub. In general, things are pretty stable around this location, with its prosperous but not flashy real estate, great schools, and strong neighborhood organizations and business owners' association. The retail

mix includes a movie theatre turned multimedia venue, several good casual restaurants and pubs, a coffee house, various retail shops, and absolutely bags of alternative wellness practices and psychotherapists, along with the odd life coach and a lawyer or two. Nothing much is happening with the restaurants and such; they just keep ticking along for the most part. So, we're looking

at some healing organizations and one new and interesting retail business which could also be said to have a therapeutic or at least self-improvement aspect.

We did a quick site visit of the corner last week to check out the state of things. We started our exploration with a nice lunch at the coffee shop Sovereign Grounds. They have excellent food there (we had a spinach pie and some roasted balsamic brussels sprouts) and it may be the most kid friendly coffee shop in town, with an entire room dedicated to an indoor playground where moms with young children can (semi-) relax on their own with their kids. After lunch, we decided to try to see just how many alternative wellness places there were in a four-square-block area. Reader, we lost count. First, across 48th Street from the coffee shop, there is a group of many healing practices in a little building detached



Shenandoah Wellness Center

from the Shenandoah Building called the Shenandoah Wellness Center. It has perhaps a dozen or more practices housed part-time within, about a third psychotherapy, a third massage, a third "other." Then on the upstairs level of the Shenandoah Building proper, there are 10 or more private practices of various kinds. On the west side of Chicago between 48th and 49th is a building called Chicago Plaza Suites, which houses about a dozen more various practices, including the Family Enhancement Center, about which more

below. And finally, on the same side of Chicago but in the next block north, after Turtle Bread, and the pizza, and the ice cream, is yet another suite of professional offices, this one called the Parkway Office Building, with more massage, alternative healing and psychotherapy. So, with four suites of professional offices, each housing 10 or more practices of which perhaps a third or more are massage therapy, there may be as many as 20 bodywork therapists to choose from on one very busy corner. America! So much choice we have!

Shenandoah Wellness Center is apparently a collective. Individual practices advertise their own services, but the building as a whole is a member of the SCABA, the South Chicago Avenue Business Association. The SCABA site's description of the building and its history is interesting: "Originally constructed as an automotive service station, the ... Shenandoah Wellness Center long served as a gun shop! Now, the far more peaceful location houses holistic health practitioners who provide services in bodywork and massage therapy, counseling, music therapy, rolfing, homeopathy and more to residents in the thriving neighborhood near 48th and Chicago and its surrounding communities in South Minneapolis." One of the practices located in the wellness center is called Functional Wellness Minneapolis. Note: Shenandoah Wellness had a social media presence a couple of years ago but their Facebook page as well as their website ap-

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pears out of date, so perhaps they have decided to return to more traditional means of reaching potential clients. If you're looking for other therapists besides the one mentioned here, I would recommend you check the door and contact them individually by phone. But beware, some of the practitioners may no longer be at the location, although hopefully the phone number is still good.

Unlike the parent collective, though, Functional Wellness Minneapolis, or Sandy Jones, the sole healing practitioner, has an excellent, function-rich website where you can learn all about her practice and even book an appointment. To be precise, Sandra L. Jones, CCH RSHom (NA) is certified in classical homeopathy. (RSHom (NA) means registered by the North American Society of Homeopaths, and CCH means certified by the Council for Homeopathic Certifications) and also practices

rolfing, cranio-sacral therapy, and functional medicine, a kind of evidence-based individualized nutritional counseling. She primarily treats chronic pain, and other chronic but treatable illnesses both psychological and physiological. She enables people who are currently using prescription drugs for their conditions, but are getting more side effects and/or fewer benefits, to use a science-based, practitioner-assisted path to reducing or eliminating medications, replacing them with an individualized eating plan and natural supplements along with bodywork and other counseling as needed. Sandy also has a newsletter you can sign up for if you want regular updates. See functionalwellnessminneapolis.com.

