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## Magical thinking



BY TONY BOUZA

Another proposed system change to reform the police. How we love gimmicks and formulaic answers. And yet, in our real lives, we mostly tend to be more practical. In the end we usually find that the person matters and the system can be manipulated.

Talented folks make bad systems work and uninterested caretakers let the estate go to rack and ruin.

Now we have a charter proposal to inflate a bloated and dysfunctional bureaucracy. Whence?

The fact is that those worthies so publicly wringing their hands in a paroxysm of despair actually have no interest in reform.

The proposed reorganization is not only wasteful but sure to produce role confusion among responders. How the City parents love to create magical solutions for tough problems. Magical thinking goes hand in glove with such brilliant notions as defunding the police.

The last thing that would occur to City

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(Photo/Sarah LittleRedfeather)

## Saving the Earth

BY TRISH STACHELSKI

On July 15, I attended the Women for the River's Rally at Shell River Campground in Shell City in Wadena County, Minn., where Winona LaDuke and her organization Honor the Earth have been camped since the beginning of summer. All people were invited to participate in a peaceful rally/ceremony at the campsite to stop the Canadian multinational company Enbridge from continuing construction of the Line 3 pipeline. Enbridge wants the pipeline to go under the Shell River and potentially cross the river five times. The company has already cut down miles of forest in preparation for laying the pipeline. Much has been written about the dangers of the tar sands pollution and the risk it poses. We already have evidence of the effect of the pipeline spills; we already know they leak. Even more egregious, the pipeline was approved without the Army Corps of Engineers doing a proper environmental impact statement (stopline3.

org).

I saw the meandering, pristine Shell River where endangered mussels still live. Due to the drought, the water level is low, but it is clear. I listened to the speakers from the many camps set up by Anishinaabe Water Protectors. I saw the youth on horseback ride through the river and the canoeists paddle to the rally/ceremony on the bank of the river. I heard the drums and songs of the Anishinaabe. I saw the police officers positioned on the easement. It was a peaceful protest. That day, five water protectors were arrested for trespassing on Enbridge property.

In the pamphlet written by Winona LaDuke, "Welcome to the 1855 Treaty Territory," LaDuke summarizes the threat of the pipeline:

"The proposed Line 3 crosses eight major rivers more than once which include the total of 67 watersheds: creeks, streams and wild rice watersheds in the 1855 Treaty territory - from the Clearwater to the Mississippi putting wild rice, fish, clams and

life at risk ... "

In addition to polluting our drinking water and destroying forestland and animal life, the pipelines threaten the waterways where wild rice grows. Wild rice is an important part of the Anishinaabe culture and economy.

In 1999, the U.S. government reaffirmed the treaty rights for gathering wild rice:

"Treaty resource agreements have been negotiated with Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota after federal court orders which recognized the off-reservation treaty right of the Anishinaabe, most recently the 1999 Mille Lacs decision." (1885 Treaty Authority.org as quoted by Winona LaDuke in "Welcome to the 1855 Treaty Territory.")

The Anishinaabe are fighting for the protection of the water and the land. This is all our fight. We need to honor the treaties and listen to the Anishinaabe. It would be a first step towards saving the Earth.

## 'Walking With the Devil': peer intervention and accountability in policing

BY ELAINE KLAASSEN

Remember a few years back when Twin Cities Nonviolent partnered with individuals and peace organizations to create 10 Days Free from Violence in the Twin Cities? It was in the fall. The initiative wasn't so huge the first year, but the next year, in 2019, hundreds of peace organizations were involved and there was a roster of hundreds of peace events you could attend.

I went to one of them at the Minnesota Church Center on Franklin Avenue. The 90-year-old well-known activist priest Father Harry J. Bury was there sharing inspiring words. There was also a young Black man who worked with gang kids in the streets in North Minneapolis who had challenged "his kids" to spend 10 days without violence. The kids were excited and hopeful about it, he said. They put their souls into it. Wouldn't you, if it was a choice between life and death? Those kids don't want to die.



Michael W. Quinn

Also present was a retired Minneapolis police officer, Michael W. Quinn, who told me he had written a book about de-escalation and the code of silence in policing, "Walking With the Devil: What Bad Cops Don't Want You to Know and What Good Cops Won't Tell You." (I later learned he was an international ethics and leadership trainer who had led a 2018 workshop - at 10 Days Free from Violence - on active bystander and peer intervention training to de-escalate violence.)

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# We can do better than this

BY ELINA KOLSTAD

Between the record-breaking heat waves, major floods from Michigan to New York, severe droughts throughout the West, and the possibility that the Champlain Towers South collapse was exacerbated by rising sea levels, you might have noticed the impacts of climate change have officially arrived. We no longer have the time to prevent catastrophes caused by rising temperatures and changing weather patterns. While we absolutely must work to reduce our carbon footprint in the hopes that we can mitigate and reduce the damage, we must also begin to act seriously towards building resilience.

Climate change costs us the money it takes to rebuild from catastrophic events, it costs us increased respiratory issues, and it costs people their lives. Heat kills people who don't have access to or can't afford to constantly run their air conditioning, it kills people who are homeless, and it kills people whose jobs require them to be outdoors, like those who pick the food we eat or fight the increasingly violent wildfires.

There are ways to decrease urban heat through things like light-colored and reflective surfaces, which should absolutely be explored. But measures to increase resilience can also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and create a positive cycle of change, if we are willing to invest in them. These are the measures on which we should focus most of our energy and resources.

Minneapolis could reduce the cost burden of climate change while also reducing the city's carbon footprint by investing in a program of weatherization and efficiency upgrades to the existing housing stock. Such a program would best be implemented in designated areas, perhaps a block at a time, with the program recruiting property owners as opposed to the more common method of forcing participants to apply. This way the city could focus resources

on less affluent neighborhoods and neighborhoods with greater populations of Black, Indigenous, and other people of color (BIPOC) in order to encourage more equitable access. Focusing on specific locations could also have the economic benefit of maximizing efficiency of resources such as skilled laborers.

Another way to pursue resilience while also reducing carbon in the atmosphere is through urban greening, an extreme example of which is the installation of Miyawaki forests. These are small urban forests where native species, mostly trees, are planted close together in specially prepared soil, which makes them grow tall more quickly in search of the best light. While these offer some carbon sequestration, the main benefit to these mini-forests is in urban cooling, providing habitat for species that are under threat, such as pollinators, and reduction of air pollution which would improve the health of many of our city's residents. The dense nature of these forests means that they would not serve residents recreationally, but their environmental benefits are significant. Whether the city pursues Miyawaki forests specifically or just an increase in urban greening, this should once again focus on economically disadvantaged and BIPOC neighborhoods. Studies from many cities have pointed to average temperatures being significantly higher in these types of neighborhoods due to less vegetation and tree cover than more affluent, whiter neighborhoods.

We also need to tackle our homelessness problem. We are still seeing encampments spring up here, there, and everywhere, only to be torn down at some point, and then pop up somewhere else. This is traumatizing and dehumanizing to our homeless neighbors; it also puts their lives in danger. Homelessness has always been incredibly dangerous, but the risks involved are getting worse. From the pandemic to the severe weather that comes with climate change, more people will die if we maintain our business-as-usual approach. We must invest in hous-

ing that is separated from "the market" so that people who have no income or low incomes have some semblance of safety and dignity, we must improve our mental health resources, and we must get over our puritanical and judgmental zero-tolerance policies towards the health crisis that is addiction.

But these policies will cost money, and if there's one thing we know, it's that we can't raise taxes on the rich. Never mind that these fortunes would not be possible without the roads, fuel subsidies, and stability funded by our tax dollars. Never mind that the rich and the super-rich contribute far more to climate change through private jet travel and mega-yachts. Americans don't have any right to expect them to pay their fair share to support spending on something so frivolous as our very survival. Sure, people who can't afford to run the air conditioning all summer long, if they even have access to air conditioning, are more likely to die as heat waves become more common and last longer; but at least we know Jeff Bezos, the Koch brothers, and Elon Musk will be okay.



## Bouza, from page 1

Hall geniuses is to cut the budget, eliminate duplication or waste, or look for a genuine reformer. There is no interest in anything resembling reform and no appetite for taking on the police union.

Once – in 1979 – they were desperate enough to attempt a real solution to police reform.

They changed mayors. They hired a personnel firm to lead the search, advertised nationally, created a citizens' committee to vet candidates and generally treated the problem for the civic crisis that it was. They spent money – invested time. The press took a deep interest and joined the discussion.

And the result?  
The effort – after winnow-

ing the obvious idiots – led to the attraction of 14 genuinely qualified executives from all over the country. Reform is an exacting master.

However it played out, it is the effort that demands understanding.

And today?  
"Jo, Jo, Jo," as we say in Spain.

An uninterested Mayor, a posturing Council desperate to evade genuine engagement, and a Chief determined to work with a union whose main objective is to protect thumpers.

That, folks, is the formula in play.

"If wishes were horses then beggars would ride." Puck had it right – mortals are fools.

You want to be rich?  
Buy a lottery ticket.

You want to be smart?  
Watch TV and read comic books.

You want to be thin?  
Subscribe to the blandishments of your idiot box.

You want to be beautiful or handsome?

Buy the products that answer your prayers.

Life is simple. Forget hard work and hard study. That's for schmucks.

Change the Charter. That's the answer.

When I was young and dating – a century ago – I squired talented women who frequently concluded with, "I've had a wonderful evening" – pause – "but this wasn't it."

This reform – although reforms are desperately needed – isn't it either.



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# The cops started it

BY DEVIN HOGAN  
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Filing for office in even-numbered years usually opens the Tuesday after Memorial Day. Per Minneapolis DFL tradition, the 2020 endorsed school board candidates met on that first Tuesday – May 26 – to file for office together, take pictures, and send out a press release.

It was the end of the first quarter of the pandemic. The presidential primary was over. Emergency remote school was almost done. Still no live sports on TV – at all – worldwide. Masks were becoming required in public spaces, including the Minneapolis elections office on East Hennepin Avenue.

As the candidates arrived one by one that Tuesday morning, each came to me sick with despair and grief. All four were on the phones all night long with constituents and community. The Minneapolis police had killed someone again. It was bad. Grotesquely bad. There was a video. A Roosevelt student recorded it. It happened at 38th and Chicago.

