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Myths and History

BY TONY BOUZA

History is a mischievous goddess. Accounts are transmitted to us by flawed and often biased observers, and we are compelled to view it as gospel.

In the trivial pursuit of a beknighted career, I was sometimes privileged to be a fly on the wall—observing events I otherwise had no right to attend. I continue to be bugged by the dissonances.

A scholar wrote a biography of Malcolm X that wasn't just plain wrong but grotesquely so. I discussed this in a previous essay.

Why? Because the NYPD refused to open its files in service to a reflexive, mindless obsession with secrecy.

This identical instinct keeps the NYPD from revealing the factual names of those who participated in the frame-up of the Central Park Jogger Five.

But neither is our concern today.

Today's menu centers on the Stonewall Riot of June 28, 1969. Yes, the 50th anniversary just passed.

Books and other tributes to this heroic—even epic—event abound.

It is all bullsh*t, hype, self-serving aggrandizement and fake history.

The truth is much more complex and—since there's no one around to claim the credit—utterly without profit. Its only virtue

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Chris Oliver, who came in from his barber shop the Executive Lounge in Northeast Minneapolis, joined Juan Collier in donating their time so kids could start school looking sharp. Customer Lieum is now attending kindergarten.

Volunteer barbers help take the stress out of the first day of school

BY STEPHANIE FOX

On the Sunday before the first day of school in Minneapolis, four barbers at Fresh Cuts Barber Shop made sure that 62 kids would look sharp as they walked through their school doors. The annual event gives free-of-charge haircuts to students, kindergarten through 8th grade, before school starts.

"We've been doing this a long time," said Fresh Cut's owner Cameron Cook. "It's a way to give back to the community." The shop gave 42 free cuts at last year's event. "This year we put it on social media and everyone heard about it." Juan Collier, who traveled from his own shop, the Barber Lounge in Columbia Heights, joined Cook and barbers Chris Oliver and Unji Williams to spend their day off volunteering at the shop.

"It's been rewarding," said Williams. "It makes me feel good to give back. I know what it's like. I'm a single mom and now these kids can go to school with confidence. I've been a barber for eight years and have been here for four years. Every year this event gets better and better."

The small shop at 38th Street and 4th Avenue was crowded at mid-afternoon with kids and their parents, each waiting their turn. There were no quickie cuts. Each barber took their time, giving each child the cut they wanted. Lezavier Woodard, who lives nearby and is now in the fifth grade, showed off his high-top hair style, short on the sides but a couple of inches on the top. A few barber chairs down, Chris Oliver carefully styled the hair of a soon-to-be kindergartener named Lieum, who sat nervously. "I like it," Lieum said

of his haircut.

Families who brought their children also enjoyed burgers, grilled on a Weber on the sidewalk outside the front door. There were snack chips and cookies as well, and students could take what they needed from boxes of backpacks and school supplies, donated by local businesses, including the nearby Seward Co-op, the Smoke in the Pit barbeque and the Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder newspaper. "It was all donated, and on short notice, too. There were no questions asked. People wanted to help the community," said Cook.

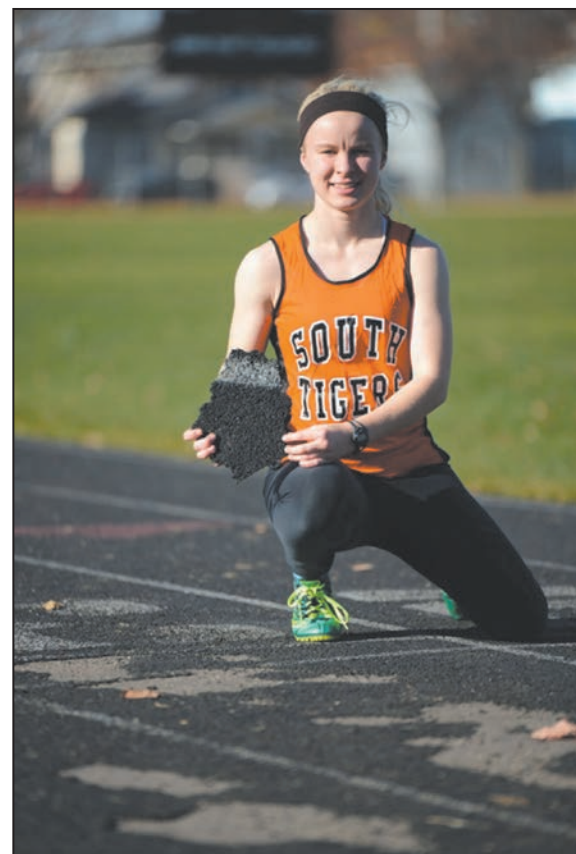
Cook said that events like this can be an example to others in the community to do the right thing and to help bring neighbors together. "Sunday is our day off, but it's necessary to do things like this. If we don't show that we care, who will?"

South High celebrates new track and field

TEXT AND PHOTOS BY SCOTT SCHLUTER

Finally the students of South High School have a track and field that they can be proud to call home.

On Thursday night, Aug. 29, South High celebrated the grand opening of its new athletic facility. Now South students can compete—with a new track, long jump, pole vault and shot put, a new field for football, soccer, lacrosse and ultimate frisbee complete with new bleachers and, for the first time, a sound system and press box and lights.



Emma Schluter holds a piece of the old track.

Gone are the days when players would try their best to avoid the drainage grates and concrete pads, and gone are the days when athletes would hope to not get injured on the peeling and pitted track surfaces.

As former Minneapolis Public School (MPS) Athletic Director (AD) Trent Tucker said during the planning stages of the field in 2016, "The athletic facility is the 'front porch' of the school. It's where the community can see and cheer on the students of their school."

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What's up At Midtown Global Market

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

As a “consumer,” you have three broad things on offer from Midtown Global Market: It’s a place to eat and drink, it’s a place to shop and hang out, and it’s a place with numerous neighborhood-based events to attend. The eating and drinking might seem similar to that in the food court of a shopping mall, but, like the shopping offerings there, the food is a bit more eclectic than what you find at Rosedale or the Mall of America. The shopping and services are very unconventional. And as for the events, these are a little-known local resource of great value. Here’s a brief tour of what you can find in the next month or so.

In the food and drink category,



Destiny Brooks prior to Mama D's opening

ry, there was a recent sad loss. Gone, possibly for good, is Mama D's, an excellent Southern soul food spot that we have favorably reviewed in the past (as a former Southern girl, I raved about

their iced tea—properly brewed, perfectly sweetened, tons of crushed ice, no straw—a perfect 10). Mama D's, which opened at the Market in early spring 2018, abruptly closed “until further notice” on July 30, and also withdrew from the coveted spot to represent the Market at the Minnesota State Fair. It was a few days before the public found out the tragic reason why. Destiny Brooks, the entrepreneur founder and chef and the D in Mama D's, had passed away after a very brief struggle with an exceptionally aggressive form of cancer. The spot there in the Market still has the sign and all the equipment, but there is no news on whether the business can carry on without her.

Other somewhat-new news (they were renovating the space the last time we focused on the Market) includes the presence of Ziadi's Mediterranean Cuisine, a full-service restaurant and cocktail lounge in the restaurant space off the Midtown Exchange lobby. This is run by the same chef, Hassan Ziadi, who owns Moroccan Flavors, inside the Market. A massive interior redesign has transformed the space that was dark and somewhat cavelike, like an old pub, in its Rabbit Hole days. Now it is very bright

and Mediterranean, with light salmon walls, padded banquettes, and rugs, cushions and artifacts from both North African and American decor. The restaurant serves Moroccan favorites such as tagines, as well as foods from

State Fair booth this past August, by the way.) Living in South Minneapolis, you might be familiar with Mexican places that sell Mexican sodas such as Mexican Coke, and many flavors of Jarritos. You may have even come to



Ziadi's Mediterranean Restaurant Midtown

other North African cuisines, as well as Greek, Turkish, Italian and French. You can find dishes such as risotto (veggie or with chicken or seafood), chicken ballotine stuffed with lobster, and ratatouille as a side dish to grilled salmon. Ziadi's opened in the winter of 2018-19.

Another popular eating and drinking spot at the Market is Hot Indian Foods. (Hot Indian stepped in to cover Mama D's

seek them out yourself, despite not being Mexican. (Of course, if you are Mexican, you know this and more.) But it turns out the Indian diaspora, too, has beloved sodas that follow them when they emigrate, and Hot Indian is a place to get them. Thums Up Cola, Limca (a citrus soda), and Frooti, a boxed sweetened mango drink, are among the Indian sodas available to go with your Indi Tacos or Indurritos, Indian takes on Mexican favorites. They also have more traditional Indian food, such as rice bowls and samosas.

