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The MPD budget



BY TONY BOUZA

The Minneapolis Police Department budget document itself is a turgid piece of bureaucratic invention intended to obfuscate and mislead you into thinking your \$200 million is being sensibly spent.

It ain't.

The pages are replete with references to how sedulously they monitor and invest your dollars, how carefully they listen to your views and how much they care for your well-being. Please tell that to the brave citizens pleading with the cop killing George Floyd. The cops sure were listening hard, no?

And please tell me what an Assistant Chief is. I never heard of one. And what wonderful secrets does "The Chief's Detail" conceal? I bet there are grotesque boondoggles behind that anodyne descriptive. For example, does it conceal the oxymoronic Public Information Officer? I bet it does. When I was chief, I had one aide and two receptionists. My door was always open, and I was the Public Information Officer.

Other atrocities stand out.

The chief should control the department

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Charles Rodgers gets his feet wet picking up trash around Lake Hiawatha on Saturday, Oct. 2. His campaign collected nine bags, about 45 pounds, in three hours.

City wants to dump the water yard in Phillips

BY ED FELIEN

On Wednesday, Sept. 22, the Minneapolis City Council voted seven to six to reverse course and put the city's water yard in the Phillips neighborhood at the Roof Depot site. This was done primarily at the urging of Council President Lisa Bender. She said the city has already spent \$12.9 million

in planning to relocate the water department from its historic home in the Marcy-Holmes neighborhood to Phillips. This all seemed cut and dried until neighborhood activists committed to renovating the Roof Depot to an urban farm discovered a planning document from June of 2021 that had been suppressed by Bender and city staff.

That document, "Minneapolis Water Yard Proposal for New Two-Story Structure on Existing Site," says, "demolition and site clearing activities will result in unassessed risk from legacy contamination, unaccounted costs, and increased exposure to the neighborhood from dust and from truck traffic hauling hazardous waste to landfills and will

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Justice in the Green Zone?

BY KAY SCHROVEN

Low-income communities, Indigenous communities and communities of color in Minneapolis (and many cities) experience unequal health, wealth, employment and education, and also are often overburdened by environmental conditions such as traffic and stationary pollution sources, brownfield sites (real property that may be compromised by the presence or potential presence of hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant) blight and substandard housing.

The idea for developing Minneapolis Green Zones (GZ) initiative came from the Minneapolis Climate Action Plan/Environmental Justice Working Group in 2012 (<https://www2.minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/climate/climate-action-goals/>). Implementation began in 2015, and in 2017 the City



Council adopted the Northside and Southside Green Zones – policy initiatives aimed at improving health and supporting economic development using environmentally conscious efforts in communities that face the cumulative effects of environmental pollution, as well as social, political and economic vulnerability.

Following the adoption of the Green Zone boundaries the Minneapolis City Council along

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Celebrate Fall on 42nd St. & 28th Ave.

What's happening on 42nd Street and 28th Avenue

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

As we've mentioned in a previous year, it's easy to see the small business hub at 28th Avenue and 42nd Street as a small town within the city, with 42nd Street being "Main Street" of the mythical town of Standish-Ericsson, or Stan-Eric for short. As usual, we will look at how the pandemic has

changed the small business landscape and how some individual businesses have responded.

From the busy hub of 28th Avenue and East 42nd Street, head east on 42nd toward Hiawatha Avenue and you will see some new places that have opened in the past year, as well as some great small businesses that have persisted through the

pandemic and have now cautiously reopened. One of these is Doodle Bird Design. Doodle Bird is owned and run by a graphic artist. The company's online store, doodlebirddesign.com, sells her own creations – beautiful greeting cards for all occasions. But the physical shop, now open for browsing, carries a large variety of arts, crafts and innovative products, all by Minnesota makers. I had occasion to go in there recently, and came out with a whole bunch of stuff, including some felt and cork coasters and some hand-knitted hotdish counter protectors, two things I really, really needed. No, really!

A little beyond there, at 30th Avenue, is Nokomis Pet Clinic, a beloved veterinarian's office. Nokomis Pet Clinic is now allowing one pet parent at a time, masked, to be in the waiting room with their pet, and others must wait outside until called. Also, they are overwhelmed with patients, so they are not able to take on new patients at this time and have suspended non-essential services.

Crossing over the street and heading back westward, we pass the site of the previous Hudson Hardware, and here is where we see a change. There has been a small business "mini-empire" growing here in downtown Stan-Eric. This building is now the location of Angry Catfish, the bike shop. The bike shop/coffee shop hybrid has split off into two sep-



Mexican embroidery celebration cake at A Baker's Wife

arate venues, with the old location housing the coffee shop, which we will get to presently. Angry Catfish, now just a bike shop, to be clear, has a lot more space, so obviously the pandemic has not hurt business. Quite the contrary, which is very good news.

Another change has occurred at the site previously housing Flag Foods and what I was told was a pretty decent taqueria inside of it. Sadly, neither Flag Foods nor the fast-food outlet it hosted has made it. The building is now occupied by Thai Pepper, a takeout-only (no delivery) branch of a West

St. Paul Thai restaurant. I, for one, am happy to see another Thai restaurant in the neighborhood. I shall be trying them out soon.

Now we're back at the corner of 28th Avenue, where Flanery Brothers Automotive is as busy as ever, servicing Southsiders' vehicles since 1957 (over 50 years)! Still family-owned and operated, the auto shop was originally started by Bernard "Bum" Flanery, and is now owned by his sons, Tim and Brian. Flanery Brothers Auto takes pride in their loyal customer base, as they are known for both their expertise and honesty, as well as being good community citizens. I haven't patronized them lately myself because my old Saturn is basically a rambling wreck on its last legs, but if you're looking for an auto shop with high ratings for quality service and reasonable prices, give Flanery Brothers a call.

Dominating the corner, and with loads of Roosevelt High students flocking in for after-school snacks the last time I was there, is A Baker's Wife. A classic neighborhood bak-



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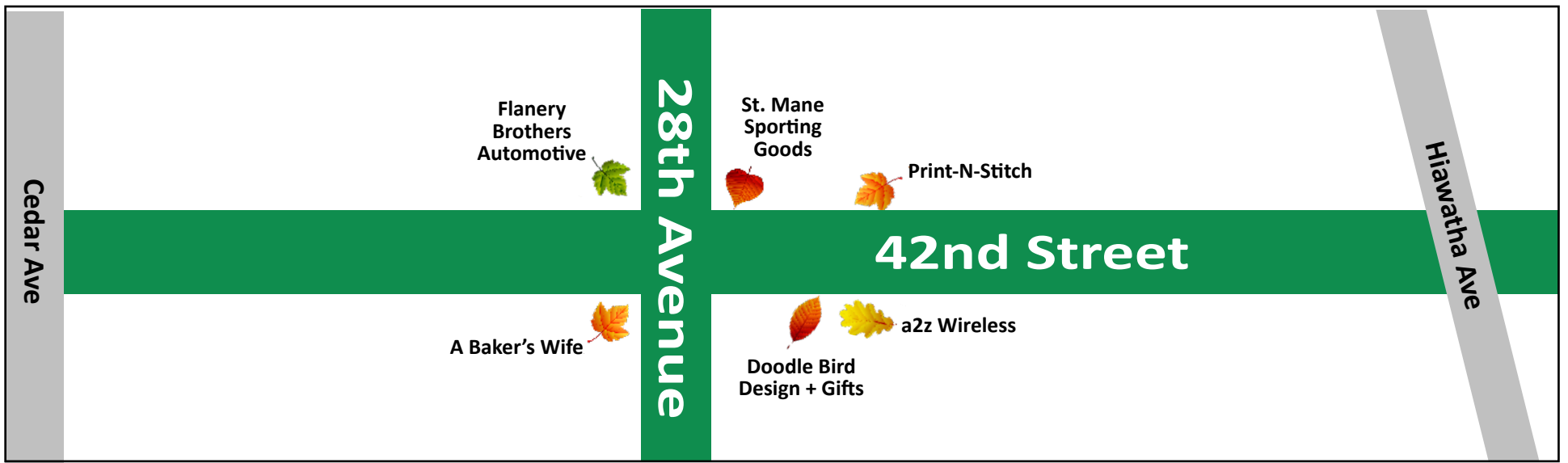
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ery, A Baker's Wife sells all manner of doughnuts, danish, croissants, cookies, cakes and more. I tried a couple of new items the last time I stopped in. I got the Russian tea cookies and a gooey cookie/bar called the butter bar. They were both sublime. Keep A Baker's Wife in mind for special occasion decorated cakes which can be ordered online a day or more in advance. And with winter around the corner, you can also order whole pies, coffee cakes, dinner rolls, etc. for your holiday feasts.