That last part hurt. It was unsettling. Things were loaded. I thought of Jamar Clark, Philando Castile, Justine Damond. I thought about the cycles of anger and outrage each of those murders generated. Actions and reactions. Repercussions compounding over the years.

The candidates went in and filed their paperwork to be on the ballot. I took a picture of the group but didn't post it as planned. We drove to the Stone Arch Bridge in a line, carefully weaving through the new slow street barricades. After taking some literature photos there

was a sense of urgency to get back to the task at hand. A few left straight for 38th and Chicago. I went home to my apartment on Nicollet Avenue, two blocks from the Fifth Precinct.

The scale of the situation started to become clear. Anger and anguish. The fallout might consume every atom of energy in Minneapolis for at least the next several days, maybe even a week or more.

As party chair I often think, What Would an Elected Official Do? People are going to be devastated, heated and grieving. Per usual. To me, the only way to even try to keep things on the rails meant showing up on the streets, getting spit on and sworn at by constituents whose friends, family and neighbors were killed by public employees. Accepting responsibility for the role, genuinely listening and showing humility – and meaning it – could go a long way.

Then the call went out to hold space at 38th and Chicago. The streets filled with people, radiating out for miles in every cardinal direction from the square. The mayor took this opportunity to make his first public statement on CNN. From the lens of anti-racism and decolonization, and by generally paying attention to how people perceive and react, things unfolded in unsurprising ways.

At the Fourth Precinct in 2015, it took four days of occupation and several orders to disperse late in the evening before the MPD started teargassing people. In 2020, the MPD started shooting "less lethals" at the angry teenagers and other crowds who had gathered at the Third Precinct on the first afternoon. It was unprovoked and at random. Our Boys in Blue were showing off.

The youth of Minneapolis have grown up seeing the police murder people who look

like them without consequences. They are out of f\*\*ks to give. Deliberately antagonizing them was a cruel excuse to give an opportunity to knock heads. Everything that followed was a proportional response.

More protesters gathered at the Third Precinct, incensed by the raw provocation. The indiscriminate shooting increased. People threw garbage cans at squad cars. The mayor called it "blowing off steam." More showed up as the days went on. The "less lethals" became nonstop. People hid behind bus shelters and moved dumpsters into the street to protect themselves from the unpredictable violence, sometimes setting them alight.

The Target across the street wouldn't let protesters into the store to purchase posterboard and markers to make signs. It got looted. Brand new flatscreen TVs and other detritus were used to build more barricades.

At this point the world was paying attention. Friends and family were reaching out. How come words won't satiate people? Why Minneapolis? The cops started it, I replied. They killed George Floyd and took every opportunity to escalate, agitate and make things worse. The cops are rioting and the people are responding.

Like it or not, setting the Third Precinct on fire was a genuine revolutionary moment. An act of pure righteousness to open new worlds of under-



standing. The people declared themselves ungovernable and unilaterally took their power back. The largest international human rights movement in modern history had begun. The youth of Minneapolis carried all of this. The cops started it.

It is important to maintain this basic perspective while we live through the consequences. Things will continue to play out in understandable ways.

The call from the streets was genuine liberation, truly and finally. The work continues until that day comes. The enemies of this agenda, the powers that hold up white supremacy, are organized. They will no longer tolerate the great embarrassment of having lost control.

They want the people to forget what it felt like to seize their power back.

Recognize the patterns. Counterinsurgency and genuine conspiracy used to diffuse movements. Manufacturing consent in the media by activating lizard brain emotions that distract from the issues. The constant surveillance, hyper-militarization and macho bullshit to give the exurbs a sense of pathetic comfort – it's all connected. It's meant to burn you out.

Keep focus. Eyes on the prize. Remember the demand of the streets. The blood and treasure spent. This is our job. Minneapolis must answer the call. For real this time. For real for real. Do it for the kids.

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# AMLO and coup insurance

BY JOHNNY HAZARD

Mexican president Andrés Manuel López Obrador (AMLO) has resorted in recent weeks to the open promotion of certain possible presidential candidates during his daily press conferences. These are semi-official, not campaign events. And it's three years before the next election.

More worrisome than what appears to be a return to the days in which the president designated his successor is the nature of the people he is presenting: two middle-of-the-road politicians who are directly linked to the collapse of Line 12 of the Metro in May and one former president of the national university, widely repudiated for having crushed a student strike in 2000 and who is now Mexico's U.N. ambassador. Ah – and two women cabinet members who are not interested.

On Tuesday, July 13, one of the protégés, former Mexico City mayor Marcelo Ebrard, spoke at the daily presidential press conference, apparently in his role as secretary of foreign relations. But there he announced that he is running for president. And right-wing newspaper columnists have already begun writing about how “Obradorism without Obrador” will not be so bad for business and have named Ebrard, current mayor Claudia Sheinbaum, and Ricardo Monreal, a quirky white-collar criminal and senator, as his acceptable successors. “This is the Mexican left?” you may be asking.

## Ebrard: cosmopolitan or just corrupt?

In 2015, when a problem with the same Metro line forced its closure for about 15 months, Ebrard, having left the mayor's office two years before, fled to live the refugee life in fine Paris restaurants. His family is French on both sides. When the Metro collapse occurred this year, we thought that this time an extended

European vacation would not save him and that certainly he would not dare to speak of running for president again. But after a secret meeting with magnate Carlos Slim, Sheinbaum and López Obrador announced that Slim would pay for the costs of rebuilding the Metro.

As if the collapse weren't his fault, as if Slim weren't the contractor who built faulty support columns with inappropriate materials to save money, they let him pass this off as an act of philanthropy. We wouldn't want anyone's electoral ambitions to be dashed.

## What is the history between AMLO and Ebrard and why do we call this “coup insurance”?

When AMLO was elected mayor in 2000, his background was as a PRI leader in his home state of Tabasco who broke with the dominant party to support Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas' campaign for president in 1988 and soon became a gubernatorial candidate and then national president of the new party. AMLO survived a challenge to his claim of city residence and won that election. He appeared to me, a naïve foreigner who had just arrived, to be radical, fast-thinking, and funny. When people made fun of his proposal to abolish Daylight Saving Time, for example, he said: “The people whose schedules revolve around the New York Stock Exchange can get up an hour earlier.” He attacked right-wing buffoon (and president) Vicente Fox every day in his press conferences. I should have realized something was up when one day he said that he would not do that anymore because he didn't want to damage the institution of the presidency. I was slow to understand that becoming president, not effecting social change, was his priority.



AMLO, Andrés Manuel López Obrador

Ebrard was also a candidate for mayor that year, having left the PRI (where he moved from leader of the youth sector to higher posts in the party) and accepted the nomination of a minor party. He had been a cabinet member during the mayoral term of his mentor Manuel Camacho Solís, one of the last PRI mayors.

Mexico City in those days still had limited home rule, similar to Washington, D.C. One day Vicente Fox took advantage of a clause in this arrangement that allowed him to veto or dismiss police chiefs. As part of his campaign to discredit Fox, AMLO had said that he would never meet with him. The two times that he made an exception had to do with Ebrard. The first was when they cut a deal for Ebrard to be police chief. The second, if ex-Trotskyist writer Adolfo Gilly is correct, was when AMLO agreed to let Ebrard be his successor in exchange for which Fox would call off the witch hunt that threatened AMLO with impeachment over a bizarre charge related to the signature on an order to widen a road to a hospital.

## Enter Giuliani

In August 2002, Rudy Giuliani had recently finished his last term as mayor of New York City and had enjoyed a boost in ratings due to whatever he did during and after the events of September 11, 2001. Hillary Clinton was one of his biggest fans. Some liberals, in other words, had forgiven his racist and excessive policing policies. Giuliani started a security consulting firm and, at Ebrard's insistence, Mexico City became his first client. The contract, for \$4 million, was paid for by “the private sector” (Carlos Slim, according to The New York Times and the Mexico City newspaper Milenio). For his first visit to the city, Giuliani insisted on having a U.S.-based firm guard him. Ebrard told him that that would be illegal but that Mexico City's finest could do the job. On one of Giuliani's first days in town, he marched down the streets of the trendy

Zona Rosa with hundreds of police surrounding him, giving credence to the myths then common in international media that the city was an impossibly dangerous place, that one could not walk alone. No one knew that Giuliani would evolve into the more openly racist attack dog for Donald Trump that he has become. But his racism was well-known and his law-and-order mentality was in contrast to what AMLO espoused at the time. Why hire Giuliani? It's coup insurance, one local observer said – they think that he will go to Bush and say, AMLO is a good guy, don't mess with him.

block after block of the historic center of Mexico City as a public campaign got underway to “revitalize” the area.) Romo is creator of an empire based on agribusiness and agro-genetics. He bankrolled and defended Marcial Maciel, a right-wing Catholic priest and founder of the Legion of Christ, now recognized as a sex abuser. Salinas Pliego is the owner of a TV network, a group of banks, and stores that make money charging usurious interest rates. He is a high-level Covid denier whose actions have led directly to deaths in his workforce. His father was also a leader of the Catholic right wing and admitted hiring goon squads to attack student activists. Izcárraga is owner of an even bigger television network.



Collapse of Mexico City Metro Line 12, May 3, 2021



## The Mafia of Power

AMLO spent years after his first presidential campaign speaking of how “la mafia del poder” (an ugly translation would be “the mafia of the powerful”) conspired to steal that 2006 election from him. This is probably true, but it doesn't explain how so many members of this mafia – Slim, Alfonso Romo, Ricardo Salinas Pliego and Emilio Izcárraga, for example – are now part of AMLO's inner circle. Slim “earned” his money buying the denationalized telephone company and later acquired Sanborns, Sears in Mexico, J.C. Penney in Mexico, more phone companies, and real estate. (AMLO helped him to buy

Could it be that AMLO really enjoys the company of such people? He seems to. And cozying up to Trump was a small step from here. (Trump and Slim are both associates of Texas energy gangster Kelcy Warren.) But could it be that this is part of his coup insurance policy? And if so, is it because he legitimately fears that his government will fall prey to the human being lawn mower (MC5's term), the U.S. “exceptional” military and propaganda machine that chopped down Allende in Chile, Jacobo Arbenz in Chile, Zelaya in Honduras twice, Evo Morales in Bolivia, and others (including, of



Carlos Slim

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# Vote No!

