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Prophets and Losses

By Tony Bouza

Erica, telling me a friend of ours-educated and sophisticated—had consulted a psychic, set me to thinking—after overcoming nausea.

Psychics are clever scoundrels, preying upon our gullibility using their study of human nature. They observe the external (appearance, body language, etc.) and exploit our hopes and dreams. With men it's sex, power and money; with women, nurturing and safety. Psychics are often thieves—as well as liars. Card and palm readers fall into the

Prophecy is the divination of God's will. But it gets expressed in quotidian pursuits too.

The Bible offers a creation vision that has not been furthered by evolution. Parting the Red Sea is not totally credible, nor is the delivery of the Ten Commandments by a burning bush.

The human clings to beliefs. They are comforting. Our only defenses are logic and science. What is the evidence? Who can provide sensible answers?

The Greeks offered a very valuable approach—question. Start within. Be merciless in your introspection.

And we look for prophets.

Where are we headed? What will befall us? We want answers.

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Lucy Michele will be one of the entertainers at the Band Together benefit for the Climate Generation. She joins with Astralblak, Chastity Brown, Lazerbeak, Jeremy Messersmith, and more on November 16 at the O'Shaughnessy auditorium for a powerful evening of music, storytelling and climate action. She says, "What concerns me most is what our planet will be like when my kids become adults." Read more about the night's lineup and purchase tickets for the show at www.bandtogethermn.org.

Celebrate Mayday

BY ED FELIEN

Please help us celebrate Mayday next spring, on Sunday, May 3, in Powderhorn Park.

Like everyone else, we were shocked and saddened by Heart of the Beast's decision to cancel their participation and organizing of Mayday for next spring. Last January HOBT started telling the press that this wasn't enough. "It's too large might be their last Mayday. of a thing for HOBT as an They raised much more in fundraisers and donations than the \$50,000 they normally needed to make up

the difference between expenses and income. On the scale they were producing the event, it cost \$200,000 to get all the porta-potties and permits. The principal actors were paid something but certainly less than they were worth. The documentary film premiere fundraiser in March had raised \$15,000. Sarah Bowman gave them \$275,000 in her will. But it organization to coordinate on our own for multiple reasons. We simply don't have the infrastructure to put on

an event of that size," Corrie Zoll, the executive director told City Pages. "I would love to see a much more decentralized model."

We agree.

Let's get back to the original meaning of Mayday.

Powderhorn Park.

up a soapbox and have mu- munication in these areas: sic and speeches. We will not take out permits. We will not cers set up porta-potties or ask for police protection. We will not plug into electricity. The music will be acoustic. The

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Do we need more cops?

BY ED FELIEN

Do we need more cops? Yes, and no.

Yes, we need a greater police presence downtown and on Lake Street and Franklin Avenue. It is intolerable that violent gangs are beating and robbing people in broad daylight downtown. This has to stop.

When Tony Bouza was chief of police in Minneapolis, 1980 to 1989, he used decoys on Hennepin Avenue to clean out some of the gangs of kids that had come downtown to cause trouble. He said then, "We don't have a gang problem in Minneapolis. We have a youth problem."

We need a cop in plainclothes, looking vulnerable, wearing a body camera that is broadcasting to a command post, to attract trouble. And we need to arrest that trouble, take them through a week of intense counseling, give them vocational training and unlimited education and make them socially useful and productive citizens.



Does this photo of Minneapolis's finest make your skin Kroll?

Yes, we need more cops on the street. Does that Bigger is not always better. mean we need to hire eight new cops?

"The Mayor recommends \$884,000 for ongoing and \$428,000 for year-one funding to hire and train Let's do a free Mayday in officers for areas in Minneapolis experiencing activity impacting community safety and business viability, Southside Pride will set and would enhance community outreach and com-

- 1st Precinct Hennepin / 1st Downtown 2 offi-
- 1st Precinct Cedar Riverside 1 officer
- 3rd Precinct Chicago/Franklin 1 officer
- 3rd Precinct E. Lake Street 2 officers
- 4th Precinct Northside 2 officers"

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speeches will not be amplified.

We hope other organizations will also set up soap boxes and have their own programs. There's plenty of room in Powderhorn holding strings and ribbons to show we are all connected to the tree of life. It has always meant a time of joy and pleasure as contrasted with that other pagan holiday halfway across the solar calendar, the date between the up the demonstration. Someone rolled a bomb under a police van. They won the eight-hour work day, and they won respect for the dignity gun battle claimed the lives of seven police and four demonstrators. Eight organizers of the demonstration were tried for the rolled a bomb under a police van. They won the eight-hour work day, and they won respect for the dignity of labor. In 1894, May 1st was recognized as a federal holiday honoring labor. Eisenhower changed demonstration were tried for the

won the eight-hour work day, and they won respect for the dignity of labor. In 1894, May 1st was recognized as a federal holiday honoring labor. Eisenhower changed Labor Day from May 1st to the first Monday in September, and declared May 1st to be Loyalty Day or Law Day, in a not-so-subtle rebuke of its radical origins. Today, most countries in the world still celebrate the first of May as a worker's holiday and they honor the Haymarket martyrs.

We will be celebrating the ancient ritual of joy with music and the political ritual with speeches from local politicians and organizations. If you want to participate as a musician please send CDs or links to your music to edfelien@ southsidepride.com and tell us what time you want to do your 30-minute set. We will be on the soapbox from noon to 6 p.m. And if you want to rant about politics or religion or your book club or whatever, email me your name, affiliation and what 5-minute (or less) time slot works for you.

Winter is coming, but on the other side of that is the awakening of spring and hope.

On Sunday, May 3, in Powderhorn Park, we will gather to cel-

Please join us.



Maypole dance at Heart of the Beast Mayday celebration

Park for everyone to express themselves.

The celebration of Mayday is a sacred ritual dating back thousands of years. The day is almost always just about midway between the spring equinox and the summer solstice. This year the equinox will be March 19 and the summer solstice will be June 20; the exact center would be May 4, but Sunday, May 3, is close enough.

The centerpiece of the celebration is the Maypole—people dancing around an erect pole autumnal equinox and the winter solstice—Halloween, the Day of the Dead.

Mayday is a worker's holiday. It is a day of joy, free of care. But it's also a day of solemn reflection.

In 1886 there was a demonstration in favor of the eight-hour day at Haymarket Square in Chicago organized by socialists and anarchists. Police broke up the demonstration and killed one demonstrator and injured several others. The next day the demonstrators tried to meet again, and again the police tried to break

police killing, even though there was no evidence that any of them had thrown the bomb or fired on the police. They were found guilty and seven of the eight were sentenced to be hung. The eighth was sentenced to 15 years in prison. Four were hung. One committed suicide in jail. In 1893, the next governor criticized the trial and pardoned the remaining prisoners.

The Haymarket Affair became an international event to commemorate the struggles of labor. It radicalized a generation and en-

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The best answers are extrapolations of the knowns. So the best prophets are those who understand us, our times and the surrounding circumstances. Once expressed, the views of these prophets become central to understanding ourselves, our times and probably where we're headed. This is the only sort of prophecy that has any value.

So who is best positioned to offer reasoned, informed guesses as to who we are and where we are headed?

The artist.

The intelligent, observing, informed analyst—who must find expression for their findings is the true prophet!

And who is at the epicenter of this conundrum?

Well, we are fortunate indeed to be trading with that genius' currency—English.

That creature is William Shakespeare (and I hope, fervently, not the Earl of Oxford).

Review his works.

A cursory glance helps us understand ourselves through the speculations of an indecisive Hamlet. A foolish, seductable parent in Lear, an unwise lover in Othello, unwitting enabler of tyranny in Caesar and anti-Semitism in The Merchant of Venice. Evil ambition in Macbeth, the villainous courage of Richard III, the Knute Rockne halftime

pep talker of Henry the V at Agincourt. The agonies of parenthood of Henry IV and the frivolity of hedonism of Falstaff. The corruption and homosexuality of Richard II. The futility, tragedy and stupidity of feuds in Romeo and Juliet. Lust and its horrible consequences in Titus Andronicus.

On and on.

The wisdom pours forth and enables us to understand this complex world around us and ourselves.

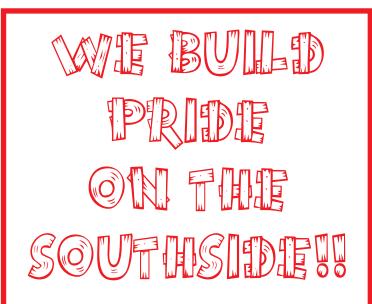
We are a practical people. "What good is it?" is our national motto. Fair enough.

Exposure to these thinkers informed my actions as an executive. My only tools were other humans, and if I didn't understand them or couldn't move them to act, I'd failed.

Ezra Pound—a crazy, fascist, anti-Semitic poet-said, "The artist is the antennae of the race." The collector of the filaments in the air—a sort of philosophical magnet. By conveying their findings, the artist—through books, films, plays, poetry, music and such—becomes the prophet who guides us through this labyrinth we call life. I dread to think where we'd be without them, but the Bible, once again, provides insight—"The prophet is not without honor, save in his own country."

Amen.





Trump downtown

BY ED FELIEN

Thousands of people showed up at the Target Center in downtown Minneapolis to tell our President, in the words of Mayor Frey, "Love Trumps Hate in Minneapolis."

The demonstrators were peaceful but determined. They stayed past midnight. There were minor confrontations and scuffles, but no one was seriously hurt.

Some demonstrator pulled off a MAGA hat from someone. They struggled and the person got his hat back. Some protesters set a small bonfire of Trump hats and signs. A reporter from Unicorn Riot, which did an excellent job filming and narrating the full demonstration, was sprayed by an MPD cop with mace for no other reason than that he was standing with demonstrators. A couple of guys on motorcycles tried to drive through the demonstrators, but they were stopped by the police. A couple of guys with guns from Oath Keepers were kept away from the demonstrators by the MPD.

Oath Keepers are an interesting group. The Southern Poverty Law Center describes the Oath Keepers as "one of the largest radical anti-government groups in the U.S. today."

Newsweek:

"On the group's website, it describes itself as a 'non-partisan association of current and formerly serving military, police, and first responders, who pledge to fulfill the oath all military and police take to "defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic."

"The Oath Keepers posted an alert on their site on Saturday stating volunteers were needed to 'protect Trump supporters' at Trump's rally.

