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Gun control



BY TONY BOUZA

We are the only Western country that regularly awakens to news of slaughters of our children by idiots with ridiculously easy access to all forms of firearms. In the aftermath of these awful and preventable events (we do regulate and license vehicles and a lot of other things), the leaders emerge, shed crocodile tears and remain firmly wedded to the National Rifle Association, which has never paid much attention to its middle name.

And, oh yes, there is the Second Amendment, and its universal permission to bear arms. Only it ain't so.

The Second Amendment refers to "a well regulated militia" and allows it the right. It is a stretch characteristic of the whole debate that Americans have been persuaded the law applies to them rather than a militia. We pay a fearsome price for indulging such fantasies.

I came from a state with tough gun control laws but lots of shootings—with guns bought, stolen or put together from elsewhere. Only national legislation and controls can work. Tough regional laws enable the NRA to argue

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Zaynab Mohamed

Who's on the DFL primary ballot?

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

Senate District 63 has only one incumbent, Rep. Emma Greenman of 63B, who was endorsed by acclamation.

Running for Senate to replace retiring Sen. Patricia Torres Ray is Zaynab Mohamed, who was also previously endorsed by Twin Cities DSA, among others. Mohamed was endorsed without major shenanigans. Nevertheless, she now has a primary opponent – Todd C. Scott, the son of former DFL chair Rick Scott.

The shenanigans were all around the endorsement battle for 63A, the seat held by retiring Rep. Jim Davnie. There were three candidates with a drop rule of 15% and the lowest candidate, a strong environmentalist named Kevin McDonald, dropped voluntarily when he got just slightly more than

15% on the first ballot. This left Samantha Sencer-Mura facing Yusra Arab, and this is where the trouble came in. In my view, Arab never had a shot at 60%, whereas Sencer-Mura was already within a few points on the second ballot, and crept a point or so closer on ballots three and four. Part one of the convention was recessed after 12 hours.

Part two of the convention, a month later, with two new co-chairs and major rules tweaks, was almost as bad, but Sencer-Mura was finally endorsed on the sixth ballot, after many of Arab's delegates logged out in a futile attempt to break the quorum. Neither Arab nor McDonald nor any new challenger is running in the primary, so the Senate race is the only primary in SD 63.

Meanwhile, there is a situation next door in SD 62,

where Omar Fateh is the incumbent. He was sworn in in January 2021 after defeating Jeff Hayden. Fateh is liked by his district and by progressive allies, including Twin Cities DSA which endorsed him in 2020. He is now under attack on several fronts. One was an attempt to tie him to the scandal about Feeding Our Future, a nonprofit that was supposed to channel federal grant money to food programs for children, and did so, but seemed to be taking in far more money than they could justify against charity and staff expenditures. The FBI suspects it of either fraud or money-laundering or both. This is a true scandal but there was really no connection to Omar Fateh. He received campaign contributions from 11 individuals with connections to Feeding Our Future (as did Jacob Frey and many other

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Guns 'R' Us

BY LYDIA HOWELL

In my home state of Texas, laws have gone gun-crazy. And Minnesota isn't as sensible as I believed.

For conceal and carry permits, laws were changed from "sheriffs may issue" – allowing some caution – to "shall issue," putting more guns in public places. Echoing national challenges, the Minnesota House passed a "red flag" law allowing temporary removal from people "deemed to be a danger to self or others." The Minnesota Senate blocked it.

In Minnesota, you must be 21 to buy a gun, live in the county of purchase, not be in a gang database and provide a certificate of authorized firearms training. The U.S. Senate bipartisan work group, responding to the Buffalo and Uvalde massacres, and attempting new gun safety laws, does none of these things.

Most infamous mass shooters were legal gun owners.

Republicans' "mental illness" mantra after mass shootings is a distraction. People with mental illness are far more often victims than perpetrators of violence. Two months before the Uvalde attack, Texas Gov. Greg Abbot cut



mental health services by \$200 million. The Senate's gun safety framework raises such funding.

Semi-automatic weapons with high-capacity bullet magazines – favored by mass shooters – remain untouched.

What about daily gun violence, often by felons prohibited from possessing guns?

Progressives calling for criminal justice reform won't find anyone answering phones at the Minneapolis Office of Violence Prevention. Director Sasha Cotton leaves July 15 for another job. Here's Minneapolis' murder rates during her tenure: 2020 – 119; 2021 – 261; by early

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Is Lake Hiawatha the city dump?

BY ED FELIEN

The Minneapolis City Council Public Works and Infrastructure Committee invited public comments at their June 9 public hearing on their Stormwater Management Program and Annual Report.

I asked them to:

“Please, stop dumping on us.

“You are poisoning us. Chemicals that you put on your lawns in Linden Hills come down Minnehaha Creek and end up in Lake Hiawatha. Come and see your blue-green foam that washes to the shore, but don’t let your dog drink it. It could be lethal.

“And it is not safe for children to swim in the lake.

“My mother taught me to

swim at Lake Hiawatha.

“Theodore Wirth designed Lake Hiawatha Park in 1924. He dredged the lake in 1929 to a depth of 33 feet so kids from the proletarian part of town would have someplace to go swimming in the summer. But the city started sanding the streets in winter and washing that sand down storm sewers from Lake Street to 43rd Street, from Chicago Avenue to 27th Avenue into Lake Hiawatha, and now it’s hard to find anywhere on the lake that’s 12 feet deep. It’s so shallow, aquatic life cannot survive the winter. Kids can’t swim in it. The city needs to dredge Lake Hiawatha on a regular basis as simple maintenance and restore it to its original depth of 33 feet.