BY ED FELIEN

Before there was a city of Minneapolis, there was the town of St. Anthony on the east bank of the Mississippi. Its Main Street was bustling with a thriving lumber trade. In 1861 when they incorporated, they looked at the federal system of government in Washington, D.C. and the parliamentary systems in Europe. They decided the parliamentary system was more democratic. They agreed with the sentiment that Winston Churchill would enunciate in the next century: “Many forms of Government have been tried, and will be tried in this world of sin and woe. No one pretends that democracy is perfect or all-wise. Indeed it has been said that democracy is the worst form of Government except for all those other forms that have been tried from time

to time.”

Under their system, the party that won the election organized and ran the government. There were three council members elected from each ward for two-year terms. The mayor was a symbolic head of government with ribbon-cutting duties similar to the Queen of England. Unfortunately, the election of a mayor was a critical flaw in this design, and it eventually doomed the democratic experiment. The argument that eventually prevailed was that the mayor was elected city-wide, and, therefore, should be given more respect and more power than mere council members elected from a single ward.

By 1887 St. Anthony was incorporated into the City of Minneapolis, and representation was reduced from three to two council members from each ward. In the 1950s that

number was reduced further, to one council member.

Don Fraser, that paragon of liberal virtue, one of twenty Congresspeople to vote against funding the House Un-American Activities Committee, was mayor of Minneapolis from 1980 to 1994. He effectively canceled more elections than the sum total of all Latin American dictators in the twentieth century. He convinced voters it would be much more efficient for the mayor and the council members to be elected to four-year terms. He also transformed the structures of decision-making at city hall by creating an Executive Committee, so the mayor could sit in on appointing heads of departments.

The current proposed Charter amendment concludes the transfer of absolute authority to the mayor and allows him or her to appoint all department

heads and administer those departments.

The present system has been criticized as chaotic with thirteen council members running every department. But, of course, that’s not how it works. Each department head reports to a city council committee. If a council member wants a stop sign installed or an amendment to the civil rights code, then the council member takes that request to the appropriate city council committee; the committee votes on it and brings the request to the full city council. It’s very open, very democratic. Further concentrating power and decision-making in the hands of the mayor will mean the mayor will initiate those decisions on his own and the process will be less open to public discussion.

Historically, and under the current system, the mayor is

responsible for the administration of the police department. The other proposed amendment to the Charter calls for introducing another layer of accountability between elected officials and the chief of police with the appointment of a police commissioner. Last year the world watched a Minneapolis police officer kill George Floyd. It was heartlessly cruel and it cried out for justice. Very well-meaning reformers came up with this plan as a way to hold police more accountable. In my opinion, this change would blur further the lines of accountability and make it even more difficult for the Minneapolis Police Department to discipline rogue officers.

For that reason, we are urging voters to vote no on both amendments.

Peer policing, from page 1

The book, written originally in 2005 and revised since then, says on the cover it’s the third edition already and gives two phrases that describe what the book is about: “The Promise of Peer Intervention” and “The Police Code of Silence,” followed by the title. It’s an important book that I believe too few people have heard of. It’s been lauded in the field but apparently has yet to make an impact on the Minneapolis Police Department. Needless to say, Bob Kroll is not a fan of Mike Quinn.

It seems that back in 2005 the lack of accountability we are especially concerned with now was addressed thoroughly. Except who was listening? Who read the book and heeded its counsel? It’s all in there.

Quinn was invited to help create a peer intervention program in the New Orleans Police Department, EPIC (Ethical Policing is Courageous), which is operating today. It’s more than a shame the MPD didn’t invite him to do the same here. If police officers, even rookies, would have had permission and support for intervening in fellow officers’ bad behavior, George Floyd would still be alive.

I believe that in general a lot can be forgiven and overlooked in “tense, uncertain, and rapidly evolving” situations, as police situations are characterized many, many times in the book. But May 25, 2020, wasn’t an example of a “tense, uncertain, and rapidly evolving” situation. That is no explanation, or excuse, for the tragedy.

In my opinion, a belief embedded in everyone in this culture took over in the actions of Derek Chauvin that day at 38th and Chicago: the belief that Black and Brown people are bad, inferior and of no importance. Yet, the rule of law doesn’t support that belief. And the rule of law is what the law requires police officers to follow. So, if Minneapolis police culture had had in place the permission and support for all officers to monitor the behavior of other officers, the outcome would have been different. Of course, it should never have come to the point that intervention was necessary, but it did. The current fear that officers have of the public, since officer assassinations have risen significantly in recent years, which Quinn writes about in the book, also escalated the brutality – and made peer intervention necessary.

Quinn’s vivid, often riveting, moments in “Walking with the Devil” describe the heights and depths of police work – the best, the worst and in between. He admits to their love of the adrenaline rush; he praises the selflessness that led them into the Twin Towers; he describes the blatant corruption (robberies and selling stolen merchandise) that goes on in the department; he admits to his own errors that he wishes he could undo.

Throughout the book he refers to the “no ratting” agreement within the police force as well as to the power of one person to make a difference. He gives numerous examples of times when one officer has spoken up, himself included;

although the whistleblowers pay a price, their courage nevertheless makes a difference in modifying bad behavior within the ranks.

For the average citizen, the book will take you into an unfamiliar world, a world full of wrongdoing and harm-doing. Quinn presents convincing scenarios that describe inexplicable behavior by “the scum of the earth.” Within the ethos of the police force it appears that those citizens who commit crimes (act outside the law) are seen as not quite human. He shows the impulse of police officers to get every situation under control. It’s a rough world.

There are many gray areas that police officers run into, which Quinn describes vividly and in a way that wins our sympathy. Quinn also draws us into his exciting storytelling of scenarios unfamiliar to ordinary citizens so we can understand situations that are so violent, so life-threatening, so crazy and unexpected that the officers involved really can’t remember exactly what happened.

You can start to grasp how it is possible that officers will cross the line.

Two important passages dramatize why officers need to maintain impeccable ethics: “[W]hen we hurt people unnecessarily or make them lose face in front of others, just because we can, we are making a serious mistake. ... Many of these citizens have nothing and they know it. Being on the bottom of the pile economically and socially drives them to fashion an inversely high sense of honor. When we take that

away from them with physical force or words of disrespect, we take away the only thing they have left. We create an enemy who has nothing left to lose, except his life or yours.”

Quinn cites the example of Lt.-Gen. Ian Freeland in Northern Ireland who thought it didn’t matter what the people of Northern Ireland thought of him and his troops. Quinn says it matters how people in authority behave. They have no right to enforce the law when they’ve lost their legitimacy. Quinn writes, “Instead of dealing with the cause of our loss of legitimacy we militarized our police departments in a failed attempt to change and control the bad outcomes of poor policies, much as Freeland did.”

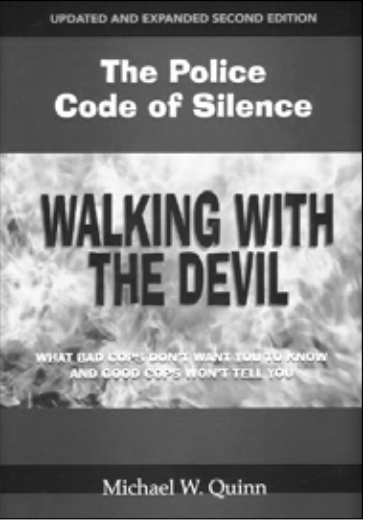
Most people have internal controls and don’t need the external controls provided by legitimate law enforcement. Internal controls include a sense of right and wrong, a connection to the common good, a conscience, hopes and dreams, self-affirmation. Internal controls are developed in people whose needs are met: food, shelter, belonging, kindly companionship, respect, education.

When police officers don’t have their own internal controls, they need something external, like maybe liability insurance. As it is, there are forces in place that take away the deterrents to bad behavior, such as unions. I read in Mother Jones, September/October 2020, that with the formation of police unions, between 1950 and 1980, there was a noticeable increase in police killings in the U.S., “an increase that

researchers say may be linked to officers’ belief that their unions would protect them from prosecution.”

My one big question about the book is this: Quinn talks about how many officers are prosecuted and do jail time for their brutality and other misbehavior. He talks about peer intervention as the way to prevent their career loss, incarceration, separation from family, etc., but my perception, and I think the general public’s perception, is that the police “always get away with it,” so I was surprised to read that many police officers are convicted of misconduct. I couldn’t get ahold of Quinn to ask him about this.

The book is available online from eBay and various book-sellers. You can also order it from your favorite local bookstore. And don’t forget the library. The Hennepin County library system has an eBook available, but its two hard copies are in use, with 28 holds. So get in line. This is the book we needed in 2005. We still need it.





EVENTS

‘Angels Unawares’  
Cross American Tour  
Through Aug. 30

The Basilica of Saint Mary 1600 Hennepin Ave., Mpls. The “Angels Unawares” sculpture by Canadian artist Timothy Schmalz depicts more than 140 refugees. The 3.5-ton, 20-foot-long sculpture, is a gift to The Catholic University of America and currently on a national tour. Through this pilgrimage, people across the country have the opportunity to share in its message of welcome and hope. This powerful sculpture will be on display in front of The Basilica of Saint Mary during the month of August. Everyone is invited to explore this amazing work, related exhibits, and join in prayer throughout the month. The work depicts migrants and refugees from all cultural and racial backgrounds and from all historic periods of time together – shoulder to shoulder on a raft or boat. Within this diverse crowd of people, angel wings are visible in the center, suggesting that within the migrant and refugee is the sacred. The inspiration for the work arises from Hebrews 13:2: “Be welcoming to strangers, many have entertained angels unawares.” Sunday Docent Tours – Aug. 15, 22, 29 following the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Basilica Masses. Tuesday, Aug. 10, 7:30 a.m. – Angels Unawares ICOM (Minnesota Interfaith Coalition on Immigration) Prayer Vigil at Basilica Plaza. Thursday, Aug. 26 at 5:30 p.m. – Angels Unawares Closing Ceremony at Basilica Plaza. Learn more about “Angels Unawares,” including partnering organizations, its national tour, advocate resources, the Green Card Voices exhibit, and understanding migration here: <https://www.mary.org/who-we-are/art/angels-un-awares#YQGHSLqSk2x>.