Next to A Baker's Wife is another store in the aforementioned small empire which includes Angry Catfish. This is Mend Provisions, advertised as a "fishing store." (This is not at all the same thing as a bait shop, by the way.) If you want to get a feel for it before you visit, I recommend you head over to the Yelp review site, where you will find five reviews, all at five-star, so a perfect score, all very folksy and blokey and possibly impenetrable due to the fishing jargon. If you understand the reviews, you will probably like the store.

Around the corner is the final part of the empire in this neighborhood, the coffee shop. The coffee shop is now renamed Northern Coffeeworks, and the coffee they are serving and selling in bags is called the same thing, and is locally roasted. Looking into this,

I discovered that the owner, Josh Klauck, had yet another iron in the fire, so to speak. Back in 2019, in a partnership with investor Jeff Hilligloss, he started a local roastery and cafe on Washington Avenue in a location vacated by Big Brain Comics, called Northern Coffeeworks. They had been selling the coffee for a short while when all cafes were closed down in March 2020. So now the name of our Stan-Eric coffeeshop is the same as its sister spot over on Washington. Like the Thai place, I haven't had a chance to try it yet, but I am eager to do so.

Another great place to check out at the 28th Avenue and 42nd Street hub is The Spinal Frontier Chiropractic, run by Dr. Tracie Fowler and her chiro team. As their website says, "this is not your Mom's doctor clinic (unless she is one of those cool and hippy Moms that wouldn't let you eat Wonder Bread and let you stay

home from school just to hang out once in a while)." Dr. Tracie believes that the healthier you are, the more fun you have, and she has been a self-proclaimed "fun chiro" for 17 years. Just check out their very fun and entertaining website and you'll see what I mean. Spinal Frontier offers a monthly membership option that provides all the care you need for one low price. Call or email them to get all the info on their services, rates and membership options.

In the stretch of 42nd Street westward from 28th to Cedar Avenue, I want to highlight Northern Fires Pizza, which I finally got to sample. Its service model is also online ordering followed by pickup for takeout. They have spacious, shaded benches out front. If you're not there waiting, they will text you when your order's up. I had a Margherita pizza, and their interesting take on roasted Brussels sprouts and a housemade unsweetened iced



Pizza baking in wood fired oven at Northern Fires

tea (comes in a bottle, add your own ice). It was all very delish, and very filling, so it stretched to three meals with a salad added.

I briefly want to mention Infused Life Plant Based Emporium, at the corner of 28th Avenue and East 38th Street. Its opening was delayed due to the owner's medical issues so it missed out on our 38th Street issue, but I was able to visit

there recently. They have teas, iced and hot, with caffeine and not, as well as vegan foods. They also have lots of other interesting items related to natural living and vegan cooking, including cookbooks, mixes and ingredients, herbal formulae, handmade jewelry, soaps, smudges and much more. It's a fun and interesting shop, well worth a visit.



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We had to call 911

BY DEVIN HOGAN

The CRUNCH was so massive it shook the earth. I was tooling around in the back yard when I heard squealing tires, followed by that visceral blow of what sounded like a car accident.

I ran around to the front of the house, and, to my surprise, found a man in a power wheelchair – my neighbor – fully tipped over on his side. The crunch was from his chair falling over. It had run off the sidewalk and landed against a freshly planted boulevard tree. The wheels were still spinning.

I asked if he needed anything and he had me turn off the chair and brush away the ants that had begun crawling over his arm, neck and face. A neighbor who was with him, a woman on the sidewalk in a power wheelchair, offered to dial 911.

As a white masculine cis-passing person, the most agreeable outcome I could imagine was to file a police report and answer questions I did not feel like answering. I offered to round up a few neighbors to lift the man and the extremely heavy chair onto the sidewalk and they both concurred.

I crossed the street to knock on the door of the matriarch of

the multigenerational Mexican family I had just spent my birthday with. I explained the situation to her in my broken Spanish, she took a look from the front porch and said she would send over her sobrino (nephew). I then knocked at my next-door neighbor's and asked the person I was meeting for the first time at the door for some immediate physical and emotional help and they promptly agreed.

Waiting for the additional neighbors to come outside, I went over to the woman on the sidewalk to see if anyone from the supportive housing designed for people in power wheelchairs where they both lived could help. No, she said. Nobody on duty. Not enough staff.

This brought to mind all kinds of broken systems and infrastructure leading up to where we were. Basic care, jobs, housing and sidewalks, the simplest and most vital public space that forms the capillaries of our cities.

This particular stretch of sidewalk is white and crescent-shaped, a cutout poured around what was probably the enormous, bulging roots of an original elm tree narrowing the right of way, now gone. It's not brand new, but still the shiniest

on the block.

The nephew across the street was the first to arrive. He looked at the situation and said, I don't know, man. They're going to see this and ask how it got this way. They're going to ask questions like why are YOU here?

I understood the skepticism but couldn't register why he was so upset. We were all basically agreeing to possibly injure ourselves in order to avoid risking an interaction with armed police.

The next-door neighbor showed up. I recommended we at least give it one good try, and we did. After situating ourselves to lift, it became immediately clear that the massive weight of such an incredible machine would not budge. So I called 911.

It is important to note that our 911 is an elite, award-winning public service to be proud of as Minneapolis residents. Besides the department's quiet, steady work behind the scenes, it is also evidenced by their actions during George Floyd's murder and subsequently at Derek Chauvin's trial.

911 was prompt and professional, answering in under three rings. I was asked of the emergency, location, if an ambulance was necessary (no), and race of



the person in the incident. Just after 10 minutes a full-length ladder firetruck arrived at the end of the block. I waved them over to come up the street and four firefighters got out.

I noticed the nephew neighbor across the street was watching with hope and interest but out of obvious sight. It became clearer to me why he had been so upset earlier.

It took all the might of four firefighters to lift and right my neighbor and his power wheelchair fully onto the sidewalk. There were some scary moments as it still spun around and

swerved. Once things settled, the firefighters left and everyone went home.

That was it. Friendly assistance and an exit with no guns and no paperwork. An appropriate response.

911 is a modern miracle. Imagine if every time we called 911 we could feel confident the need would be met with an appropriate response. Yes, sometimes that means armed peace officers (per state law), but for the majority of needs almost anything else might suffice.

A Department of Public Safety with a wider scope and range of tools and trained professionals available can offer this opportunity to Minneapolis. The department would be created and governed in the open through the public hearing and budget process like literally any other city department. It's not complicated.

Voting yes on Question 2 is a no-brainer. There is nothing crazy or radical about wanting something better for ourselves.

If a Department of Public Safety is good enough for Mankato, Cottage Grove, Lino Lakes, New Brighton, Plymouth, Fridley, Richfield, Woodbury and Maplewood – then it's good enough for Minneapolis, dammit!

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with Mayor Frey appointed the Southside Green Task Force (since renamed the Southside Green Zone Council), made up of 16 individuals with various expertise in environmental matters, city planning, law, health and community representation.

The priorities of the GZC are improving air and soil quality, healthy food access, health in energy and housing intertwined with the social economic priorities of anti-displacement, self-determination and accountability. In short, priorities include investments in air, soil, food, housing and energy, with air quality a top priority.

The Southside Green Zones include the Phillips/Cedar-Riverside neighborhoods with high BIPOC representation (Black, Indigenous, people of color) in the communities. These zones were established in 2017 by the City Council. Since then the city has approved free home energy audits for Green Zone residents, inexpensive tree sales, and 20% reimbursement up to \$40,000 for energy efficiency or pollution reduction for businesses through the Green Zone Cost Share program. While these efforts are commend-

able, they are not transformative. The Green Zone Council established a Work Plan in 2019. The plan has 70 action items to achieve goals of healthy air and environmental quality, housing and economic success.

The Southside Green Zone work has been supported by a mix of city and private funding. In 2017 the city received \$150,000 from the McKnight Foundation and Funders Network to support the Southside Green Zone. The City Council provided one-time funding for Green Zones in 2018 and 2019 through city budgeting. Continued support is needed. There is no law or ordinance with teeth that requires the City Council to continue the work. Kelly Muellman, Sustainability Program Coordinator for Minneapolis, says the Southside GZ Council is still learning about the best structure to support advancing initiatives.