'The violent communists of Antifa have issued a national call to action for Antifa and other radical, America-hating leftists to converge on the upcoming Trump rally in Minneapolis on Oct. 10 to "disrupt" the Trump rally with an Antifa black block "America is Canceled" protest against capitalism,' the alert states. 'We also expect trouble from the same radical leftists in Minneapolis that assaulted Trump supporters in 2016,' [the alert continued]."

These Oath Keepers are the same kind of people who formed the Brown Shirts, the SA, that provoked violence in Germany in the 1930s that allowed Hitler to eliminate opposition and "restore order."

Casey Michel of the Daily Beast said, "When President Donald Trump lobbed the threat of civil war on Twitter late last month, he became the first sitting president to ever hint at potential fratricide if he's removed via impeachment—an implication as deafening as it was disgusting.

"Stewart Rhodes, though, had a different take. For those unfamiliar, Rhodes is the gruff head of the Oath Keepers—a militia made up largely of current and former law enforcement officials and military veterans, perhaps best known for the all-white contingent it sent to provide 'security' for a rally in Ferguson in 2015. Now, the Oath Keepers are calling for volunteers to protect Trump supportersincluding at the president's rally Thursday evening in Minnesota. The Oath Keepers are itching for a civil war. Stewart Rhodes is ready to protect Trump, no matter what, and to fight a HOT war."

Perhaps Marco I. Dávila C.



Photo: Unicorn Riot

summed it up best:

"On the night of Thursday, the 10th of October, Donald Trump will be in Target Center in downtown Minneapolis, Minnesota, which, in part, will occur beneath the slogan 'Keep America Great,' a continuation of 'Make America Great Again.' At the same time thousands of demonstrators will protest, saying to Trump: 'You are not welcome!'

"In the center of the city of lakes the two camps will rally, or in other words, both 'Americas' will be found: the America that, in its time, supported slavery, and was even ready to go to war to defend that inhuman and oppressive economic system, and the noble America that fought together with African Americans for their civil rights; the conservative America that wants everything for the white and the most privileged, and the progressive America that seeks to be more inclusive towards all the races that live here; the America that accuses Mexicans of being 'rapists' and the understanding America, that proposes that we look for the causes of immigration; the America that discriminates against minorities, and the America that treats all inhabitants equally; the xenophobic America, and the America that is indignant in the face of intolerance; the America of Trump and 'grab them by the pussy,' and the America of the mayor of Minneapolis, 'If you see hate, counter it with love.'

"I join the call of the majority of the inhabitants of the city of Minneapolis who today, express themselves and say: Trump is not welcome!"

Contrary to the spirit of the peaceful nature of the Trump protest, some demonstrators stayed late to pick fights with Trump supporters coming out of Target Center. Police videos caught one black guy punching some Trumpster. They identified him, arrested him and kept him in jail on a \$40,000 bond and charged him with third degree felony assault: "Whoever assaults another and inflicts substantial bodily harm 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."

Compare that treatment with George R. Jensen, who on July 9 drove around the bus stop on Broadway and Lyndale 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, and then 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. They were black. Jensen is white. County Attorney Mike Freeman said Jensen will be charged with five counts of criminal vehicular operation.

Compare that with five years ago when Freeman declined to file felony charges against Jeffrey Rice for driving through a crowd demonstrating against the police murder in Ferguson, Mo., seriously injuring one woman.

We don't know the circumstances of the confrontation outside Target Center, but we know the racist system of justice in Hennepin County is stacked against him. We don't know how or why the demonstrator was provoked. He is entitled to a presumption of innocence.

We know that any violence on our part will be met with over-whelming force. We know there are racist elements in the MPD who are hoping for such a violent confrontation. We know that any grandstanding, ultra-left violent action by a few damages the peace movement of thousands and endangers women, children and vulnerable adults participating in the protest.

We owe it to each other to be disciplined and respectful of the leadership who organized the protest.

We're all in this together. Be cool. We're gonna win if we all keep working at it every day.

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He wants to hire young people, with no experience, to walk the streets, after Bob Kroll of the Police Federation has shown them the "shoot first" movies that conditioned Jeronimo Yanez to kill Philando Castile and Mohamed Noor to kill Justine Damond.

Wouldn't it be much better for everyone to have a cop with a little more real-life experience out on the street, walking around and meeting the neighbors?

One of the other things Tony Bouza did was to begin one-man squad cars. Most police calls can be handled by one officer, but cops like to have a buddy along, so the MPD has slipped back into two-person squads. You don't need two cops in a squad car. If there's trouble, cops should retreat and call for backup. Two-person squads are a terrible waste of taxpayer dollars.

One of the things Tony Bouza didn't do is he didn't promote anyone during his entire time as chief. He says, "Cops make a good living. They have a good pension. They complain but none of them quit." He regarded it as part of his public trust to guard the treasury and protect the taxpayer.

That's not generally what happens with a new chief. Most of the time Minneapolis chiefs are promoted from within, and the first thing they do is turn around and promote their buddies to cushy desk jobs. As we noted a year ago when reviewing the 2019 MPD

Budget: "The budget will increase police administration by 16.5 positions and reduce patrol positions by 15. Almost the first thing Chief Arrandondo did after being appointed was to promote 20 of his friends to the ranks of sergeant, lieutenant, commander, inspector, deputy chief and assistant chief and, thereby, set up more desks and roadblocks between him and the public."

Yes, we need more police presence. But I am not convinced we need more cops. Why can't we get some of those cops who are sitting behind desks back out on the street?

I have tried for over a month to get a line item budget from the Mayor's Office that could show how many cops were sitting behind desks and how many were out on the street. They wouldn't send it to me. Casper Hill, the media relations coordinator sent me to John A. Elder, director of the MPD Office of Public Information, and John sent me back to the mayor. I wrote to Alondra Cano, the chair of the Public Safety Committee, who will review the MPD line item budget. She assured me her aide would help: "Dylan can work with you on this." After another couple of weeks, I got this: "I will continue to work with MPD, Communications, and the Budget Office to deliver this MPD line item budget as soon as possible. Have a good day. Dylan." That was a month ago.

They sent me a general budget with total figures: Frey is asking

for \$140 million for the MPD. He has about 900 cops and 200 civilians in the Department. But we have no idea what any of these people do.

The budget for the MPD is a matter of public record. It should be readily available to the general public. Or do we simply hand the chief a check for almost \$140 million of our tax dollars and ask him to spend it wisely? Without accurate information, how can the voters in Minneapolis hold elected officials accountable?

Jacob Frey promised the voters in Minneapolis transparency and accountability: "The people of Minneapolis deserve transparency from their government."

It's time to make good on that promise.

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Where do we park?

BY ELINA KOLSTAD

Years ago, my husband and I stayed with some family friends in Saint-Etienne in France. They live in an apartment built before the advent of car culture, so when they were going to show us some regional attractions, George walked a couple of blocks to the parking garage where they rent a parking place and then came back and picked us up. This is a common practice in many cities in Europe and even American cities like New York. Observing this practice was a part of the shift in perspective that allowed my husband and me to get rid of our car.

In the United States, we have formed certain cultural norms around parking that are pretty extreme. Some of these can be seen in Minneapolis, but they are most striking when you venture into the wild and strange world of the suburbs. In this environment you can encounter literally acres of parking in surface lots attached to strip malls. It's appalling and horrible for the environment and human health. I am in the camp of people that believes the ordinances and laws encouraging or requiring this type of construction should be changed.

However, in Minneapolis, efforts against too much required parking have gone to a strange extreme. The zeitgeist of the moment in Minneapolis seems to be that parking is an evil that must be abolished at all costs. I think that many advocates see pedestrian-only zones in Europe as an example. But every pedestrian-only zone I've visited has parking facilities on the perimeter. In small towns, parking can consist of free lots with three-hour time limits, while larger towns and cities have inexpensive covered parking of various sizes.

There seems to be an idea that if off-street parking options are eliminated people will not own or drive cars anymore and that this will solve climate change by encouraging alternative modes of transportation such as walking or biking. This attitude is very strange to me on a number of lev-

First of all, if access to parking is THE thing preventing people from going car-free, why is it that the majority of advocates seem to still own cars? Couldn't they just pretend they don't have a place to park a car and get rid of theirs? Quite frankly, in Minnesota it will still be easier for most people to drive around for blocks to find an on-street parking space than it will be to take transit, walk, or bike to their destination. For many of our residents these modes of transit are not viable options, especially in our beautiful winter weather.

Second, all of the advocates seem to recognize that removal of off-street parking options will result in more congested onstreet parking. On-street parking is more detrimental to the walking and biking experience than off-street parking is. Cars parked bumper to bumper and up to intersections greatly reduce visibility and therefore increase the danger faced by pedestrians and bicyclists at busy intersections.

Third, parking lots and garages could be a way to build out green infrastructure, such as electric car charging stations, and could generate renewable energy. The city could require parking garages to have a minimum number of electric charging stations, for example, as a percentage of the overall capacity of the lot. This will encourage electric car adoption, which will greatly reduce emissions. If new parking lots are also required to be built solar panel-ready, there is long-term potential for even greater environmental gains and could provide opportunity for community solar gardens such as that recently installed on the top deck of Ramp A in downtown Minneapolis. https://cooperativeenergyfutures. com/ramp-a-csg/

Finally, if we are preparing for a future with fewer cars and more biking, it would be fairly simple to convert a standard parking garage into covered parking for bicycles in the future. The city could actually increase an individual's ability to go car-free immediately through code, by requiring bike storage and car-sharing facilities in new parking lots. For example, in Berkeley, Calif., "at least one car-share parking space must be designated in new residential developments that offer 11-30 private car parking spaces. Those providing 31-60 regular spaces must designate two car-share spaces, and developments with more than 60 regular spaces must designate three car-share spaces plus one additional for each successive increment of 60 regular spaces." https://smartgrowthamerica.org/ smarter-parking-codes-to-promote-smart-growth/

Parking is not inherently good or evil. Parking can be well designed or poorly designed and the impact of poor design can have serious long-term negative implications for communities. Simply eliminating off-street parking options reduces our ability to design parking options that will allow for true Complete Streets design and will not lead to any real environmental gains.



Should transit be free?