**Old-Fashioned Church Rummage Sale**  
**Thursday, Sept. 9, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.**  
**Friday, Sept. 10, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Sept. 11, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
Minnehaha United Methodist Church  
3701 E. 50th St., Mpls.

Lots of great stuff! Housewares and linens; toys; books; electronics; and more! (But no clothes!) [www.minnehaha.org](http://www.minnehaha.org)

**New Refugees in Minnesota**

Thanks to national policy updates, we are expecting to see refugee arrivals in our area go from the dozens to the hundreds, and the Minnesota Council of Churches is busily preparing to welcome each individual well. You can drop off donations directly at our office or order online and have them shipped directly to us. Current needs include:

- Large (2 “bushel”) rectangular laundry baskets.
- Tall kitchen wastebaskets with garbage bags.
- Sets of drinking glasses (6-8).
- Liquid hand soap.
- Laundry detergent.
- New standard/queen-sized bed pillows.
- Twin sheet sets.

For more information, or to arrange a drop-off, please email [rsvolunteers@mncchurches.org](mailto:rsvolunteers@mncchurches.org).

**4th Annual Challenging Islamophobia Conference**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 12, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Online**

Save the date! The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) Minnesota has announced that the 4th Annual Challenging Islamophobia Conference will take place virtually on Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2021, from 8.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.. If you purchased tickets for the 2020 event, they can be used to participate in this year’s rescheduled conference. To share your thoughts about the upcoming conference, including topic ideas, please complete their survey form at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd6-8D\\_K25oDE2\\_Ogs9WtiBKsSA-We\\_01061JGelj7gEDg-l7w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd6-8D_K25oDE2_Ogs9WtiBKsSA-We_01061JGelj7gEDg-l7w/viewform).

**Minneapolis Friends Meeting (Quaker)**  
4401 York Ave. S., Mpls.  
Minneapolis Friends Meeting is enjoying summer, and continuing to join in silent worship together, via Zoom. Worship services are Sundays, 10 a.m. Other Meeting activities will resume in the Fall. Office email: [office@minneapolisfriends.org](mailto:office@minneapolisfriends.org). [www.minneapolisfriends.org](http://www.minneapolisfriends.org)

**Bahá’i Center of Minneapolis**  
3644 Chicago Ave., Mpls.  
Devotions at the Bahá’i Center and via Zoom, Sundays at 10 a.m., and Tuesdays via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. Please visit the Bahá’i community of Minneapolis website at [www.minneapolisbahai.org/](http://www.minneapolisbahai.org/). Here you will find information about upcoming and past Holy Day celebrations, as well as news, announcements and information.

**Calvary Lutheran Church**  
3901 Chicago Ave. S., Mpls.  
Sunday Worship at 10 a.m. See our website at [www.clchurch.org](http://www.clchurch.org) for more information.

**Catholic Church of St. Albert the Great**  
E. 29th St. & 32nd Ave. S., Mpls.  
In-person Masses with limited seating on Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and noon. Front door entry preferred. Weekday Masses M, T, TH, F at 8:15 a.m. in the Chapel, east door and elevator entry. Please see our website at [www.saintalbertthegreat.org/](http://www.saintalbertthegreat.org/) for more details. Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass also streamed on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/StAlbert-TheGreatMpls/](https://www.facebook.com/StAlbert-TheGreatMpls/).

**Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
3430 E. 51st St., Mpls.  
[www.faithlutheranmpls.org](http://www.faithlutheranmpls.org)  
Sunday Worship (with safety measures in place) at 9 a.m. We will continue to post videos online for Sunday morning for those who can’t join us yet on YouTube and Facebook [www.facebook.com/felcmpls/](https://www.facebook.com/felcmpls/). Bible classes on Sundays at 10:15 a.m. and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. NA groups Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.

**First Free Church**  
5150 Chicago Ave. S., Mpls.  
Sunday services at 10 a.m. (in person and online). Visit our website at [www.first-freechurch.org](http://www.first-freechurch.org) for more information.

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church, LCMS**  
1720 E. Minnehaha Pkwy., Mpls.  
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship recordings available online at [www.holycrossmpls.org](http://www.holycrossmpls.org).

**Living Spirit United Methodist Church**  
4501 Bloomington Ave., Mpls.

Worship In-Person or Online at 10:30 a.m. Sundays  
Online: [livingspiritumc.org/live](http://livingspiritumc.org/live).

**Messiah Lutheran Church**  
2400 Park Ave., Mpls.  
9 a.m. in-person service 1st and 3rd Sundays  
11 a.m. in-person service every Sunday  
[www.messiahlutheranmpls.org](http://www.messiahlutheranmpls.org)

**Mindekirken (the Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church)**  
924 E. 21<sup>st</sup> St., Mpls.  
Velkommen til Mindekirken! In-person services are now offered at 9 a.m. (in English) and at 11 a.m. (in Norwegian) on Sundays. Everyone is welcome! We wear masks while singing. Coffee hour (Utekaffe) is offered outside following the worship. Find updates on [www.mindekirken.org](http://www.mindekirken.org).

**Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church**  
4101 37th Ave. S., Mpls.  
<https://minnehahacommunion.org/>.  
Sunday Worship at 9:45 a.m.  
Go to church website for live and online info.

**Minnehaha United Methodist Church**  
3701 E. 50th St., Mpls.  
Outdoor worship Sundays at 10 a.m. in the Minnehaha side lawn. Bring a chair (we have chairs if you don’t have one). You can also worship with us online, we’ll be livestreaming the service and you can find it live at 10, or any time after. If it’s raining, we will be moving the worship service to the sanctuary, where you won’t need your chair, but will need a mask. Visit our website at [www.minnehaha.org/](http://www.minnehaha.org/) for more information.

**New Creation Baptist Church**  
1414 E. 48th St., Mpls.  
Sunday Worship in person at 10:45 a.m. and also on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/NewCreationBaptistChurch/](https://www.facebook.com/NewCreationBaptistChurch/) <https://newcreationbaptistchurchmn.org/>

**Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church**  
5300 10th Ave. S., Mpls.  
Join us each Sunday at 10 a.m. for worship (online and in-person)! Outdoor, in-person worship on the church lawn this summer on the 1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays of the month (weather permitting). Outdoor, in-person worship at Pearl Park on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Online worship continues every Sunday. Find us on Facebook and YouTube! [www.nokomisheights.org](http://www.nokomisheights.org) or [www.facebook.com/NokomisHeights/](https://www.facebook.com/NokomisHeights/).

**St. Joan of Arc Catholic Community**  
4537 3rd Ave. S., Mpls.  
We’re Open – Saturday, 5 p.m. in the Church  
Sunday, 7:45 a.m. in the Church, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. in the gym  
Video available on our website at [www.saintjoanofarc.org/](http://www.saintjoanofarc.org/) or Facebook page [www.facebook.com/StJoanMpls/](https://www.facebook.com/StJoanMpls/).

**Trinity Lutheran Congregation**  
Augsburg College, Hoversten Chapel  
Riverside & 22nd Aves., Mpls.  
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.  
[www.trinitylutherancongregation.org](http://www.trinitylutherancongregation.org)

**Walker Community United Methodist Church**  
3104 16th Ave. S., Mpls.  
Walker Church has begun the reopening process using a phased approach. Visit our website at [www.walker-church.org/](http://www.walker-church.org/) or Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/walkerumc/](https://www.facebook.com/walkerumc/) for more information.

SHARING FOOD

**New Creation Baptist Church**  
**1414 E. 48<sup>th</sup> St., Mpls.**  
**612-825-6933**  
We’re still here to serve you on the first through the fourth Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We’re back to our client choice shopping and require clients to have their temperature checked, wear a mask, and follow social distancing. Be safe and God bless! [www.facebook.com/NCBCfoodshelf/FoodShelf](https://www.facebook.com/NCBCfoodshelf/FoodShelf). Food Shelf  
Saturdays (except 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays) 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
(Brown door on the corner of 48<sup>th</sup> St. and 15<sup>th</sup> Ave.)

**Du Nord Foundation Community Market**  
**3104 Snelling Ave., Mpls.**  
**612-460-8123**  
We are a community-supported food shelf that is a welcoming place for neighbors to find free, healthy food for their tables and supplies for their homes. We invite neighbors to order online and choose the day and time that works for you for curbside pickup. Mondays and Wednesdays 3 to 6 p.m. Thursdays noon to 2 p.m. All are welcome, no restrictions or proof required. To place an order, visit [www.dunord-foundation.org/get-food](http://www.dunord-foundation.org/get-food)

**Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and Friendship Community Service**  
**2600 E. 38th St., Mpls.**  
**Food Hub**  
Free food, hygiene products, and some household goods. Tuesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please bring ID and wear a mask. Social distancing guidelines are in place.

**Minnehaha United Methodist Church**  
**3701 E. 50<sup>th</sup> St., Mpls.**  
**612-721-6231**  
Yes, the food shelf is still open! In order to fight food insecurity in our neighborhood, the Minnehaha Food Shelf is open on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We have moved our operations outdoors, meter the flow of clients to help ensure social distancing, periodically clean our surfaces, and wear face masks. Should we have foul weather, we plan to move the distribution indoors, though still meter clients and encourage distancing. [www.facebook.com/MinnehahaFoodShelf/](https://www.facebook.com/MinnehahaFoodShelf/)

**Calvary Lutheran Church**  
**3901 Chicago Ave., Mpls.**  
**612-827-2504, ext. 205**  
The Calvary Emergency Food Shelf is available for area residents on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. We will hand out pre-packaged bags of food with a Walk-Up table on 39th St. and Drive-Thru model at the parking lot entrance. Please stay in your car, and we’ll bring the food to you! Volunteers will be available outside to help you. There are eligibility requirements. On our website, [www.clchurch.org](http://www.clchurch.org), click on the “Food Shelf” link in the “Outreach” tab, or call the food shelf office at 612-827-2504, ext. 205.