The Southside Green Zone is supported by the City of Minneapolis Sustainability Division. The Sustainability Office has five full-time staff and is focused on integrating concepts into the other city departments and policies, while also leading efforts related to mitigating climate change. They also have a project in development with the Minneapolis Health Department toward using sensors to monitor air quality in Green Zones

and gather data.

We want clean water and we deserve the right to breathe

The East Phillips story is one of multiple environmental offenses and strong, sustained pushback by residents and activists. Home to Smith Foundry, Bituminous Roadways and the Roof Depot (seller of exterior building products including roofing, siding and windows near 28th Street and Longfellow Avenue), the neighborhood struggle has been long and, as recently as Sept. 22, very disappointing. East Phillips is a diverse and polluted neighborhood. Seventy-one percent of residents are people of color and 45% earn less than \$35,000 a year, according to Minnesota Compass. It used to be the site of CMC Heartland Partners Lite Yard. From 1938 to 1963, CMC leased the property to Reade Manufacturing, which produced arsenical pesticides. In 1994, while constructing Hiawatha Avenue, arsenic was discovered and it was declared a Superfund site. Unsafe arsenic levels were identified in 600 neighborhood homes. By 2011, 50,000 tons of contaminated soil had been removed. In 2008 the neighborhood was classified as an "environment justice community" by the state legislature, citing high levels of asthma and other diseases linked to pollutants.

Dating back to 1991, the city had been discussing consolidating three sites into one and identified the Roof Depot as the site for demolition and new construction of a water distribution facility and maintenance operation with sewer and fleet services. The reasoning was that having services consolidated would make operations more efficient and reduce emissions from city trucks. The proposed \$75 million project would include a jobs training center and a parking garage for 400 diesel vehicles that would be coming and going two times a day. The facility has been owned by the city since 2016 and still sits empty. The East Phillips Neighborhood Institute (EPNI) proposed an alternate plan with strong community input. It has come to be known as the Urban Farm Project. The group seeks to purchase the Roof Depot building as a community-owned and operated property, converting it into a multipurpose facility containing aquaponics, solar gardens, a communal kitchen, coffee and bicycle shops (since it's near the Greenway) and affordable housing.

The discussions and disputes over these proposals have gone on for years and have become one of the principal battlegrounds for the environmental justice movement. There have been efforts to compromise, such as the city keeping 7.5 acres and giving the community three acres. This proposal infuriated lobbying residents. The city has spent \$12.9 million in planning costs. And while the Policy and Government Oversight Committee stalled the project they fell short of granting the community activists development rights, leaving the Roof Depot temporarily in

limbo and the city unsure of how to recoup the nearly \$13 million.

Minneapolis is not the only city to fight the good environmental fight. Los Angeles has the Clean Up, Green Up ordinance. Kansas City has identified Green Impact Zones and has long-term plans to use federal stimulus funds. Buffalo, N.Y., has had its PUSH program (People United for Sustainable Housing) since 2008, identifying 25 square city blocks to be the focus of environmental improvement.

Hopes dampened

On Wednesday, Sept. 22, the Minneapolis City Council voted 7 to 6 to reinstate plans to build a new water maintenance facility in the Phillips neighborhood. The decision sent activists reeling. The plan sets aside several acres for community development, causing grave disappointment for lobbying residents who wanted to repurpose the entire site into the Urban Farm Project. Council Members Alondra Cano and Andrea Jenkins voted against the plan. Cano, who represents the Phillips neighborhood, said the decision is an example of the city being weaponized by shutting down conversations with a community trying to figure out its future. Council Member Lisa Bender continues to emphasize the budgetary impact of canceling the project which has already incurred \$12.9 million. A representative of the Phillips community called it another example of the city using an underserved community as a dumping ground for the city and its pollutants.

Business as usual? The neighborhood says it will continue to fight, even if the city isn't backing down.

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Charter amendment #2

BY ELINA KOLSTAD

Nov. 2, 2021, will be a referendum on the murder of George Floyd and whether residents feel the city did enough to fix the problems within the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) that brought us to the center of international news, in the worst light possible, last summer. The outcome of this election will determine whether we get real change towards a public safety perspective where every effort is made to prevent crime before it happens or whether we stick with business as usual with wallpaper glued over the moldy, rotting interior that is our criminal “justice” system.

A lot of attention has focused on ballot question #2 which would replace the MPD with a Department of Public Safety and move oversight from the mayor to the City Council. There has been a lot of fear surrounding this ballot question and candi-

dates like Sheila Nezhad who feel major structural changes are needed to combat police brutality. There is a strong fear that lawlessness and chaos will reign if major changes go through. Those against major changes feel the focus should be on reform of the MPD, not a complete overhaul of how we approach public safety. This perspective is dependent on the idea that Derek Chauvin and the officers with him were just “bad apples,” that small reforms will be plenty to make sure nothing like the brutal murder of George Floyd happens again, and that removing the MPD from the city charter and replacing it with a Department of Public Safety will automatically lead to more crime and therefore directly threaten these individuals’ personal safety.

But Derek Chauvin wasn’t just a random officer, a bad apple, he was an officer whom the leadership thought highly enough of to train in other officers. Chau-

vin was, in fact, in the process of training Officer Thomas Lane when he murdered George Floyd that day. This was after numerous complaints against him for brutality over the course of many years. There is clearly a cultural problem within the MPD and it is also clear that the only reason the “blue wall of silence” crumbled during the Chauvin trial was that those officers in charge knew that to stand by Chauvin as usual would inevitably mean the MPD would be defunded. They had less of a problem with what Chauvin did than with the fact that he got caught. In this light many of us feel that the simple reforms proposed and what little has so far been implemented will not prevent future rampant brutality on the part of the MPD.

But perspective matters; the vast majority of those I’ve seen criticizing a new approach to public safety are unlikely to ever be on the receiving end of police

brutality. They do, however, feel very threatened by “crime.” Admittedly, a truly lawless society would be terrifying. Unfortunately, a lawless society is what our neighbors in heavily policed BIPOC neighborhoods face on a daily basis when dealing with armed “peace officers” who are above the law 99.99% of the time.

When making the argument that we need the police for safety, what these people are saying is that Black lives are the price we have to pay, as white people, to be safe. Or, more accurately, for them to FEEL safe. Not only is this argument abhorrent, but it is also patently false. The police do nothing to prevent crime. The police, by their very nature, step in AFTER a crime has been committed. In contrast a public safety approach would be able to use funds now limited to after-the-fact crime management and the purchase of overstock military equipment towards crime

prevention through social services and harm reduction measures.

It sucks to be the victim of crime. Recently my husband forgot to lock our car overnight. Someone discovered this and made off with most of the stuff. Things stolen included a phone charger, phone cables, a blanket, spare masks and hand sanitizer. Given that there is a homeless encampment a few blocks away from us and based on the nature of what was taken, we assume the person who stole these items came from there. Admittedly it’s frustrating to have to replace these items but we can, and easily. The fact that not everyone in this city shares that reality is gutting.

I will be voting yes on ballot question #2. I will also be voting for Sheila Nezhad for mayor and for challenger Abdirizak Bihi for Ward 6 council member. Whatever your perspective, I hope you get out to vote as well.

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require dust mitigation.

“This document is intended to propose an alternative solution, demolition of the primary operations building at the existing site in Southeast Minneapolis and reconstruction of a new Water Yard facility. Redeveloping the existing site presents several opportunities including:

- Maintaining the functionality and vitality of historic buildings on the south end of the property in recognition of the role of the Water Yard’s 123-year history of water system opera-

tions from its present site.

- Building with a carbon-free goal. Unlike the Roof Depot site, the existing site is not contaminated. This could be an opportunity for the City to use geothermal energy for heating and cooling the facility. By installing solar panels on the roof, solar energy could be used to help power the pumps that circulate the heating and cooling lines. By creating a first of its kind city facility, the City could demonstrate commitment to its goals in the Minneapolis 2040 plan.
- Utilizing the design of the new facility that RSP creat-

ed for the Roof Depot site. The functional layouts for the office, locker rooms, lunchrooms and shop spaces can be incorporated into the plans for redevelopment at the existing site with minimal alterations.