BY JOHN CHARLES WILSON

The Twin Cities Transit Riders' Union (TRU) has been recently advocating that Metro Transit quit charging fares and become a free service, like the public library. In this column, I would like to discuss the pros and cons of free

First of all, free transit isn't a new idea. It is currently in effect in Estonia and Luxembourg. As far as the United States goes, we do have free transit in limited situations, such as downtown or college circulators, or in rural areas or small towns like Missoula, Mont., where the cost of collecting and handling fares is almost not worth it. In the 1970s, free transit for everyone was experimented with during non-rush hours in Denver and in Trenton, N.J. Even the Twin Cities had two free transit experiments in the 1970s, one for senior citizens and one for children and teenagers.

The one for seniors lasted several years and would probably have been made permanent except the MTC had a severe funding crisis in 1979. However, the one for young people didn't last very long, for the same reasons as the Denver and Trenton programs were deemed failures: bad behavior on the buses skyrocketed out of control. Loud, boisterous teenagers ended up dominating the transit systems and making them unpleasant for everyone else. The Denver and Trenton programs, which included adults, had homeless people riding all day for shelter, often being a nuisance themselves.

Some people, who know of these failed experiments, claim that free transit can work in Europe but not in America because "Europe is different." I really doubt that. There is more than enough stupidity in Europe too. While I don't know much about the Luxembourg program, the one in Estonia may well be a workable model in the United States, should any transit agency here decide to go fare-free.

The Estonian model doesn't officially abolish fares, but instead makes free passes available to all legal residents of the transit district. These passes are on an electronic smart card similar to our Go-To Card. Tourists and people without a pass still have to pay. Here's where the catch is: If you misbehave on transit, your pass can be confiscated. Since there are cameras on buses and trains, even if you "get away," if the situation is serious enough, the authorities can go through the tape and the record of exactly when each card was tagged to connect the proper card to the culprit and deactivate it. I would suppose if a person claims to be innocent, they can request a hearing and try to get their pass reinstated. Of course, with video evidence, that should be a rare situation. Getting to ride free, but only if you behave, would be a good incentive for people to behave, or at least I hope so.

Unfortunately, in most big cities, bad behavior on transit is a common problem even with fares being charged (actually, sometimes because of disputes over the fare). However, sometimes the wrong people are blamed. For example, homeless people are vilified for sleeping on buses and trains even when they don't do anything wrong; they are considered a nuisance just for being there. This has led some transit systems to institute rules against "joyriding" and "loitering," both in transit centers and on vehicles. The La Crosse Municipal Transit Utility's monthly passes are explicitly good for unlimited ONE-WAY rides. Their fare chart actually has it in all caps. At first I didn't realize what they meant: you can't use a pass to ride a full round trip on one bus. You must get off at the end of the line and

wait till the next bus to go back, or pay cash. Fargo's Metropolitan Area Transit doesn't allow a full round trip on one bus, even if you paid cash. Saint Cloud Metro Bus and Rochester Public Transit ban "loitering" on buses, which makes no sense to me: If you paid your fare, you should have the right to ride the bus and not be considered "loitering." This irks me as a transit hobbyist: One of my pastimes is going for recreational bus rides. Usually, these kinds of rules don't affect me, as I normally get off at the end of the line and take the next one back anyway in order to not look like a weird-o. However, there are some bus trips where that's really not feasible for example, if there's only one return trip and it's the same bus you went out on, or if the route is a loop. But the idea that it's anyone's business whether or not I have a "destination" is highly offensive to me, as it should be to anyone who cares about freedom.

Courageous heARTS

BY DORIS OVERBY

On a stroll down a stretch of emerging 38th Street businesses this August, I stepped into Courageous heARTS, a youthled nonprofit art studio at 2235 E. 38th St., and discovered teen artists selling their work during their organization's summer "Show and Sell Pop-Up" art sale.

Nothing inspires me more than to be around high school art students like Andrew who turned 10 pounds of used clothing (purchased for just \$1!) into his own redesigned looks-painted and trademarked with the word cloud written in French.

Inspired by his imagination, I bought a pair of shorts for \$40, and it was worth the investment!

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Another multi-media artist I met, Aria, was showing her paintings and sculptures of cats and mermaids, as well as found object wands she created at the studio.

One of Courageous heARTS' Youth Advisory Board members,

Mia, sold stickers and prints of her digital art. Of the event, she said, "It was a fun way to meet other artists in the neighborhood and city and get my work out there." These are just three of the many Minneapolis youth who have opportunities to express themselves at Courageous heARTS.

This Pop-Up Sale is one of the ways heARTS seeks to fulfill its mission to illuminate vouth as leaders while inspiring creativity, courage and collaboration throughout the Twin Cities. There are regular opportunities for all ages to get creative at their studio located at 2235 E. 38th St. in Minneapolis. They offer a range of experiences from unstructured Open Studio hours when you can drop in and create whatever you want, as well as more formal learning through artist-led Creative Labs. This fall's artist-in-residence is Anne Sawyer, a puppeteer and writer from Powderhorn offering a variety of labs designed for ages 6-106

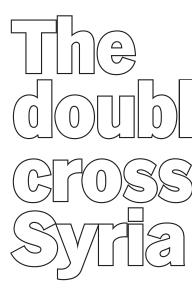
through December.

Courageous heARTS is a non-profit 501c3 that opened its doors to the neighborhood in 2013. I was introduced to the organization at that time while volunteering with the Standish Ericsson Neighborhood Association (SENA), my neighborhood organization that has been important to my neighbors and me for 25-plus years! The heARTS' founder and executive director, Lindsay Walz, lives just blocks from the studio and has made it her mission to bring the transformative power of art and community to her neighborhood. A youth development professional with two decades of experience working in schools and residential programs, Lindsay learned firsthand the power of art while recovering emotionally from the

> 35W bridge collapse, of which she is a survivor. She knew that experience her healing through the arts would be equally beneficial with youth who also need positive forms of self-expression, healing, stress-reduction and support.

In addition to the opportunities available at their studio, Courageous heARTS has partnered with Roosevelt High School to develop a space in the school called the RestART Room. This room will provide a space for students to learn ways to manage stress that may impede their learning process. In collaboration with the Health Careers program at the high school, students will have the opportunity to practice self-care and build resilience through creative expression, mindfulness practices and community connections.

Nonprofit organizations as important as Courageous heARTS need all the financial support that our community is able to provide. As Give to the Max Day nears, on Nov. 14. I hope you will consider a donation to this neighborhood resource. For more information on the good work that Courageous heARTS is doing with youth for the whole community, please check out their website: courageous-hearts.org.



BY ED FELIEN

We know now there was another call that weekend from Putin. The Turkey dodge was just for show. He said he'd let the Turks set up a buffer zone to deposit some Syrian refugees they wanted to get rid of. But the real winners in all this are Syria, Iran and Russia. They get rid of the American presence and complete the occupation of all of Syria. Turkey will eventually withdraw once they feel they've wiped out the Kurds.

Of course, the big losers in all of this are the Kurds, but they're communists, so it's a win-win for everybody else. But that is to fatally underestimate the Kurdistan Worker's Party's ability to survive. Immediately, recognizing reality, the Kurds made a deal for survival with Syria. For them it's a setback, but it's probably not fatal. They'll withdraw and they'll eventually re-



Charlie Chaplin as the The Great Dictator. His political party was a symbol for the double-cross, a satire on Hitler's swastika.

take the cities they've lost, and they will continue their war of independence from Turkey.

It's the perfect trick of the carnival barker, a sleight of hand: "Look, we're going to finally get out of these endless wars in the Middle East, and we're going to let our NATO allies, Turkey, resettle some refugees." And while everyone is looking at Turkey, no one notices Syria, Iran and Russia

moving in and wiping out the last Sunni Arab areas of resistance.

You have to wonder how much Trump got paid for selling out the Kurds.

And then, in an act of monumental hypocrisy, almost the next day, he sends in 1,800 troops to help Saudi Arabia in its genocidal war against Yemen. And then you begin to wonder how much the Saudis are paying him.





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Listening to Commissioner Conley

BY AMY BLUMENSHINE

County Commissioners Angela Conley and Irene Fernando, a new "Squad" of women of color, are pushing the county to seriously step up to address the needs of the public. The Hennepin County Board, made up of seven commissioners, approves the second largest government budget in the state.

Angela Conley was featured in a public forum, "Building the Path in Hennepin County to a Caring Economy and a Multiracial Democracy," organized by ISAIAH (a multi-racial, statewide, nonpartisan coalition of faith communities fighting for racial and economic justice in Minnesota) and held Oct. 12 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. The event was co-sponsored by Spirit Catholic Community, First Congregational Church and Joan of Arc Catholic Community with the participation of Abubakar As-Sadique Islamic Center. All Southside Pride readers live in

Conley's district.

Although the weather had just turned wintry that day, over 80 people showed up to address needs in the criminal justice, housing and immigration systems. Speakers gave moving personal testimony related to these issues and Conley responded. She explained how she was pressing the county to increase instead of decrease human services funding. According to Conley, "Essential services for mental health, addiction, homelessness have not met the increased demand as we enter into another year of increasing crisis." Accordingly, Conley explained, she had proposed a 1 percent increase to already proposed county taxes to fund those desperate needs. The audience erupted in applause—which was interrupted after learning that her effort was voted down. Only Fernando voted with Conley. (You can watch that County Board moment at https://youtu.be/yai_Vgf-

Some of us showed up Thurs-

day, Oct. 17, at a County Board hearing on the budget and watched Conley and Fernando point out that one-third of the county residents are housing and food insecure, and it doesn't make sense to cut services to these people. A lot of people had turned out to protest the county cutting funding for Nokomis Healthy Seniors, Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors and Southeast Seniors.

Amazingly, the explanation given was that the county administration had decided that it shouldn't pay for services that helped seniors remain in their homes since the financial benefit of seniors remaining in their homes was not realized by the county but by the managed care organizations and the state—so those entities should be paying for it! Meanwhile, good-bye services!

From a big-picture perspective, Hennepin County used to be known for its commitment to health and human services for residents, supplementing federal

programs and state funding with county property taxes.

Unfortunately, over the decades a smaller and smaller portion of federal income tax proceeds has returned to the county while mandated services have risen. At the Oct. 17 hearing, county administrators explained that they now looked to what other counties were paying to guide Hennepin County spending.

As an example of how tax money leaves the county, Hennepin County residents paid out \$4.54 billion for federal military spending in 2018, much of it unaudited. That's a \$500 million increase from 2017. The Hennepin County budget proposal for 2020 is \$2.5 billion.