**Groveland Emergency Food Shelf**  
**1900 Nicollet Ave., Mpls.**  
**Plymouth Congregational Church**  
**612-871-0277**  
Monday – Friday  
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Entrance on Groveland Ave. between Nicollet and LaSalle. <http://groveland-foodshelf.org/>

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Weekend Masses with limited seating  
Saturday 5 pm  
Sunday 9:30 am (also livestreamed on Facebook)  
Sunday 12 noon  
Front door entry preferred  
Weekday Masses M, T, TH, F at 8:15 am in the Chapel, east door and elevator entry

**FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
3430 E. 51st St.  
612-729-5463  
[www.faithlutheranmpls.org](http://www.faithlutheranmpls.org)  
Sunday Worship 9 am and online on YouTube and Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/felcmpls/>  
Bible classes - Sundays at 10:15 am and Wednesdays at 10 am  
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**NEW CREATION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
1414 E. 48th St.  
612-825-6933  
Sunday Worship in person 10:45 am and also on Facebook:  
[www.Facebook.com/NewCreation-BaptistChurch](https://www.Facebook.com/NewCreation-BaptistChurch)  
<https://newcreationbaptist-churchmn.org/>  
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Daniel B. McKizzie

**NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH – ELCA**  
5300 10th Ave. S., 612-825-6846  
[www.nokomisheights.org](http://www.nokomisheights.org)  
Sunday worship 10 am (online and in-person)  
Outdoor, in-person worship on the church lawn on the 1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays of the month (weather permitting).  
Outdoor, in-person worship at Pearl Park on the 2nd Sunday of the month.  
Online worship continues every Sunday.  
Find us on Facebook and YouTube!

**ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**  
[www.stjoan.com](http://www.stjoan.com), 4537 Third Ave.  
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# CELEBRATE SUMMER ON LYNDALE AVE.

## What's new (and old) around Lyndale Avenue?



Lyn-Lake Barbershop

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

We have a load of interesting things to tell you about on or near Lyndale Avenue South. A few are long-time stalwarts, and a few are either new, or newly reopened since the last shutdown, or newly discovered by me and checked out for the first time even though I knew it was there. Because Lyndale Avenue is two things. One is, it's very residential for long stretches. So, there is business activity but it's in clusters. And the other is, it's very volatile. Of all the commercial hubs we cover at Southside Pride, I think this one has the most constant change.

But Lyndale Avenue does have some amazing long-time stalwarts. For instance, the Wedge Co-op. I love the Wedge. I hadn't been there in ages, until just last week,



Royal Pet Beauty Shop

but I bought groceries online for delivery a few times during the early pandemic. And before the pandemic, I was a frequent visitor at the late, lamented Wedge Table. This was a great concept: a mash-up of a coffee shop, community gathering space, deli-style cafe, and junk food-less convenience store. I'm sad that it's gone.

But the Wedge abides, stronger than ever since it got started in 1974. Check out their website for ongoing special offerings and events, including their Fresh Cut Fridays, where shoppers get 10% off all meat and seafood on the last Friday of every month. The full-service butcher counter offers

sustainably and ethically sourced fresh meat and seafood, sliced deli meats and custom sausages. The next Fresh Cut Friday discount day will be on Aug. 27. <https://tccp.coop/wedge-lyndale/>

Another long-hauler that's still around, and one of the first to open for inside dining both last summer and this year in the wake of vaccination mitigation, thus saving my life on a few heat-wave days, is the French Meadow. You may not know this, but in addition to their bread and bakery products to go, the French Meadow now has a fridge-freezer selection of soups,

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## Lyndale, from page 7

saucers, and other ready-to-eat or ingredient things to take home.

To get into some newly discovered gems, we'll start at Franklin Avenue and work our way south to the very borders of Richfield and slightly beyond. Just off Lyndale at 704 West 22nd St., next door to Caffetto Coffee, is a new ice cream place that was previously a pop-up. It's called Bebe Zito, and the owners are ice cream chef Ben Spangler and his life and business partner, Gabriella Grant. It was quite a popular pop-up, so you may have heard of it before it opened in July 2020. Their wild flavors and their adorable love

story (at [www.bebezitmn.com/story](http://www.bebezitmn.com/story)) have made them so popular that they just opened a second location at Malcolm Yards in Southeast Minneapolis.

Once Upon A Crime, at 26th and Garfield Avenue, is not new, nor even new to me, but it's in a new phase of existence. After the pandemic gave rise to much more digital and virtual "stuff," OUAC is reopened but not abandoning all that fancy tech. Their website is a wonder in the small business world. They're selling their used books on ABE ([abebooks.com](http://abebooks.com)) and you can also buy eBooks and digital downloads of audiobooks on their site. OUAC was always known for their

## LOOKING TO COOL OFF THIS SUMMER?



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## The Roastery

great author events. These days, about half of them are in person, and half online, but they're still great. I love all that, but I also love that, for now, I can go in and browse.

Snapology is a nationwide educational company, and its Minneapolis outpost is on Lyndale near 27th Street. Snapology is about LEGOs™ being used to teach both engineering and creativity. They offer classes, camps and private parties. Here's a sample description of one of their classes:

"For ages 7-11, Mechanical Masterminds gives your student the tools they need to understand mechanical movement through the foundations of simple machines, physics, and engineering design. They will see moving parts up close as they follow instructions to build various machines, then use the models to develop new design ideas, test out physics concepts, and even play games with their partners and classmates. Spinning battle tops, motorized spiropgraphs and remote-control claw grabbers are just

the tip of the engineering iceberg!"

Then we come to a pretty old business, Hagen's Auto Body Repair. In fact, it originally began business in a different location in 1950, being run by two brothers. Although apparently they used to do restoration work on classic cars, they now confine their work to a very thorough and professional collision

repair service. Check out their website to see what all that entails. It's a lot more than just the outer body of the car.

There are two businesses side by side in the building at 3019 Lyndale that are getting pretty old for the area. One is Lyn-Lake Barber Shop, which has been there for over 20 years. Their description on the [singleplatform.com](http://singleplatform.com) website says "This old-fashioned neighborhood barbershop, is the hip place for men, women and children to get the latest cut - style cuts, brush fades, bald fades, buzz cuts and flat tops or a traditional taper - you name it. You can also get a very relaxing shave and facial. If your hair needs coloring we can do that too."

Next door is a pet grooming salon called Royal Pet Beauty Shop. They have been in business over 30 years! They do both cat and dog grooming, including special services such as nail trimming, cleaning teeth or ears, or medicated baths or dips for various conditions. They have loads of rave reviews and reason-



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able prices.

Just a hop and skip away from these two wonderful services is an interesting restaurant I visited by accident, sort of. Of course, you can't get through a neighborhood review without at least one restaurant! I won't say a lot about it because I'm possibly going to go into more detail in the September issue's The Dish, but here's how it happened. I was getting really hungry one of those days when I got busy and didn't have anything but toast and coffee until late afternoon. I wanted to check out a coffee place on Lyndale and decided I would first get a meal at Saigon Uptown, which as far as I can remember I have never visited.

Well, you know how difficult it is to find parking in the Lake and Lyndale area? There was this off-street parking lot between Saigon and another place, Gyu-Kaku Japanese barbecue. I missed it on the first pass, went around the block and pulled in. By now I was feeling positively faint. There were big mean signs saying this parking was for Gyu-Kaku and if you park here for SAIGON we're going to TOW you! I guess it was due to being so weak with hunger, but I ended up going into Gyu-Kaku instead of Saigon. I could see the tiny (and empty) Saigon parking space, but a big delivery truck was blocking the way. After this inauspicious introduction, I will just say three things about



Gyu-Kaku salmon

just average at math excel at it, or help kids who love math and are good at it aspire to even greater heights.

Gyu-Kaku, and I may even repeat them next month. (Don't worry, if you're mad about that, I'll refund you the cost of your paper.) 1. It's a chain! 2. All the staff and almost all the other clientele in there were Japanese. And 3. I liked it! A lot!

Quite a bit farther south, at the Boulevard Commons (because it's the site of the old Boulevard movie theater) is the Minneapolis outpost of Mathnasium. Mathnasium has been around since 2002, but this site (it's a huge franchise) has been there for a bit over five years. Mathnasium is a specialist tutoring service devoted solely to mathematics, for K-12 students. They can help kids who dread math get comfortable with it, or help kids who are

Mathnasium, like all educational institutions and much else, has pivoted a lot to virtual learning to stay afloat. They are now back to having in-person classes and private tutoring and summer camps, but virtual classes and tutoring are also still

available and may remain so.

Not far from Mathnasium, on 54th Street just off Lyndale, is The Roastery, an extremely dedicated coffee roastery that simply sells an amazing variety of carefully curated, carefully roasted coffee. Oh, and they offer classes in coffee roasting. The owner, Jeremy Rath, has over 40 years' experience, but has been in his small one-man roastery "only" since 1992. You can buy their products from their website or call for other options.

I'll finish off with a couple of unique businesses that are "new to me," though not new. At 249 West 61st St. and online via Google, you will find Avian Suites, "the gold standard" in dedicated boarding services for parrots and other companion birds. This is a very important service for people who have a beloved pet bird, because you can't just get a parrot-sitter in any time you go on a trip.

At 6242 Lyndale Ave. in Richfield is Devi Style and West Indian Grocery. It is a specialist shop for all things both East Indian and West Indian, including fish you've never heard of unless you're an expert in Indian or West Indian cuisine, special treats and things for Hindu holidays, and Indian saris and other outfits and fabrics. I haven't checked this place out yet, except for their Facebook page, but I'm definitely going to.



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# Help for voters living with disabilities

The fifth in a series of articles about the 2021 Municipal Elections brought to you by the League of Women Voters Minneapolis

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), landmark legislation that prohibits discrimination against individuals living with disabilities, has put the force of law behind mandates for equal access in all areas of civic life including access for voting.

Voting accessibility is essential to ensure that all people have the right and ability to vote, regardless of their mobil-

ity or their physical, communication or other limitations. Minnesota has made strides in improving access to voting for all. In addition to the requirement that polling places be physically accessible, here are a few accommodations that may provide individuals living with disabilities better access to the ballot box:

1) ASSISTANCE: You can bring anyone to assist you while you vote, except your employer or union rep, or you can get assistance from election judges. Your assistant can participate in all parts of the voting process, including

marking your ballot if you can communicate to them who you want to vote for.