“The goal of increasing stormwater capacity and the problem of collapsing peat soil infrastructure around Lakes Nokomis and Hiawatha can both be resolved by removing the five-foot dam/weir at 27th Avenue and other obstructions that stop the natural flow of water out of Lake Hiawatha. Lowering the lake level by four and a half to five feet would increase stormwater storage in Lake Hiawatha by 80 million gallons, and it would drain the water table by five

feet. Draining five feet of saturated peat soil around Lake Hiawatha will help drain saturated peat soil around Lake Nokomis and Solomon Park because the peat soil connecting those areas is so porous and spongy that (like a wick) it can carry water uphill. Then, when it rains, the water has nowhere to go. The rain from above meets the water from below.

“Please, stop poisoning us with chemicals. Start cleaning out your sand. Get the Park Board to take down the dam/weir. Then bag the garbage with a net coming out of the storm tunnel and have the creek run through a flocculation chamber like Richfield does at Taft Lake to remove the poisonous phosphorus before it gets into the lake.

“Thank you.”

I wrote to Andrew Johnson, chair of the committee:

“I would greatly appreciate an opportunity to sit down with you and the City Engineer to discuss:

1. The feasibility of building a flocculation chamber to remove phosphorus from Minnehaha Creek before it enters Lake Hiawatha.
2. The dredging of sand from



Ed Felien attends a watershed meeting

Lake Hiawatha that has accumulated as a result of the city sanding the streets in winter.

3. The removal of artificial obstructions to the outflow of Minnehaha Creek from Lake Hiawatha that would reduce the water level of Lake Hiawatha and reduce the water table of the peat soil around Lake Hiawatha, Lake Nokomis and Solomon Park.

4. The city’s responsibility to bag the trash coming out of the storm sewer emptying into Lake Hiawatha.

“I look forward to discussing these problems with you.”

I haven’t heard back. I’ll keep in touch.

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Let's dump more water on South Minneapolis

BY KATHRYN KELLY

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) is considering a cooperative agreement with Edina to study the effects of a proposed storm water mitigation project in Edina's Morningside neighborhood (Resolution 2022-196). The Morningside community in Edina is a bedroom community to Minneapolis. Early on, their storm sewer infrastructure was tied in to the Minneapolis system, and still is. So, their storm water flows into the Minneapolis storm sewer system.

The proposed project would pump water from Weber Lake in Edina through the storm sewer system to a pollution mitigation pond at Bde Maka Ska in Minneapolis, then into Bde Maka Ska. The intent of this pumping is to lower the level of Weber Lake

to increase flood water storage for Edina. But the water would be dumped into the city of Minneapolis and eventually, Minnehaha Creek, which is already suffering from excess water from the upper Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD). It would also increase the pollutant load to Bde Maka Ska. One concerning statement in the resolution says, "The parties to a proposed Cooperative Agreement believe that the additional pollutant load can be eliminated either within the City of Edina's project or at a downstream location, with there being a potential for even greater pollutant treatment at some point downstream of the City of Edina's project." This means that the city of Minneapolis would not only be taking



Bde Maka Ska (Photo/minneapolisparcs.org)

on more water, but it would be responsible for removing pollutants from suburban communities. This violates best management practices which state that pollution should be removed at the source. And where is this downstream place in Minneapolis? Could it be Hiawatha Golf Course?

This appears to be another project in the MCWD that would shift the burden of climate

change to South Minneapolis, using South Minneapolis as the dumping ground for water and pollution, while a suburban community benefits.

This is exactly the wrong direction for the city of Minneapolis and MPRB to go. Communities in the upper watershed need to deal with their own water problems within their community, and not continue to transfer their problems to the next community down the line in the watershed. Maybe the city of Edina should take out some houses in Edina to create their own water mitigation and storage ponds as the city of Minneapolis has done.

Michael Schroeder, Assistant Superintendent of Planning at the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and Edina resident,

made a curious statement at a public meeting about Lake Nokomis on Tuesday, May 31. He said, "We can't give up our parkland to storm water." Now that this plan has been made public, are Minneapolis city officials finally feeling even more backlash to their plans to turn South Minneapolis into a water dumping ground?

Where do Minneapolis city officials stand on this, that is, Mayor Frey, City Council Members Johnson, Jenkins, Chughtai, Palmisano and Koski, and Park Board commissioners? When are these public officials going to start standing up for their own constituents and stop allowing the suburbs to just continue dumping more and more water and pollution into South Minneapolis?

Guns, from page 1

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John Turnipseed, head of Mad Dads, has been working for 22 years to redirect males from criminal paths. "Crack and opioids make money ... to protect that money, you need a gun. There're more guns on the street now - and they're more powerful," says Turnipseed.

One avenue for felons getting guns is "straw purchases," where legal gun owners buy guns for felons. In Minnesota, that's a gross misdemeanor, punishable by one year imprisonment and a \$3,000 fine.

Shun Tillerman, 3rd Precinct crime prevention specialist, says, "Straw buyers should have higher penalties. They should be held accountable."

Minneapolis Police Public Information Officer Garrett Parten expressed frustration: "People with multiple violent felonies are let out on a regular basis. Why? Even with illegal guns, they're let go! Hennepin County needs to answer why."

No person answered Hennepin County Attorney's office phones, and there was no response to messages.

Turnipseed and Tillerman (both African Americans) agree that dysfunctional families living in poverty - some as intergenerational gang-members - are the root of much gun violence. They concur that stopping cycles of violence requires long-term strategies including strengthening families; investing in housing; education supports; after-school programming; youth jobs; and counseling.

Half of mass shooters have domestic violence histories. How does domestic violence or the aftermath of divorce impact children? Do schools actually address bullying, engaging both

victims and perpetrators?