“It appears that the reuse of the two historic buildings and the reconstruction of the main building would be consistent with the Neighborhood Association’s Master Plan. The existing Water Yard operations also has a good relationship with its Marcy-Holmes neighbors.

“In contrast, the East Phillips Neighborhood has opposed

the Hiawatha campus expansion project at the Roof Depot site since the City’s purchase of that property was first proposed in 1991. The Roof Depot is in a neighborhood with a high percentage of BIPOC residents that is adjacent to a US EPA Superfund site dubbed the ‘Arsenic Triangle’ since it was heavily contaminated with lead and arsenic from industrial stockpiles of pesticides. After years of remediation and unknown expense, the Superfund site has been cleaned up. Since contaminates migrate across property lines, the Roof Depot property redevelopment poses an unknown risk of contamination that could be released during demolition and hauling activities. In March 2021 the public comment period closed for the environmental assessment worksheet for the Hiawatha Campus Expansion. It has been reported that the City received approximately 1,000 comments.

bon-free building goals.

- Using RSP’s design for the Water facility at Roof Depot.
- Making use of City-owned land.
- Maintain a central location to minimize response time for Water crews to travel to any part of the City.”

It would be cheaper for the city to keep the water yard where it is. It would be an environmental disaster to dig up the arsenic-soaked Roof Depot site. Most of the \$12.9 million spent on planning is probably from architects’ plans for the new building which could easily be used for renovation of the existing site. The Marcy-Holmes neighborhood is quite happy with the water yard in their neighborhood, and the Phillips neighborhood is up in arms.

Dean Dovolis of the East Phillips Neighborhood Institute says, “We’re going to war with the city. We cannot sit back and allow this continued pollution. We have a moral obligation to defend our community at all costs.”

EPNI is planning litigation to stop the city from continuing to dump pollution in their neighborhood.

It is also hoped that one of the seven council members who voted to locate the water yard in Phillips (Lisa Bender, Lisa Goodman, Jeremiah Ellison, Phillippe Cunningham, Steve Fletcher, Kevin Reich or Jamal Osman, who actually represents the Phillips neighborhood would, after reading the “Minneapolis Water Yard Proposal for New Two-Story Structure on Existing Site,” move to reconsider the motion. It would take just one council member to come to their senses and move to reconsider to overturn this prescription for a nightmare.

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through the use of a tough Internal Affairs Division reporting directly to him/her. Uh, not so much, here. Two supervisors (read: “editors” or “massagers of truth”) stand between the chief and IAD. How much does that cost? The budget doesn’t tell us. An organizational scandal.

References to “overtime,” “attrition,” “disability” and “medical departures” conceal malingering. A word notably absent.

Featherbedding appears (or is, more accurately, concealed) in references to a Fifth Precinct. When I was chief I reduced the number of precincts from six to four to reduce the costs of maintenance and staff. Adding a fifth wheel does not improve efficiency.

Self-pitying justifications, evasions, or other lame explanations dot the document. It’s all about service and why they can’t deliver it. Every excuse is piously asserted, but no references to aggressive (and constitutional) police tactics such as decoys, stings, stakeouts,

single-person patrols, etc.

Slavish devotion to the wonders of horse and bike patrols. Wow. Don’t kids love petting those beasts? Isn’t it reassuring to see those bikers? Potemkin villages in Minneapolis? Really? How much does all that cost?

Typical of the document’s obsession with truth is its wellness program. What is it intended to treat? Not a word on any addiction or other human weakness, just some reverent references to “personal difficulties” or “stress.” How comforting.

Defunding the police is the simple-minded grasping at appealing slogans. But a measured, surgical excising of bloat, waste and duplication would require thought, real devotion to serving the people and a willingness to take on the union. Another absence.

The police budget is – to put it bluntly – an insult to the citizens of this city. Any public official supporting this document is complicit in the fraud visited on unknowing (and, frequently, uncaring) citizens by the officials sworn to serve

them faithfully. We need a charter amendment to change our name to Freedonia.

Bureaucracies are very good at professing civic and selfless service. The MPD budget is a wonderful illustration of the genre.

Every pious bromide is slavishly extolled. Please tell me where is all the racism, abuse, waste, bloat and indifference coming from?

Aren’t you just a teeny-weeny bit tired of it all? Have you altogether lost your capacity for evaluation? Outrage? Can there be any hope of redemption in a place that produces the Damond, Floyd and similar atrocities?

My guess is no, and the document in question is further proof. There is an awful yawning chasm between the budget’s professions and the street’s reality.

In Ancient Greece sophists were regarded as cheap scholars yelling arguments to the highest bidders. You’ll encounter no better example of sophistry than the MPD budget.

Mendacity, daddy, mendacity.

How could I forget Sociable Cider Werks?

Plus, new restaurants and other food news, and one mini-review

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

More great cider!

Last month The Dish 2.0 covered a couple of innovative cideries in Minneapolis, and we didn't even mention Sociable Ci-

der Werks! I apologize for that, and I am going to make up for it by telling you all the cool things Sociable has to offer. First, of course, there is cider. They have five flagship varieties and four seasonal choices. All of them

have clever names, mostly relating to bicycles, such as Training Wheels, Freewheeler, and Mead for Speed, in the flagship group, and the upcoming fall and winter seasonals, Rusty Chain and Fat Tire, respectively. The summer cider is a Hibiscus-Rose blend that's brewed in collaboration with Fair State Cooperative (a brewery close to my heart because a number of my friends work there).

Sociable also has a legendary taproom at 1500 Fillmore St. NE. This taproom is the departure and return point for group bike rides. Some cideries have pickleball courts, Sociable has the Twin Cities bike scene. And it has all the amenities you would expect: live music, open mic nights, special events, food trucks. In fact, Sociable has an



Sociable Cider group bike rides

interesting approach to the food thing. They actually own an unbranded food truck and feature a rotation of various creative chefs who come in to use it for a few months and provide food. (It is currently the plant-based Francis Burger Joint.)

Sociable will also deliver crows* to your home, via a service called Craft Couriers. You can also find Sociable Cider as a guest brew at many pubs and restaurants, and of course at bottle shops, and the wine section of both downtown groceries, Trader Joe's and Whole Foods. And that's not all! They have also branched out into two non-alcohol beverage types: Switchel from Superior Craft Elixirs and flavored seltzers from Squoze. (*Crowler is a portmanteau word combining can and growler. They are

25.4-ounce cans.)

New food options in town

We introduced a number of new(ish) restaurants, cafes and taprooms last month. So many, in fact, that I didn't have room for all of them, so this month I'll be highlighting some left-behind places that are not really that new anymore but may be new to you. I was really taken by Coconut Whisk, which is located in one of my favorite Nicollet Mall spots, the Young Quinlan Building at the corner of 9th Street and the Mall.

Coconut Whisk was already a going concern for a few years in the form of a seller of gluten-free and vegan baking mixes. The co-founders are Bella (Nhi) Lam and Myles Olson,

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HERE'S THE CITY COUNCIL'S PLAN FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND POLICING, IF QUESTION 2 PASSES:

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Voters are expected to decide whether to blow up the existing police department in favor of ... what? No one knows exactly. There is no plan for what would come next, what the transition would look like, what the new structure would be, or what would happen to existing operations, even though the amendment would go into effect just 30 days after the vote is in.

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School openings, community schools vs. GOP culture war, labor and funding shortages, changes at the federal level



New Secretary of Education Dr. Miguel Cardona with his family

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

New Secretary of Education

At least we don't have Betsy DeVos anymore! In March of this year the new Secretary of Education, Miguel Cardona, was appointed, and he couldn't be any more of a refutation of DeVos if he had been designed by a computer that was programmed just to refute DeVos.

- Cardona was born to Puerto Rican immigrant parents in Meriden, Conn.; the family lived in a housing project for his early years. DeVos was

born the daughter of a billionaire and later married a billionaire.

- Cardona struggled when he started kindergarten speaking only Spanish, but persevered to become a great scholar boosting bilingual education and cultural literacy. DeVos is apparently not that interested in either of those, and is certain that school vouchers will solve any achievement gaps that actually exist.
- Cardona began his career as a high school teacher in his hometown, became the

youngest principal in Connecticut history at age 28, and became the first Hispanic Connecticut state education leader in 2019. DeVos has no experience in education.

- Cardona attended a technical high school in Connecticut, and two Connecticut universities. He was a scholarship student for his undergraduate degree at the first, and obtained a doctorate in education at the second. His doctoral dissertation was titled "Sharpening the Focus of Political Will to Address

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Achievement Disparities.” DeVos attended a private Christian secondary school and got a BA in business economics from a private evangelical college.