2) ACCESSIBLE VOTING MACHINES: All polling places have a machine that can mark a ballot for you, giving you privacy if you cannot or choose not to vote using a pen. Voting machines display the ballot in large print or with a high-contrast background and can also read the ballot to you through headphones. You can fill out your ballot using a Braille keypad, touch screen or sip-and-puff device. After you make your choices, the machine prints your completed ballot.

3) CURBSIDE VOTING: If you cannot leave your vehicle, you can ask to have a ballot brought out to you. Two election judges from different major political parties will bring the ballot to your vehicle, wait for you to vote, then take the ballot back inside and place it in the ballot box.

4) AGENT: In some situations, an agent may pick up and return an absentee ballot from your home. To qualify, you must reside in a nursing home, assisted living facility, residential treatment center, group home, domestic violence shelter or be hospitalized. Your agent must be at least 18 years old and cannot be a candidate. Metro Mobility also provides agent delivery services. Read

more details about the use of an agent at <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/have-an-agent-pick-up-your-ballot-agent-delivery/>.

Remember, unless a court order specifically removes your right to vote, you may still vote if you are under guardianship, conservatorship or if you granted someone power of attorney.

Election Day is November 2. For more information about voting and registering to vote, visit [www.lwvmppls.org](http://www.lwvmppls.org), [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org), or call the Disability Law Center's voting hotline at 612-334-5970 or the City of Minneapolis voter information line 311.

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Mexico, from page 4

course, hundreds of thousands of ordinary citizens in these countries)?

And how should the ever-shrinking non-electoral left react to a coup attempt against López Obrador? As moderate as he is, such a coup, "soft" or old-school, could have happened under Trump and it could happen under Biden. Certainly, both administrations have been happy seeing AMLO, more than his successors, play border cop. And U.S. Democrats obviously enjoy looking like they are more progressive than AMLO on specific labor issues. But they are not pleased with the Mexican government's Latin Americanist defense of the Cuban and Venezuelan governments, and of Palestinian rights. Some of this is simply an invocation

of Mexico's traditions of solidarity and neutrality which, during the 1970s, for example, was merely window-dressing as Mexico "disappeared" and killed political prisoners as efficiently as Chile and Argentina did. Corporate liberals in the U.S. establishment are not pleased with Mexico's efforts, however half-assed they may be, to retain or regain national control of energy and mineral resources, to regulate the use of toxic chemicals like glyphosate, and even to try to put some order in the labeling of junk food products. So, motives for U.S. interventionism are abundant. But permitting a country to sink into totalitarian rule, submissive to the U.S., is not an option. We have already seen how that works in most of the rest of Latin America throughout the 20th and 21st centuries.

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

### Call it murder

The Catholic Agitator of June 2021, a monthly newsletter, carried an article by the journalist Chris Hedges, entitled "The Age of Social Murder" which should be required reading for all of us. He defines the murderer's weapon as global warming, seldom defined or recognized as such.

Each of the last four decades have been hotter than the last. The UN International Panel on Climate Change cited we are already at 1.2 degrees Celsius temperature (2.16 degrees Fahrenheit) above preindustrial levels. Anything above a

temperature rise of 1.5 degrees Celsius will render much of the earth uninhabitable.

The Arctic ice along with the Greenland ice sheet are now expected to melt regardless of how much we reduce carbon emissions. A 23-foot rise in sea level, which is what will happen when the ice is gone, means every town and city on a coast at sea level will have to be evacuated. As the climate crisis worsens, the political constructions will tighten, making public resistance difficult. The ruling elites, despite the accelerating and tangible ecological collapse, mollify us, either by meaningless gestures or denial. They are responsible, and this can and should be deemed murder. Since no one sees the murder, it is too often ignored. However, it is murder.

What is occurring is not neglect. It is not ineptitude. It is murder because it is premeditated. It is murder because a conscious choice was made by the global ruling classes to extinguish life rather than protect it. It is murder because profit - despite hard statistics, the growing climate disruption and scientific modeling - is deemed more important than human dignity and human life.

The massive resources allocated to the military and Veterans Administration come to \$826 billion annually and are the most glaring examples of suicidal folly. The war machine does absolutely nothing to mitigate the human suffering caused by degraded envi-



ronments that sicken and poison us.

The evil that makes all this happen is collective. It is perpetuated by technocrats and bureaucrats who collect, store and manipulate human data. They grease the wheels for Goldman Sachs, Exxon Mobil and BP. They write the laws passed by the bought-and-paid-for political class. They enforce the law. They are the

corporate advisors. They pilot the aerial drones that terrorize the poor in Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan and Syria. They profit from the endless wars. They run the banks. They deny food stamps and medical coverage and unemployment benefits. They carry out evictions.

These systems managers made genocides possible - from the extermination of Native Americans to the Turkish

slaughter of the Armenians to the Nazi Holocaust. Why do we not resist? We are all complicit. We are overcome, paralyzed by the overwhelming megamachine. Failing to act means giving in to cynicism and despair. To exert moral autonomy is to refuse to cooperate, to wreck the megamachine. Rebellion is its own justification. It must be embraced.



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### EVENTS

#### Minnesota Children's Museum to Require Masks Beginning Aug. 7

Minnesota Children's Museum announced that it will again require masks for visitors. Beginning Saturday, Aug. 7, all visitors age 5 and older will be required to wear a mask while at the museum. This applies to both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. Masks are strongly encouraged for children ages 2 to 4. The health and safety of visitors, staff and the community are the museum's top priority. Staff closely monitor health guidance from the federal, state, county and city levels. When recommendations recently changed to urge all people – both fully vaccinated and not – to wear masks in public, indoor settings in areas with substantial or high transmission rates, the museum made the decision to reinstate a mask requirement to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

"We have a responsibility to provide our visitors and staff with a safe and healthy environment," said Dianne Kri- zan, president of Minnesota Children's Museum. "With substantial community transmission levels in the Twin Cities metro area and recognizing that kids under the age of 12 are not yet able to get vaccinated, the return of a mask requirement will help us protect our young visitors as we navigate through this phase of the pandemic." Here is an overview of what visitors can expect:

- Beginning Aug. 7, masks are required for all visitors age 5 and older, whether they are vaccinated or unvaccinated.
- Masks are strongly encouraged for kids ages 2 to 4.
- Anyone who is sick or experiencing

symptoms of COVID-19 should not come to the museum.

- Reservations are not required to visit, but tickets are available online for those that want to purchase ahead of time.

#### Zealous Hellions: Taylor Mac and Nigel Smith

**Tuesday, Aug. 10, 6 p.m.**  
**Via Zoom**

"Zealous Hellions" is a project of Mixed Blood Theatre to provide real-time conversations between artists, cultural provocateurs, politicians and thought leaders. The program allows audiences a glimpse into a different facet of a known personality and opportunity for deeper community dialogue.

Taylor Mac, who uses "judy" not as a name but as a gender pronoun, is a playwright, actor, singer-songwriter, performance artist, director and producer. Mac will discuss art, gender, expression and the Broadway experience with the show "Gary: A Sequel to Titus Andronicus" in conversation with long-time collaborator Nigel Smith, the Producing Artistic Director of the Flea in New York City, board member of A.R.T./New York, and ringleader of Willing Participant, an artistic activist organization. Mac and Smith will debate, connect and theorize with each other for an hour on Zoom which, in combination with audience energy and participation, will result in humor, inspiration and wisdom. Free to attend. Reservations and further information at: <https://mixedblood.com/product/zealous-hellions-taylor-mac/>.

#### More Than Just a Backpack: School Supply Drive

**Collection dates through Aug. 13**  
**Pack-A-Thon, Saturday, Aug. 14, noon**

Midtown Global Market  
920 E. Lake St., Mpls.

Midtown Global Market is partnering with non-profit Pack A Smyle to host a school supply drive for students living in the Midtown neighborhood. Donations of school supplies are being accepted now through Friday, Aug. 13. Collection bins will be located at The Art Shoppe and Andy's Garage in the Market. The distribution of the filled backpacks to youth in the community is in partnership with the Cultural Wellness Center. The items most needed include backpacks, pencils, pens, markers, spiral notebooks (college rule) and two-pocket folders. Online donations are also welcome at [packasmyle.org](http://packasmyle.org). Just \$20 will help purchase one filled backpack for a student in need.

Pack A Smyle is an organization committed to equipping children with the essentials needed for school. It was founded by Muresuk Mena who through his teaching experiences learned that he could empower young people with the simple gift of a backpack and mentorship. Mena will lead a Pack-A-Thon on Saturday, Aug. 14 beginning at noon in Midtown Global Market's center court. The public is welcome to join us as we stuff backpacks with donated supplies.

#### Minnesota Fringe Festival Through Aug. 15

##### Virtual and in-person shows

Minnesota Fringe, the artistic disruptor for local and national artists, will welcome artists from around the nation and world to participate in what is normally the Midwest's largest performing arts festival, beginning Aug. 5 and running through Aug. 15, 2021. The 28th annual Fringe Festival will host more than 125 shows in 11 days, featuring 13 in-person shows,

27 live-streaming performances, with the remaining shows recorded to be viewed virtually at any point during the festival.

With this year's assortment of performance types, the traditional lottery used for selecting producers did not take place — everyone was welcome to participate. Performances are online or independently produced in a setting of the artist's choice. The virtual shows consist of archival video recordings, audio-only recordings, live-streaming performances and shows recorded specifically for virtual performance. Independently produced shows include both live in-person performances and live-streaming performances on special formats. Patrons may review the website ([www.minnesotafringe.org](http://www.minnesotafringe.org)) for more details about performance types and locations.

Tickets: Fringe Button \$5, Virtual Shows \$10; Live In-Person Shows \$13. On sale: July 1 at [minnesotafringe.org](http://minnesotafringe.org).