Plenty of violence is "conflict resolution by gun," unrelated to crime. "Hurt people hurt people" is true.

Ignoring easy access to guns undermines solutions.

Four years ago, my friend "Sophie" struggled with her adult son's return home while in a mental health crisis. He refused counseling. Unemployed and socially isolated, his depression deepened, and aggressive outbursts escalated.

"Are there guns in your house?" I asked.

"Yes," she told me. "In the basement." Her husband used to take their son hunting.

"You have to get those guns out of the house!" I said.

"I'll ask my husband," she said. I reminded Sophie that her husband's sole reaction to their son's problems was, "Get a job!"

"Maybe police could help?" Sophie said.

I faced this growing up in Texas, surrounded by intergenerational domestic violence, child abuse and guns.

I was 13. One night, in an alcohol-fueled rage, my grandfather held my grandmother and me hostage at gunpoint. Later, I hid the rifle in the alley culvert. When my grandfather reported his rifle stolen, police came. One officer took me outside. I explained what happened, saying I'd called police many times about my grandfather's violence. He replied, "It's not safe to have a gun out there. Kids could get hurt with it."

"If I show you where it is, will you take it away?"

He said yes.

The police returned the rifle to my grandfather.

In most states, including Minnesota, police won't remove guns "until someone gets hurt."

I persuaded Sophie to bring

the guns, wrapped in black trash bags. We deposited them in garbage dumpsters.

The next day, her son went down to their basement. He slammed cabinet doors and overturned boxes, cursing loudly, and stomped back to his room. He was looking for those shotguns.

After the 2018 Parkland school shooting, Florida passed red flag laws when Republican U.S. Sen. Rick Scott was governor. It's estimated that law prevented the

deaths of over 6,000 Floridians who were at risk for suicide.

The Senate's proposed red flag law was dropped. Republicans claimed that "vengeful women could use it to take men's guns."

Update on gun laws

On June 23, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that a New York law making concealed carry permits difficult to get is unconstitutional, effectively putting more guns on the street.

The U.S. Senate and House passed the bipartisan gun safety bill, and President Biden signed it on June 25. The bill includes money for child/family mental health; incentives for states to implement red flag laws; including juvenile records in background checks for gun purchasers aged 18 to 21; and higher federal penalties for gun trafficking and straw buyers.

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Primary election in August: How to vote



BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

No, we're not telling you WHO to vote for, this article is literally about HOW to vote.

The primary ballot composition involves a few caveats to ensure you don't spoil your ballot. No doubt you will get this spiel when you go to the polls, but this is a belt-and-suspenders approach.

The Republican, DFL, and, if relevant, one or both "Weed Party" selections are on the same physical ballot, even though you are only allowed to vote for candidates in a single party for partisan races. Then, to make it even more complex, there are races that are nonpartisan, where the primary election outcome eliminates all but the top two vote-getters. And when it says only vote in one party, that means for the entire partisan part of the ballot. This is simplified by the Secretary of State's office to: "Don't cross the line between columns."

Hopefully, the nonpartisan races won't be arranged in columns, to make it visibly apparent that all voters can vote for any of them, as per the instructions. At least they're on the flip side of the ballot, so that helps.

There is such a thing as strategic or cross-over voting, especially in primaries. For example, you may reason that the governor's primary race is a walk in the park for the DFL incumbent, and you think that if the top contender for the Republican ticket, Scott Jensen, gets the nomination he is not only a possible winner in the general, but he would make a much more dangerous governor for Minnesota. In such a scenario, you might be tempted to vote in the Republican primary in this race for Bob Carney, Jr., even though you plan to vote DFL in the general. But beware! This is only a viable plan if all your other DFL primary races are similarly either "safe" for your preferred candidates or you have no clear preference.

Remember, if you vote in the Republican column for any race, you cannot vote in any DFL race on that ballot or it will be rejected.

Now, when to vote? And, if voting early, should you vote in person or by mail? All those options are on the table. In-person and absentee (by mail) voting are open NOW and in-person polling places remain open until 5 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 8. You can also ask for a mail ballot, but then personally deliver it to volunteers outside the in-person polling place assigned to you rather than actually mailing it. If you don't do any of those, vote in person on Aug. 9. Your polling place may have changed, so look it up online before you go. I have been voting early in person ever since that option was first offered and I love it. Much less stress. Again, if you have any questions or doubts, call the Minnesota Secretary of State's office at 651-215-1440 or visit sos.state.mn.us.



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3rd Precinct update

BY KAY SCHROVEN

3rd Precinct Advisory Council (3-PAC)

3-PAC is an inclusive organization whose purpose is to foster communication among residents, businesses and the police, serving the 3rd Precinct with a common goal of community safety. The group meets monthly (usually the second Monday), currently at the Corcoran Park building at 3334 20th Ave. S. from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The group has four officer positions including chair, vice chair, secretary and treasurer. The agenda often includes updates from 3rd Precinct Inspector Jose Gomez, who encourages officers to attend when they can, plus guest speakers and discussion items where attendees are encouraged to share information and address specific topics of interest or concern. Residents and businesses may request to be on the agenda. 3-PAC also holds picnics and fundraisers and is currently developing a Facebook presence.

Operation Safe Summer

For five days in May the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) joined forces with other law enforcement agencies (the Department of Homeland Security, ATF, FBI, DEA, the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the Minnesota Department of Corrections and the Department of Justice) in an effort to reduce violence by removing guns and drugs from our streets. The operation was able to remove 38 illegal firearms (many automatic), recovered 17 stolen cars and made 97 arrests, with three of those individuals wanted for murder. The focus was on hot spots (high crime areas) such as 17th and Oliver Avenue North and 26th and Bloomington Avenue South. Arrests were made as far away as Bemidji, Minn. Fortunately, the operation rendered no serious use of force or injuries.