Meanwhile Conley and Fernando, the Squad, are drawing attention to income inequality, racial disparities and critical needs. The ISAIAH forum applauded Conley's work to reduce incarceration and racial disparities in the criminal justice system. Necessary to those goals, Conley explained

to the forum, just acquiring the data on race has been difficult. She shared shocking data about the Hennepin County juvenile detention center—which, she explained, despite the title, is actually a kid jail. The inmates are 97 percent black.

Having the Squad at the board table has visibly shifted the discourse. "Lives depend on our services," Fernando said.

As Conley affirmed, the budget is a reflection of our moral values. "Everybody has the right to live," she said. The other commissioners and county administrators are listening. We should be, too.

Board and committee meetings are live-streamed on the web, broadcast live on Metropolitan Cable Network Channel 6, and re-broadcast on Channel 6 on Fridays at 8 p.m. Get on Conley's constituent email list by contacting https://www.hennepin.us/your-government/leadership/4th-district.

Contact ISAIAH at 651-376-1001 or isaiah@isaiahmn.org.

Disability advocate sues the City of Minneapolis and e-scooter companies, alleging ADA violations

PRESS RELEASE FROM NOAH J. McCOURT

Noah J. McCourt, a disability advocate with autism and developmental coordination disorder, used to enjoy taking strolls around the Twin Cities. No longer. Now he fears for his safety because every day he is dodging scooters traveling at high speeds down the sidewalk. Several times, scooters strewn across his path also have caused him to nearly trip.

In recent months, dock-less scooters have become more common throughout Minneapolis neighborhoods. They are ubiquitous. This proliferation has occurred in an unregulated and haphazard fashion. For many, scooters may be a nuisance. For others, they may be a convenience. However, for people with disabilities, the presence and use of these scooters deny them access to public walkways and pose a serious risk to their safety.

McCourt repeatedly reached out to the City of Minneapolis, particularly Philippe Cunningham, who chairs the city's Committee on Civil Rights, and he received no response.

In frustration, McCourt filed a lawsuit in United States district court, alleging violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the state anti-discrimination laws. The suit challenges the failure of the City of Minneapolis and private scooter companies to maintain accessibility of the city's public sidewalks, curb ramps and cross walkways for people with disabilities. McCourt is seeking an order prohibiting the scooter companies from operating on public walkways and denying access to disabled residents and visitors.

When Donald Trump comes to town, the entire city comes out to protest in the streets about civil rights, but when people with disabilities simply want to access public service, there's an overwhelming silence from those who loudly profess their progressive values. Being involved in the community shouldn't be a privilege reserved for the community elite. We have a right to use the city sidewalks just like everyone else who lives or visits here.

The scooter companies have treated our free public walkways as their own private business establishment and the city has done absolutely nothing to remedy the situation. Access to city sidewalks is a lifeline for us, and our needs should take priority over corporate conglomerates.

The case has been assigned to Chief Judge John Tunheim and is scheduled to be heard in district court later this year.



Mally's Journey to a Smile

BY ZANDER TSADWA

30. To many, the age youth dies. To some, the age you stop caring about looking happy and start caring about *being* happy. This is where MaLLy is at, and he raps with urgency and honesty about growing up, situationships, racism and more while smiling through it all.

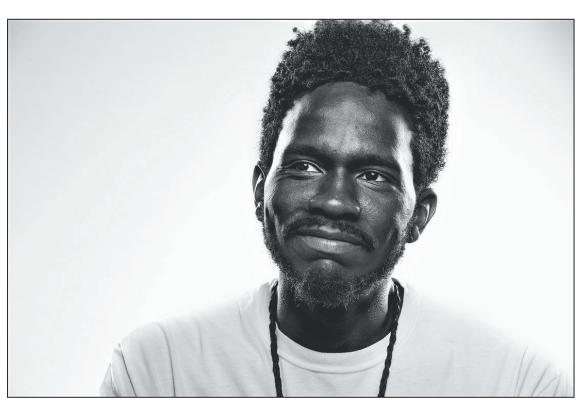
"The Journey To A Smile" is a jazzy, soulful record with a mean jab. Sometimes you're floating with MaLLy through piano-driven prayer ("Praying Since 22"), other times you're marching in triumph to mystical boom-bap ("Black Moses"). One of Minneapolis' finest is back and harder than ever with his first full album in five years. The album includes 13 tracks, all produced by PC, with one feature from Aby Wolf,

the amazing singer, songwriter and frequent tour mate of Doomtree's Dessa.

Each song serves as an ode to life, self-empowerment, embracing one's true identity, and the redefinition of spirituality and masculinity.

"The Journey To A Smile" was released on Sept. 24 and is now available on all streaming platforms including SoundCloud, Spotify, YouTube, Bandcamp and iTunes. It is also available to purchase online and at select retailers such as Electric Fetus, Cheapo, Urban Lights and Down In the Valley.

Malik Watkins, better known by his stage name MaLLy, is an independent hip-hop artist from Minneapolis, Minnesota. Active since 2009, MaLLy has cemented his place in the Twin Cities music



Minneapolis rap artist MaLLy (photo: AC Johnson Photography)



scene with a strong discography boasting three critically acclaimed albums—"The Passion," "The Last Great...," and "The Colors of Black"-along with two well-received EPs including "Free on the 15th" and "Strange Rhythm." In 2012, he was voted the Twin Cities' best hip-hop artist by City Pages, and has been recognized by other local and national press outlets including the Star Tribune, 2DopeBoyz, Uproxx, and Complex Magazine. Prominent industry figures such as Monie Love, Sway Calloway, Swif N Wessun, and Chuck D have lauded his work.

MaLLy has toured nationwide with Atmosphere on their "Welcome to Minnesota" tour in 2012, with Brother Ali on his "Home Away From Home" tour in 2014, and with Webster X and Kweku Collins on the Orbit Series Tour in 2015. Additionally, he's made two appearances—one as a per-

former (2011) and one as cohost with Brother Ali (2012)—at Soundset, the largest hip-hop festival in Minnesota.

MaLLy is known for exhibiting a strong artistic duality in his music; he owns both a commanding, fiery delivery of rhymes detailing his ambition with an introspective tone of a man striving for improvement of self and the world around him. His wordplay, tonal variety and the universal nature of his subject matter are highlights of MaLLy's content which appeals to a broad spectrum of listeners.

He continues to perform, serve as a teaching artist and collaborate with community-oriented organizations dedicated to the arts and social justice such as Common Ground Meditation Center, TruArtSpeaks, COMPAS, Kulture Klub Collaborative and KRSM Radio. In 2018, MaLLy was awarded the McKnight Foundation Fellowship for musicians.

The Journey to a Smile album artwork by Keith Millions and Asha Belk



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Metrowide Holiday Guide-from the go

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

Once again, and maybe even more so, the Twin Cities is heaving with winter-themed, holiday-ized markets, activities and cultural

flowerings to enhance your mood and social standing as the days darken. As usual, we will focus on both grand traditions and iconoclastic takedowns, and privilege the small, the local and the simple over the blaring voices of capitalist consumption. Well, somebody has to! In markets and fairs this year, the big new thing is breweries and distilleries as hosts. I don't know why small businesses that make

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beer, cider, wine and spirits feel that it's their social duty to host all manner of culturally uplifting or politically savvy events. I suppose they may just be doing it as a clever way to promote their product? But I think it's more enlightened than that. You know, it reminds me of one of my favorite William Blake poem, "The Little Vagabond," which contrasts the cold and forbidding church with the warm and convivial alehouse:

But if at the Church they would give us

And a pleasant fire, our souls to regale; We'd sing and we'd pray, all the live-

Nor ever once wish from the Church to

And thus, now it has come to pass, that in Minnesota, the brewery taproom is the new church basement. Just go with it.

So anyway, here to start off with, some holiday markets and fairs. There is a newish umbrella organization called Minneapolis Craft Markets that partners with Linden Hills Farmers Market and a whole bunch of local craft brewers, among others, to coordinate craft and art markets throughout the year. A couple of notable ones for the season are the ongoing Plate and Parcel, in Wegner's Garden Center of Linden Hills, which runs

most days from 11/2 to 12/22, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the greenhouse, and the one-time Yard and Yarn Fiber Arts Market in the Textile Center at 3000 University Ave. SE, 11/16, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Check out their event page online at https:// www.mplscraftmarket.com/events. html to see loads more, including Holiday Spirits at Royal Foundry Craft Spirits, the Hygge Holiday Markets at Lawless Distilling, and the craft markets in Loring Park as part of Holidazzle. Another web page to check is https://www.minneapolis.org/calendar/holidays/ christmas/shopping/ where you'll find such gems as the Chowgirls at Solar Arts market (on the third floor above Indeed Brewing), the Northeast Winter Markets (two before holidays, plus four after the holidays). The Northeast market will feature music on vinyl by The Ring Toss Twins, prepared foods, local beer and Bloody Mary bar, monthly kids activities and a variety of local vendors. A cool-sounding one-time event is La Dona Cerveceria Brewery Taproom's Handmade for the Holidays on 11/24 at noon. Plus find even more craft markets at Lakes & Legends, Utepils, Pryes Brewing, Lawless Distilling, Modist Brewing, and Sociable Ciderwerks.

Of course, we must mention



ofy to the sublime

the southside tradition of Walker Church Holiday Art Fair, this year falling on Saturday 11/23, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday 11/24, noon to 4 p.m. Come and see your beloved writer (me) at the new Walker Church Peace with Justice table, where I'll be selling slavery-free chocolate, fair-trade olive oil, coffee and dates, and authentic Ojibwe harvested wild rice. Another way to benefit charities is to shop at the Nicollet Island Pavilion MN Christmas Market, where sales benefit children in need, 11/17, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. And then there's another tradition in the suburbs, the Excelsior Christkindlmarkt, a German-style market/fair, which is a three-day affair from 11/29 through 12/1, at various times. (See Facebook https://www.facebook.com/ events/1107320139658183/.)

The theater offerings this year are so numerous we had to pick and choose. (These are greatly condensed, so you may need to look up addresses, times, etc., and are more or less chronologically presented.) Brave New Workshop Theatre presents "Getting Plowed: A Holiday Survival Guide," 11/7 through Jan. 2020, tickets \$25 - \$49. HUGE Improv Theater presents "Family Dinner," an audience participation improv, every Saturday at 8 p.m. from 11/2 to 12/28.