Family Enhancement Center, the main occupant of Chicago Plaza Suites at 4826 Chicago Ave., is more than just a psychotherapy practice. It's a private nonprofit social service provider focusing on children who have experienced or are at risk for abuse

or neglect. From their website: "The Family Enhancement Center was founded in 1993 ... [by] three passionate therapists who identified a need in our community to help our most vulnerable members: children experiencing abuse and neglect ... Since 1993, the FEC has expanded its services and we now offer parent education support programs, a full range of counseling services, parent assessments, and in-home parent development services. ... The Family Enhancement Center currently provides help to over 200 families and over 600 children dealing with abuse issues in Minneapolis, St. Paul and the greater Twin Cities area. Our prevention education programs and workshops reach even more parents and professionals. We're a small organization but our reach is wide!" One of the founding therapists now serves as the executive director, and one is retired from practice and serves on the Board of Directors.

The FEC is looking for vol-



Lakes Makerie interior

unteers contribute to the mission of the center, which involves work with families. One is a receptionist, and another is a program manager. The Nest Project, a program for training families, is also a part of their mentorship program for children. The website is center.org.

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If you're interested in volunteering to their important and have the time. One volunteer opportunities training to learn how to work with the client populations, a role for someone with experience, and one is a volunteer post which requires basic office skills. The one volunteer training is working on a program called the Nest which is a prevention program centered in the home. Project Family Mentors are assigned a single parent and meet with them in person weekly to provide support to both parents and children. To check out these volunteer opportunities, go to the website at familyenhancement.org/category/volunteer/. Finally, to get back into the world of quirky Minnesota retail environments, we recently discovered Lakes Makerie, located on Chicago Ave. I say discovered, but not being a seamstress or even having aspira-

tions to become one, I have not actually patronized the place, just longingly admired its stuff from online. (Slight digression here—why is there not a neutral or masculine word for seamstress? And why only a masculine term for giving someone your custom? Why can't a seamster patronize a fabric shop, while a seamstress matronizes it?) Lakes Makerie is a very innovative business. When I lived in the U.K., in a little town called Hinckley, I was delighted when a sewing cafe opened up on Castle Street, our "high street" or main street as we would say here. This combined sewing meetups, clinics and classes with a coffee shop. But Lakes Makerie is perhaps even better than that; they combine the same social-educational functions with their logical partner, a fabric and notions store. And it's all got a marvelous designer-y esthetic to it, as if an Etsy page and a Pinterest page fell in love and became real girls. Also, you don't have to worry about spilling coffee on your lat-

est sewing project, of course.

Lakes Makerie sells gorgeous designer fabrics, patterns and miscellaneous notions and fabric crafting items. It looks like the idea somewhat pre-dates the current location's shop, but they have been there since fall of 2018, a bit less than a year. They offer classes and a twice monthly "open sewing studio." There is a blog on the website called Minneapolis Sew and Tell. As they say about their concept: "We are an online and real life source for beautiful materials to make beautiful things. We have built a maker's space that is nurturing, supportive and fun. We want you to come to us when you need to slow down, unplug and focus on creating something you love, with a needle and thread and your own two hands." Check out their "project gallery" on their website at lakesmakerie.com/pages/project-gallery. Also check their Facebook page for frequent postings.



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Board has deliberately neglected the care and maintenance of Hiawatha. They spend an average of \$642,742 for maintenance of Minneapolis taxpayer-supported golf courses in St. Anthony Village, St. Louis Park, Golden Valley, and one in Northeast Minneapolis that borders Columbia Heights. These courses serve mostly suburbanites. They spend \$117,611 less than that average on maintenance at Hiawatha that serves inner city residents, and this year they eliminated the resident discount. We feel short-changed.

And now they are talking about reducing pumping groundwater out of the golf course and back into Lake Hiawatha. This will flood the golf course and most certainly destroy it. The justification for reducing pumping was that the Park Board was exceeding an amount specified on the original Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' permit. There was never an order from the DNR to reduce pumping; however, the Park Board used the difference to manufacture a mandate. As Kathryn Kelly wrote in Southside Pride last month, "And, let us remember Park Board President Bourn's question to Mr. Schroeder last year. He asked, 'So, no one is making us do reduced pumping. If we do this, we are doing this because WE want to?' Mr. Schroeder replied, 'Yes.'" <https://southsidepride.com/2019/07/01/back-to-the-20s/>

The Park Board claims it is planning a wetland restoration, but this seems a very artificial restoration because a recently created dam that has no obvious purpose is holding back more than 2 feet of water in Lake Hiawatha that should be flowing down Minnehaha Creek.