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DFL politicians) but he returned them. Another election fraud charge alleged that Fateh helped a non-profit, Somali TV, get a grant, after Somali TV had run ads for his campaign. The original charge said they “endorsed” him, but they don’t endorse candidates. This kind of fizzled out when the Fateh campaign proved that the ad was paid for at the time. The most harmful attack against Fateh centers around absentee ballots delivered by campaign volunteers, a practice which is permitted but highly regulated. Even if the irregularities alleged were proven, which they have not been, the total number of absentee bal-

Challenges:

Staffing

Recruiting remains difficult and it’s not just an issue for Minneapolis but a national challenge. Through attrition and continued hiring the numbers remain status quo. The Minnesota State Patrol is assisting the MPD on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings with four officers and two squad cars providing four-hour shifts (from 4 p.m. to midnight) patrolling the Lake Street corridor between Hiawatha and I-35W. They do not respond to 911 calls but will assist officers on request. The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is also providing 13 investigators to assist with assault and homicide cases. There has been community input to the acting chief of police regarding the search for a permanent police chief for Minneapolis. The job announcement is now being drafted and announced. It is a challenging national search with 50% of police chiefs leaving their positions across the nation, due to retirement, resignation, etc.

Precinct home/location

Three sites are being considered for the 3rd Precinct’s new location as input is sought from

the community and officers. There are strong feelings regarding resurrecting the former site at Lake and Hiawatha. Some feel there is too much history and trauma attached to the site because of the 2020 riots and prefer a new location.

Crimes (data as of 6/13/22)

In the 3rd Precinct, the following crimes are up (compared to the same period in 2021): assault; burglary (breaking and entering); vandalism; larceny/theft; motor vehicle theft; weapon violations; and domestic aggravated assault. These crimes are down: carjacking; homicide; robbery; sex offenses; property theft; shots fired; and gunshot wounds. The 3rd Precinct accounts for 32% of both homicide and carjacking crimes in the city of Minneapolis.

Guest speaker

The guest speaker for the June 13 meeting was Lt. Steve Heron, Supervisor from the Minneapolis Juvenile Unit. In addition to 18 community members and the guest speaker, four officers and Inspector Gomez attended. The Juvenile Unit is made up of eight investigators and the supervisor. Hot topics for the unit are carjacking and gun violence.

Many carjackings are committed by juveniles, often experienced criminals, teaching and instructing other juveniles. Recidivism is 70% among youth offenders. Two key issues regarding this group are competency and certification (as adults). Juveniles under 16 are rarely if ever certified as adults. But there are some repeat offenders aged 16 and 17 whose crimes are so egregious that efforts are made to certify them as adults which hopefully leads to appropriate arrests and sentencing. The U.S. Attorney for Minnesota is said to be making carjacking a federal offense and is seeking to hold juveniles more accountable. Competency is also an issue. There can be no trial if a youth is not deemed competent, that is, able to comprehend the charges. This issue can arise as early as during an arrest when Miranda rights are read, and the individual is asked if he or she understands what’s been read. The youth may not understand, or may say they do not.

Another issue is home-monitoring systems used with youth offenders. The technology is less than ideal, and some youth find ways to circumvent the technology. Meeting attendees also learned that carjacking takes place all hours of the day and night and opportunity is the key to the crime. Opportunity can involve location (no one around, poor lighting), a lone person (more vulnerable), as well as an occupied individual (on the phone, texting, or focused on an activity such as loading or unloading a car). Carjackers often demand the victim’s car key/fob, wallet, phone, etc. The phone is soon discarded but not before

there is an attempt to break into a cash application. To avoid victimization, protection of cash apps is critical. Catalytic converter theft seems to be committed more often by adults than juveniles. This crime requires a skill set, tools and a team, which is often beyond the abilities of youth. Often cars that have been jacked are abandoned and watched – that is, watched by the perpetrators to see if the car is identified and recovered by police. The vehicle is regarded as hot during this time. If it is not recovered, the perpetrators will often return to the car and use it again. Hence, recovery of stolen vehicles is key to preventing additional crime. New technology allows the MPD to scan license plates along city streets and run checks to identify stolen cars and return them to their rightful owners.

Beat patrol is back and focused on developing relationships with business owners

Another issue for the 3rd Precinct is street car racing. A street car racing detail is being established to monitor and curtail street races that take over an intersection and sometimes shoot guns from their cars. There have been two homicides as a result of street car races which have brought as many as 200 to the scene with 10 to 15 drivers. The State Patrol often assists with these crimes via helicopter toward arrests for reckless driving which increases the driver’s auto insurance. Often the cars involved are Mustangs and Camaros. The July meeting will be on Monday, July 11.



3rd Precinct station, June 1, 2020

lots cast is lower than Fateh’s winning margin. But in the process of this investigation, a man named Musa Mohamed was convicted of perjury, and Fateh, it is alleged, denied he knew him. Musa Mohamed is Fateh’s brother-in-law. Fateh says he never denied knowing Mohamed. Then it was discovered that Zaynab Mohamed is Musa’s sister and, therefore, Fateh’s sister-in-law. There’s nothing intrinsically wrong with any of these relationships. Musa is not running for office and Zaynab is in a different district from Omar Fateh. Fateh is being challenged in the primary by Shaun Laden, who made the news leading the education support professional (ESP) chapter of the Minneapo-

lis Federation of Teachers (MFT) in its historic strike this past March. Laden did not challenge Fateh at the endorsing convention but emerged just before filing closed. Although Laden is endorsed by one school board member, he is not racking up a lot of endorsements in the education or union communities. In Congressional District 5, which basically covers Minneapolis, we have been happily represented by Ilhan Omar since 2018. She was challenged at the DFL endorsing convention by Don Samuels, a former Minneapolis council member and a former Minneapolis school board member. Omar won a third endorsement on the second ballot.