The Guthrie Theatre presents "A Christmas Carol," 11/12 through 12/29, at various times, tickets \$15 - \$134. The Jungle Theater presents "Miss Bennett," an original play featuring the characters of "Pride and Prejudice," but several years later, from 11/20 through 12/29, including some matinees. Penumbra Theatre presents "Black Nativity" (written by Langston Hughes, directed by Lou Bellamy, featuring tons of local singing and dancing talent) running 11/21 through 12/22, various times, tickets \$15 to \$40. Theater Latte Da presents "All Is Calm: the Christmas Truce of 1914," running 11/27 through 12/22, 7:30 p.m. or 2 p.m., tickets start at \$33. And finally, a lesser known company so we're including contact info. Dark & Stormy Productions at the Grain Belt Warehouse presents "The Norwegians," which obviously owes a debt to the film "Fargo." Two southern girls in Minnesota hire local hitmen to kill their husnice! Runs 12/5 through 1/5/2020, various times. Go to https://www. artful.ly/store/events/19119 for tickets and more.

Here are some more things that are sort of theater but maybe something different. In the dance realm, it's still dominated entirely by Nutcrackers. The Orpheum Theatre presents the "Great Russian Nutcracker" with the Moscow Ballet, on 12/6 at 7 p.m., or 12/7 with two shows at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Tickets \$33-\$103. The State Theater presents Minnesota Dance Theatre's beloved holiday tradition, Loyce Houlton's "Nutcracker Fantasy" from 12/13 to 12/23 at various times, tickets \$30 - \$75. And Ballet Minnesota presents its 32nd annual "The Classic Nutcracker" from 12/13 through 12/15 at O'Shaughnessy Auditorium in St. Paul, with afternoon and evening shows priced from \$21 - \$46. The Cowles Center has a hybrid music/theater kind of thing: "Who Brought the Humbug?" with Ricci This is described as a holiday show with music and dance. Runs 12/5 through 12/15, all shows at



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"It's a Wonderful Life" in St. Paul

7:30 p.m., tickets start at \$25. At the Saint Paul Hotel (only for the well-heeled) there is a presentation of "It's a Wonderful Life" as a live

radio play plus very fancy lunch or dinner. This runs various dates

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

How Can We Protect Our Children?

I suspect that the overwhelming majority of American women could come up with a childhood experience like mine. It occurred when I was in grade school and

baskets and mow his lawn. One particular Friday afternoon I was sitting on his porch swing and he joined me. It was a warm day and as he was removing his sweater he leaned over and put his hand up under the elastic on my bloomers. I knew this was wrong but I didn't



involved our next door neighbor, Mr. Blank, who owned the biggest lumber yard in the town. Every Friday after work he would sweep his garage, empty waste

know what to do. So, I quickly got up and left, saying I had chores to do at home. It bothered me and I had a hard time going to sleep that night. I knew if I told my grandmother, with whom I lived, she would be furious and she probably wouldn't be friends with Mrs. Blank, so I did nothing. Of course, I never sat on the porch swing again and I avoided Mr. Blank from that time on.

I am reminded of this incident as I read about children who are sexually abused and I feel for them. Something should be done about sexual abuse, but just exactly what that would be I don't know. There's no question but that prevention is called for, but I think that many parents feel incompetent. The New York Times allocated two full pages and a bit more with the headline, "Child Sex Abuse on the Internet." The headline of the September 29 article is: "Stolen Innocence Gone

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children described a system "at the breaking point," with reports of abusive images "exceeding the capabilities of independent clearing houses and law enforcement to take action." After years of monitoring the material, several major tech companies, including Facebook and Google, have stepped up their attention to the issue. Facebook announced a decision in March to encrypt Messenger, which last year was responsible for nearly 12 million of the 18.4 million worldwide reports of child sexual abuse material. Last year reports encompassed 45 million photos and videos.

The Congress of 2018 foresaw the need for more legislation. It has regularly allocated about half of \$60 million in yearly funding of law enforcement. Stacie B. Harris, the Justice Department's coordinator over the past year, said the exploitation was systemic, extending well beyond the reach of her department and her tenure there. Increasingly criminals are using encryption to stay ahead of the police.

Funding for police is always an issue. According to Flint Waters, a special agent for the state of Wyoming, testifying about criminal sexual violence, "We are overwhelmed; we are underfunded and we are drowning in a tidal wave of tragedy." The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, founded in 1984 after the well-publicized kidnapping and murder of a 6-year old Florida boy, Adam Walsh, has not kept up as child exploitation has

It is an ongoing and sad situa-

Taxes and prison health care

If you haven't read the article about health care in U.S. prisons in the March 4 edition of The New Yorker magazine, you should. Even if you're not particularly concerned about prisons, you really should. If for no other reason than that your taxes could be reduced with an efficient system, read it. It's not short—a full eight pages, but as I said, it'll be well worth your time. The following are a few statistics to get you started:

Between 1980 and 2015, the U.S. prison population increased from about 500,000 to over 2.2 million.

Today the U.S. makes up about 5 percent of the world's population yet has 21 percent of the world's prisoners.

Though African Americans and Hispanics make up about 32 percent of the world's population, they comprised 56 percent of all incarcerated people in 2015.

There are more than 3,000 jails in the U.S., which house some 700,000 people. After the passage of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, the jail and prison population jumped from about 300,000 in 1980 to more than 10,000,000 that's 10 million-today. The standard of care that incarcerated people have a right to receive was set by the American Medical Association.

Companies that provide health care are now spending about \$10,000,000,000 (that's 10 bil-

What really happened to American Socialism?

BY HARVEY WASSERMAN

Despite the corporate hype, Democratic Socialism and Social Democracy are deeply rooted in the mainstream of our nation's

The lie that they're "foreign ideologies" starts with the fascist assault Woodrow Wilson waged against them during and after World War I.

Their marginalization today by corporate Democrats and Trump Republicans is itself profoundly un-American.

Here's the reality (as explained in greater length in my new "People's Spiral of U.S. History"):

In the decades after the Civil War, robber baron corporations captured the core of the American economy. Led by J.P. Morgan and John Rockefeller, they pushed family farmers and urban workers deep into the depths of poverty.

In the west and south, agrarian activists formed the People's (Populist) Party to demand public control over the monopoly capitalist forces that were destroying their lives. Their socialistic platforms demanded democratic rule over the money supply, banks, railroads, telecommunications and much more. They wanted female suffrage, direct election of senators, referendum and recall.

But in 1896, the Populists were sabotaged by wimp Democrat William Jennings Bryan, who begged their support, then backstabbed them in a presidential election he lost (of course) to the corporate Republican William McKinlev.

Soon thereafter the great labor leader Eugene V. Debs became an outspoken socialist. Debs had formed the American Railway Union and led a great 1895 national rail strike that shut down

the nation. He was jailed by President Grover Cleveland, a Democrat he'd previously supported.

While imprisoned in Woodstock, Ill., Debs renounced corporate capitalism. He called instead for an economic system owned and operated by America's working people. The means of production would be socialized for the good of the public, he said. All citizens would be guaranteed a decent living, including food, housing, education, medical care and more. "I am for Socialism," he said, "because I am for humanity."

Amiable, charismatic and incorruptible, the tall, slim Indiana-born Debs gathered a huge national following. Tens of millions of Americans accepted Debsian Socialism as a legitimate part of the national dialogue. The party elected hundreds of local officials throughout the country, including many mayors and two U.S. representatives. Millions including many conservatives assumed (especially while Gene was around) the U.S. might someday have a Socialist president.

Thousands flocked to Debs' speeches on a moment's notice. Dubbed "the American Saint," he demanded an egalitarian grassroots democracy that extended deep into the realm of material well-being. Gene's American Socialist Party renounced dictatorship of any kind and sustained a far deeper commitment to the Bill of Rights than either the Republicans or the Democrats.

The American Socialist Party strongly opposed American empire. It fought all-out against Woodrow Wilson's plunge into World War I. In 1916 Wilson had run for re-election as a "peace candidate." Then he jumped in to save the British and French, who owed Morgan and Rockefeller

huge sums of money.

To defend his hugely unpopular imperial war, Wilson shredded the Constitution. He jailed thousands of Socialists and peace activists merely for speaking out. He imprisoned Debs for demanding peace in a legendary speech at Canton, Ohio.

Wilson's Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer then ran gestapo-style Red Scare raids that killed, maimed and jailed the leadership of the Socialist and radical labor movements. Federal marshals trashed Socialist headquarters, burned union offices, broke warrantless into private homes, terrorized, beat and imprisoned anyone suspected of a trace of leftism. Not until Mussolini and Hitler's storm troopers took Italy and Germany was there a more brutal putsch anywhere in

Crime is up in South Minneapolis and neighbors seek solutions from the city

BY STEPHANIE FOX

Jake Reber is a man on a mission, focused on a campaign to get his city government to come up with solutions to fight the rising crime rate in South Minneapolis.

Earlier this year, he started talking with his neighbors, hearing about their personal experiences with property crimes and long police response times when calls were made to report them.

This was a livability question, Reber said. "One of my neighbors has lived in her house for decades and the increasing crime has frightened her," he said. He went on Nextdoor, a social networking platform connecting people in local communities, to express his concern. The response was overwhelming. He was not the only one who was alarmed.

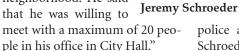
Most of the crimes in South Minneapolis are property crimes such as car or garage break-ins and they are increasing in number. Crime rates are comparatively low compared to some areas but, according to the Minneapolis Police Department, in Reber's Diamond Lake neighborhood alone, in 2019 through the end of October, there were 37 burglaries, an increase of more than 68 percent. Crimes in nearby areas are increasing as well.

Reber posted a question on Nextdoor to find out if anyone would be interested in attending a community meeting with their Ward 11 City Council Member Jeremy Schroeder, to voice their concerns. In an online vote, 174 people out of 194 responding voted yes.

"As a result, I reached out to some businesses in the area and they also voiced their concerns," Reber said. "I found a venue that would accommodate 100 people. I then reached out to the 3rd Precinct crime prevention officer, who said she would be willing to attend a meeting with Schroeder."

He then contacted Schroeder, he said, to schedule a meeting.