Park commissioners swear an oath to protect the public welfare. The willful destruction of an historic cultural resource and the transformation of it into a swamp seems contrary to

the public interest and a violation of the public trust. However, the Petitioner's Writ of Mandamus has a much narrower focus and asks for a much more limited action.

The Petitioner, empowered by the Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that recognizes that all powers of governance not restricted by the federal or state governments are reserved for the people; recognizing that the State of Minnesota provides a remedy for the malfeasance of an elected public body through a Writ of Mandamus; understanding that as a taxpayer in Minneapolis and a patron of Hiawatha Golf Course the Petitioner has the fiduciary responsibility to monitor the care of a cultural resource held in the public trust; having asked Michael Schroeder and the Park Board for over a year through personal emails and the pages of Southside Pride, a monthly newspaper delivered to 50,000 homes in South Minneapolis, to either justify or remove the boulders that have formed a rock weir under the 30th Avenue footbridge that has caused flooding of local homes and the Hiawatha Golf Course; the Petitioner asserts legal standing and asks the court to order the Park Board to remove those unnatural barriers that restrict the flow of water from Lake Hiawatha to Minnehaha Creek.

Respondents claim, in addition to alleging the Petitioner does not have legal standing, "it is also important for the court to be aware that Petitioner's 'factual' basis for the writ is fraught with inaccuracies and that the process for alleviating the water issues at Hiawatha Golf Course are still in the process and any court action would be premature."

This statement is typical of the obfuscation and distortion the Park Board has used to characterize its plans. There is no process in place for "alleviating" the problem of flooding at Hiawatha Golf Course. The Community Advisory Committee has not been established to ease or reduce

the problem of flooding (the normal meaning of the term alleviate) but to rationalize the exacerbation of the problem of flooding by reducing pumping.

Respondents quote the Barr report: "The lowest channel elevation is 809.0 feet and lowering the control for the water levels in Lake Hiawatha to that elevation (approximately 1.5 feet) would require excavation of approximately 2000 feet of creek channel, replacement/lowering of utility crossings under the creek bed, and the associated permitting for these activities."

The highest active utility pipe crossing Minnehaha Creek is the interceptor at 808. Petitioner answered these questions in an article in Southside Pride in July of 2018:

Michael Schroeder wrote to me: "If it were practical to remove ALL the obstructions to flow of the creek below Lake Hiawatha, it would reduce the elevation of the lake. However, as we've discussed previously, there are AT LEAST 19 obstructions in the first 2,000 feet of the creek below Lake Hiawatha, with the weir being one of those 19. Removal of some might be possible; removal of all would likely be impracticable."

In spite of all my research I could not find 19 obstructions in the first 2,000 feet of the creek.

Enrique Velázquez, the surface water and sewers manager of Business Operations for the City of Minneapolis, Public Works, wrote to me:

"Here is a summary of pipes underground shown in Figure 9 from upstream to downstream:

1. City sanitary at 28th Ave: top of pipe appears to be at 808'
2. MCES interceptor sanitary sewer (city lines flow into this): top of pipe appears to be slightly below 808'
3. City sanitary at 29th Ave: top of pipe appears to be at 806.5'
4. City sanitary at 30th Ave: top of pipe appears to be at 805'
5. MCES interceptor sanitary sewer (same pipe as #2 above): top of pipe appears to be slightly above 807'
6. City sanitary just east of Nokomis Ave: top of pipe appears to be at 806.5'."

<https://southsidepride.com/2018/07/02/stop-the-flooding/>

Aside from the permanent artificial obstructions (the weir at 27th Avenue, the abandoned gas pipeline at 28th Avenue and the rock weir at 30th Avenue) the other obstructions to the flow of the creek would be the accumulated sand and silt that have been dumped onto city streets in the winter that flow into the storm sewers from Chicago Avenue in the west to 27th Avenue in the east, from Lake Street to 43rd Street. The sand that flows into Lake Hiawatha dumps into the north shore of the lake. When Theodore Wirth dredged the lake in 1929, the depth was 33 feet. Today it is hard to find a depth of 12 feet. There are smaller storm sewer outlets from 29th Avenue to 36th Avenue that dump sand directly into the creek. Once the obstructions are down and the flow of the creek returns to normal, most of that sand and debris will probably move downstream.