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2040 lawsuit



BY CAM GORDON

On June 15, Judge Joseph R. Klein ordered the city of Minneapolis to immediately stop any ongoing implementation of the 2040 Plan until the city satisfies the requirements of the Minnesota Environmental Rights Act (MERA), which could include completing an environmental assessment.

On June 20, the city filed an appeal.

The case has been brought forward by Smart Growth Minneapolis, formed, it seems, to oppose the plan as a “non-profit organization 100% funded by individual donations.” Their president is John C. Goetz, and their legal team includes Jack Perry, Maren Grier and Thomas Basting all from Briggs & Morgan, as well as Timothy J. Keane and former mayoral candidate Nekima Levy Armstrong. Smart Growth has been joined in the lawsuit by the Audubon Chapter

of Minneapolis and the Minnesota Citizens for the Protection of Migratory Birds. No other environmental groups are part of the lawsuit, although one headed by former Council Member Diane Hofstede, the Great River Coalition, is listed on their website as a third “partner and friend.”

The Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive Plan was adopted as required by state law under the Metropolitan Land Planning Act, approved by the City Council and submitted to the Metropolitan Council in December 2018. It went into effect on January 1, 2020.

This followed extensive community input and controversy over one strategy in particular: the fifth strategy under the first policy (Access to Housing) that said: “In neighborhood interiors farthest from downtown that today contain primarily single-family homes, achieve greater housing supply and diversity by allowing small scale residential structures with up to three dwelling units on an individual lot.”

There were concerns at the time that neighborhoods would be destroyed, “bulldozed” or gentrified and that single-family homes would be abolished.

“Our lawsuit,” says Smart Growth’s website, “provides the only chance to compel the City to properly environmentally

scrutinize its Plan and respond accordingly.”

That lawsuit is focused on the potential harms resulting from more density of housing. The judge’s decision is based almost exclusively on a Sunde Engineering report commissioned by Smart Growth and written by Kristen Pauly. That report assumes a large-scale build-out of new houses and apartments, which could possibly result in up to 150,000 new housing units. “The Pauly Report,” Klein wrote, “concludes that potential environmental impacts are likely to occur and that the 2040 plan largely ignores those impacts, lacks an analysis of the impact on the environment, and does not provide for specific design criteria or measures which would mitigate adverse environmental impacts.” According to the report, these impacts could include increased traffic and noise, decreased air quality, water quality and tree coverage, as well as negative impacts on bird and other wildlife habitat.

Klein noted in his written decision that the city attorney failed to provide a substantial rebuttal to the claims made in the report, and that “this unfortunate strategy has left the City bereft of any fact-based rebuttal or affirmative defense, the type of which is called for under MERA.”

The plan, however, has environmental impacts and concerns woven in throughout its 14 goals, 11 topic areas, 100 policies, and roughly 700 strategies. Of the 14 goals at least two (clean environment and climate resilience) are almost exclusively focused on the natural environment. Of the 11 topic areas, at least two (environmental systems and parks and open spaces) are environmentally focused. Of the 100 policies at least 19 stand out because of their focus on addressing environmental issues. Regarding birds, among its over 600 strategies, six specifically mention protecting them or improving their habitat.

The plan’s priority to focus on the natural environment may be one of the reasons why some prominent local environmental organizations support it and why they are worried now that the lawsuit is less about protecting birds and preserving their habitat than it is about protecting segregated areas and preserving them for the wealthy.

“Mpls 2040 also addresses equity and the city’s history of housing segregation in important ways. Minneapolis has a long history of redlining and racial segregation that has kept low-income communities and people of color on the fringes,” the Sierra Club’s Catherine Pokorny and Joshua Houdek wrote after it was passed. “Restrictive deed covenants, racially isolated public housing projects, and discriminatory rental and real estate practices were used by landlords and real estate developers to segregate sections of Minneapolis based on race. Al-

though these practices are now illegal, they facilitated the development of institutionalized racial inequalities that persist in the city today. Mpls 2040 takes crucial steps to dismantle these historical inequities by upzoning and has the potential to allow new people of all races and income levels to move into all neighborhoods across the city.”

“The Minneapolis 2040 Plan is recognized nationally as a leading policy for promoting affordable housing, climate resilience and racial justice,” said MN350’s Ulla Nilsen after the judge released his decision. “Opponents claim the plan will harm the environment, but the environmental benefits of planning for and making progress on denser housing and lessening reliance on cars are clear. Cleaner air will especially benefit Black, brown and Indigenous communities that have dealt with larger negative health impacts from our city’s reliance on fossil fuels.”

The judge’s order provided 60 days for the city to respond and invited them to make their case to rebut the Smart Growth arguments and address flaws in the report or offer an affirmative defense. Instead, they chose to appeal the decision. The city could win on their appeal but to do so they need to be better prepared than they have been so far.

“We expect the city of Minneapolis to mount a more vigorous defense of Minneapolis 2040,” said Nilsen, “including more documentation of its significant environmental and health benefits.”

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they don’t work.

If you want to murder a clutch of babies in China—or practically anywhere else on the planet—you’ve got to get an ax.

I was once president of the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence (1997), and, predictably, got fired after three months for something I said on the Today Show—but not about guns (rather, it was about George H.W. Bush and Colin Powell).