In the shopping and services category, there do not appear to



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be any recent arrivals or departures. We have been visiting the Art Shoppe on several occasions, because their stock turns over fairly often. It's run and staffed by a collective of around 70 midtown Minneapolis artists. Its mission, according to their website, “is to provide a viable business place for local Minnesota artists to display and sell their work, gain business and marketing

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skills, and mentor and empower each other to increase artists' exposure and income. We promote opportunities for a diverse community of artists." There is a featured artist that changes every two months, and the artist

Wee Wednesdays (10:30 a.m.), Neighborhood Night on Thursday evenings, and Family Friday, also in the evening. Also, some of the partner organizations present educational-type events, often with a snack or meal accompa-

an expression of happiness and the victory of light over darkness and good over evil. The celebration ... traditionally lasts five days... Candles and clay lamps called diyas are lit and placed on roofs, around front doors and in windows of homes symbolizing positive life and being thankful for health, wealth, knowledge and fame."

The next Wee Wednesday coming up is Oct. 9, and features the popular Roe Family Singers in the central court at 10:30 a.m. On Oct. 10, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Neighborhood Night presents In the Heart of the Beast's Esther Ouray and Julie Boada with "On the Day You Were Born," one of the company's most popular puppet shows for kids of all ages. The free show is followed by a "make-and-take" at 6:30. On Oct. 24, same times, see "Lupita Doesn't Want to Sleep," with Julie again, this time accompanied by partner Gustavo Boada. On Nov. 14, it's "Coyote Stories" with Julie Boada performing solo (except for the puppets).

The first Thursday of each month sees the Backyard Community Health Hub's Dialogue on Diabetes (Nov. 7 at 5:30 p.m.) featuring food and dialogue to answer your questions about diabetes—controlling it or preventing it. Other wellness events include a cardio dialogue program mid-month, Zumba, yoga, and Salsa, among other



Andrea Martin's "Break of Day"

exercise programs, and many more, which you can access at midtownglobalmarket.org/events. And finally, this month features the famous MGM Global Chili Cook-off competition on Saturday, Oct. 26, from noon to 2 p.m. in the central court. In this competition, chefs and cooks

from the Market compete on stage, creating chili with various global influences. Audience members may partake for a suggested \$5 donation, which goes to a food charity.




Esther Ouray and Julie Boada: "On the Day You Were Born"

for September and October is Andrea Martin. She's a former biology researcher who makes intricate portrayals of local nature using black paper cutouts glued onto colored backgrounds, and based on photographs. The Art Shoppe is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. It's a great place to find unique gifts, or items to spark the decor in your own domicile or office.

Finally, the events. There are some great events coming up in October and November. Recurring themes for events include

niment. And then the "Global" part of the Market is enhanced by celebrating holidays and traditions from many cultures. In that vein, the Market will be celebrating Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights, on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 5 to 8 p.m. This will include a variety of Indian vendors, dancing, a Kids Talent Exhibition, "lighting of the glow sticks" along with traditional storytelling of the origin of Diwali, dining specials at Hot Indian and children's crafts. What is Diwali exactly? The MGM website says: "Originating in India, this holiday is



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Development: with or without the neighborhood?

BY STEPHANIE FOX

When the Minneapolis 6th Ward City Council Member Abdi Warsame and Mayor Jacob Frey announced the details on the city's plans to build what they called an African village on a publicly-owned lot in the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood, the local reaction was shock and surprise. The announcement, made at an East African Business Forum in June, was the first time that residents and business owners in the neighborhood had heard of the plan that could completely change their lives.

The shock and surprise were quickly followed by protests, led by residents, business owners and a group called Somali Mothers of MN who showed up with their children, waving protest signs.

By the end of August, the protesters' anger had increased. Warsame and Frey called a meeting to get local feedback. They got it, but not in a way they expected. A large group of angry protesters showed up at the Brian Coyle Center and took over the microphone, chanting, "People over profits!" and, "No voice. No mall."

Counter-protesters were there as well, and one of the Somali Mothers of MN reported that she

was struck in the face by a supporter of the new mall. Warsame and Frey had to be escorted out of the Center.

According to Dave Alderson, the co-executive director of the Cedar-Riverside Neighborhood Revitalization Program, there had been discussion about creating an East African-focused mall in various locations around Minneapolis for years. But the revelation of detailed plans to create that mall on what is called Lot A—a city-owned parking lot located behind longtime Cedar Avenue businesses the Red Sea Restaurant and the Keefe Court Bakery and just a block from the intersection of Cedar and Riverside Avenues—has created a crisis.

In 2017, Council Member Warsame proposed the building of a mall on an empty lot at 2600 Minnehaha Avenue, part of his campaign for City Council. A new mall was needed, he said, as an alternative to other African malls and a way to offer Somali women a space to open their own businesses. A new mall, said Warsame, would be a way to protect Somali-American women from exploitation from landlords at the city's two other African markets, 24 Mall and Karmel Square.

Karmel Square is owned by lo-



In 1905 Charles and John Pillsbury donated \$40,000 to build Pillsbury House at 320 16th Avenue in memory of their parents. Today, "The City's development goals for this site include a building of 10 stories or greater on a portion of the site."

Photo: Minnesota Historical Society, 1910.

cal landlord Basim Sabri, who had been accused by some of financially exploiting women small-business owners, an accusation he denies. Sabri became a vocal opponent of Warsame and supported one of Warsame's challengers in the last election.

In August of that year, the City Council proposed a feasibility study for the Minnehaha development, but it never transpired. The mall at 2600 Minnehaha went no-

where. Then, this summer, the City of Minneapolis announced new plans to develop Lot A.

Much of the negative reaction to the newest plan came because community members and residents said they were not involved in any of the decision-making and that the city government had sprung this new development on the neighborhood without any input from the people who live and work in Cedar-Riverside.

The new plan includes a 10-story apartment building with an African-focused mall on the ground floor.

Such a development will bring increased density to the city's most dense neighborhood, with an estimated 8,000 to 10,000 people already living in Cedar-Riverside. The new mall, community members fear, will also bring in crime and drugs to an area already plagued by these problems.

Some in the neighborhood are also concerned that the new apartments would be high-end and expensive, gentrifying the area. For business owners, the mall takes away parking that they say is vital to their customers.

According to local business owners, the new structure would eliminate about 100 parking spaces used by local business customers and would eliminate pick-up and drop-off areas for school buses carrying hundreds of local school children each day during the school year. The area is also home to popular entertainment venues, including the Cedar Cultural Center and the Mixed Blood Theatre, whose patrons need inexpensive parking.

And, while Warsame has said that 98 percent of Somalis in Minnesota support the plan, "No one who lives here wants this," said Russom Solomon, owner of the Red Sea restaurant.

Alderson said that there is a lot of mistrust between the neighborhood and the city leaders. "There is a lack of credibility with the neighborhood. The current City Council opposes neighborhood organizations and claims they don't properly represent the people, but we have very active participation and people here are speaking up against this new mall."

Mychal Vlatkovich, a spokesperson for Mayor Frey, said that building a public, East African mall in partnership with the community "has been a priority for thousands of East Africans in Minneapolis for years and furthers the mayor's vision for economic inclusion. Details about parking, housing and other features on the site have yet to be finalized," he said, "as community feedback is still being gathered prior to issuance of a request for proposals."

What some members of the community said they would prefer would be building a community center that would focus on young people, with opportunities for recreation, and with parking and green space. "Our first priority is for the kids," said Mohamed Salad, a community youth leader who now attends Augsburg University and grew up in the neighborhood. "They could build a center with program space, a gym, a pool and a library. There could be space for Best Buy to bring in a tech center for students," he said.

Nasro Hassen, a member of the Somali Mothers of MN, said that drugs and crime are huge problems in the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood and that the mall will increase those problems. In early March, a shooting near Lot A killed one 17-year-old and injured two others and the MN Mothers say that another market and increased density will only make things worse.

"This fight is not for me," Salad said. "It's for my younger siblings and cousins, so they don't have to experience what I did, living in poverty, going to funerals because of guns and drugs. The city has to listen to us, not decide for us," he said.

"When Warsame first got elected, we were very excited," said Hassen. "He was the first Somali elected to office anywhere in the United States. In his first election in 2013, Warsame won with 64 percent of the vote. The last time, he won by only 240 votes, even as an incumbent. The next election, we're not voting for him."

"Tell the mayor to listen to us," she said. "Tell the City Council our voice has to be heard. We have to be listened to. They have to listen to the community."

Sometimes peacemakers just wanna have fun

BY LUCIA WILKES SMITH

Every year, for the 35 years that members of Women Against Military Madness have organized a silent auction fundraiser, they debate the wisdom of holding such an event. Does it make sense to focus on an activity that doesn't focus on political and educational content?

Well, yes. Because a peace and justice group that depends upon donations realizes a significant boost when the one-evening event shows income of \$19,000-\$20,000 toward a total annual WAMM budget of \$120,000-\$130,000. Yes, it truly is a positive use of precious volunteer time and energies to help maintain the tangibles that anchor WAMM activism—staff members, office space, computers, telephones, copy machine. Yes.