• Cardona puts faith in public school excellence, strong families and communities, multicultural and multilingual learning environments and community public schools. DeVos puts faith in evangelical Christianity, school “choice,” privatization, the GOP and getting comfortable with obscene wealth disparities.

The GOP war on Critical Race Theory

Nationally, there seems to be a turn away from school choice as a panacea, gimmicky education schemes, and passive teachers’ unions, and toward

the concept of community schools, multicultural learning experiences including ethnic studies and language immersion programs, and strong, activist unions with solidarity among all classes of education workers. This is all in stark contrast to the GOP’s hysterical attack on the teaching of “critical race theory,” sometimes shortened to CRT, in elementary and secondary schools.

Which is ludicrous. Critical race theory is not a subject to be taught, and if it were, it would not be a subject for any but university-level students. It is just what it says on the label – a theory about education, which is a subject area. But of course, education is not taught in early education or high school, because it is about teaching itself. What the GOP is really trying to protest and



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prevent is the teaching of history and other social studies in a way that is indirectly informed by critical race theory to include non-majority views of historical events, and to unearth major historical events that have been suppressed. What the GOP is trying to promote is a consequence-free continuation, and perhaps even an extension, of the white supremacy project of rewriting and censoring history.

With this level of sloppy logic, it’s easy for the “anti-CRT” lobby to assume that CRT is also responsible for such threatening ideas as bilingual education, culturally specific programs, or ethnic studies such as African American or Latin American studies. However, all of these subject areas have been around longer than Critical Race Theory, let alone its backlash. These are

not quite the same thing as suppression of history in the service of white supremacy, but often go hand in hand with it. These programs too, along with gender studies and queer studies at the secondary and post-secondary level, are also under attack from the same factions.

Community schools

Community schools should be an area of great interest to Minneapolis parents, students and educators, because the reorganization of schools in the district, called Comprehensive District Design or CDD, hinges very much on the promotion of community schools. So what is a community school and how is it different from a plain vanilla local public school?

Wikipedia offers this definition of Community Schools [United States]:

“According to the Coalition for Community Schools, a branch of the Institute for Educational Leadership, a community school is ‘both a place and a set of partnerships between the school and other community resources’ with an integrated focus on academics, health and social services, leadership, and community engagement. Community schools are generally public, i.e., government ... funded, though many private and charter schools have also adopted the model. One of the difficulties the movement has encountered is the sheer diversity of institutions claiming to be community schools. This, coupled with the decentralized structure of American education, has hampered efforts to quantify the number of community schools nationally extant.”

An excellent piece in the magazine In the Public Interest (ITPI), “The Real Grassroots Movement Reshaping Public School Curriculums,”



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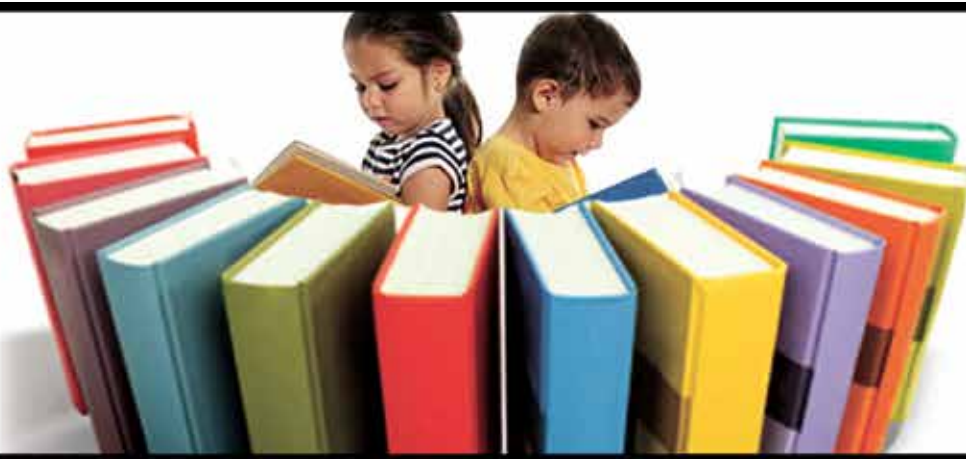
ties both of these issues together – the false narrative about CRT and its related pedagogy, and the actual surge in demand for and validation of community schools, bilingual programs, and ethnic studies. I must quote extensively (order changed for clarity):

“Countless studies show that students who participate in ethnic studies perform better academically and graduate at higher rates. A 2016 study of an ethnic studies pilot in San Francisco high schools showed an increase in ninth-grade student attendance by 21 percentage points, GPA by 1.4 grade points, and credits earned by 23.

“In June [of 2021], the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) board voted to spend \$63 million on community schools. This will add ten more community schools to the 30 already existing in the district.

“LAUSD’s new community

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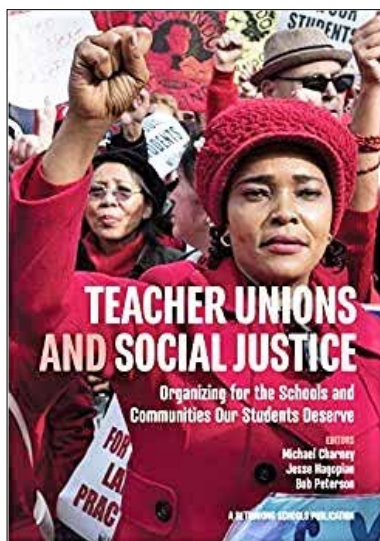
school money will fund ethnic studies lessons that uplift the stories of diverse communities. This happened because – counter to the right-wing narrative – students, parents, and the community demanded it.

“Los Angeles isn’t alone. New Mexico recently committed \$6.6 million to community schools, after sustained pressure from below. Vermont just launched a community school grant program.”

Community schools are associated in the public mind with big cities, but in today’s world, poverty and the need to integrate disparate demographics are not confined to urban school districts. Far from it. Sarah Lahm, a local school activist/journalist, published a great piece on Alternet (alternet.org/2021/09/community-school-model) which was picked up for the Cashing In On Kids email newsletter put out by ITPI. It makes this point, using the example of Deer River in Minnesota’s Itasca County as an example of a rural area where the community school model makes major inroads in social and economic problems that hinder equitable education.

The Deer River School District has 900 students in all. The town of Deer River also contains 900 residents, but the school district brings in students from surrounding areas. The district also lies wholly within the Leech Lake Reservation, home to nearly 10,000 members of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. Native Americans, a population known to be underserved by education in Minnesota, comprise a third of Deer Lake’s student population. Economic indicators show this as an area of extreme poverty, with two-thirds of the student population coming from households under the federal poverty line. Of 900 students, 85, nearly one out of ten, are counted as homeless, and a quarter of the students qualify for special education.

As Lahm carefully traces the five-year journey from when the rural district adopted the full community school model to its present state of improvement and progress, despite COVID and other setbacks, the case is made that community schools, done right, are just as transformational for rural districts as for urban ones.



The view from MPS

Getting back to Minneapolis Public Schools, there are bigger problems for us to face this 2021-22 school year than the CDD. School systems across the nation are grappling with the problems of reopening

schools in “in-person” mode. The 2020-21 school year was hard on teachers, students, families and the economy, although you couldn’t call it a failure. Most systems avoided being pandemic hotspots, at least. When plans were laid for this year to be the major return, the view was more hopeful than it is now, with surges, breakthrough infections, and more than one in every 500 Americans a COVID death statistic.

But in fact, the problem getting the most attention right now in Minneapolis is the unprecedented shortage of school bus drivers. This is just a part of the nationwide labor shortage that has a number of causes, including both direct effects (deaths, quarantines, long-COVID) and indirect effects (stagnant wages, inadequate



All Nations of South High traditional school smudge, Sept. 17, 2021

protection, people switching career paths) of the pandemic.

Some recommendations for more information or involvement

Check out the Facebook page Cashing in on Kids for lots of links to articles like those cited

here. *** Subscribe to ITPI’s newsletter to get the latest articles by email. *** Read the book “Teacher Unions and Social Justice,” edited by Michael Charney, Jesse Hagopian and Bob Peterson. It contains over 60 articles on the topic of organizing within education.