In 1994 I ran for statewide office. Overnight, literally, my campaign crashed and vanished because I said we “needed to confiscate unlicensed handguns.” Yes, I was that stupid—but my hands were unstained by kids’ deaths. Quite frankly, I’d unhesitatingly do it all over again.

Those sanctimoniously appearing before the klieg lights, wringing agonized hands, will be complicit in any tragedy they’re deploring. The only newly recruited advocates for gun controls will be the parents of the dead kids.

The nation pays a terrible price for indulging its myths, lies, conspiracies and racist fantasies. The German people paid a ghastly price for embracing (yes, figuratively, hugging) Adolf Hitler. Such fantasies don’t come cheap.

Our babies are murdered because we love our guns. We are as much to blame as those adoring flag-wavers cheering The Fuhrer. In the end they harvested an awful crop—sowed by adoring fans and reaped by an avenging Russian army.

The NRA celebrated its conclave only days and a few miles away from the recent Texas tragedy. The leaders usually lavishing praise and love had to be damned circum-spect. Hypocrisy comes easily to these folks.

In the end, truth and justice prevail, and lies and conspiracies exact their tolls. How those Nazis loved it all, and how passionately do we cling to similar fantasies.

“There’s a roar ahead,” said the person paddling on the Niagara River. “I wonder what it is.”



CELEBRATE SUMMER ON CEDAR AVE.

Summer on Cedar Avenue

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

Cedar Avenue – geography and history, with a side trip to Somalia

Geographically, Cedar Avenue is a lot longer than you might think. Its northern terminus is now at Seven Corners where it ends in a T-intersection with Washington Avenue South. But at one time, what is now the 10th Avenue Bridge crossing the river was Cedar Avenue.

Going south, you probably already know Cedar Avenue becomes Highway 77 at the city line between Minneapolis and a corner of western Richfield. But did you know that, as Highway 77, the road stretches all

the way through Apple Valley and then continues on through Dakota County as County Road 23, finally ending in Northfield? In Minneapolis, Cedar Avenue is also Hennepin County Road 152.

In 2020, Cedar-Riverside was named one of seven “cultural districts” by the city of Minneapolis with the purpose of promoting racial equity and economic growth and preserving cultural identity. Earlier, in 2015, then-council member Abdi Warsame proposed and won a name change for three short stretches of streets in Cedar-Riverside that also served to highlight and preserve the cultural identity Cedar-Riverside now has as a new hometown for East African immigrants, especially those

from Somalia and Ethiopia. The new street names were Somali Street, Oromo Street and Taleex Avenue.

The name Taleex was new to me, and curious as I am, the excellent coverage at the time in the South High Southerner only piqued it further:

“Taleex (pronounced ‘taleh’) is a small city of great cultural significance in Somalia – it was the capital of the Dervish state, a Somali anti-colonial government that fought Britain, England and Ethiopia.”

This led to me falling down the usual internet rabbit hole and learning masses of information (of which I will probably retain only a small amount) about Somali clans and Somali history from late colonialism to the present day. Sadly, space does not permit me to share it all here, nor do I think most of you would read it, except for the history geeks. (Start with Wikipedia and follow the citations.) The condensed version is that the Dervish movement was active from 1899 to 1920 and, although it ended with a terrible defeat at the hands of British air strikes, it can be said to have led eventually to independence and the modern Somali nation, as well as having a major influence on 20th-century Somali poetry.

The West Bank

The Cedar-Riverside area, or the West Bank as the wider neighbor-



A sign for one of the new culturally named streets in Cedar-Riverside

hood is known, is rich in history. It has always been and still is a magnet neighborhood for immigrant communities. Its history and character have also been influenced by the presence of a sizable chunk of the University of Minnesota campus, and the entirety of the campus of Augsburg University. Augsburg has created an online history resource on the history of the West Bank which you can view at digitours.augsburg.edu/tours/show/1.

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the immigrants inhabiting the West Bank were mostly Swedes, Norwegians and Danes. As

well as alcohol, the working men of this community liked to indulge in “snus,” a form of tobacco similar to snuff or chewing tobacco. This gained Cedar Avenue the Swedish nickname “snusgatan,” translated as Snoose Boulevard.

In the late 1970s through the early 1980s, the West Bank was the home of student activists, hippies and political movements, with a coffeehouse culture and the rise of food co-ops. The film “The Co-op Wars,” released in 2020, has some excellent footage of this period related to the founding of food co-ops in the area. But these people also had an interest in working-class history and culture, which led to the existence, from 1972 to 1979, of the Snoose Boulevard Festival, which celebrated Scandinavian folk music and dance.

This period also saw the rise of youth culture retail such as record stores, with the original Electric Fetus being located at 514 Cedar Avenue. The building housing it burned down on New Year’s Day in 2014 and was covered by Southside Pride. It was one of the first pieces I wrote for the paper, in fact. southsidepride.com/2014/02/02/new-years-day-tragedy-on-the-west-bank

The West Bank today mixes the remnants of the area’s cultural history with the day-to-day needs of the newer communities living there. A few bars still remain, coexisting with mosques, just as the older generation coexisted with Temperance Christians, while the former West Bank Co-op is now the West Bank Grocery and carries East African staples. Somali and Ethiopian shoppers can wire money to Africa, watch the BBC World News with subtitles in shops and cafes, or get henna decorations for holidays or weddings.

One iconic longtime business on Cedar Avenue is May Day Books at 301 Cedar Ave. It was founded in 1975 and moved to the present location in 1990. (Their wonderful mot-



Holtzermann’s department store on Cedar Avenue, later the West Bank Co-op and currently a grocery store

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to: “Not making a profit since 1975.”) May Day Books has a great website, very old-school but thorough and informative. They also have a wide selection of merchandise for such a tiny space.