Of course, the Sept. 15th fundraiser offered opportunities for specific peace-promoting actions. Individuals could sign the Petition to Ban Nuclear Weapons. A

flyer on the WAMM literature table announced the Oct. 12th rally at Lake Street and Nicollet synchronized with a large D.C. march to "Stop Endless U.S. Wars!"

Even Nobel Peace Prize (1946) winner Emily Greene Balch would have been proud of WAMM if she had been alive and present on Sept. 15. The American economist and pacifist 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."

At the WAMM Auction, WAMM people found one another's hands. Again. In the midst of the long struggle for peace and social justice, against wars, violence, corruption and climate crisis. According to the printed program, approximately 75 WAMM people volunteered as planners, auction item wranglers, decorators, buffet providers, closers and cashiers, setup and cleaner-uppers to sup-

port this community-building event. In addition to individuals who donated services, about 115 restaurants, theaters and businesses responded to solicitations with gift cards or items for auction.

Again this year, the WAMM Silent Auction wasn't silent. About 200 people greeted one another as they circulated to bid on gift certificates, handmade quilts, art objects and parties. They sat at 25 tables with bright-colored coverings and centerpieces made of gumdrops and fanciful swirls arranged around the St. Joan of Arc auditorium. They ate a delicious assortment of buffet foods and desserts. They cheered as images were projected on the overhead screen and sang along with "The Ukeldadies," who entertained and engaged their audience.

Sometimes the long peacemaking road must include gathering for laughter, music, food, fundraising and fun.

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 Lyndale in North Minneapolis and, according to the criminal complaint, stopped, tried to talk to women, and 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 Min-

neapolis 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.

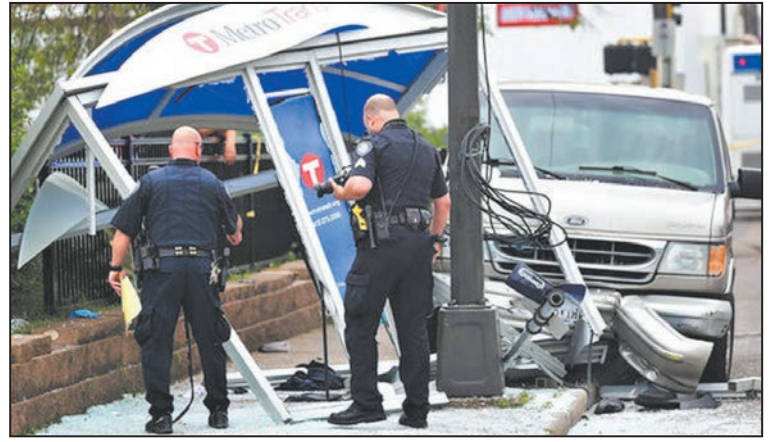
Fourth—A special classification used to protect police and medical personnel. No weapon, no serious injury.

Third—An attack that caused substantial injuries, an assault against a minor with whom the accused has a history of abuse, or assault on someone under the age of four.

Second—If the accused used a potentially dangerous weapon, the prosecutor can make the charge of Second Degree Assault, even if there was no serious injury.

First—Any assault that results in “great bodily harm,” a condition that causes permanent disfigurement, risk of death, or damages internal organs.

If it could be proven beyond a reasonable doubt that Jensen knew



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.

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 incriminating 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

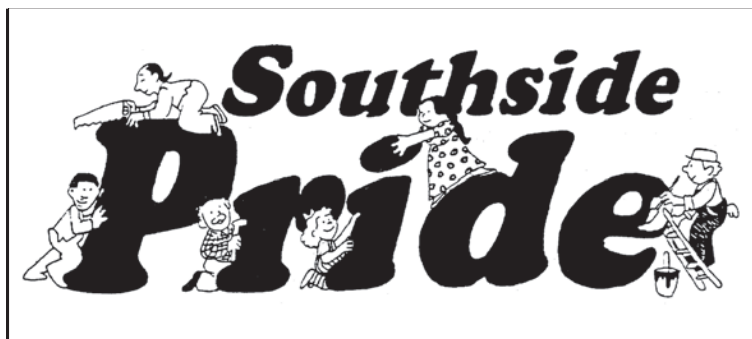
Rice for driving through a crowd demonstrating against the police murder in Ferguson, Missouri.

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.”

By not prosecuting white nationalist terrorists to the fullest extent of the law, the county attorney is neglecting his responsibility to care for the welfare of our communities of color.

We can do better than that.



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is that it’s that precious, but elusive, factor—truth.

In 1965, John V. Lindsay was elected mayor of New York. He established a key aide to head the operations of the NYPD. All were liberals.

Well aware of the rampant homophobia of the Irish Catholic PD, the hierarchy decided that, rather than forbidding the arrests of gays in their bars for propositioning plainclothes cops, they’d drop the priority to last and abandon all practices that led to these arrests.

Nothing said. Nothing written. Classic benign neglect. Some orders or shifts can’t be written down or even explained. They are finessed.

The arrests stopped. Life went on. Not a single comment in 1966, 1967, 1968, and then came Stonewall.

The gays happily gathered in their bar. A deputy inspector of the NYPD hadn’t caught the message and launched the raid. The gays—by then used to

their freedom—were outraged. A clash ensued—memorialized endlessly by the highly literate gay culture, which was happy to embrace its very own Alamo. Arrant nonsense.

An echo occurred in 1979 when I applied for the chief’s job here. The PD was regularly raiding gay bathhouses. The department was, as expected, homophobic. The gays were furious. The last raid—and it was a message to me—was on 2/10/80. I was sworn in on the 11th. My first act was to remove the vice commander—and his boss.

Nothing in writing—you couldn’t order cops not to enforce existing laws—I told the commanding officer that bathhouse raids were now at the bottom of the priority ladder, and that was that—forever.

And I have to add that this was the first event of my close association with one of the two genuinely great men I ever met—Donald Fraser. (The other was NYPD Police Commissioner Patrick V. Murphy—Oct. 1970 to May 1973. A brief but glorious

reign.) The mayor and I proposed an ordinance, in the ’80s, stating that candidates for the police force could not be excluded because of sexual preference. Gays were institutionalized and came out. The republic survived. In fact, there wasn’t a peep of comment, nor was there discernible interest. Soon a gay person would be chief.

So, yes, Virginia, Stonewall did happen, but unsung heroes like Lindsay and Fraser are the true history.

Celebrating a victory for truth, beauty and justice ain’t gonna become a crime.

But history is a tough mistress too—as well as mischievous—and it insists on one simple quality—truth. Unfortunately, it is usually the winner’s truth. The ultimate irony is that the gay community couldn’t even recognize two of its great heroes—John Lindsay and Don Fraser. And, I really must add, Minnesota lost a great son when Fraser died, at 95, in June.

How shall we address increasing crime in South Minneapolis? OR ... Love East Lake Street again!

BY GRACE BERKE

After three years of monthly meetings, reading online forums and social media posts, and hearing from neighbors and business owners in the community, the South Minneapolis Public Safety Coalition (SMPSC) is putting forward a proposal for a \$10 million investment in concentrated, street-level resources in areas across the City of Minneapolis that experience a disproportionate amount of safety and livability issues.

SMPSC has been organizing since 2016, and a key pillar within its mission is to advance collaborative practices that improve community safety for everyone. More than 80 people representing residents, businesses and organizations contribute to the group's makeup, and it consistently engages elected and appointed city and county representatives about key areas of opportunity. Currently, this includes the call for more investment to public infrastructure, adequate resources for

the most vulnerable, restorative justice practices, and increased cleanup along and near key commercial corridors.

In the summer of 2018, the coalition received a grant for the "Love East Lake" initiative, a series of events and happenings to activate the corridor and drive positive energy to Lake Street. While Love East Lake did accomplish its goals, SMPSC saw that one-off events and engagements simply aren't enough to materially change the serious livability and safety concerns being faced by this community every day, especially in the spring and summer months. This is driving the group's current efforts to advocate for \$10 million of public and private funding that can help make a sustainable difference.

The SMPSC proposal calls for the City of Minneapolis to lead efforts that secure \$10 million in public and private funds that can amplify strategic safety and livability resources. These resources will be concentrated around key zones along Lake Street, Franklin,

Riverside, and Broadway corridors. Resources include:

- A Community Services Team of paid outreach staff to connect people with existing health and human services (both private and public, at the city and county level). This outreach team would help remove barriers to access for these services, including transportation, lack of information or misinformation, etc. Considering the increase of those experiencing homelessness and the continued uptick in drug and opioid use, these realities clearly point to a need for a daily and robust means to conduct effective outreach throughout the city. A portion of the funding would work to strengthen existing social services and pay outreach workers to help ensure people are able to reach services they want and need. This team can also help with street cleanup of litter and needles, which are other health and safety concerns.

- A Street Stand Program can help consistently activate key areas along the corridors. This

would provide an entrepreneurial opportunity for individuals as well as help drive positive activity in places that are often considered "hot spots" for drugs and sex trafficking. These areas can develop in high and low traffic areas and can benefit from semi-permanent ways like this to constructively impact space.