"I left the dates open, asking only that it be a weekday evening or a Saturday morning, so that people who work would be able to attend," he said. "Schroeder responded that he was very busy and didn't have time to meet with us in our neighborhood. He said that he was willing to



Council Member

"I work two blocks from his office, so it wouldn't be an issue for me. Most people couldn't easily make it downtown and is why I chose a venue in our neighborhood. I firmly believe that this is his way of not having to answer to a large audience," Reber said.

Last July, Schroeder met with constituents at Nokomis East's annual crime prevention meeting at the NENA offices in the Keewaydin neighborhood. "But," said Reber, "he said he is too busy to meet with us." Schroeder told him that it was typical for him to meet with constituents at City Hall instead of neighborhood locations,

except for pre-scheduled listening sessions.

On Oct. 19, Schroeder held one of those listening sessions, an hour-long meeting at Sovereign Grounds, a local coffee shop. Usually only a few people show up, but this time it was standing room only, with more than 25 people crowding into a tiny back room. "It was a good turnout," Schroeder said.

When asked about crime and

police response times, Schroeder expressed his concerns about overworked police officers. But, he explained, he had no oversight on how the police spent their budget or how they address problems with criminal activity.

"I am pushing how to increase public safety and making sure that

police are being efficient." But, Schroeder said, his authority over the police department is limited. "For example, if public works wasn't doing something right, like snow removal, the council could do a request for public action, asking them what the problem was and how they were going to fix it."

"When we focus our concerns with the police, when issues happen and we ask why problems aren't being addressed, what we get from them is, 'We're working on it.' It's something every other department has to justify in their budget but the police have a lot of leeway."

At the meeting, Reber asked

Schroeder if he knew how much property taxes would rise if Minneapolis hired 14 more police officers. Schroeder answered that he didn't know. "It would be \$10 per household," Reber told him.

"He's our councilman," Reber said. "This is not a part-time job. He said he's concerned with taxes, so he should know this."

Wes Skoglund, who once represented South Minneapolis in the Minnesota State Legislature, suggested in a letter published in the Star Tribune that one way to discourage theft and to catch some of those responsible is to set out bait items with tracking devices.

"Right now, there is no way of tracking evidence," he said. But small items like bikes, computers, cell phones, tools and golf clubs—unclaimed property from the city—could be equipped with GPS locators and placed where inexpensive wildlife cameras could record the theft, a way to prove that the person who is in possession of a stolen item actually took it.

"Video evidence could be collected after the fact. Baited MPDowned items would eliminate the need to show that items are stolen. Video evidence bolsters the fact that those in possession are the actual thieves," Skoglund said.

"San Francisco has a bait bike program. They are catching thieves and it's working. Other cities are doing this and the programs are successful. They work and don't cost much money."

Skoglund sent a copy of his proposal to 3rd Precinct Command-

er Sean McGinty, who called it a great working theory but wanted to gather more information. "We have to make sure we are investing resources in the right direction, so that all the stakeholders, the city and county attorneys, are on the same page. We need to do this right, to make sure that it's not going to be called entrapment," he said.

"On the far south end of the city, at least from what I've been seeing, is that there is a rise in garage burglaries and residential larceny and thefts. About 50 percent are non-forced entry. I have four crime prevention specialists trying to spread the message to secure property and to make theft as difficult possible," he said.

But McGinty agreed that more needed to be done. "Property crimes are rising in South Minneapolis," he said. "This might not necessarily show up in crime statistics. Property crimes do not show up in the kind of violent crime statistics like murders or rapes, that the FBI tracks."

But, he said, the city is also facing problems that can lead to this kind of crime. "We have a population of unsheltered people and are fighting an opioid problem. There are more desperate people than ever out there," he said.

"I have a good group of cops and we are trying to get in to patrol the neighborhoods. If I had 25 more cops, I could look for different ways to deploy them."

Skoglund said that he suspects that the violent crimes occurring

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from 12/5 to 12/24. Lunch performances are 1 p.m. for \$79 and up, and dinners at either 6 p.m. or 7 p.m. for \$95 and up. If this is too much for you, but you really need this film, Orchestra Hall is presenting "It's a Wonderful Life" live in concert twice—12/21 at 8 p.m., or 12/22 at 2 p.m., with tickets starting at "only" \$35. But this is a screening of the film with live score and chorus by the Minnesota Orchestra and the Minnesota Chorale.

The music category is especially rich this year. Again, these are condensed, but all details are easily obtainable online by searching on the venue name. Mystic Lake Casino Hotel hosts Mannheim Steamroller on 11/15 at 8 p.m., tickets start at \$39. The State Theater presents the "Brian Setzer Orchestra Christmas Rocks" show with the Imaginaries. This show is produced

by SiriusXM on 11/15 at 8 p.m.; tickets start at \$53.50. At the Ames Center in Burnsville, you can catch "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical" on 11/26-27; "Big Bad Voodoo Daddy's Wild and Swinging Holi-

day Party" on 12/4; Michael Londra's "Celtic Yuletide" on 12/5; "Tonic Sol-fa: The Nights Before Christmas Tour" on 12/17 or "Rhythmic Circus: Holiday Shuffle" on 12/21. (We don't know what any of those are, but they're reasonably priced.) The Ordway is presenting a stunner: "Six," a musical about

the wives of Henry VIII. This had a phenomenal run in the U.K., then went on to Chicago and Cambridge. See it in Saint Paul before it goes on to Broadway, 11/29 through 12/22, with tickets starting at just \$40. See https://

ordway.org/event/six/ for more.

Minnesota Orchestra at Orchestra Hall presents Handel's "Messiah" on 12/6 and 12/7 at 8 p.m., with tickets \$12 to \$135. The Target Center hosts Amy Grant, Michael W. Smith, with



Six the Musical

Marc Martel on 12/6 at 7:30 p.m., tickets \$33 - \$78.

The Hook and Ladder Theatre and Lounge presents "Trailer Trash—A Trashy Little Xmas Show," 12/7 at 8 p.m., tickets at the Hook website. VocalEssence at Orchestra Hall (and other venues) is presenting "Welcome Christmas: Nordic and American Carols." Shows are 12/7 and 12/13 at 7:30 p.m., 12/8 and 12/15 at 4 p.m., tickets through Orchestra Hall for \$12 and up.

Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra at Orchestra Hall hosts "Big Band Holidays" with Wynton Marsalis on 12/13 at 8 p.m., tickets \$55 to \$143. The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra at the Ordway presents "Bach—the Brandenburg Concertos" on 12/14 at 8 p.m., tickets \$30 to \$50. And finally, the Xcel Energy Center in Saint Paul presents the Trans-Siberian

Orchestra, the multi-platinum, critically-acclaimed progressive rock group, with its highly-anticipated "Christmas Eve and Other Stories" Winter Tour based on the triple-platinum album of the same name, 12/28, two shows,

3 p.m. and 8 p.m., tickets \$37 to \$77.

Finally, we offer you two choices at the American Swedish Institute and one interesting New Year's Eve party. At the ASI, there is Julmarknad—Festival and Market, two days, 12/7 at 10 a.m. and 12/8 at 11 a.m. This features handcrafted items for sale by nearly 55 talented local and regional artists, alongside performances, family make 'n' take crafts and festival food. Enjoy special music and dance performances throughout the Mansion from Nordic groups. Or you can join their Winter Solstice Celebration on 12/20 by getting advance tickets through Eventbrite. (See https://www.facebook.com/ events/477849726132787/ for details.) The NYE event is "A Roaring 2020 New Year's Eve" at the Metropolitan Ballroom (Hwy 100 at I-394). See Facebook for that too at https://www.facebook. com/events/488976015286003/.

• RELIGION CALENDAR •

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EVENTS

An Evening of Centering and Consent Thursday, Nov. 7 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Plymouth Congregational Church 1900 Nicollet Ave., Mpls. 55403 Join us for this free evening of silent prayer and enrichment with our special guest presenter from Contemplative Outreach open to all, wherever you are on your spiritual journey. Pamela Begeman will lead our gathering, sharing her insights on the Four Consents, and introducing new ways to expand our practice with people from around the world. Pamela Begeman is a commissioned presenter of both Centering Prayer and the Welcoming Prayer. She co-creates and facilitates many of the Contemplative Outreach worldwide online retreats, programs and publications. Pamela is Director of Communications for Contemplative Outreach, and also serves on the steering committee of The Meditation Chapel, a free worldwide online video chapel for silent prayer groups. Welcoming all groups, facilitators, practitioners! A perfect event to invite friends interested in learning about Centering Prayer. Please register so we can properly plan-it's free! Questions? Contact Diane Boruff at diane.boruff3@gmail.com.

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**

Other presenters will include local leaders from the Native Community, including Rev. Jim

Bear Jacobs, Brenda Blackhawk, Rep. Mary Kunesh-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.

Kevin Kling Sunday, Nov. 17 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.

Oak Grove Presbyterian Church 2200 W. Old Shakopee Rd. Bloomington, 55431 "Sharing our Story" rises to a new level! Acclaimed storyteller, author and playwright, Kevin Kling, will be delivering the message at the 10:45 service. It is a perfect Sunday to invite a neighbor or friend to Oak Grove! More information at www.oakgrv.org. Services are also streamed on Oak Grove Presbyterian's Facebook page.

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 freewill 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.

Pre-Thanksgiving Free Community Dinner Wednesday, Nov. 20, 6 p.m. Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

2600 E. 38th St., Mpls. 55406 The theme of this event is "Community Uniting to Become One." There will be a short program with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. To RSVP please contact Shirley Gardner with the number of people attending at shirleygardner569@gmail.com by Nov. 15.

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 lefsa demos. Lunch served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. More information at 612-724-3693.

Bridges of Song — Choral Music of Finland, Estonia and Latvia

Sunday, Nov. 24, 4 p.m. Mindekirken, the Norwegian **Lutheran Memorial Church** 924 E. 21st St., Mpls. 55404 Come explore Bridges of Song with CorVoce (formerly called St. Paul Vocal Forum) as we sing music of Finland and the Baltic states of Estonia and Latvia. Join us to hear music by composers whose work was born from a difficult history of occupation and oppression ... choral music that reinforces the importance of connection and joy of self-expression. Free admission; tax deductible donations accepted. www.mindekirken.net

Advent Procession: A Service of Lessons & Carols Sunday, Dec. 1, 4 p.m.