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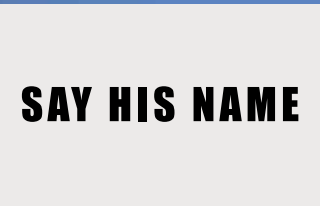


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The police killing of George Floyd sparked a global uprising. The epicenter was in director Cy Dodson's Minneapolis neighborhood, where he captured an immersive observation of unrest, anger, and hope.

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A diverse ensemble of health care professionals works to overcome COVID-vaccine hesitancy in at-risk communities across Minnesota. By filmmaker Chris Newberry.

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Colombian immigrants in Minnesota reflect on how the struggles and joys of 2020 transformed the way we celebrate culture, aid, and community. By filmmaker Taniel Jimenez Medina.

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Starting Sunday, Oct. 5, 5 p.m.

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Plymouth invites you to a new worship offering each Sunday evening at 5 p.m. starting on Oct. 2. Rooted in contemplative practices, "Sundays at Five" will feature a slightly different focus and style each Sunday evening at 5 p.m. This worship service is designed to be quieter and more intimate than our Sunday morning services. These opportunities will include:

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Sensing the Sacred (second Sundays) – a time for resting in centering prayer/meditation; participating in the sacred reading (Lectio divina) of word, art, or nature; and the sharing of group prayer.

Celtic Weavings (third Sundays) – a service that celebrates the cycles of land, sea, and sky, affirming our connection to and the presence of Mystery within it.

Testimonies: Transformation through Stories (fourth Sundays) – an opportunity to explore the narratives of our lives as pathways for growth or hindrance and the spiritual freedom found in sharing them.

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We invite you to join us for any or all of these services, which will meet outdoors under the "Big Top" and then move inside in mid-October. Please invite your friends to join us! "Sundays at 5" represent a way of connecting with the Holy that will appeal to many. www.plymouth.org/worship/

Church of the Holy Name

Virtual Fall Festival

Sunday, Oct. 10, 1 to 3 p.m.

Online

Participate live on Zoom or Facebook Live, or catch us later on our YouTube channel! Door prize opportunities for those who tune in live or give a donation to this event! Our Fall Festival will also include opportunities to text and give; a silent auction (bidding begins Oct. 1); children's coloring contest (win a prize!); and music by Mark Mraz and

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Living Spirit's Pumpkin Patch Event

Saturday, Oct. 23, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Living Spirit United Methodist Church
4501 Bloomington Ave., Mpls.
Fun with pumpkins is back! This year we're having an outdoor pumpkin patch where participants can choose a pumpkin to take home and carve. Join us in front of the church on Saturday, Oct. 23, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dress in costume and come pick up a pumpkin and goody bag while enjoying games out front. There will also be a prize awarded for best costume. This event is rain or shine, free and open to everyone. www.livingspiritumc.org

Events at Faith

Sunday, Oct. 31, 5 p.m. – Reformation music outside church

Sunday, Oct. 31, 6 p.m. – Halloween candy handout in front of church. Children of all ages welcome.

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
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who met in college (Lam is the first generation of her family to be college-educated) where they won a business competition with the concept. The cafe was launched in May 2021 and is a ground floor tenant in the historic building at 901 Nicollet Mall. The ready-to-eat food sold there includes various pastries, waffles and cakes made with their mixes, which come with a variety of vegan toppings, and boba tea, Vietnamese coffee and

other drinkable treats, also vegan due to the use of Bella's own formula of vegan "mylk" which can also be used in a foam topping.

You can purchase Coconut Whisk's baking mixes to use at home at the cafe, and also a curated selection of other innovative food and drink products by local BIPOC or women producers. Bella was especially happy that she was able to launch her brick-and-mortar business, which she hopes will be a community gathering space

and place for calm and healing, during Asian-American Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Another new spot downtown is also riding the wave of popularity of plant-based food indulgences. This is Hark! Cafe in the North Loop, located in the historic Kickernick Building at 430 N. 1st Ave. They have two distinct menus – the Tuesday through Friday breakfast and lunch menu, and the weekend brunch menu (with some overlap). There is also a bakery menu and a small but thorough cocktail menu, as well as all the normal coffee drinks (normal but vegan).

A new bakery has appeared in the Seward neighborhood with the sensible name of The Bakery on 22nd Street. They produce a different handcrafted loaf of sourdough bread weekly, which you can order for pickup on Friday. You can also get a monthly subscription. Delivery is available to locations within a five-mile radius for an additional cost of just 70 cents. Check the website (www.bakery22st.com/) for more details.

Another interesting bakery phenomenon I discovered in covering restaurants in the neighborhoods is the behind-the-scenes supplier of sweet baked treats called Lutunji's Palate. Owned and operated by a Black woman, the eponymous Lutunji, this business was founded due to the popularity of her cakes and cobblers with an influential African American pastor. Lutunji has been in business since 2012 and has grown to the point where she has outgrown more than one kitchen.

Lutunji's Palate products can be purchased online (lutunjis-palate.com/order-online) and also found at Lunds & Byerlys and several farmers markets and specialty food markets. They are also on the menu at several fine eateries, including Handsome Hog and The Gnome in St. Paul and Pimento Jamaican Kitchen in Minneapolis.

Mini-review – J. Selby's

I had an indoor dining experience at J. Selby's (169 N. Victoria St.) just in time. The plant-based powerhouse in St. Paul has been very cautious in its approach to business during the pandemic, and had been open for indoor dining as well as outdoor "patio" seating and takeout, only since spring of 2021. But the recent COVID surge caused them to re-group, and indoor dining is now closed for as long as deemed necessary.

If you visited J. Selby's before the pandemic, you will now find some changes. In the past, whether you were eating outdoors or indoors or getting take-away, you stopped at a front of the house counter (which is in the back actually) and ordered your food there, then took a table or waited in a small waiting area for your order. Now it's two different routes. If you're dining outside or getting to-go, you don't even need to come in at all, because they constructed a takeout window back in 2020. So you order there in the normal way, either to take it home or grab a picnic table outside.

For indoor dining (while it lasted, that is, and presumably if it comes back) there is a very



J. Selby's

fancy no-contact system. You have to have a smartphone, and you scan a QR code at your table which pulls up the menu for online ordering, with the table number embedded in the order. J. Selby's is a no-tip restaurant, but you can include a donation to the pay-it-forward fund. You can also order one of the menu items, the Community Bowl, to be held for someone who can't afford to eat out to claim later. (They always had that.)

In my rare outing to a real sit-down restaurant in St. Paul, one that's completely vegan to boot, I had a burger. To be specific I had a Solo Burger, with a kale salad as my included side, and a whole order of fries (which are excellent, but such a huge serving that I took half home) and an Arnold Palmer. (That's a half-and-half mixture of lemonade and iced tea.)

MAJOR shoutout and kudos to J. Selby's – although just what I would expect from this restaurant that places ethical practices at the center of its philosophy – there was a "no straw" option on the drink order in this no-contact menu. Lesser restaurants: please take note and learn from this! The food was, as always, excellent.

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The Mary Ann Key Book Club

A Conversation with Cathy Park Hong and Myron Medcalf

Tuesday, Oct. 12, 7 p.m.

FREE virtual event

Just last year, celebrated poet Cathy Park Hong released her first book of essays, "Minor Feelings," to thundering critical acclaim. In the fascinating book, Hong weaves together personal stories, historical context and cultural criticism to ultimately create an emotional and impactful exploration of Asian American personhood. A winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award for Autobiography, the book was also named to numerous top 10 of 2020 lists, and led to Hong's recent selection as one of TIME's 100 most influential people. Please join Hennepin County Library's Mary Ann Key Book Club for a free virtual discussion of "Minor Feelings" featuring Cathy Park Hong in conversation with Star Tribune columnist Myron Medcalf, on Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. This online event is free and open to the public, and no advance reading is required. To save your virtual seat, register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_vif4hialQEGktp6iTcz74g.

World Without Genocide October Webinars

Genocide of the American Indians: From 1492 to Today

Tuesday, Oct. 12, 7 to 9 p.m.

Online

World Without Genocide will host a webinar on Oct. 12 about the genocide of American Indians and its legacy today. The speakers are Sen. Mary Kunesch,

sponsor of a successful bill in 2019 that established the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force, and Christine Stark, award-winning writer and co-author of "Garden of Truth," an investigative report on the sex-trafficking of Native American women in northern Minnesota. This event will be held online through Zoom on Tuesday, Oct. 12, 7 to 9 p.m. CT. The program is open to the public. Registration is required by Monday, Oct. 11 at worldwithoutgenocide.org/american-indians.