- A Restrooms for All fund would support businesses and other organizations along the corridor to provide public access to their restroom. This includes covering infrastructure costs for changes necessary to make the existing bathroom safe as well as upkeep costs on behalf of the business. This step is crucial in changing the narrative around who is allowed to use public spaces. SMPSC firmly believes in dignity and safety for all members of the community, including those experiencing homelessness, addiction or mental illness.

The coalition is striving to ensure community needs are met. There is clear evidence, and growing community exhaustion,

that indicates existing programs and services are not meeting the day-to-day needs of supporting livability and safety for everyone. SMPSC believes its current \$10 million call for investment in new resources will begin to tangibly improve the health of the entire community.

SMPSC needs the help of residents from all over the City of Minneapolis to help champion positive change. Over the course of the next several months, there are many opportunities to let your elected and appointed officials know more resources are needed. A great first step is by signing onto the group's resource framework, which you can find at ppna.org/smpsc. You'll also find a place to sign up for emails to stay connected to this effort and more. If you're interested in more ways you can show up for, invest in, or advance this work, email Grace Berke at grace@ppna.org.

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South High, from page 1

Student involvement in school and extracurriculars is universally accepted as a positive indicator of student success in regards to attendance, GPA and graduation rates. Superintendent Graff that evening stated the importance of student participation as it creates "engaging opportunities and learning environments ... per-

in the middle of the field and no running water at the field.

South High senior student track athlete Jocelyn Ferguson said that when "being on a team, most of my friendships are from teams. You're going through so much together. You're forced to work together and problem-solve with the other athletes, and it helps you create bonds you can't create anywhere else besides



New track

friends."

Teammate and senior track athlete Sahara Jama explained: "When you're in a sport during high school, it's easier for you to learn how to take criticism from your coaches and follow directions, which will help later in life when getting a job, and [sports] applies to everyday life."

In June of 2016, a fellow soccer parent mentioned to me that properties being purchased adjacent to the field by MPS were not for the new athletic facility we had been hearing about for several years, but for another MPS use. She spoke up at an MPS Board meeting about South's needs, but knew she wouldn't be able to continue, so it was now our turn to say something and do something.

From that time on, one parent

or another, one student or another went to MPS Board meetings, wrote letters, made phone calls, talked to reporters, anything to get the attention of anyone who would listen to the need for a usable track and field.

By Oct. 26, 2016, Superintendent Graff, with the involvement of our MPS District 3 School Board Member Siad Ali, met with the community at South High and stated that South will have a new track and field. It was wonderful news and while this was great, there were still months of meetings, surveys, emails, phone calls and planning by dozens of students, parents, coaches, community and MPS staff that needed to happen to map out what the facility should and could be.

The South High track and field

is now something that not only the South High students can be proud to call home, but also the South High community. This project is all about creating the best opportunities, not only for the student athletes on the new track and field, but also for all those students, parents and families cheering from the bleachers on our new front porch.

Thank you to all of those in the South High family, along with MPS staff who helped make this facility a great place to "create bonds" and "personal connections" in the lives of the present and future South High students.

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New bleachers

sonal connections ... and real life interactions."

In a 2016 interview with then-MPS AD Trent Tucker, he stated that Minneapolis City Conference athletes had a 98.9 percent graduation rate and an over 3.1 GPA.

Assistant AD Stewart remembers his playing days with grates

sports." Ferguson went on to say that with any activity, "If we get kids to pull out of their comfort zone and join teams and join clubs that they wouldn't usually join, that they might be scared to join, you'll get a mix of people into different groups, and people will start talking and become

Could we accomplish more with a carbon budget? Can we learn anything from a Norwegian?

BY ELINA KOLSTAD

There has been a growing movement of interest in fighting climate change, but until very recently this movement has focused largely on personal choice. Concerned about climate change? Bike to work, go zero waste, live with less (stuff and/or space), stop eating meat/animal products, join The Extinction Rebellion. All of these personal choices will greatly reduce an individual's carbon footprint, but much greater cuts to carbon emissions are possible if our government is willing to act. We didn't personal choice our way into this and we can't personal choice our way out of it.

In Minneapolis we are fortunate in that Climate Change is enough of an accepted fact that the city has already set itself goals to reduce carbon emissions. We hit our goal of reducing emissions 15 percent by 2015 and now are looking forward to goals of emissions reductions of 30 percent by 2025, and 80 percent by 2050, using 2006 levels as a baseline. This is encouraging in that our city has recognized that there is a problem. It's concerning, however, that our emissions rose 4 percent last year due to increased use of natural gas (which is now the largest contributor to CO2 emissions in Minneapolis). This is a wake-up call to pay attention to whether our emissions reductions are a direct result of city actions or outside factors such as mild winters.

An example of city actions is the Climate Budget in Oslo, Norway. "Oslo's Climate Budget is a key governance tool for reaching the targets adopted in Oslo's Climate and Energy Strategy. It budgets the city's CO2 emissions in a similar manner to the city's finances." Oslo's climate budget is tied to its fiscal budget process and is reviewed and updated every year. This allows the city to monitor progress and make changes as needed. This, and the fact that there are a number of quantifiable goals over multiple sectors, increases the efficacy of this strategy. The holistic nature of the Oslo approach and the dynamism built in with an annual review allows for swift changes in policy if specific actions aren't working as hoped. This aggressive approach is necessary as Oslo has the goal of being a "virtually zero-emission city" by 2030.

One of the things that stands



out to me in the current document is how Oslo is tackling transportation, which is their main source of CO2 emissions. First, let me emphasize that, while I've not been to Norway, I have been to Europe many times, and I feel it's important to note that the public transit infrastructure in Europe is already light-years ahead of what we have here. That being said, specific improvements to public transit are ongoing (the document cited above specifies

increase use of zero-emission vehicles and is allocating funding to speed up installations of battery-charging infrastructure for private cars, vans and taxis.

This is, in part, intriguing to me because in Bill Nye's book "Unstoppable" he points out that one problem with switching over to renewable energy production is the storage capacity required in such a system. Another problem is that as the battery capacity of electric cars increases and market



boosting funding for procurement of transport services and by extending age-related discounts). In addition to this, Oslo is also pursuing multiple measures to

share of electric cars grows, there will be more of a pull on our electric grid from cars. Nye suggests creating an infrastructure where cars can be plugged in at parking

lots and a driver can indicate if they have extra power stored on that battery that they don't need. While that car is parked, the electric utility can then pull power from the car and credit the individual's home electric bill. This would also automatically allow renters a way to "buy into" renewable energy even though they cannot put solar panels on their roof.

The Oslo Climate Budget offers us an example of a way we can achieve real large-scale change. Time will tell if they are able to make it to "virtually zero-emissions" status by 2030. But even

if they don't, they will still have made huge strides in the right direction. The City of Minneapolis meanwhile seems to be pinning all its hopes on residents "personal choice-ing" our way out of climate change. I find it ironic that one of the main advocates of this strategy, Heather Worthington, admits in this article that, "I live six blocks from a Target, it would be very easy for me to walk to Target. I rarely do."

It's time we start moving past recognition that we have a problem and put serious energy into big solutions.



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If you're so rich, how come you're not

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

We have come to a point in late-stage capitalism where a lot of the so-called philanthropy vying for well-meaning control of our lives is so inept, so blinkered by ideology, that it has become its own opposite. "Philanthropy" contains two Greek root words that mean, respectively, "love" and "human." But, particularly in the subdivision of philanthropy that goes under the bland description of education reform, wherein you

find the heavy-hitters such as Bill and Melinda Gates, the Walton family, and the current secretary of education, the love is for anything other than human, and the foregrounded humans in the equation, teachers especially, but also students and their families, get no love whatsoever and are treated as a problem to be ameliorated.

If students pay the ultimate price for this state of affairs (and they do), it's teachers that bear the initial brunt of its idiocy. Case in point (but just

one of many) is the recently concluded \$45 million project of the Bush Foundation called the Teacher Effectiveness Initiative (TEI). In a brilliant post titled "How the Bush Foundation wasted \$45 million and 10 years on an ill-conceived assault on teachers," in his anti-ed-reform blog ed-hivemn.com, Rob Levine documents the chain of false assumptions, insane analogies, frantic midcourse corrections, and ham-fisted cover-ups that comprised the life cycle of this doomed venture, and ended with the current president of the foundation proclaiming, in the face of all rationality and facts to the contrary: "We [the Bush Foundation] are proud of what we helped to make happen!"