Other cultural institutions that have been around for 30 years or more include one music venue and two theater companies. The music venue is the Cedar Cultural Center, familiarly known as The Cedar. They feature an eclectic selection of musical acts unmatched in the city, with a focus on

folk and world music. Check The Cedar’s website for their summer and fall offerings, including Nathan & The Zydeco Cha Chas with Minneapolis’s own Brass Messengers performing on Saturday, Aug. 6.

Theatre in the Round features a completely surrounded stage, a format challenge that draws many talented directors and enthusiastic audiences. The interesting building Theatre in the Round inhabits is over 100 years old, and the company itself is 70 years old. They just finished their 70th season in June, so visit their website to see what’s coming up in the fall.

Mixed Blood Theatre is not quite so old, but is also a highly regarded and award-winning theater showing new works with a multiracial focus. It was founded in 1975 by artistic director Jack Reuler, who is retiring this year and handing over the leadership to Mark Valdez.

A food tour of Cedar Avenue

A lot of interesting food can be found along the stretch of Cedar Avenue. On the West Bank is one place that has been featured on the Food Network’s “Diners, Drive-Ins and

Dives.” This is The Wienery, noted for its fast but lavish breakfasts, as well as its many sandwiches featuring various kinds of “wieners.” In recent years, they have added vegan hot dogs and other more eclectic offerings.

Another West Bank breakfast spot is Hard Times Cafe. Its two claims to fame are a vegan menu and being run by a worker cooperative. (It used to also be known for its hours of 5 a.m. to 2 a.m., but since reopening after a long pandemic closing, it’s now open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., which is still pretty good for a cafe.) While we’re on the West Bank and the subject of food, let



Swedish folk dancing at the Snoo

us note that Afro Deli has returned to a new location just a block from its original one on Riverside.

Another star of TV’s “Man v. Food” and “Food Wars” is found a bit farther along Cedar Avenue at 3500 Cedar.



The Cedar Inn bar’s winning cric

This is Matt’s Bar. It also has two other claims to fame that I know of. First is that it IS the original home of the Jucy Lucy, I’m sure of it. The other is that it was one of two places Barack Obama went to on his two-day visit to the Twin Cities in 2014.

Another spot on Cedar Avenue, just



President Obama leaving Matt’s

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Minneapolis Movies in the Parks
All movies start at 9:15 p.m. this week, and all are FREE. Please go to mplsmusicandmovies.com for complete details and full schedules.

Tuesday, July 5

"The Mitchells vs. the Machines"
PG

Lyndale Park Gardens
1300 W. 42nd St., Mpls.

Wednesday, July 6

"Edward Scissorhands" PG-13

The Commons
425 Portland Ave. S., Mpls.

Thursday, July 7

"Jungle Cruise" PG-13

Sibley Park
1900 E. 40th St., Mpls.

Friday, July 8

"American Underdog" PG

Hiawatha School Park
4305 E. 42nd St., Mpls.

Saturday, July 9

"Young Frankenstein" PG

Nokomis Park
2401 E Minnehaha Pkwy., Mpls.

Scott Lloyd Anderson, Oil Paintings
July 9 – Aug. 27

Opening reception on Saturday,
July 9, 4 to 7 p.m.

Doug Flanders & Associates
5025 France Ave. S., Mpls.

DF&A will present the second solo exhibition featuring the work of plein air painter Scott Lloyd Anderson. Scott Lloyd Anderson is a quintessential landscape painter of the 21st century. In addition to interpreting the beauty of nature or the vitality of the cityscape, Scott has explored that area where so much of our experience lies – the suburbs. He proves it is possible to paint a good picture of anything by combining detailed realism with abstract playfulness. The public is invited to attend the opening reception on Saturday, July 9, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the gallery. flandersart.com

From South Africa to South Minneapolis:
International Exchange Performance Group, 29:11
Friday, July 15, 5 to 7 p.m.

Midtown Global Market
920 E. Lake St., Mpls.
From South Africa to South Minneapolis, the international exchange performance group, 29:11, will perform a FREE concert at Midtown Global Market on Friday, July 15 from 5 to 7 p.m. The group produces, performs and records music across a wide range of genres. Their repertoire features original works, including a cantata depicting the history of traditional African songs, gospel favorites, remixed rhymes and pop covers.

The mission of 29:11 is to facilitate hope and reconciliation through musical performance and collaboration, artist development and cross-cultural relationships. By recognizing that each of us is worthy of understanding and love, we can bridge the ideological, racial and socio-economic gaps that divide us, and live together as citizens of the world. Being a member of 29:11 provides valuable professional experience to all members of the ensemble. The exposure often leads to exciting individual opportunities for education, employment, and cultural exchange. The group has also performed at other Twin Cities venues including Orchestra Hall, Paisley Park, Dakota Jazz Club, and for the Westminster Presbyterian Concert Series. More info at www.midtownglobalmarket.org

Friday Night Summer Movie Series
Fridays, doors open at 5 p.m.
Movie starts at 6 p.m.

Sabathani Community Center
310 E. 38th St., Mpls.
Hosted by Agape Movement, theagapemovement.com
For more info contact Bridgette Stewart at (612) 824-4017 or agapebstewart@gmail.com.