Afghanistan: Genocide, War Crimes, and the International Criminal Court
Sunday, Oct. 24, 1 to 2:30 p.m.
Online

This program defines the crimes of the past 20 years in Afghanistan that are under investigation at the International Criminal Court, examines the conflict in Afghanistan, and analyzes its impact on women, girls, and refugees. The speakers are Ellen J. Kennedy, Ph.D., founder and Executive Director of World Without Genocide; and Caitlin Schweiger, J.D., currently a public defender in Minnesota's Third Judicial District. This event will be held online through Zoom on Sunday, Oct. 24, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. CT. The program is open to the public. Registration is required by Saturday, Oct. 23 at worldwithoutgenocide.org/Afghanistan. \$10 general public, \$5 students and seniors. "Clock hours" for teachers, nurses and social workers. Free to Mitchell Hamline students (diversity credits available). \$25 for 2 Elimination of Bias CLE credits (Oct. 12) and \$25 for 1.5 CLE credits (Oct. 24) for Minnesota lawyers. These are live webinar programs and recordings will not be available. More information at info@worldwithoutgenocide.org, www.worldwithoutgenocide.org, or (952) 693-5206.

CFPA Community Celebration

Wednesday, Oct. 13, 6 to 9 p.m.

Center for Performing Arts

3754 Pleasant Ave., Mpls.

The Center for Performing Arts (CFPA) is

hosting an outdoor celebration to mark the completion of its addition and the end of a year-long construction project. The 20,000-square-foot expansion has doubled the CFPA's physical size, helping the organization deepen its mission, and add programming and services through new tenants Illusion Theater, Sandbox Theatre and Ragamala Dance Company, among others.

The Community Celebration is hosted by CFPA founder and executive director Jackie Hayes. It will start with a reading commemorating the expansion by poet Halee Kirkwood, and a drumming performance by Mahto Peta Toispaye Drum group, featuring members of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, White Earth Nation.

Guided tours of the expansion, food and a cabaret of performances will follow. This free event will be outdoors.

The Red Shoes

Oct. 14 – 31

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The critically acclaimed film noir fairytale returns – with every shock and sensation intact! More mystery! More danger! More footwear! Equally humorous and hair-raising, "The Red Shoes" draws inspiration and influences from vintage detective novels, black and white film noir movies of the 1930s and '40s, and case studies of amnesia and multiple personality. The inventive use of manipulated objects, dolls, and masks provide a dream-like quality to the unfolding adventure. See more info and reserve tickets at www.openeyetheatre.org/the-red-shoes. Note: If you have a ticket voucher from 2020, please contact the box office at boxoffice@openeyetheatre.org or (612) 874-6338 to make a reservation.

KFAI Fall Events to Attend and Volunteer

Harmonica Bash 2021

Friday, Oct. 15, 6 to 10 p.m.

Wilebski's Blues Saloon

1638 Rice St., St. Paul
Annual Harmonica Bash put on by Harold's House Party and Paul Barry Productions. The Harmonica Bash has traditionally been the event that kicks off every KFAI Fall Pledge Drive; no volunteers for any service, just come on down and share your enthusiasm for KFAI, Harold's House Party and Fall Pledge Drive!

MDH Vaccination Event

Saturday, Oct. 16, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bailey Building parking lot

1808 Riverside Ave., Mpls.

KFAI and the Minnesota Department of Health are holding a free COVID-19 vaccination event Saturday, Oct. 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot behind the Bailey Building at 1808 Riverside Ave., Mpls. It is a walk-up event for first dose vaccinations. There is no need to make an appointment in advance or show proof of insurance, and there is no cost to receive the vaccine. Protect yourself and your community by getting vaccinated. Featuring music by DJ Sankar-adjeki of Douala Soul Collective.

Volunteer at Open Streets Minnehaha

Sunday, Oct. 24, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Minnehaha Avenue from East Lake Street to East 46th Street

We need folks to table, play music or entertain our pedestrian-like audience. If interested or for more info, please contact volunteer@kfaif.org.

Four Seasons Foraging October Events

Foraging Through Fall

Saturday, Oct. 16, 10 a.m. to noon

Fall is an abundant time of year for foragers, with roots, nuts and late-season fruits ripe and ready for the picking! Join Maria Wesseler and Four Season Foraging to learn about wild harvesting through this bountiful season. We will discuss laws and ethics around foraging, as well as identification, harvest and preparation of edible species. This workshop will be held in the city of Minneapolis. The exact location will be sent to registrants in an email. Sliding scale \$15-\$35. Pre-registration required. For more

details, please email info@fourseasonforaging.com, call (612) 440-5958, or visit www.fourseasonforaging.com/events.

Fall Urban Forage

Sunday, Oct. 17, 3 to 5 p.m.

The days may be getting shorter and the weather colder, but that doesn't mean the foraging season has come to a close! On the contrary – fall is the time to harvest roots, nuts and late-season fruits. Join Maria Wesseler of Four Season Foraging as we amble along the Midtown Greenway and learn what bounty fall has to offer the urban forager. We will discuss the identification, harvest and preparation of a variety of wild edibles, including chokeberries, hackberries, nannyberries and rosehips. Sliding scale \$15-\$35. Pre-registration required. For location and other details, please email info@fourseasonforaging.com, call (612) 440-5958, or visit www.fourseasonforaging.com/events.

James Sewell Ballet 30th Anniversary Retrospective

Saturday, Oct. 16, 7 to 9 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 17, 2 to 4 p.m.

The Cowles Center, Goodale Theater

528 Hennepin Ave., Mpls.

Join us in celebrating a remarkable 30 years of James Sewell Ballet! Powerful performers showcase favorite gems from the past along with new hits, highlighting the company's distinct voice and vision. This program will also feature a new dazzling work from Da'Rius Malone. Live musicians will accompany select works. In-person or livestream tickets available here: www.thecowlescenter.org/tickets/james-sewell-ballet-sat-2021. COVID19: Effective Sept. 1, 2021, all visitors to the Cowles who are attending a performance/event in our theater spaces are required to show either proof of a full course of COVID-19 vaccinations administered at least 14 days prior to the show or a negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours of the performance/event. Masks are required throughout the Cowles.

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Southside Pride Sample Ballot

Mayor:

1. Sheila Nezhad
2. Kate Knuth

City Council:

- Ward 1: Elliott Payne
Ward 2: Cam Gordon
Ward 3: Steve Fletcher
Ward 4: Phillipe Cunningham
Ward 5: Jeremiah Ellison
Ward 6: Abdirizak Bihi
Ward 7: Nick Kor
Ward 8: Andrea Jenkins
Ward 9: Jason Chavez
Ward 10: Aisha Chughtai
Ward 11: Jeremy Schroeder
Ward 12: Andrew Johnson
Ward 13: Mike Norton

Park Board:

- At Large: Londel French, Charles Rucker
District 1: Billy Menz
District 2: Becka Thompson
District 3: AK Hassan
District 4: Elizabeth Shaffer
District 5: Charles Rodgers
District 6: Bob Fine

Board of Estimate and Taxation:

- Samantha Pree-Stinson
Steve Brandt

Charter Amendments:

- 1 More power to the mayor – No
- 2 Restructure police – Yes
- 3 Rent Control – Yes

Commentary:

Mayor:

If these were ordinary times, Jacob Frey would be a wonderful mayor. He's photogenic, personable and bright, the perfect glad-hander to welcome tourists. But

these are not ordinary times. The major challenge to Frey's leadership came with the verdict in the wrongful death civil suit against the city on behalf of the heirs of Terrance Franklin. Frey brushed it aside, paid out the million dollars in damages, and refused to discipline the officers whom a jury believed murdered Terrance Franklin. Just a few weeks later, believing he could get away with murder, Derek Chauvin murdered George Floyd.

Young people were outraged. Over 1.4 billion people worldwide watched the video. Sheila Nezhad got to work and by organizing citywide got the City Council to establish an Office of Violence Prevention. She was a major force in organizing the petition drive to transform the Police Department into a Department of Public Safety – the second Charter Amendment. We believe she is the best hope we have to make the changes we need.

Kate Knuth supports positive changes in the MPD. She is our second choice. There is a distinct possibility that neither Frey nor Nezhad will get more than 50% as first choice for mayor, and that both sides would pick Knuth as their second choice and, totaling first and second choices, Knuth could win a majority when counting first and second choices.