This is what they are proud of: In 2009, they introduced the TEI, promising several major goals. One of these goals was to "produce" 25,000 new "effective" teachers at institutions in Minnesota and the Dakotas, as measured by increasing test scores of students taught by the teachers and evaluated by an exclusive tool called the Value Added Model, or VAM, for which they had paid \$2 million

to a consulting firm, but had never tested. (Insane analogy, exhibit one: The VAM was based originally on a measure for increased production

ment in the tri-state area by the barely credible number of 50 percent in that same 10 years. Long story short—both of these were total failures. The



Bernie and Nina

in animal husbandry!) The VAM proved to be so poor a metric that it was abandoned halfway through the project. (Frantic midcourse correction, exhibit two.) Based on a similarly unproven (later proven to be false) assumption that "effective" teachers were the main determinant of both poor student outcomes generally (do they just mean test scores there? pretty much, yeah) and the stubborn achievement gaps between demographic groups, two other goals were to drastically reduce the achievement gaps, and to increase college enroll-

achievement gaps widened or stayed the same, and college enrollment just in Minnesota was down by 6 percent in 2017—a huge failure of the ambitious goal of going up 50 percent.

I have to believe that there are some grantmakers whose gifts do lead to improvement, and that even when they don't, it's due to errors rather than bad intent. But the fact is that in education, and in the language now used about education, we don't have a school "system" these days, we have a school "ecosystem." The traditional public school system was



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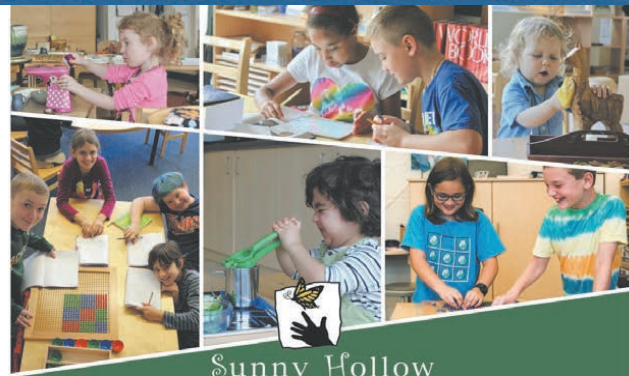
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a relatively closed one. You had your public schools: your elected school board, which was the executive; your teachers, who were employees; your students, who were recipients of a service called education; your taxpayers and legislators, who paid for it; and the assumed goals for everyone were the same: within the bounds of law (which included things like labor standards, health standards, racial integration, support for disabled and disadvantaged students, and rules against gender and other discrimination) to provide students with knowledge and skills needed for adult life. College was very much to be desired but optional. What do we gain by having an ecosystem? One part of that was always there, though acknowledged as an outside influence, rather like the political parties that put up the candidates that run the system, or levy the taxes, when elected—the teachers' unions. Now both the political parties (although for Minneapolis and Saint Paul, this means only the DFL party) and the teachers' unions (the MFT and SPFT respectively) are very much insiders, as their remits have extended far beyond collective bargaining and grievances into agitating for better policy and standing up, or failing to stand up, to private "reformers." Nowadays the unions are almost more concerned with ed-

ucation policy than with wages, and perhaps the fact that, in Minneapolis, the MFT and the DFL seem to be joined at the hip is actually part of the problem.

The other players in the ecosystem are the many foundations throwing billions of private dollars into the mix, and wielding a massive amount of unelected power because of it. We are asked to believe in their beliefs about what's best for our children. Because it's philanthropy, a gift from the most fortunate to the most needful. If this gift were in addition to tax income, which does have some semblance of democratic control behind it, that wouldn't be so scary. But it has played out to be displacing tax money, and the net effect is that the "ecosystem" is starving and its "public" side is shrinking, being displaced by the power of huge private funds. We know this by measuring what is being lost.

- Teachers
- Students
- Federal money
- Services—for the special needs student
- Services—enrichment such as arts and sports and STEM for all students
- College admissions

Education Reform (ER) critics identify 2010, the second year of the project, as peak ER in public policy. In the intervening nine years, as projects like this fail and the privatization of public education really starts to bite, opinions are shifting against it. Teachers' unions in deep red right-to-work states are going on strike

and winning. Minneapolis is finally forced to acknowledge that the steady erosion of student numbers, even as class sizes get bigger, is not a blip nor a mere demographic artifact. Every year we lose students, we lose head-count-based funding, on top of other purely ideological slashes. Teachers are deserting the system as well as



Bill Gates gets schooled

students. One of the horribly exploited groups in the "ecosystem" to take up the slack is the ESP corps—Education Support Professionals—who comprise teaching assistants, child care workers, language assistants and translators, and many more of what used to be called "paraprofessionals." There is currently a petition on Facebook trying to drum up public support for their imminent stand with their union, ESP Local 59 (a branch of MFT) to demand an overall wage adjustment. As vital as these work-

ers are to embattled schools, they are overwhelmingly depending on public assistance or second jobs or both to survive, and the union claims a considerable number are even homeless. Most DFL leadership seems to be behind the union on this, and this would not have been the case a few election cycles back.

Whereas just 10 years ago, you would be hard pressed to find a DFL leader or liberal "influencer" who opposed ER, it is now becoming more common, in Minnesota and across the nation. I recently read a piece in The Intercept about Nina Turner, Bernie Sanders' campaign chair. In 2012, she was an Ohio state legislator, leading the charge for the "Cleveland Plan," a major showpiece of the ER agenda. Now, in a 180-degree turn, she is a chief architect of Bernie Sanders' Thurgood Marshall Plan for Education.

While education policy in Minne-

sota and throughout the country will certainly continue to evolve with the constant changes and resulting shifts in the balance of power between government, unions, education officials, philanthropic foundations, and other players, it is clear that schools in every community—urban, suburban, rural—and of every permutation—public, private, charter, home—are here to stay and must learn to play nice together. If we stand back and watch from the sidelines, the spectacle that is U.S. education policy and reform can be an interesting game to observe and speculate on, maybe even place a wager on the outcome: in the decade to come, who will be up, who will be down? But ten years of education policy reform also equal ten years of a child's life, taking them from, say, the age of 6 to 16 in their educational development. And nobody should be willing to gamble on that.

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Title: Notes from the desk of peace activist Polly Mann (b. Nov. 19, 1919)

How to Take Care of Captives

I think that we in the peace movement are so accustomed to looking at the need for action that we tend to let slide the various bits of upbeat news in the world of international politics. The Star Tribune of Aug. 25, however, published an almost half-page article entitled, "Kurds try friendly approach to punishing ISIS (Syrians)."

The article begins with a description of Syrian prisoners in a Kurdish prison making paper flowers. The reason for such kind of action for these three-year-imprisoned men is the hope of reconciliation and reform. A Kurdish judge explains, "If I sentence a man to death, I am spreading hate. If you take revenge, people will be radicalized. But with reconciliation we are sure we can finish this problem."

The Kurdish guards have had the responsibility to accommodate, feed and guard the Syrian captives now held in prisons or internment camps. The prisoners number 1,000 Syrian fighters and

900 of their wives and children from 40 countries.

The Kurds are looking for international help, but so far, no nation or international organization has been willing to help.

Do Genocide and Slavery Ever Become History?

Too many book reviews I find online, in magazines or books are too long for my use. So, I end up writing reviews of reviews. Following is my review of a book review written by Deborah Lipstadt and published in The New York Times. The book is entitled, "Learning from the Germans" and it was written by Susan Neiman.

Twenty years after World War II, Communist East Germany claimed that East Germany was a post-war antifascist state and all the former Nazis were in West Germany, and West Germany insisted that only the Third Reich's

leadership knew of the mass murders. However, in the heart of Berlin today there is a statue, a memorial to the six million Jews who were murdered by Germans without mention of East or West Germans.

Born and raised in the South, author Susan Neiman moved to Germany to write this book. She found eerie similarities between the response of first generation, postwar Germans to their evil past and of many Americans, particularly Southerners, to theirs. Germans, almost uniformly, rejected any comparison. They suggested that what they did was far worse than slavery. Americans also uniformly rejected the comparison. Neiman closes her book with a quote from William Faulkner: "The past is never dead. It's not even past."

• • • • • LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reader emphasizes importance of cutting birth rate

In "Hope and futility neck and neck as first world (barely) takes on climate crisis" (all September editions of Southside Pride), it was suggested that people could mitigate the climate crisis by having no more than two children.

Two children? 7.8 billion people as status quo? The most effective decrease in consumption is having fewer children, one child at the most, and better if many had none, as a means to get down to a world population that can be sustainable with dwindling resources, and dwindling habitats for other species. Better for the population to crash by choice, relatively painlessly, than by crisis and the suffering that may bring.

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Rising water levels mean rising frustration

BY STEPHANIE FOX

As the Twin Cities faces its wettest year ever, as lakes in the City of Lakes are overflowing and Minnehaha Creek sends more and more water—50 to 80 million gallons—through the city, rising water tables are starting to cause significant problems for many living in the area.

On a late summer evening in mid-September, about 60 residents living in South Minneapolis came together in the basement of the First Free Church, located a block from Minnehaha Creek, to hear a presentation by University of Minnesota professor of bioengineering Joe Mager, about a new study designed to determine what is happening and possibly, what can be done.

According to Mager, the Upper Midwest is more affected by a changing climate than most places. Minneapolis, he said, is one of the top three cities at risk in the country.