#### Four Season Foraging August Workshops

##### Foraging Field Day

**Sunday, Aug. 15, 1 to 4 p.m.**

Take a trip out to the countryside for a foraging field day! Join Maria Wessler and Four Season Foraging to learn about wild harvesting of plants and mushrooms in rural areas. We will discuss laws and ethics around foraging, as well as identification, harvest, and preparation of edible species. Foragables that we may find include stinging nettle, wild mint, chicken of the woods, chanterelles and more! If we're lucky, we may even get to harvest some mushrooms, fruits or nuts. Sliding scale \$25-\$45. Pre-registration required. For more details, please email [info@fourseasonforaging.com](mailto:info@fourseasonforaging.com),

call 612-440-5958, or visit <https://www.fourseasonforaging.com/events>.

#### Foraging for Summer Fruits

**Wednesday, Aug. 25, 6 to 8 p.m.**

Did you know that many of the fruits you buy at the store can be picked right in your own neighborhood? Join Maria Wessler and Four Season Foraging as we learn about common wild fruits that grow in urban areas, including wild plums, raspberries, cherries and aronia. Wild plums and aronia should (hopefully!) be ripe and ready to harvest. We will also discuss other common wild edibles found along the way. Meet at the intersection of the Midtown Greenway and 27th Ave S. in Minneapolis. Sliding scale \$15-\$35. Pre-registration required. For more details, please email [info@fourseasonforaging.com](mailto:info@fourseasonforaging.com), call 612-440-5958, or visit <https://www.fourseasonforaging.com/events>.

#### 'Water Is Life: Stop Line 3'

**Wednesday, Aug. 18, noon**

Bayfront Park, Duluth, MN  
Bon Iver, Lissie, Hippo Campus, Alan Sparhawk, Charlie Parr, David Huckfelt, Larry Long, Superior Siren and Native Artists Mumu Fresh, Dorene Day Wau-banewquay, Corey Medina, Quiltman, Annie Humphrey and others are donating their time to the "Water is Life: Stop Line 3" Honor the Earth Benefit Concert in Duluth at Bayfront Park on Aug. 18 on the shores of the mighty Gichi-Gami (Lake Superior). Featuring an unprecedented coalition of musicians, artists, poets and Indigenous leaders, this one-day festival is a celebration of water as the fundamental life-giving resource of Mother Earth, and a full-throttle resistance of music and song against the Line 3 tar sands oil pipeline currently snaking its way through the waterways and

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## Southside Pride / NOKOMIS EDITION

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All proceeds will benefit the Indigenous women-led Honor the Earth nonprofit in its fight against Enbridge's Line 3 construction in Native treaty Lands during a time of climate crisis and severe drought up north.

Advance sale general admission tickets \$65 at: <https://bit.ly/waterislife-festival>.

General admission day-of-show tickets are also \$65.

More information on schedule, artists, vendors, mission, resources at <https://www.honorearth.org/>.

### Bridgefest @ The Open Eye Patch Thursday, Aug. 19, 6 to 8 p.m.

#### Free outdoor event

The Green Patch, across the street from Open Eye Theatre 506 E. 24<sup>th</sup> St., Mpls. The multi-year highway construction project along the 35W corridor necessitated the removal of the 24th Street pedestrian bridge which carried foot and bicycle traffic over the highway between the Phillips and Whittier neighborhoods. At long last, a new and improved bridge will be opening Thursday, Aug. 19! As the major cultural organization at the east foot of the bridge, Open Eye will be contributing activities to the celebration. Join us for this free event, featuring sounds by DJs Sci-Fi, Worldwide Discotheque, and Mike 2600, sidewalk puppet shows, street sculpture by Southside Battle Train, and more! Info at <https://www.openeyetheatre.org/bridgefest>.

### Sound for Silents 2021: Film + Music on the Walker Hillside

#### Thursday, Aug. 19, 8:30 p.m.

Walker Art Center  
Wurtele Upper Garden  
725 Vineland Pl., Mpls.  
Join us on the hillside at sunset for Sound for Silents and catch electrifying live music and films on the big screen. It's the perfect summer night out! Now in its fifth year, this summer's program features Minneapolis-based artist/producer FPA, called "an arranger extraordinaire" by the Current. Drawing on works from the Ruben/Bentson Moving Image Collection, FPA will perform her newly commissioned scores for an entrancing evening of music and film. The event begins at 7 p.m. with DJ Yonci Jameson playing tunes until the sun goes down. 7 p.m. DJ and Food Trucks  
8:30 p.m. Screening and Performance  
Free to attend. More information at <https://walkerart.org/calendar/2021/sound-for-silents-2021-film-music-on-the-walker-hillside>.

### A Mu Family Reunion

#### Sunday, Aug. 22, 1 to 4 p.m.

56 Brewing  
3055 NE Columbia Ave. Ste. 102, Mpls.  
After a year and a half apart, it's time for a reunion! Join Theater Mu at 56 Brewing on Sunday, Aug. 22 for a family-friendly, indoor/outdoor fundraising event to reconnect and celebrate the power of our community. Enjoy food from Soul Lao and Wonders Ice Cream while sipping beer, wine, hard seltzer or kombucha on tap. Featuring activities for kids, performances by Kiss the Tiger and DJ Kool Akiem, as well as a silent auction of local Asian American artwork, this reunion promises to make up for all the time spent apart. Theater Mu strives to voice the stories of the Asian American community, and in order to bring performances to those communities whose stories we tell, we are committed to making them as accessible as possible. Pay As You Are pricing asks those who rou-

tinely pay the market price to choose to pay that amount, it is the actual fair market value of the ticket. If a patron needs to pay less, they can choose to do so. More info and tickets at <https://www.theatermu.org/reunion>.

### Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary

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#### Early Birders

##### Thursdays through Aug. 26

##### 8:30 to 10 a.m.

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#### Garden Story Time

##### Tuesdays through Aug. 24

##### 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Join us in the Garden for nature-themed children's stories read aloud by Garden staff. No registration necessary. Meet just outside of the Visitor Shelter at 10:30 a.m. Bring a blanket to sit on or use ours. [ebwg@minneapolisparcs.org](mailto:ebwg@minneapolisparcs.org) or (612) 370-4903

### 2021 Hennepin County Master Gardener Volunteer 'Virtual' Learning Garden Tour

#### Releases Friday, Sept. 10, 3 p.m.

#### (video available for the next year) Online

Come along on a Virtual Garden Tour! You are invited to participate in the 2021 Hennepin County Master Gardener Volunteer Learning Garden Tour being held virtually this year. The tour will be released on Friday, Sept. 10 at 3 p.m. CDT, along with a number of other virtual events happening that weekend. Gardening – whether you do it for the beauty, growing your own food, or just like getting your hands in the dirt, it's now a click away with this Virtual Garden tour that will inspire you with new ideas and motivation. This year the tour will feature four beautiful and unique home gardens of Hennepin County Master Gardener Volunteers along with four focused educational opportunities that include pruning, planting trees, wise watering practice, and when and how to plant your spring bulbs. Tickets are \$12. To buy tickets and learn more about the Learning Garden Tour, please visit us at <https://84402.blackbaudhosting.com/84402/2021-Hennepin-County-Master-Gardener-Volunteer-Virtual-Learning-Garden-Tour-10Sep2021>.

### Highpoint Presents: Hot Off the Press On view through Sept. 10

Highpoint Center for Printmaking  
912 W. Lake St., Mpls.  
Highpoint Center for Printmaking presents "Hot off the Press," our 38th semi-annual exhibition featuring prints made by members of Highpoint's artist cooperative. Join us for our first in-person reception in over a year! This event will feature an on-site food truck from our neighbors at World Street Kitchen, a cash bar (wine, beer, and non-alcoholic beverages available), and more as we come together to celebrate this exhibition of new work from our member artists. For this event, we will be transforming Highpoint's classroom into an additional gallery where visitors can peruse (and purchase) many more co-op member prints, all of which are shrink-wrapped and ready to take home. "Hot Off the Press" features recent prints made by 31 members from Highpoint's artist cooperative. These prints vary widely in technique and style but include

everything from geometric abstraction to convincing realism. Examples of each of the traditional printmaking techniques — lithography, screenprinting, monotype, relief and intaglio — will be available to view and purchase. [www.highpointprintmaking.org](http://www.highpointprintmaking.org)

### Hook & Ladder 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

#### Friday, Sept. 17, 7 p.m.

#### Saturday, Sept. 18, 3 to 10 p.m.

Hook & Ladder Theater  
3010 Minnehaha Ave. S., Mpls.  
The Hook & Ladder Theater is pleased to present a special two-day fall fundraising event to celebrate our 5th anniversary! It's been a pretty incredible five years and we are proud of our eclectic mix of program activities, concerts and community engagements, with ongoing artist and community/Patreon support. We are inviting EVERYONE to join us over two days of outdoor celebration Under the Canopy with food, drink, music, dance and live performance art from an exciting mix of Minnesota acts. Our fifth anniversary concert on Friday, Sept. 17 features Kiss the Tiger, Black Eyed Snakes, and Superior Siren (doors 6 p.m., music 7 p.m.) Tickets and more info at <https://thehookmpls.com/event/hook-5th-anniversary-concert/>. And join us on Saturday, Sept. 18 for our fifth anniversary festival featuring food trucks, ice cream, and games from 3 p.m., with music at 9 p.m. by Apollo Cobra, Mystery Artist, BondDoesBelly, Siama Matazungidi and Drew Peterson. Five bands for \$5! Details and tickets available at <https://thehookmpls.com/event/hook-5th-anniversary-festival/>.

### Greenway Glow Arts Festival

#### Saturday, Sept. 18, 4 to 10 p.m.

Midtown Greenway  
Join us for the Greenway Glow Arts Festival, the FREE outdoor festival along the Midtown Greenway! The Greenway Glow Arts Festival will feature dozens of local artists. Bike, walk or roll along the Greenway to experience live music, art installations, and theatrical performances. The festival is FREE, but you can support the Midtown Greenway by purchasing a VIP ticket! You'll get:

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- Glow lights to wear or put on your bike.
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### Pay Gap Festival

#### Saturday, Sept. 25,

#### 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

#### Sunday, Sept. 26, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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West End Market  
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in the marketplace, a variety of food vendors to snack and sip, and you can buy tickets to reserve seats at the stage to enjoy a half or full day of comedy and music entertainment. Tickets to see entertainment include a hybrid option so that you can watch the show livestreaming from home if you can't make it in. This event is produced by Rock What You Got and supports gender equality in the Twin Cities. This event is also supporting the FINNEGANS Community Fund. Bring non-perishable food donations to help keep our local food shelves stocked! Silent Auction to bid on will also be included. Cost: Marketplace FREE, Entertainment Stage Tickets: \$55-\$130. For tickets, exhibitor registration, and more information visit: <https://rock-whatyoutolive.com/paygapfestival/>.