Respondents say, "Petitioner presents to the court that removing the 'weir' will alleviate flooding of the golf course and the area around it." Barr Engineering has determined that the rock weir is 810.7 feet above sea level and is the control point for the water level of Minnehaha Creek and Lake Hiawatha. The highest point of a municipal sewer line crossing Minnehaha Creek is the Metropolitan Interceptor line with a crown of 808 feet above sea level at 28th Avenue. These facts are easily verifiable in the Barr Engineering Report and through the Minneapolis Engineering Department. The Petitioner argues that by removing a wall (dam or weir) that is 810.7 feet tall leaving the only other obstruction at 808 feet, the difference would be 2.7 feet. This is simple subtraction and rudimentary mathematics and shouldn't require additional documentation.

The Responders admit the rock weir is the high point that controls the water levels of Minnehaha Creek and Lake Hiawatha when they quote the Barr Engineering report: "The existing control of water levels in Lake Hiawatha is either the high point in the channel upstream of 28th Ave-

nue South (where there is a gas main crossing the creek) or the rock weir under the pedestrian bridge at 30th Avenue South."

If you look east and down into the creek from the 28th Avenue bridge you can see a concrete structure that is the casing for an inactive gas pipeline belonging to CenterPoint Energy.

From the article in Southside Pride:

"The utility line is mentioned in the 6/21/2017 memo from Jennifer Koehler, PE & Kurt Leuthold, addressed to Michael Schroeder, Park Board planner, and Katrina Kessler, city engineer: 'Hiawatha Golf Course Area—Water Management Alternatives': 'There is an abandoned CenterPoint gas main along 28th Avenue South and crosses on the downstream side of the 28th Avenue bridge. It is unclear if the abandoned main has been removed, but there are no other active lines crossing under Minnehaha Creek between Lake Hiawatha and Nokomis Avenue.'"

<https://southsidepride.com/2018/07/02/stop-the-flooding/>

The pipe seems to be at the level of the creek bed. There doesn't seem to be a noticeable drop in the water level of the creek after it passes the structure. This doesn't seem like the point that controls the water level. The water flowing over the rock weir, on the other hand, takes a noticeable drop.

However, since that photo was taken last year, there seems to have been some moving of boulders and much of the old boulder dam has been moved. It's not clear if there is now a noticeable drop in the water level.

That is why it is necessary for this court to mandate to the Park Board to remove the boulders that could raise the level of Minnehaha Creek and Lake Hiawatha, and then contract with an engineering firm to do a profile of Minnehaha Creek to determine the new control point for the water level.

It is possible that the unused gas pipeline at 28th Avenue is at about the same height as the rock weir. In that case the Park Board should ask CenterPoint to remove their pipeline. The point of this lawsuit is to return the level of Minnehaha Creek to what it was when the 11-foot-in-diameter interceptor sewer line crossed the creek in 1928. The crown of that sewer line is 808 feet above sea level. That was probably the control point for the water level of Minnehaha Creek and Lake Hiawatha when Theodore Wirth dredged Lake Hiawatha in 1929 and created the park, ball fields and golf course by 1934. The average depth of the creek is 18 inches to 2 feet. This means the height of Lake Hiawatha, before the construction of all the artificial dams and weirs, was probably 809.5 to 810 feet above sea level. Today the lake is on average more than 812 feet above sea level. If we could lower the water level of the lake by 2 feet we would seriously reduce the danger of flooding in the surrounding homes and golf course. And that would lower the need for pumping, which the Park Board claimed was its original intent. If it serves the public interest to reduce pumping groundwater out of the land surrounding Lake Hiawatha, then why not remove the artificial barriers that are blocking the flow of water out of the lake?

The judge said he'd take the measure under advisement. His staff explained that means he could take 90 days to reach a decision.

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BY ELINA KOLSTAD

Recent discussions of policy, specifically the 2040 Plan in Minneapolis, have discussed the fact that we have severe racial disparities that we need to deal with as a city. This is encouraging in that the first step to dealing with a problem is to recognize that you have one. However, the exchanges I have seen online seem to mostly be white people arguing with other white people about what's best for people of color. As a white person who has long been politically active I have a lot of feelings about this.