The meeting was arranged by Joan Soholt, who has been organizing her neighbors around the issue for several years.

Possible problems in the future include rising water tables, damaged bridges, shifting foundations in buildings, mold and health problems, she said. “Of immediate concern for residents are the problems which are the responsibility of homeowners. Repair costs can range from \$5,000 to \$60,000.”

Recent heavy rains are a particular concern. According to the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District’s webpage, just one heavy rain event during the week of Sept. 9 caused Lake Minnetonka’s water level to increase nearly 4 inches, to an elevation of 929.47 feet above sea level. The ordinary high-water level is 929.40. Once the level gets higher than 930 feet, the district can no longer control the creek, with problems increasing as the water moves downstream.

The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District includes Minnehaha Creek, which flows from Lake Minnetonka to the Mississippi River.

The University’s three- to four-year study will be looking into frequency and locations of flooding, Mager said, in order to get a better understanding of how increased precipitation is affecting Minneapolis and how it will affect the city in the future.

“In the end, the study should give a better understanding of the situation, including defining groundwater level changes and to

quantify geologic and hydrologic features and constraints,” he said. Knowing this, local governments can begin to plan for future infrastructure management and policies to guide strategies for urban water management.

Many of those attending said that they couldn’t wait another four years to hear of possible solutions. A number of homeowners are already living with the effects of rising water, with flooding basements, broken sewer pipes, dying trees, sinkholes, flooded streets and other disruptions.

It’s not just homeowners who are seeing problems. Charlie Olson, the property manager at Hope Lutheran Church on Cedar Ave., said that the church had to install a pumping system four years ago when their elevator shaft began to flood. The church is located a little more than a block from Lake Nokomis.

“We had 16 inches of water in the elevator shaft. We have a water table at 13 feet. and the shaft goes down 15 feet. So, \$20,000 later, we’re pumping three to four times a week, pumping out hundreds of gallons of water,” he said. “Big buildings like ours are hurt by the rising water levels. [Nearby] Edgewater Boulevard. is becoming Edgewater Marsh.”

Many of the residents came to express anger at plans by the Park Board and the City of Minneapolis that they say will simply make the problems worse.

Bobby Warfield attended the meeting to express his concerns about the Park Board’s controversial idea to allow the Hiawatha Golf Course to flood and to stop pumping water from the course into the lake.

“What you are seeing here is the canary in the coal mine,” he said. “This is beyond wrong. Their premise is that the golf course is lower than the lake so we might as well flood it.”

Warfield thinks that the four-year study through the University might not be needed. “This study is trying to take \$40,000 to send to this group and it’s not going to give us any more information. They are only going to confirm what we know. It would be better and cheaper for the US Geological Survey to study the problem.”

With heavy rains, there is also the risk of storm sewers washing into sanitary sewers, causing contamination of lakes and rivers.

“If the water table raises any higher, my block will have problems,” said Diamond-Lake resident Keith McDermid. “Just an eyeball test of the summer-long standing water in what used to



Water levels at Lake Nokomis are rising. Flooding of trails and beaches is no longer unusual.

be a dry Edgewater Park tells me the water table is already within 10 feet of my basement, where my sewer pipes are. These are on the same plane as the pipes of other homes, just blocks away, that are breaking.”

McDermid said he has other concerns with the Park Board and the city’s strategies for managing rising water.

About a dozen years ago, the Minneapolis Park Board created the basins around Lake Nokomis, designed to filter storm water as it entered the water table, he said. “They do clean the lake and are important if managed correctly to allow water to flow through them. Instead, they have become just places to store more water.

“I was introduced to these landscape plans for the ponds as an architecture student at the University of Minnesota 15 years ago,” he said. “I knew they were going to get out of hand and argued that they would spread into Edgewater Park. I was told that they were controllable, would be clean and the neighborhood will benefit from them. Instead, they have grown, have green stagnant water in them and attract swarms of mosquitos and gnats. This spring there were carp in them.

“Most of the time they are stagnant and have grown out of proportion, beyond the Park Board’s water management capabilities.” McDermid believes that these ponds also contributed to the closing of the popular Lake Nokomis beaches this summer.

“Again, we are asking officials to reevaluate current water management practices in a known wetland area that was developed and continues to be developed,” said Soholt. “Who will help protect our homes? We have been asking this question for four years knowing more precipitation is

headed our way. Where is the support from our county commissioner, City Council members, our Park Board commissioner?”

Soholt wants to encourage anyone who has had any problems caused by the increasing quantities of water to contact her, at her email address joanwatershed@gmail.com. She plans to forward what she learns to Mager and his university study.

She especially needs information from those living near Sibley Park, Lake Hiawatha, the south side of Lake Harriet and Lake Nokomis, areas near the golf course and even those near Taft Lake, to report any problems, she said.

“This includes water that percolates up through their base-

ment floors and cannot be fixed by landscaping, shifting or sinking foundations, standing water in backyards that doesn’t dry out, broken infrastructure with costly repairs, possibly due to pumping groundwater, cracked basement walls or sinkholes.” she said.

“They should share anything having to do with mitigating water on their property or even if they just see something in the neighborhood,” she said. It will be a way to keep track of increasing water problems.

She also urges anyone who is concerned to contact their local officials at all levels, including their state, county and city representatives and members of the Minneapolis Park Board.

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• RELIGION CALENDAR •

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Exploring Meditation— Christian, Buddhist and Hindu Dialogue and Practice Tuesdays, Oct. 1-29 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Plymouth Congregational Church
1900 Nicollet Ave. S.
Mpls. 55403
Led by Diane Boruff and Richard Jewell. Limited to 40; please register. Free.
www.plymouth.org/event/exploring-meditation/2019-10-01/

Speakers from Lutheran churches in El Salvador and Nicaragua Monday, Oct. 7 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The Center for Changing Lives (Lutheran Social Services)
2400 Park Ave. S., Mpls. 55404
The Rev. Concepcion Vangeas of the Lutheran Church in El Salvador and The Rev. Dr. Soliette Lopez of the Nicaraguan Lutheran Church will share their perspectives on how the Lutheran Churches in El Salvador and Nicaragua deal with the social challenges faced by many that compel them to flee their countries to seek asylum, security and a chance at life in the United States and elsewhere. Free and open to the public with no preregistration. Co-sponsored by Global Health Ministries and Saint Paul-Reformation Lutheran Church.

Christ in Crisis: Peggy Flanagan & Jim Wallis Wednesday, Oct. 9 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church
511 Groveland Ave., Mpls. 55403
Join Magers and Quinn Booksellers & Sojourners (a Christian community/ Christian social justice organization/progressive monthly magazine and daily online publication) for a conversation between author Jim Wallis and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan, moderated by Tom Weber. Jim's new book, "Christ in Crisis," examines

the state of our nation and the ways in which the solution to our current political and spiritual crises is rooted in a return to Jesus' foundational teachings.

St. Helena Catholic School PreK - 8 Open House Thursday, Oct. 10 1:30-5:30 p.m.

3200 E. 44th St., Mpls. 55406
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www.sainthelenaschool.us or 612-729-9301

Holy Name Fall Festival Sunday, Oct. 13 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Church of the Holy Name
3637 11th Ave. S., Mpls. 55407
Delicious pancake breakfast, Eat Street, bingo, children's games, beer garden, raffle, silent auction and more! For more information, call 612-724-5465 or www.churchoftheholyname.org.

Mads Tolling & Jacob Fischer Jazz Violin and Guitar Tuesday, Oct. 15, 7 p.m.

Mindekirken, the Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church
924 E. 21st St., Mpls. 55404
Residing in San Francisco, Danish-born violinist Mads Tolling is making a career in music. Mads graduated from Berklee College of Music in Boston. Soon after, he was discovered by French jazz violinist, Jen-Luc Ponty, who recommended him to join bassist Stanley Clarke's band. This encounter led to eight years of international touring and recording with Clarke. Mads has performed with some of the biggest names in jazz, and has won two Grammy

Awards as part of the string group, Turtle Island Quartet. Danish guitarist Jacob Fischer is one of the premiere jazz guitarists in Europe, and many compare him to the great Django Reinhardt. Jacob was a member of Svend Asmussen's quartet for the last 20 years of Svend's life. Mads and Jacob connected in 2014, and the two of them have performed over 100 concerts in northern Europe. This program will feature music composed and played by the jazz violinists that inspired Mads in his musical pursuit. The set will include vibrant arrangements of jazz standards along with a few Danish folk songs. Suggested donation \$20. www.madstolling.com

Manz Centenary Recital and Workshop Organ Recital by John Schwandt Friday, Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m. Keynote and Workshops Saturday, Oct. 26 8:30 a.m. to noon

Mount Olive Lutheran Church
3045 Chicago Ave. S.
Mpls. 55407
Mount Olive Music and Fine Arts presents a two-day celebration of the life and ministry of Paul O. Manz (1919-2009), who served as Cantor at Mount Olive from 1946-1983. His ministry was internationally known and extremely influential to church music. This conference explores how his ministry continues to inform us as singing people of God. The observance begins Friday evening with an organ recital by John Schwandt, comprised of works by two of Manz's main mentors, Flor Peters and Helmut Walcha, as well as music composed by Paul Manz himself. Saturday offers a series of lectures and workshops on the topic of what Paul Manz's ministry means for us today. Presenters will be Paul Westermeyer, David Cherwien, and Mark Lawson, president

of MorningStar Publishers, the publisher of all of Manz's works. A hymn sing will also be a part of the morning's activities. All events take place at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, and are free and open to the public. Advance registration can be completed at www.mountolivechurch.org, but is not required. For further information, please contact Dr. Cherwien at 612-827-5919 or online at www.mountolivechurch.org.

Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner Saturday, Nov. 2 3 to 5:30 p.m.

Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church
4101 37th Ave. S., Mpls. 55406
It's that time of year again! Join us at Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church on Saturday, Nov. 2 for a family-style meal of lutefisk with white sauce and butter, meatballs, potatoes and gravy, rutabagas, coleslaw, cranberries, lefse, angel food cake with lemon topping and coffee. The seating times are 3, 4:15 and 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$17 for adults, \$10 for children 10 and under. Reservations are needed, so please call the church office at 612-722-9527.

Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale Saturday, Nov. 16 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church
4101 37th Ave. S., Mpls. 55406
All are welcome to come and enjoy our Holiday Bazaar at Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will have craft tables, a great silent auction, raffles, Grandma's Attic, a wonderful bake sale including lefse from Norsland Lefse in Rushford, and so much more. Flotegrot and ham sandwiches will be served in the fellowship hall. Our address is 4101 37th Ave. S. Stop by and browse!

Johnson Symposium on Faith and Society Saturday, Nov. 16 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
2730 E. 31st St., Mpls. 55406
"The Spiritual Price of the Doctrine of Discovery," featuring Mark Charles. Presenter Mark Charles is a dynamic and thought-provoking public speaker, writer and consultant. The son of an American woman (of Dutch heritage) and a Navajo man, he speaks with insight into the complexities of American history regarding race, culture, and faith in order to help forge a path of healing and conciliation for the nation. Mark is a regular columnist for Native News Online and the author of the popular blog "Reflections from the Hogan." His forthcoming book entitled "Unsettling Truths: The

Ongoing, Dehumanizing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery" is scheduled to be released from Intervarsity Press on November 5, 2019. Other presenters will include local leaders from the Native Community, including Rev. Jim Bear Jacobs, Brenda Blackhawk, Rep. Mary Kunesch-Podein, Thorne LaPointe and Wakinyan LaPointe. Registration information: Participants are encouraged to donate \$0-\$30, based on what feels appropriate for their situations. No one will be turned away. Lunch will be provided. You may register and pay online at www.htlcmpls.org/symposium or by calling the church office at 612-729-8358. Please register by Wednesday, Nov. 6.

Chamber Music Concert by Me La Amargates Tú Sunday, Nov. 17, 4 p.m.

Mount Olive Lutheran Church
3045 Chicago Ave. S.
Mpls. 55407
Mount Olive Music and Fine Arts presents a concert combining and contrasting Sephardic Romances with Spanish Romances by one of the leading Sephardic music ensembles in the world, Me La Amargates Tú. They will play romances with the same themes from the 15th and 16th centuries, and that have the same or similar texts, but with different treatments by the Sephardic Jews and the Spanish population. Me La Amargates Tú is a winner of the International Jewish Music Competition in Amsterdam. The group's members hail from five different countries, joined by shared musical traditions and research of Sephardic music, as well as Spanish music from the Medieval and Renaissance periods. Learn more about Me La Amargates Tú at www.mlat.org. A reception in the church's Chapel Lounge will follow the performance. This event is free and open to the public; a free-will offering may be received to support Mount Olive's Music and Fine Arts program. For further information, please call 612-827-5919 or visit www.mountolivechurch.org.

Bethel Lutheran Bazaar and Lunch

Saturday, Nov. 23 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church
4120 17th Ave. S., Mpls. 55407
Bethel has scheduled a fantastic bazaar and home-cooked noon meal for Saturday, November 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Included is the famous cookie walk, crafts, rolls and coffee all morning, Granny's attic, krumkake and lefse demos. Lunch served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. More information at 612-724-3693.

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FB: Walker Community United Methodist Church
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Community Meal Tue. 5:30-6:45 pm



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Cargill's Amazon practices criticized at Art Institute

BY ELAINE KLAASSEN

On Thursday evening, Sept. 5, I joined a group of about 70 concerned people in a global “Amazon Day of Action” at the Minneapolis Institute of Art (MIA). According to Mighty Earth, one of the numerous environmental

without money. Thankfully, the Cargill corporation is a funder of the MIA. At the same time, Cargill has also been seriously instrumental in the deforestation of the Amazon rainforests.

The protest at the MIA focused on the fires in the Amazon, the largest number in the last decade,

social activism.” The museum’s director wasn’t on the premises.

Was the protest successful? Did it call Cargill to account? Time, not in abundance anymore, will tell. Because of its enormous size, Cargill could tip the scale in terms of the planet’s health.

In 2014, according to the Forest Heroes website, “at the United Nations Climate Summit, Cargill CEO David MacLennan stood beside Secretary General Ban Ki-moon to announce that Cargill would extend the principles of its recent ‘No Deforestation, No Peat, No Exploitation’ palm oil policy to other commodities around the world, such as soy, sugar, beef, and cocoa.

“Recently, we announced a new policy, committing to zero deforestation in the palm oil trade,” MacLennan said. ‘Now, we understand that this sort of commitment cannot be limited to just select commodities or supply chains. That’s why I am proud to announce today that Cargill will take practical measures to protect forests across our agricultural supply chains around the world.’”

Unfortunately, this has not taken place.

When I hear a statement like “Cargill is the worst company in

the world,” I don’t assume it’s true just because somebody said it. But former U.S. House Rep. Henry A. Waxman of California, who is now chairman of Mighty Earth, said this because he has been watching closely for many, many years the facts and figures regarding Cargill’s destructive practices. He stated, “We kept receiving data, ... of Cargill’s serious ongoing problems with deforestation and child labor.

“In my 40-year-long career in Congress, I took on a range of companies that engaged in abusive practices. I have seen firsthand the harmful impact of businesses that do not bring their ethics with them to work. But Cargill stands out.”

I was not surprised to learn that Walmart and McDonald’s are two of the companies that Cargill supplies, but I was very sad to learn that two other big customers are Costco and Aldi. To me, Costco and Aldi have always been shining examples of how to do business. So, it turns out that all of us who buy at companies supplied by Cargill are setting in motion the destruction of the rain forest. It’s like drugs: if there’s a demand, there will be a supply. I’m not quite sure how to organize the de-

mand. Everybody needs food. At the same time, the supplier is not off the hook.

In the past, it didn’t seem like consumers needed to be so knowledgeable, but now it’s clear that we do. We need to know the good, the bad and the ugly.

A good thing is that Cargill is developing a product called Beyond Meat, which will use non-GMO peas raised in the Midwest. The bad and ugly thing is that the pea seeds are often treated with the carcinogenic glyphosate.

I am beyond getting together with friends and sighing about our Earth: “Oh, I know, I know, isn’t it awful?” I’m ready to change my habits (which I’ve been doing for a long time already, but which I will continue to do as new information comes in) and now, in addition, I’m ready to demonstrate/protest, which is very difficult for me.

I didn’t go to the action on Thursday, Sept. 26 to address Cargill’s “Women in Ag” conference, meeting in downtown Minneapolis at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. But I did go to the Climate Strike on Friday, Sept. 20. I expected every kid from every school in the entire metro area to be there at the Capitol, but they weren’t.



groups that organized and supported the event, the purpose of the protest was “to hold governments and companies that stand to profit from the fires in the Amazon accountable for their role in this environmental destruction.”

On Sept. 5 at the MIA we were specifically making a statement about Cargill, a privately-held global corporation based in Minnetonka, which has a gallery named after it in the museum.

The Cargill Gallery is on the first floor across from the gift shop and right now is featuring a wide range of artistic expression reflecting on various histories. It’s a beautiful, soulful show that couldn’t have been produced

and Cargill’s role in them. Thousands of acres are being cut down and burned to grow soy and raise cattle for beef and leather. The “lungs of the Earth,” as the Amazon is called, are dying of pneumonia.

We stood outside the MIA at the entrance holding signs such as, “Cargill: There’s no art on a dead planet” and “Cargill: helping the world burn,” a reference to Cargill’s slogan, “Helping the world thrive.” Then some of the group went inside intending to go to the Cargill Gallery, but security wouldn’t allow it. So they lay down on the floor. A video was made of one of the guards saying, “This is a museum. It’s not for

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gregation.org at 612-333-2561.