Mount Olive Lutheran Church 3045 Chicago Ave., Mpls. 55407 Mount Olive Music and Fine Arts presents its annual Advent Procession Service. Mark the season with a solemn procession and a series of lessons and carols for Advent, and enter this season of hope in the darkest time of the year. Candles, incense and beautiful music all invite the listener to engage in this profound liturgical season. Free and open to the public. More information at 612-827-5919 or www.mountolivechurch.org.

The George Maurer Group Holiday Show Monday, Dec. 2, 7 p.m.

St. Joan of Arc Gym 4537 Third Ave. S., Mpls. 55419 By popular demand, the George Maurer Group returns to St. Joan of Arc with just the right proportions of refinement, roguishness, and relatability, along with their trademark lighthearted flair. With special guest vocalists Ann Michels and Jeff Engholm, and featuring Jim "Mr. Grinch" Ten Bensel. Doors open at 6:15 p.m., concert starts at 7 p.m. Seating is Open Seating in the General Admission Seat Sections. Tickets \$25 adults, \$10 students, www.stjoantickets.com

ONGOING

Sharing Food

Coming to the Table (CTTT) Third Saturdays 10:30 a.m. to noon

Sumner Library 611 Van White Memorial Blvd. Mpls. 55411 (To reserve your seat, please RSVP at www.cttt-northmpls.

Fourth Mondays 7 to 8:30 p.m.

eventbrite.com.)

Wedge Table Classroom 2412 Nicollet Ave., Mpls. 55404 (To reserve your seat, please RSVP at www.cttt-southmpls. eventbrite.com.) At Coming to the Table (CTTT, www.comingtothetable. org), descendants of those who were enslaved and descendants of slave owners and all those interested in engaging safe constructive dialogue, come together to envision the U.S. as a just and truthful society that acknowledges and seeks to heal the racial wounds from the historical trauma of slavery, and the racism it continues to spawn. Join Peacebuilding Associate Trainer Crixell Shell and others invested in transforming trauma into nonviolent power. Since seats are limited, please sign up for this free event at www. ctttmpls.eventbrite.com. Questions? Email info@mnpeace.org.

Bethany Lutheran Church 2511 E. Franklin Ave. Mpls. 55406 612-332-2397

Soup for You serves a free community meal every weekday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The meal is open to everyone—no exceptions! Volunteers will take your orders and serve you at the table. This is not a soup kitchen, but rather a space to build community! Donations are of course welcome!

Minnehaha United Methodist Church 3701 E. 50th St., Mpls. 55417 612-721-6231 Food Shelf every Tuesday

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Religious Community

Welcomes You

Baha'i CENTER OF MINNEAPOLIS

3644 Chicago Ave. S., 612-823-3494 Minneapolis.Bahai@gmail.com Devotional Gatherings Sunday 10 am Many other activities—call or email for more information.

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4120 17th Ave. S.
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The Center for Changing Lives 2400 Park Ave. S., 612-871-8831 Worship 9 am (traditional) & 11 am (praise, gospel) every Sunday Children's Ed. during 11 am

service Community Bible Study

Tue. 10:30 am (lunch follows)

ST JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

www.stjoan.com 4537 Third Ave. Masses: Saturday 5 pm (Church) Sunday 7:45 am (Church) Sunday, Family Mass, 9:45 & 11:45 am (Church) Sunday 9 & 11 am (Gym) Weekday, Tue. & Thu. 8 am (Orleans Chapel) We Welcome You Wherever You Are On Your Journey

WALKER COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3104 16th Ave. S., 612-722-6612 office@walkerchurch.org;
Website: walkerchurch.org;
FB: Walker Community United Methodist Church
Sunday Celebrations &
Children's Program 10:30 am
Community Meal Tue.
5:30-6:45 pm



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ONGOING

New Creation Baptist Church 1414 E. 48th St. Mpls. 55417 612-825-6933

Food Shelf Saturdays (except 5th Saturdays) 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Brown door on the corner of 48th St. and 15th Ave.)

Living Spirit United Methodist Church 4501 Bloomington Ave. S. Mpls. 55407 612-721-5025 **Community Supper** Wednesdays, 5:45 to 6:30 p.m.

Weekly Talmud and Bible classes Thursdays, 6:30 (Bible) & 7:30 (Talmud)

Temple of Aaron

616 S. Mississippi River Blvd. St. Paul 55116 Weekly Talmud and Bible classes are taught by Larry Eisenstadt, Temple of Aaron's ritual director and experienced educator. The classes are free and open to members and non-members. Hebrew language proficiency is not required. No reservations necessary. For more information call 651-698-8874. Or visit

www.templeofaaron.org.

Climate activists Trick or Treat Cargill

On Halloween climate activists from Northfield, active in the protests against the Enbridge Line 3 pipeline, staged a mock funeral for the earth at the home of David MacLennan, the chief executive officer of Cargill, the multinational agriculture commodities trader based in Wayzata. They stressed the role of Cargill in the ongoing destruction of the Amazon rainforest. Across huge expanses of the Brazilian Amazon and the adjacent Cerrado savannah, fires continue to rage.

"I'm here to fight for the planet and indigenous rights," said Michelle Wenderlich. "Cargill is a commodities trader, and they trade in embargoed Brazilian soy and beef which comes from illegally deforested areas that directly threaten the existence, rights, and land of indigenous people."

Brazil's economy has long relied on agriculture commodity exports. It is one of the world's biggest producers of soy and beef. Cargill is one of the major commodities traders that trades with Brazilian agroindustry actors and works with financial institutions such as JPMorgan, Chase and BlackRock that provide foreign capital. In the pursuit of profits,

Cargill facilitates the destruction of the Amazon for soy and beef production.

Cargill has previously "pledged to eliminate deforestation" and committed to cleaning up its supply chains. In July 2019, the advocacy group Mighty Earth reported that Cargill's trading remains "closely associated with deforestation." In 2018, Cargill was among a handful of multinational companies fined millions of dollars for buying soy from land that had been embargoed for illegal deforestation in Brazil.

Protesters drew attention to the role of David MacLennan in determining Cargill's policies. In a speech outside MacLennan's house, Revmira Beeby said that "Corporations are just intangible entities. It's the handful of top executives and the Cargill family in charge of Cargill that are directly responsible for Cargill's policies. CEO David MacLennan is personally responsible for the burning of the Amazon rainforest and the threatening of indigenous peoples and their land. Cargill's corruption and inaction is what brings us here, outside the home of MacLennan, to hold him accountable."

2019 has seen a record number of wildfires raging in protected areas of the Brazilian Amazon, with the Kayapó and Munduruku indigenous territories among the worst hit. The fires are no accident. The Bolsonaro regime is actively encouraging guerrilla farmers, loggers and miners to invade and burn indigenous territories so that they can be stolen for global commodities trading purposes such as with Cargill. This is part of an explicit campaign of indigenous genocide and ecocide. Bolsonaro has explicitly admitted that "the recognition of indigenous land is an obstacle to agribusiness."

To enact this agenda, Bolsonaro has rolled back environmental protections and attacked indigenous peoples' and Afro-Brazilians' constitutionally-guaranteed right to the land. Spurred on by these actions, land grabbers and plantation owners working with Cargill have intentionally set



wildfires to clear the forests. Cargill is working with the Bolsonaro regime and is purchasing from these embargoed areas and is thus directly supporting this practice.

When asked about their role in organizing the event, Jonathan Chen said, "I'm with Northfield Against Line 3 and we organize against Enbridge's Line 3 tar sands pipeline in northern Min-

nesota. The issues echo each other: Enbridge is clear-cutting the proposed route ahead of necessary permits and without consent in indigenous territories up north and are threatening indigenous peoples and their sovereignty. We see similar violence being waged by Cargill, which is why we organized this event in solidarity."

Burt Berlowe RIP

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Burt Berlowe's chair was empty as his colleagues gathered for the monthly meeting of the Peace and Social Justice Writers' Group. Burt had passed away that afternoon, Oct. 28, from consequences stemming from his most recent fall.



As a candle was lit and libations were poured, those gathered took turns sharing how Burt had helped them. He was described as annoyingly indefatigable - always caring about broader issues and involving more people despite dealing with his own personal challenges. He was instrumental in creating the group's anthology"Turning

Points: Discovering Meaning and Passion in Turbulent Times," and authored "Compassionate Rebel Revolution: Ordinary People Changing the World." He was committed to lifting up the work of "ordinary people" in making social change.

The writers' group was but one of many peace and social justice groups that Burt showed up for over his seven decades. He won't be able to show up in the future; that's why we ordinary people have to.

—-Amy Blumenshine



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Crime, from page 11

downtown and in the Near Northside that keep police officers busy help fuel the rise of property crimes in the city's Southside. "The burglars know the police are busy elsewhere," he said.

Doug Berdie, a marketing and social research expert, wrote an article for the Star Tribune on the recent changes in local city government, saying that a scientifically representative survey with rating questions "would give city leadership insights into which

proposed solutions are most palatable to citizens. Instead, the process that has been used exploits the citizenry by using the 'Meeting-in-a-Box' technique to obtain some great ideas city leaders can then cherry-pick to suit their own agenda."

Reber agreed. "One reason Jeremy doesn't have time to attend the meeting is because he was too busy in this budget season. But, since my request, he had time to hold his annual fundraiser. People I have talked to in person and on social media strongly believe he has his own agenda, and that agenda comes before his community concerns. We need to hold him accountable for his actions."

Meanwhile, the heated discussion continues online, on Nextdoor, with more than a hundred comments on crime and the lack of response from the city representatives so far. Council Member Schroder's next scheduled meetings are from noon until 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 5, at the Washburn Library and Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Nokomis Library.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR •

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Safe Place: Homework Help Monday - Friday 3:30 to 6 p.m. **Trinity Lutheran** Congregation 2001 Riverside Ave. Mpls. 55454 Adult students and children are all welcome. Tutors are available for all levels. If you are interested in being a volunteer or tutor or if you need more information, contact tutoring@trinitylutherancongregation.org or 612-333-2561.