### 'Free the Deeds'

#### Minneapolis Public Art Project

'Free the Deeds,' an artist-driven initiative, is launching a city-wide project this month to build awareness of the history of racial covenants in housing in Minneapolis and to encourage action to repair the harm done by these covenants. Homeowners whose houses have a racial covenant will be encouraged to display a lawn sign in their yards that says "This house had a racial covenant" on one side and "Building equity, one deed at a time" on the other. All Minneapolis residents, whether your home had a racial covenant or not, will have the chance to donate to down payment assistance for households who purchase homes through the African American Community Land Trust (AACLt). The AACLt is an initiative focused on significantly decreasing the historic racial disparities in the homeownership rate while increasing access to perpetually affordable homeownership in Minneapolis. Check out our website, [freethedeeds.org](http://freethedeeds.org) to learn more about what racial covenants were, how to find out if your home had one, how to discharge it, ways to interact with this history, and how to participate with this city-wide project.

[freethedeeds.org](http://freethedeeds.org)

### 'Annie'

#### Nov. 7, 2021 – Jan. 9, 2022

Children's Theater Company  
2400 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. S., Mpls.

Children's Theatre Company (CTC) is proud to announce the much-anticipated production of "Annie" is now on sale. Directed by Peter Rothstein, "Annie" runs November 7, 2021, through January 9, 2022, opening the first live CTC theatrical season post-pandemic. This goosebump-inducing, gorgeous production is choreographed by Kelli Foster Warder with a live orchestra music directed by Victor Zupanc. Scenic designs are by Vicki Smith, costume designs are by Richard O. Hamson, and lighting is designed by Paul Whitaker. The cast will be announced in September.

Times are tough, spirits are low, and the world is in dire need of hope. Enter, stage left: a delightful underdog – a good-natured, yet mischievously feisty, young girl. She takes on the world and, with an equal share of moxie and music, unlocks hearts and changes lives through kindness, love and spirit. Like Annie and Daddy Warbucks sing, "The Sun Will Come Out Tomorrow!"

Tickets can be purchased at [childrenstheatre.org/annie](http://childrenstheatre.org/annie) or by calling the ticket office at (612) 874-0400. Ticket prices range from \$15-\$73.

### 'Kindertransport – Rescuing Children on the Brink of War'

#### Through Oct. 31

American Swedish Institute  
2600 Park Ave., Mpls.  
"Kindertransport – Rescuing Children on the Brink of War," illuminates the story of the Kindertransport (German for "Children's Transport"). This astonishingly successful rescue effort brought approximately 10,000 Jewish children from Nazi Germany to Great Britain and other countries, including Sweden, between 1938 and 1939. The exhibition explores the children's difficult and often heartbreaking journeys through original artifacts, audio testimonies and moving personal stories. The regional debut of this exhibition is accompanied by "The Story is Here," developed by ASI, which features the experiences of Midwest families impacted by the Kindertransport. The ASI Museum, Museum Store and FIKA Café new hours are Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit [www.ASI.mn.org](http://www.ASI.mn.org) or call 612-871-4907.

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# The Dish 2.0 – restaurant news and two mini-reviews

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

## Dining rooms reopened and indoor café returns

The Seward branch of Piz-za Lucé has opened its dining room. Quite a few other Lucés have been open for indoor and patio dining for a while now. But this one doesn't have a patio, so that may have been why it took a while.

The May Day Cafe is open for indoor dining as of July 30! I am craving their almond croissants, the second best I ever had, and I have had them in London, Paris and Vienna, so that's a pretty high bar. The May Day Cafe, near Powderhorn Park, has been open for takeout-only for some months. They closed down for much of July for a "reset." Prominent local artist-photographer Gay-



May Day Cafe before 2020

la Ellis will once more have photocards on sale there, and also a photo poster exhibit.



Owamni

## Openings

I saw that one of my Facebook friends had a meal at Owamni! It was not open to the general public at that time, but they recently had an invitation-only soft opening/pre-view for select backers. However, now Owamni is open. You need to make reservations. I am doing it right now. Here is the coverage by the Star Tribune from Thursday, July 22:

"Sean Sherman and Dana Thompson of The Sioux Chef have been waiting a long time for this moment. 'We signed on to this project way back in 2016 and it's taken quite a few years building to this point where we're actually open to the public,' said Sherman, CEO and founder of

The Sioux Chef. Their Indigenous restaurant 'Owamni by The Sioux Chef' opened Monday [July 19] in the new Water Works Pavilion building at Mill Ruins Park in Minneapolis."

The opening itself is kind of old news now, but since I haven't managed a visit, I'll say that another friend of mine went to Soul to Soul Smokehouse in the old Taco Cat space

of Midtown Global Market and gave it a rave review, with particular praise for the grilled corn on the cob side. I think this is still the newest eating spot in MGM, but I could be wrong. I tried to visit and check it out but when I went to MGM at lunch time it was closed. So I had a Manny's Torta instead. It was delicious.

From the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal, we learned of a new coffee shop in downtown St. Paul's Vitality Roasting has opened a skyway cafe in Minneapolis, in the Six Quebec building.

## Hospitality industry news and food politics

I came across this piece in "The Week," a weekly news aggregation magazine. Since contactless payment systems,

delivery methods, ordering methods and even virtual menus were deemed vital to restaurant recovery from the

ing this? In descending order of helpfulness: grow, cook, freeze, can and pickle your own; buy directly from farm-



Tiny Diner's solar-shaded patio

pandemic, I thought it was germane to share it here. Since we now know physical contact isn't a major vector of spread for COVID, is there any reason to keep these awkward and unloved new substitutes for service? (theweek.com/business/1002085/most-contactless-service-is-awful-you-can-tell-because-the-rich-dont-do-it)

A joint study by the Guardian U.K. newspaper and the global nonprofit Food and Water Watch attempts to discover and reveal just how monopolistic the U.S. grocery market (and by extension, restaurants, since most of them get their ingredients from the same wholesale sources) is. (www.theguardian.com/environment/ng-interactive/2021/jul/14/food-monopoly-meals-profits-data-investigation) How can you avoid supporting and perpetuat-

ers or via a CSA subscription; buy from farmers' markets; seek out small local producers in your grocery store or co-op; patronize restaurants that do more than merely performative buying of local and small producer foods. Now is the time of the advocacy chef and the activist restaurateur.

## Mini-review #1 – Tiny Diner for a healthy shared meal

I met my friend CJ for dinner at Tiny Diner. We had to do a little strategizing to get all our dissonant dietary needs met, but I think we ended up with a win. CJ follows a diet characterized by low carbs, zero grains, most of his protein from fish or seafood, and most of his sugars from fresh fruit and red wine. He also restricts calories in the apparent hope of living forever, and he is poor, so some of his food is whatever's being given away that day. I am not nearly so restrictive, but I do eschew red meat always and chicken for the most part, as well as slave chocolate and the huge list of foods I have allergic or gut reactions to. And I am not rich.

So here's what we had, and I must say, it was very good. For drinks, I had a hibiscus iced tea with no sugar, while CJ had a single small glass of house red wine. Then we ordered a Macro Bowl (rice and quinoa base with broccoli, kimchi, avocado, tofu and additional seasonal vegetables) and a Lacinato Kale Salad (kale and shaved napa cabbage, lemon juice vinaigrette, grated Parmesan cheese, sliced almonds) with a side of grilled shrimp. And we split each dish between us, with the help of a couple of empty plates, except I ate all the tofu and CJ ate all the shrimp. We had a bit of kale salad left over that I took home.

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### Mini-review #2 – Standish Cafe for late breakfast

I was going to keep on doing one in-person dining and one takeout venue per month for The Dish 2.0 (in contrast to the original, more traditional format of making the whole piece about one restaurant, and ignoring takeout to a large extent). COVID has upended a lot of our traditions, and I don't mind that. But it's been often too hot to stay in my apartment. So I am going to restaurants to get cool and, incidentally, eat. (If we have another surge and it shuts down dining rooms before fall, I don't know what I'll do.)

So, on one of the worst hot

days, I actually went out for breakfast, something I very rarely do any more. I went to the Standish Cafe, a brunch-only place which is just four blocks from where I live. When I do go out for breakfast, I don't often go to Standish Cafe either. It's not that it's bad; it's quite good in fact, and popular with a lot of the neighbors. But for me, the menu is kind of heavy on meats and sweets. Their signature side dish is Standish Potatoes, which I ordered by accident once because I hadn't read the ingredients closely. It contains bacon, and to me it tastes more like bacon than potatoes, but that's possibly because I really, truly dislike bacon. I wouldn't eat it even if I did like it because I don't



Aebleskiver from Standish Cafe

eat pork, but I quite like a few pork dishes, mainly traditional sausages and deli ham.

Now I almost always get a veggie omelet with hashbrowns. The hashbrowns are crunchier than I like. (Tiny Diner's are paler and softer than I like. There's just no pleasing some people.) The sourdough toast and runny berry jam were both excellent, and they get points for using high-quality free-range eggs.

In the past, I have tried most of their sweet breakfast offerings, but not what I suppose is their signature dish in that category – aebleskiver, described on the menu as “Danish pancake balls.” I also have not tried their steel-cut oats, another unusual-for-around-here dish. They also have “handhelds,” a category that lumps sandwiches, burgers and burritos together, and “forkables,” basically salads, and three supper plates you can have for brunch if that's your jam.

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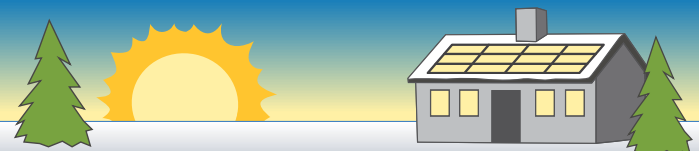
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