Book Study—White Birch, Red Hawthorne: A Memoir Thursdays, Oct. 3 – 24 10:30 a.m. to noon

Plymouth Congregational
Church
1900 Nicollet Ave. S.
Mpls. 55403
Led by Paula Northwood.
Free. Limited to 25; please
register. In her memoir, Nora
Murphy tells the story of her
ancestors' maple grove that,
long before the Irish arrived,
was home to three Native
tribes: the Dakota, Ojibwe and
Ho-Chunk. That her dispos-
sessed ancestors' homestead
was built upon another, far
more brutal, dispossession
is the hard truth underlying
Murphy's search for the deep-
er connections between this
contested land and the com-
munities who call it home.

Speakers from Lutheran churches in El Salvador and Nicaragua Monday, Oct. 7, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The Center for Changing
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"Inside Montessori" Thursday, Oct. 10 Doors open 6:30 p.m.

Film begins 6:45 p.m. **T**
Discussion 8 p.m.
Lake Country School Gym
3755 Pleasant Ave. S.
Mpls. 55409
"Inside Montessori" is a doc-
umentary film that reframes
the national education conver-
sation toward creating learn-
ing environments that allow
all children to achieve their
full potential. What should
the purpose of education be?
This film shines a light on five
Montessori schools through-
out the United States to
demonstrate how they inspire
learners and teachers. View
the trailer here: www.youtu-

[tube.com/watch?v=pqYo_iEg-
NWU&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pqYo_iEg-NWU&feature=youtu.be)
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Incarceration and the Justice System

Oct. 10 - 24 **T**
Hennepin County Minneap-
olis Central Library (Pohlad
Hall, 2nd floor)
300 Nicollet Mall, Mpls. 55401
Explore issues related to
addiction, criminal justice and
incarceration in this free film
series. Following each screen-
ing, stay for a conversation
with the filmmaker and film
subjects.
Sponsored by Friends of the
Hennepin County Library.
Register at [www.hclib.org/
events](http://www.hclib.org/events). Registration is pre-
ferred but not required.
Here's the lineup:
**Thursday, Oct. 10
7 to 9:30 p.m.**
"The Stairs"
Conversation with Hugh Gib-
son and Roxanne Smith
**Thursday, Oct. 17
7 to 9:30 p.m.**
"Milwaukee 53206"
Conversation with Keith Mc-
Quirter and Dennis Walton
**Thursday, Oct. 24
7 to 9:30 p.m.**
"Tribal Justice"
Conversation with Anne

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Join us for viewing and lively
discussion of a panel discus-
sion of personal stories from
people who are deaf, deaf-
blind, hard of hearing and
late-deafened. Created by the
MN Department of Human
Services Deaf and Hard of
Hearing Division, this pre-
sentation will help us all with
communication and sensi-
tivity to deaf culture issues.
NOTE: The panel discussion is
captioned, but no interpreter
provided unless you RSVP to
Erin O'Leary at Holy Name
by Oct. 10. Come, learn and
get to know neighbors! Coffee
included. Bring a friend! No
cost/no registration. For more
info: [www.churchoftheholyn-
ame.org](http://www.churchoftheholyn-); 612-724-5465.

"Nosferatu"

Friday, Oct. 18, 7:30 p.m.
**Saturday, Oct. 19, 3:30 and
7:30 p.m.**

The Music Box Theatre
1407 Nicollet Ave. **T**
Mpls. 55407
Back for the second year, with
three shows over Friday and
Saturday, Oct 18-19: "Nosfer-
atu" silent film with the Curse
of the Vampire live orchestra.
Last year this show sold out
a one-night event with over
700 in attendance. The Music
Box Theatre is bringing it back
bigger and better over Friday/
Saturday at this historic Min-
neapolis silent film theatre.
[www.eventbrite.com/e/nos-
feratu-a-symphony-of-hor-
ror-tickets-63710954179](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/nos-)
Parking: If you are driving
to the event, parking can be
found along the street, at the
Hyatt parking ramp or in the
South lot. Buses (17, 18, 10, 11,
30) all run to the venue. We
encourage biking because it
is fun and good for everyone.
Price is pay-as-able at the end
of the show.

**Longfellow Community
Council Meeting
General Membership &
Resource Fair**
**Tuesday, Oct. 22, 5:30 to
6:30 p.m. (Resource Fair)**
**6:15 to 8:15 p.m. (Dinner and
Program)**
Minnehaha Communion
Lutheran Church
4101 37th Ave. S., Mpls. 55406
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Come eat with us and learn
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engagement, involvement and
empowerment.
Elected officials will discuss
their priorities and plans, and
the community will vote on
a new addition to the Long-
fellow Community Council
bylaws.

Better Angels Workshop I: "Depolarizing Within" Saturday, Oct. 26 9 a.m. to noon

Plymouth Congregational
Church
1900 Nicollet Ave. S.
Mpls. 55403
Led by William Doherty,
Ph.D. Free and open to the
community; please register by
Oct. 18.
Dr. Doherty will teach how
to be critical without demon-
izing, dismissing or stereo-
typing one another. This is a
free morning of insight into
how we treat our peers who
hold opposing views. Practical
strategies will be defined for
intervening constructively
in conversations that veer
into contempt and ridicule of
others.

Free Spooktacular Open House

Saturday, Oct. 26, 2 to 4 p.m.
3733-23rd Ave. S. and
3720-23rd Ave S.
Mpls. 55407
At Minnehaha Senior Living
(Assisted Living) – featur-
ing a non-scary event with a
personal balloon created for
everyone, games with prizes,
crafts, and a trick-or-treat
opportunity. At Providence
Place (Care Center) – featur-
ing a Haunted House, crafts,
and treats. Free.

Bach & Co.

Saturday, Oct. 26, 3 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 28, 3 p.m.
J.S. Bach - Chamber Cantata
BWV 152 in E minor, *Tritt auf
die Glaubensbahn* **M**
C.P.E. Bach - Concerto for
Flute and Strings in D minor,
H.484.1
W.F. Bach - Sinfonia in F Ma-
jor ("Dissonant"), F. 67
J.S. Bach - Overture (Suite)
No. 1 in C Major, BWV 1066
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Bryant-Lake Bowl Theater
810 W. Lake St., Mpls. 55408
Saturday, Oct. 26, 7 p.m. **T**
Featuring eating contests, opera singing, trolls, hot guitar licks and more, **Ms. Luisa Eats** is back for a one-night-only vaudeville variety show just in time for Halloween.
Thursday, Oct. 31, 7 p.m.
Spend Halloween night with **The Mysterious Old Radio Listening Society** as they spin spooky tales inspired by Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein," performed in the style of a classic old radio show complete with commercials, live music and sound effects.
Further information and tickets at www.bryantlake-bowl.com/cabaret-theater/ or 612-825-8949.

7th Annual Cine Latino

Nov. 1 - 7
St. Anthony Main Theatre
115 SE Main St.
Mpls. 55414

T
Check out this celebration of new Latin American and Ibero cinema. Tickets and info can be found at www.msp-film.org.

Community invited to celebrate peacebuilding award Friday, Nov. 1

4:30 to 8:30 p.m.

5200 47th Ave. S., Mpls. 55417
The Minnesota Peacebuilding Leadership Institute has just received the 2019 Melanie Greenberg U.S. Peacebuilding Award for Excellence from the Alliance for Peacebuilding.

You may have heard of them. MNPeacebuilding [Leadership Institute] are the people who organize the monthly peacebuilding film series held at the Birchwood Cafe; who hold STAR (Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience) trainings fairly often in the metro area as well as restorative justice trainings; who put on Lunafest every year at the Riverview Theatre; and who sponsor monthly Coming to the Table (CTTT) meetings in the metro area, which provide "relationship engagement, leadership, resources, and a supportive environment to dismantle racism that is rooted in the United States' history of slavery."

Donna Minter is the founder and executive director of MNPeacebuilding [Leadership Institute]. As a forensic and neuropsychologist for 20-plus years, she witnessed patients and incarcerated people with

serious unhealed psychological trauma precipitating passive and active violence in their lives and communities. Their peace was stolen from them. They wanted to build peace back into their lives, but they did not know how. Unhealed psychological trauma is a public health epidemic that few know how to talk about or are willing to address.

After attending the five-day Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience (STAR) Training, she instigated STAR in Minneapolis in 2010. STAR integrates neuropsychology, trauma healing, resilience, restorative justice, nonviolent conflict transformation, and broadly defined spirituality. STAR facilitates grassroots peacebuilding by transforming psychological trauma into nonviolent power. Twenty-five trainees representing diverse cultural and religious communities attended. Afterwards they asked Donna to offer STAR for their colleagues. MNPeacebuilding has since offered STAR and related trainings and racial healing events to over 3,100 people, with financial support from The Saint Paul, F. R. Bigelow, and Oswald Family Foundations; City of Minneapolis Division of Race and Equity's ReCAST grant; City of Minneapolis Department of Health Violence Prevention Fund; and Thrivent Financial. RSVP and details at: <https://peacebuildingopenhousen-ov12019.eventbrite.com>

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