Pangea Theater's Ū **Indigenous Voices** Festival: Through Nov. 17 Thursday - Sunday Nov. 7 - 10 (Thursday 10 a.m.*, Friday & Saturday 7:30 p.m.) "Don't Feed The Indians'' - A Divine**Comedy Pageant** Written and Directed by Murielle Borst-Tarrant (Kuna/Rappahannock Na-Music by Kevin Tarrant (Hopi/Hochunk) of Silver **Cloud Singers** The Southern Theater 1420 S. Washington Ave. Mpls. 55454 *Student matinee. Contact katia@pangeaworldtheater. org for more information. Staged Readings by Carolyn Dunn, Sharon Day and **Ikidowin Youth Theater** Ensemble See https://www.pangea-

worldtheater.org/indige-

nous-fest for tickets and

more information.

Makers Mornings Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to noon American Swedish Institute 2600 Park Ave., Mpls. 55407 Join other makers for this new weekly opportunity to work, share and learn in a relaxed, communal setting. Whether you knit, carve, weave, sew, spin, crochet or do some other fascinating thing with your hands, we invite you to bring a project to work on. All are welcome, regardless of level of ability or craft of choice! Come for as long as you like and bring your own worksin-progress, materials and tools. This group will meet in ASI's Lindberg Stuga, or outside, weather permitting.

7th Annual Cine Latino Nov. 1 – 7

St. Anthony Main Theatre 115 SE Main St., Mpls. 55414 Check out this celebration of new Latin American and Ibero cinema. Tickets and info can be found at www.mspfilm.org

Earth-friendly gifts featured at Textile Center Nov. 1 - Dec. 24

(Meet the Maker Fest, Saturdays, Nov. 2 - Dec. 14) 2019 Holiday Gallery Shop 3000 University Ave. SE Mpls. 55414

At a time when protecting the earth's natural resources, ecosystems, climate and atmosphere for the next generation is top of mind, Textile Center's 2019 Holiday Gallery Shop will feature a plethora of earth-friendly fiber gifts. The Shop

showcases an abundance of eco-friendly merchandise, ranging from sustainable, organic, or local fibers; naturally or over-dyed textiles; repurposed materials, upcycled fashions, and even items to help one live a more sustainable life. The 2019 featured artist, Wendy Richardson of Brooklyn Park, MN, showcases hand-dyed and embroidered vintage linens. Her motto is "Seduced by Color," and she specializes in over-dyed vintage textiles, accessories, apparel and quilt fabrics. New for 2019 are Indian artisan textiles. Abdul Jabbar Khatri and Sufiyan Khatri, artisans from Bhuj, Gujarat, India, bring a selection of accessories and textiles made from historic techniques, which provide incredible opportunities to support Indian artisans, mainly women, in their communities. MEET THE MAKER FESTS: Each Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., (Nov. 2 - Dec. 14) the Holiday Gallery Shop hosts artists in person with trunk shows, demonstrations of their technique, hands-on "try it" opportu-

Textile Center is unique as America's national center with a mission to honor textile traditions, promote excellence and innovation, and inspire widespread participation in fiber art. The Center's facility includes fiber art galleries, an artisan shop, the region's only accessible professional-grade dye lab, and one of the nation's largest circulating textile libraries. Textile Center produces more than 200 classes a year and the Youth Fiber Art GuildTM. A dynamic hub of fiber activity for 25 years, Textile Center is located in the Prospect Park neighborhood of Minneapolis—centrally located and easily accessed via public transportation or car—and brings people together in community to learn, create, share and be inspired by fiber art. For more information: http://textilecentermn. org or call 612-436-0464.

nities, prize drawings and

more.

Animal Reunions Thursday, Nov. 14 7 to 8:30 p.m. Holy Name Church (Garvey Hall) 3637 11th Ave. S. Mpls. 55407 FIND YOUR EVENT:

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Everyone is welcome to join us for Neighborhood Night. We are watching the nature documentary "Animal Reunions." Animals are an amazing part of nature and often have important roles in our lives. This documentary explores whether animals can feel joy and devotion towards humans and includes elephants, gorillas and chimpanzeesincluding a segment on Jane Goodall. Come, learn and get to know neighbors! Coffee included. Bring a friend! No cost/no registration. For more info: www. churchoftheholyname.org or 612-724-5465.

Give to the Max Lunch & Bingo
Thursday, Nov. 14
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Bethel Lutheran Church
4120 17th Ave. S.
Mpls. 55407
Join us for a lunch and a fun game of Bingo while we raise funds for Nokomis Healthy Seniors!
Donate online or in person at the event. www.givemn. org/organization/No-komis-Healthy-Seniors-Program

KFAI 90.3 FM November Rent Event Friday, Nov. 15, 9 p.m. Seward Café 2129 E. Franklin Ave. Mpls. 55404 Come out to support community radio and local music! KFAI 90.3 FM is hosting a rent event to help us keep the lights on, Friday, Nov. 15, at 9 p.m. at Seward Cafe. Enjoy music from your new favorite bands The Von Tramps, Natalie Fideler, Weather Check, and The Smokes. Join us to show your support for independent, noncommercial, nonprofit radio! \$5-10 sliding scale. All ages. https://www.facebook.com/ events/954839718233002/

Rain Taxi presents author, editor and activist, John Freeman
Wednesday, Nov. 20, 7 p.m.
Magers & Quinn Booksellers
3038 Hennepin Ave.
Mpls. 55408
Join us as John Freeman —
literary critic, editor, poet, and "one of the preeminent book people of our time"

(Dave Eggers) — presents his latest work, "Dictionary of the Undoing," a suite of incisive, poetic essays about the current political moment. From A to Z, Freeman has chosen potent words to build a case for their renewed power and authority, each word building on the last. At this Minneapolis event, Freeman will be joined by local writer-activists for a discussion about how we can redefine what it means to be a literary citizen.

John Freeman is the editor of Freeman's, a literary annual of new writing. His books include "How to Read a Novelist" and "The Tyranny of E-mail," as well as "Tales of Two Americas," an anthology of new writing about inequality in the U.S. today. "Maps," his debut collection of poems, was published in 2017. His work has been translated into more than twenty languages and has appeared in The New Yorker, The Paris Review, and The New York Times. The former editor of Granta and one-time president of the National Book Critics Circle, he is currently Artist-in-Residence at New York University. Free and open to the public! More info about the author and this event at www.raintaxi. com/john-freeman.

Honor Polly Mann, Activist & Writer Celebrate Polly Mann's 100th Birthday! Saturday, Nov. 23 2 to 4 p.m.

Kenwood Isles Condos 1425 W. 28th St., Mpls. 55408 You've appreciated years of Polly Mann's lively expressions of wisdom through columns published in Southside Pride, leadership of peace and justice activities throughout the nation, and co-founding of WAMM - Women Against Military Madness. Now join the celebration of 100 years of Polly Mann's amazing life of activism and visible care for humanity. Polly asks that any gifts in commemoration of her 100 years of peacemaking be directed to WAMM. For information, contact WAMM at 612-827-5364 or www.womenagainstmilitarymadness.org.



HOME IMPROVEMENT •

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Turkey Day 5K Thursday, Nov. 28 Downtown Minneapolis Started in 1989, the Turkey Day Run has brought family and friends together to start the day in a healthy and mildly competitive way. Join hundreds of other runners, walkers and joggers in a morning of fun. While runners are out celebrating fun and fitness on Turkey Day, spectators and little ones can enjoy a morning filled with a variety of activities. Come early or stay late to experience hot drinks like cider and cocoa, a kid's carnival and Turkey Bowling. For more info and registration, see www.turkeydaympls. com.

Sing-a-Long-a Sound of Music Friday, Nov. 29, 7:15 p.m. Nov. 29 – Dec. 1, 3 p.m. Dec. 7 - 8, 3 p.m. Get ready to yodel, Minneapolis, as the Riverview Theater will once again present Sing-a-Long-a Sound of Music during the holiday season. Singa-Long-a Sound of Music, a popular annual event at the Riverview that began in 2014, includes a screening of the classic film musical and a lot more. This unique theater experience offers interactive fun for movie-

goers of all ages. Each show begins with a vocal "warmup" led by Katie Holmes, Riverview events manager and host for the event, which will feature a live musical accompaniment. Holmes takes audience members through their complimentary "magic moments fun packs," which contain props to be used at strategic points throughout the film. Of course, the event would not be complete without the costume competition. While costumes are not required, many people show up as nuns, goat herders, and baronesses - or even as scenery, such as the infamous Hills. If it's from the movie, it's fair game. Prizes are awarded to the best adults dressed in costume, and all kids who dress up walk away with a prize. Whether you sing loud and proud in a handmade costume or not, the important aspect of Sing-a-Long-a Sound of Music is that it's completely inclusive. Said Holmes: "The big thing is just to come and watch 'The Sound of Music' with 600 of your closest friends and neighbors." The "Sound of Music," the most successful movie musical of all time, which stars Julie Andrews, Christopher Plummer, Eleanor Parker, Richard Haydn, and Peggy

Wood, will be shown in bigscreen Technicolor, complete with lyrics on screen so you can sing along. The audience can even play a supporting role in the film, telling characters what to do and how.

General admission for this special event is \$12 for adults, \$7.50 for children and seniors. Advance tickets are available for purchase at www.riverviewtheater.com. Note that Sing-a-Long-a Sound of Music regularly sells out in advance, so reserve your tickets now.

Holiday Party Thursday, Dec. 19th 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bethel Lutheran Church 4120 17th Ave. S. Mpls. 55407 Get your picture taken with "Santa Vern," enjoy a delicious lunch provided by Minnehaha Senior Living, and enjoy entertainment by "Rick and the Resistors." You can also visit with our nurse and get your blood pressure checked and take home a holiday gift! Pre-registration is required. Call (612) 729-5499 or email info@nokomishealthyseniors.org.

Sing-a-Long-a Sound of Music



Riverview Theater, 3800 42nd Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55406 Daily shows will be at 3 p.m., Nov. 29- Dec. 1 and Dec. 7-8, 2019, with an additional evening show at 7:15 p.m., Friday, Nov. 29

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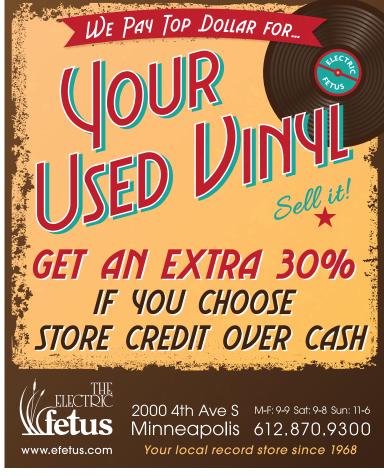


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