I have been increasingly disturbed by how few people of color are actually participating in the discussions that I have seen online about the 2040 Plan. I believe that a number of problematic assumptions get baked into these conver-

sations in part because of this lack of representation.

1. People of color and low-income people are synonymous.
2. People of color are a monolithic group and have no interest in: home ownership, cars, parks, and/or nature.
3. Woke white people need to protect and speak for people of color.

In many discussions, specifically those surrounding access to housing, housing for people of color and housing for low-income people tended to be lumped together. While people of color statistically have less access to resources such as education, jobs and housing, which combined with generational discrimination means that statistically a greater percentage of people of color are low-income than the percentage of white people that are low-income, this does

not mean that resources for people that are low-income will automatically serve all people of color. Nor does it mean that if we are able to increase racial diversity within our city that we can assume that we are accommodating low-income people. Somehow this seems insulting to me, although there is nothing wrong with being low-income.

There seem to be some strange ideas about people of color on the threads I have seen online. There seems to be a belief that people of color are all the same and don't want to own single-family homes, drive cars or use our park system. First of all, there is just as much variety and difference of opinion within "people of color" (and even within specific racial groups) as can be seen every day in online discussions between white people. Secondly, the solution put forward to recti-

fy historic redlining seems to be, "historically it has been difficult or impossible for people of color to buy houses, therefore we must build more apartments for them to rent." Wouldn't the solution to lack of ability to buy single-family houses be ... increase people of color owning single-family houses? Finally, when people express concern over how future development will negatively impact our parks or natural resources within the city, proponents treat this as a privileged way to prevent people of color from living in these new buildings. There is a stereotype that people of color don't like nature or have an interest in our park system. How anyone who has been to one of our parks can believe this is beyond me.

On the one hand, I (self-servingly perhaps) feel that white allies are important and need to speak out against inequality and

injustice when we see it. On the other hand, I am very aware that race-related issues are "not my fight." I cannot resolve centuries of systemic abuse simply by being "woke." As much as I may try, I can never fully understand the realities faced by people of color every day, which is why we must engage the voices of people of color when we have discussions about race.

If we truly want to tackle our racial disparities as a city we must engage people of color in public discussion and decision-making in a substantial way. For white people to jump in now, after centuries of struggle, and think that we can solve the problems our ancestors instilled in the very fabric of our society without meaningfully changing how we engage people of color within our decision-making process is patronizing and won't get us anywhere.

Race War, from page 1

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If it could be proven beyond a reasonable doubt that Jensen knew the women he struck with his car, and if it could be proven that there was a failed business transaction between the victims and Jensen immediately prior to the incident, then it seems likely that Jensen acted with malice aforethought, and committed at least First Degree Assault, if not Attempted Murder, someone who attempts to cause "the death of a human being with premeditation and with intent."

An aggressive county attorney would have charged Jensen with attempted murder. A county attorney who understood that some crazy white people are running around killing people of color because they think they are saving the white race would have sent sheriff's deputies to Jensen's home with search warrants to see if he had white nationalist and racist literature and communications to corroborate "intent."

But none of that happened. Jensen is not in custody. Any incrim-

inating evidence would by now be destroyed.

Still, it is a small step forward from where Freeman was at five years ago when he declined to file felony charges against Jeffrey Rice for driving through a crowd demonstrating against the police murder in Ferguson, Missouri.

But it is a tragic mistake to think that by not talking about some crazy white people wanting to start a race war you will make it go away. It won't go away until it is publicly exposed and struggled against.

U.S. Attorney Justin Herdman, after arresting a white nationalist for threatening a synagogue in Ohio, said: "Threatening to kill

Jewish people, gunning down innocent Latinos on a weekend shopping trip, planning and plotting to perpetrate murders in the name of a nonsense racial theory, sitting to pray with God-fearing people who you execute moments later—those actions don't make you soldiers, they make you criminals. Law enforcement doesn't go to war with cowards who break the law, we arrest them and send them to prison."