City Council:

Ward 1: Please, enough of Kevin Reich, one of the most conservative members of the City Council. He was a key vote

in supporting the Vikings Stadium and bankrupting downtown. He has been consistently reactionary on important votes. Elliot Payne would be a welcome breath of fresh air.

Ward 2: Probably the most difficult choice. Robin Wonsley Worlobah is perhaps the most radical candidate for City Council running this year. From her website: "After Jamar Clark's life was taken by MPD, Robin joined Socialist Alternative, Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, and the Twin Cities Justice for Jamar Clark Coalition." But Cam Gordon is perhaps the most progressive member of the present City Council. In addition to being consistently progressive, he gets very good marks on his constituent service; he listens to people in his ward, and he is actively involved in solving their problems. And he is comfortable discussing public policy on public forums – a distinct exception to the universally aloof consensus of the rest of his colleagues on the City Council. We support Cam Gordon for another four-year term, but we hope Robin

Wonsley Worlobah will stay involved and remain active in the local struggle for justice.

Wards 3, 4 and 5 are in North Minneapolis. The incumbents, Steve Fletcher, Phillipe Cunningham and Jeremiah Ellison, have acknowledged the critical problem of a lack of accountability in the Minneapolis Police Department. Their solution is flawed, imperfect and not fully developed. It interposes another layer of bureaucracy between the

cops and elected officials. But, and this is most important, they have a commitment to making cops more accountable. That's worth supporting.

Ward 6: Jamal Osman has been a consistent disappointment, voting always with the most reactionary elements on the Council. Most recently he destroyed the hopes of people in his ward who have planned for years to make an urban garden out of the 7.5-acre contaminated industrial site in Phillips. [See "Justice in the Green Zone?" by Kay Schroven in this issue.] Vote for Abdirizak Bihi.

Ward 7: The incumbent Lisa Goodman is certainly pushing the outer edges of incumbency. Nick Kor is a better choice.

Ward 8: Andrea Jenkins has a walk.

Ward 9: Jason Chavez is head and shoulders above the pack.

Ward 10: Aisha Chughtai seems clearly the most progressive here.

Wards 11 and 12: Jeremy Schroeder and Andrew Johnson are thoughtful and progressive, and they pay attention to problems in their wards. I wish they wouldn't have voted for that part of the 2040 Plan that increases the zoning in the inner city that will displace communities of color and replace them with Young Urban Professionals, and I wish they would have done something to hold officers responsible for the deaths of Terrance Franklin and Jamar Clark, but they are better than their alternatives.

Ward 13: Mike Norton is committed to progressive changes in reforming the police.

Park Board:

At Large: Vote for Londel

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Ballot, from page 14

French and Charles Rucker. You can vote for three, but you don't have to. These are the two candidates we believe who will most effectively preserve the park system we all love. Voting for just two gives them a better chance against the herd.

District 1: Billy Menz is running unopposed.

District 2: Becka Thompson seems the most progressive.

District 3: AK Hassan has supported change where change was needed and stability when that was best.

District 4: Elizabeth Shaffer could be a fresh new voice on the Board.

District 5: Charles Rodgers represents a new voice that should be heard. The incumbent wasted over a million of our tax dollars planning a project that didn't have the support of the Board or the public. She needs to be retired and Rodgers needs to be hired.

District 6: Bob Fine has the experience and judgment that's needed on the Board.

Board of Estimate and Taxation:

Samantha Pree-Stinson is probably the most progressive person to run for the BET, ever. Vote for her so the voices that never get heard get listened to.

Steve Brandt covered City Hall for years for the Star Tribune. Probably no one has ever come to this job with that kind of depth of experience.

Charter Amendment #1 would give the mayor the power to appoint department heads and run the city. People who support this say this would be more efficient with clear lines of accountability. What we have now is the remnants of a kind of parliamentary system. Before there was a City of Minneapolis, there was St. Anthony Village. They organized their local government into a parliamentary system. There were three City Council members elected to two-year terms, and those council members organized the administration of the Village. When the Village merged with the City of Minneapolis, each ward elected two members for two-year terms. In the 1950s, two got reduced to one. Mayor Fraser got passed a revision to the Charter

that increased the terms of office for mayor and City Council from two to four years, and he concentrated more power in the mayor's office. Notice a trend here? Over the years, the structure of government for the city has grown increasingly undemocratic. Decisions are concentrated in fewer hands with fewer chances for the electorate to vote on their representatives. This slide into autocracy prepares the way for a bully fascist like Trump to appeal to the basest fears of a frightened electorate, and scapegoat vulnerable minorities as proper sacrifices for law and order. Democracy is tedious and tiresome. There's so much to think about. But, please, don't give up on it. Vote No on #1.

Charter Amendment #2 would change the Police Department into a Department of Public Safety overseen by a commissioner. The commissioner would be appointed by the mayor and the appointment would be approved by the City Council. I originally opposed the amendment because I believed interposing another layer of bureaucracy between elected officials and cops out of control would make errant cops even less accountable. But the earnest hope and faith of young people in transforming the system has converted me to believing that positive change can happen if enough people believe in it and are determined to make it work. [Please read essays by Elina Kolstad and Devin Hogan in this issue for more details.] For the best hope for the future of our city, please vote Yes on #2.

Charter Amendment #3: If you believe we need affordable housing for those low-paid workers in the service industry in restaurants, or health aides in nursing homes and hospitals, or minimum wage earners everywhere, then vote Yes for rent stabilization. The 2040 Plan adopted by the city envisions the inner city swept clean of poor people and home to a new class of Young Urban Professionals (YUPPIES). If you believe diversity makes us stronger, then please vote Yes on #3.

Get out and vote

BY ELINA KOLSTAD

It may not be a major national election year, but Tuesday, Nov. 2, is still a very important election. If you are new to Minneapolis or haven't voted in recent years here is some information I hope will get you started.

If you are not currently registered to vote you can quickly and easily register online at the Minnesota Secretary of State's website (<https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/VoterRegistration/VoterRegistrationMain.aspx>) or you can register on election day with an ID that has your current name and address on it or a picture ID combined with evidence of residency, such as a utility bill. Fun fact: those who are homeless and those who have a prior criminal record are able to register to vote. For more information you can also call the Secretary of State's office at (651) 215-1440.

If you're homeless you must provide your current residence when you vote - this can be a shelter, the house of a friend or, if you sleep outside, a description of the location must be put on line four of your voter registration application. The Minnesota Secretary of State gives the example of, "In the NW corner of Jefferson Park near the intersection of Winston Ave. and Smith St." If you fill out your application with an outdoor location your ballot will be marked "challenged" which means you will be required to swear under oath that you are living in that location at the polling place on election day. You can also register to vote on election day if you are homeless, but you must be able to prove residency. If you live in a shelter a staff person can go with you to confirm that you live in that shelter or you can go to the polling place with a registered voter from your precinct to sign an oath confirming where you live (<https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/im-homeless/>). You can also call the Secretary of State's office at (651) 215-1440 for help with this process.

If you have a criminal record you can vote in the following circumstances: you were charged with or convicted of a misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor; you are in jail, but are not currently serving a felony sentence; you have been charged with a

felony, but you haven't been convicted; you have been given a stay of adjudication; or you have finished all parts of your felony sentence. Sometimes it can be hard to tell if a felony charge results in a felony conviction - if you are unsure seek legal advice from an attorney. It is best to register before election day, but you can also register to vote on election day. NOTE: You can NOT vote if you are currently serving a felony sentence, or your stay of adjudication was revoked and you are currently serving a felony sentence (<https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/i-have-a-criminal-record/>). You can also call the Secretary of State's office at (651) 215-1440 for help with this process.

Once you are registered, assuming you do so well before election day, there are many options of how to vote. You can vote early by mail, vote early in person, or vote in person on election day. For more information on all of these options go to the Minnesota Secretary of State's website (<https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/>) or you can call toll free (877) 600-VOTE [8683].

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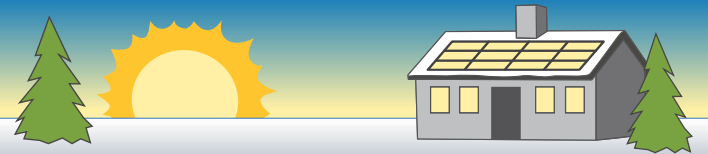
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