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Hope and futility neck and neck as first world (barely) takes on climate crisis

BY ELAINE KLAASSEN

Along with most of my friends, I wish to reduce my carbon footprint. My environmentally-friendly friends and I think if we live sustainably we can somehow alleviate and mitigate the climate heat that is exponentially encompassing the entire planet. (You know, the hotter it gets, the hotter it gets.)

The world is overextended. I think of all the energy spent manufacturing, transporting and disposing of stuff, as well as all the energy spent generating the gigantic quantities of electricity needed to run furnaces, purify and pump water, light homes and cities, etc.

Conservation is cheaper, more respectful and less risky than geo-engineering, so that is the route I choose to take. But the things I do to conserve energy aren't nearly enough to affect the rising global temperature nor the amount of car-

bon in the atmosphere. My suggested conservation plan might make a dent in the world's massive misguided energy usage, to the point of keeping the global temperature from rising more than 1.5 degrees centigrade, if all 7.8 billion people in the world did it, but what it would take to get to a stable point is much more extreme. That would involve addressing air travel, meat production and quite a few large offender corporations that blithely spew waves and waves of greenhouse gas emissions.

If the planet is miraculously stabilized, I think the sustainable habits we are developing in our mitigation attempts will at least be good for maintenance. Right now, we do our individual efforts with a sense of futility—and unwavering principle. It's like going up the down escalator.

Sharon Lerner in The Intercept, July 20, 2019, citing a report from

the Center for International Environmental Law, gives a SMALL example of what we are up against: From 1967 to the present, the production of plastics went from less than 25 million tons to 300 million tons. Half of the current production is for single-use items. The industry is estimated to be worth more than \$4 trillion. "The extraction, refining and waste management, the production and incineration of plastics will add more than 850 million metric tons of greenhouse gases to the atmosphere this year alone (an amount equal to the emissions from 189 500-megawatt coal power plants)." The plastics industry has plans to grow and expand.

Individual measures we can take: Reduce, Re-use and— as a last resort—Recycle

Go to bed with the sun and get up with the sun. (I'm working on this.)

Have no more than two children.

Consume locally-grown crops and produce grown through regenerative agriculture methods.

Compost food waste, but don't throw food away that is already prepared and edible—so much energy already went into that.

"Eat meat as a condiment," says Dr. Christiane Northrup, or explore plant-rich diets.

Build homes out of used plastic water bottles and "green" cement. (Haven't tried this yet.)

Live in reasonably-sized spaces, not thousands of square feet that need to be cooled and heated. Take off your clothes instead of turning on the AC. Wear sweaters instead of turning up the heat. Use air conditioning only if you have a medical condition. Otherwise, situate your fans carefully and plant trees to shade your house. Plant trees anyway.

Ride a bike or a motor scooter, use public transportation, walk or use a solar-powered handicapped vehicle.

If you must drive a car, then car-pool—get to know your neighbors. Don't exceed the speed limit. Coordinate a series of errands in one trip. Just think how much energy it takes to move a two-ton car. Electric is better than petrol, but we haven't quite solved the generation of renewable electricity yet. Campaign for smaller, lighter cars. Campaign for onshore wind turbines. (Working on all of this.)

Fly only if you must—you can't all endure a yacht trip across the ocean. (I heard they are working on more energy-efficient airplanes.)

Plant a wide variety of pollinator-friendly native plants in your yard. Plant bamboo.

Dry your laundry outside—or in the living room.

Turn off lights. Use LED lights.

Buy energy-efficient appliances.

Fix broken things. Restore old furniture. Don't buy stuff you don't

need.

Use tissues, paper towels and napkins sparingly. Use cloth rags instead of paper towels.

Campaign for the development of new packaging materials—a plastic made from corn, or from hemp.

Avoid buying containers that need to be recycled, since, as we've been learning recently, recycling isn't always happening. Use containers from jam, pasta sauce, nuts, whatever, to buy your main food staples in bulk.

Carry glass or Tupperware containers with you when you go out to eat. Many places do have compostable containers, but others will give you Styrofoam. Carry a reusable bag for groceries or bread, or a thermos to get a cup of coffee (make sure it's clean when you hand it to the barista).

Buy compostable disposable silverware and toothbrushes (bamboo, for example).

Don't leave the water running when you brush your teeth.

Save the water when you rinse vegetables, run water from cold to hot in the shower, or boil eggs. Then use it to flush the toilet or water plants.

I grew up learning that wastefulness is next to ungodliness. Now, in terms of conserving energy, all the careful, frugal measures of my childhood make sense.

Yet, I know that for every time I take my own bag to the store, there's somebody behind me asking for "double-bagged plastic, please." For every time I walk or take the bus, there's somebody flying down the freeway 80 mph in their SUV.

This happens on a large scale, as well. For example, while many cities, states, electric utilities and businesses are making their own pledges to reduce emissions, the U.S. government is madly subsidizing the fossil fuel industry.

WAMM after 37 years – are the times a-changin'?

BY LUCIA WILKES SMITH

"Sometimes they show us the 'one-fingered peace sign.'" That's the way Sister Brigid McDonald describes the nasty gesture made by some people who drive past a peace vigil. Brigid and her sisters—Kate, Jane and Rita—are Catholic nuns who were subjects of the History Theatre's dramatic production of "Sisters of Peace" in St. Paul this spring. The specific vigil portrayed on stage has continued, for 20 years in real life, every Wednesday afternoon, along the Lake St./Marshall Ave. bridge linking Minneapolis to St. Paul above the Mississippi.

It's one of several vigils that include members of WAMM (Women Against Military Madness). Historically, people have kept vigil in tune with strong personal beliefs and to publicly demonstrate commitment to an ideal. WAMM people hold signs during the bridge vigils as a way to inform, educate, provoke thought among the people who pass by in cars, on foot, and on bicycles. The signs shout opinions in a silent way – "END the Endless WARS" or "NO Sanctions Against IRAN!" or "Hands Off Venezuela!" – painted to promote the vigil theme of the day.

Over the years of bridge vigils, WAMM people have noticed changes in the responses of passers-by. True, there were counter-protesters and hecklers along the bridge for some time following the terrorist attacks in September 2001. In more recent times, WAMM people witness a definite proliferation of friendly horn-honks, waves, and real, two-fingered peace signs extended at car windows.

Attitude shifts have been noticed during other vigils, too. At St. Paul's

corner of Summit and Snelling Avenues, WAMM people who stand in support of justice for Palestinian people in Israel's Occupied Territories have seen marked changes in responses to their "FREE Palestine" posters, especially following the mainstream media focus on Israel's refusal to admit two American congresswomen into the country.

Of course, WAMM offers more traditional educational events and a "2nd Monday Movie" at the 4200 Cedar Ave. S. location. In keeping with WAMM tradition, "Never a meeting without an action," WAMM people sign petitions, write letters and postcards to elected officials, and, as in all the years since WAMM was founded in 1982, march in larger demonstrations and protests in coalition with many local peace and anti-war groups. WAMM people sometimes come together to raise money to maintain the organization. Usually such fundraising activity has political focus, like the annual Walk Against Weapons held every June. Every so often, WAMM people raise funds and gather just for the joy of being together—to celebrate the 100th birthday of Polly Mann (a WAMM founder) planned for November or for the Silent Auction Sunday afternoon, 5 to 8 p.m., Sept. 15. (Call 612-827-5364 or check www.womenagainstmilitarymadness.org for information.)

Still, the regular vigils hold unique meaning and opportunity. Early on Tuesday mornings, WAMM people stand with other local activists to communicate solidarity with refugees and asylum seekers, outside the gates of the ICE (Immigration & Customs Enforcement) court at Fort Snelling near the light rail station. On the second

Tuesday of the month, a faith-based coalition draws up to 150 people for a more formal program. On other Tuesdays, the vigil group of three-to-25 people witnesses the arrival of tinted-window vans from various counties carrying migrant detainees to court. Sometimes people show the vigil-keepers a thumbs-down or that one-finger salute. One woman has walked close to the vigil on her way to the station and clearly said, "I'm a hard worker, and I support Trump!" But, more and more people smile and wave and give a thumbs-up. One frosty morning a young man pulled up in his commercial van and jumped out carrying a sack of doughnuts and cups of coffee for the vigilers.

That particular gesture brought to mind a favorite quotation by Emily Greene Balch, the American economist, sociologist and pacifist who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1946 for her leadership of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, founded in 1914 during World War I. She wrote,

"... We have a long, long way to go. So let us hasten along the road, The road of human tenderness and generosity. Groping, we may find one another's hands in the dark."

Certainly, Emily Green Balch would understand the hope, especially during WAMM's Silent Auction on Sept. 15 at St. Joan of Arc auditorium, that many of those hands would hold a bit of cash. Because WAMM needs office space, staff members, computers and telephones to organize and undergird the educational programs, protest demonstrations and vigils—the work of peacemaking.



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Victoria Law visits Twin Cities to celebrate 25 years of the Women's Prison Book Project

See schedule below.

The Women's Prison Book Project (WPBP) is celebrating its 25th year in operation on Oct. 12, 2019. The project has sent requested books to women in prison and, for the past several years, to transgender prisoners locked up nationwide within America's criminal justice system of mass incarceration.

For our commemoration, WPBP is bringing well-known journalist, activist and author Victoria Law to the Twin Cities for five days of events at various locations, Oct. 9 - 13. Her first book, "Resistance behind Bars: The Struggles of Incarcerated Women," appeared in 2009 and was re-edited in 2012. Her articles appear regularly on Truthout, and in Bitchmedia, The Nation, and Solitary Watch, as well as recently on the editorial page of The New York Times.

With co-author China Martens, she wrote "Don't Leave Your Friends Behind: Concrete Ways to Support Families in Social Justice Movements and Communities," and she has an upcoming book, co-written with Maya Schenwar, editor-in-chief of Truthout, entitled, "Your Home Is Your Prison."

Ms. Law has been working in prisoner support organizations since 1996 when she helped begin New York City's Books Through Bars, which sends free books to prisoners in the United States.



Wednesday, Oct. 9, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

University of Minnesota (402 Walter Library)
117 Pleasant St. SE, Mpls. 55455
Wednesday, Oct. 9, 6 to 9 p.m.
Hamline University (Location TBA)

Engendering Justice class in conjunction with members of the Prison Doula Initiative. Room will be provided for observers. Location: TBA

Thursday, Oct. 10, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Hamline University (Center for Justice & Law)
A talk on current mass incarceration hot spots: immigration detention, giving birth in prisons and jails, health care in detention. Free and open to the public.

Friday, Oct. 11, 1 p.m.

KFAI — Fresh Air Radio 90.3 FM, interview on air with Lydia Howell

Friday, Oct. 11, 6:30 p.m.

Peace and Justice Building
4200 Cedar Ave. S., Mpls. 55407

Minneapolis Communities United Against Police Brutality, Every Prison Sentence Starts with a Cop.

Panel discussion with Victoria Law and others, exploring the nexus between policing and prison with an eye toward impacting the system further upstream to reduce the prison population.

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Saturday, Oct. 12, 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Boneshaker Books
2002 23rd Ave. S., Mpls. 55404
Talk on community building and book signing,

Saturday, Oct. 12, 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Bryant Lake Bowl
810 W. Lake St., Mpls. 55408
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Sunday, October 13, noon to 3 p.m.

Boneshaker Books
2002 23rd Ave. S., Mpls. 55404
WPBP Mailing

WAMM Second Monday Movies Monday, Sept. 9, 7 p.m.

Peace and Justice Building
4200 Cedar Ave. S.
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The WAMM Movie Committee will be showing "Rachel Carson," a film about the woman who launched the environmental movement. When "Silent Spring" was published in September 1962, it became an instant bestseller and would go on to spark dramatic changes in the way the government regulated pesticides. Drawn from Carson's own writings, letters and recent scholarship, the film illuminates both the public and private life

of the soft-spoken, shy scientist who launched the modern environmental movement. This 2017 documentary was directed by Michelle Farrari. All are welcome! Always free and open to the public. Free popcorn. A chance to discuss the film follows the showing. This is the second in a series of three films about women activists; October's film will feature Emma Goldman.

Basic Facts about Line 3 Monday, Sept. 9, 6 p.m.

MN350 Office
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Sunday, Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m. (closes)

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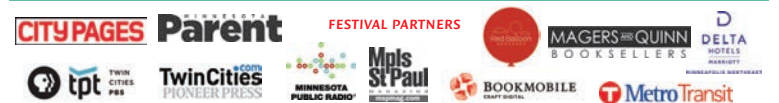
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