Fulton Farmers Market
Saturdays through Oct. 29
8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

49th St. & Chowen Ave. S., Mpls.
<https://www.neighborhood-rootsmn.org/>

Kingfield Farmers Market
Sundays through Oct. 30
8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

40th St. & Nicollet Ave.
(north end of MLK, Jr. Park)
<https://www.neighborhood-rootsmn.org/>

Four Season Foraging
Wild Edible Plant Identification
Three Sessions:

Wednesday, July 13, 6 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, July 20, 6 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, July 27, 6 to 8 p.m.

If you're a forager who would like to hone your plant identification skills, then this series of workshops is for you! Join Maria Wesseler of Four Season Foraging as we learn about wild edible plants of summer. We will talk some about plant uses, but the focus of this class is to gain a deeper understanding of plant identification. These workshops are a three-part series. You can take as many (or as few) of the classes as you would like. The first session will focus on leaves, the second session will focus on flowers, and the third session will focus on plant families. Sliding scale \$17.50 - \$37.50. Pre-registration required. For location and other details, please email info@fourseasonforaging.com, call 612-440-5958, or visit <https://www.fourseasonforaging.com/events>.

Sound Unseen Film Series:

'Nothing Compares'

Wednesday, July 13, 7 p.m.

Trylon Cinema

2820 E. 33rd St., Mpls.

A feature documentary that tells the story of Sinéad O'Connor's phenomenal rise to worldwide fame, and how her iconoclastic personality resulted in her exile from the pop mainstream. Focusing on prophetic words and deeds across a five-year period (1987-1992), the film reflects on the legacy of this fearless trailblazer, through a contemporary feminist lens. More info and tickets at <http://www.soundunseen.com/upcoming-events/2022/7/13/nothing-compares>.

Call for Artists: The 2022-2023 Cedar Commissions

Applications due by Friday, July 15

The Cedar Cultural Center, a non-profit performing arts organization and all-ages music venue located in Minneapolis is looking for the next round of artists to take part in the 2022-23 Cedar Commissions! The Cedar Commissions is a program that commissions six early career/emerging Minnesotan composers and musicians each year to create and perform new music. To date, The Cedar has commissioned over 60 artists of diverse styles and backgrounds.

If the application process presents barriers to you based on language, location or disability, The Cedar will accommodate special application requests to the best of our ability. Please contact Robert Lehmann at rlehmann@thecedar.org or 612-440-8406.

Patrick's Cabaret presents

PRIDE 2022 – Live & In Person

Saturday, July 16, 7:30 p.m.

900 Hennepin Ave., Mpls.

Join us in the Hennepin Theatre Trust's third floor performance space, the "900 Studio," on Saturday, July 16. Expect an amazing evening of performance, media, cocktails (including non-alcoholic) and a lot of local LGBTQ+ talent not to be missed!

The cabaret will feature an amazingly eclectic collection of works by Apocalypse Theatre; Lori Dokken; Kohl Miner; Ann Marsden; Chris Stark; Venus DeMars; and Patrick Scully, emcee.

Tickets: \$20 (suggested) available at <https://linktr.ee/PatrickScully>.

This performance is in conjunction with The Hennepin Theatre Trust's LGBTQIA+ Pride Exhibit in their first-floor space:

<https://hennepintheatretrust.org/events/lgbtqi-history-on-hennepin-jack-links-lounge/>

Watercolor Monotypes in the Rain Garden

Saturday, July 16, noon to 4 p.m.

Highpoint Center for Printmaking
912 W. Lake St., Mpls.

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press. This Free Ink Day we have a special guest: Erin Rupp of Pollinate MN. Learn about pollinators from an expert and observe a honeybee hive. (Bees will be fully contained.) Three times a year Highpoint invites the community to an afternoon of hands-on printmaking and creative fun. All materials for the planned activity are non-toxic and supplied by Highpoint (while supplies last), and no registration is necessary – just drop in, bring your creativity, and be ready to get inky! Staff and volunteers will be able to answer any questions along the way. This event is free and open to all!

‘Death of a Salesman’

Staged reading

Monday, July 18, 7 p.m.

The Conn Theater Plymouth Congregational Church 1900 Nicollet Ave., Mpls. Theater 45° in association with Theater Mu announces a free, staged reading on July 18 of Arthur Miller’s “Death of a Salesman” featuring an Asian American principal cast. Miller’s quintessential masterpiece depicts an ordinary traveling salesman in desperate pursuit of the American Dream for himself and his family. Winner of both the Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize for Best Play in 1949, “Death of a Salesman” retains its impact in an unflinching examination of this country’s ideals, made richer by casting the Lomans as an Asian American family. Often erased from this nation’s history, Asians in the 1940s certainly experienced the dashed hopes played out in Miller’s story, with higher stakes and more devastating consequences. Admission is FREE with RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Although proof of vaccination will not be required, audience members must remain masked for the duration of the reading. Tickets and more information available are available at <https://theater45.com/our-work/death-of-a-salesman-with-theater-mu>.

Preventing and Prosecuting Atrocity Crimes: Genocide, War Crimes, and Crimes Against Humanity

Wednesday, July 20, 7 to 9 p.m. CT Online via Zoom

World Without Genocide will host a webinar on Wednesday, July 20,

“Preventing and Prosecuting Atrocity Crimes: Genocide, War Crimes, and Crimes Against Humanity.” The worst crimes on the planet are known collectively as “atrocity crimes” – genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity. These crimes are occurring today in many places, including Ukraine, Ethiopia, Sudan, Myanmar, China, Afghanistan and Syria.

How to prevent these crimes? Wes Rist, J.D., Deputy Executive Director at the American Society of International Law (ASIL), will speak about atrocity prevention in international law. How to prosecute the perpetrators? Kristin Smith, J.D., Director of the Atrocity Crimes Initiative, will discuss responses to these crimes and accountability. Accused perpetrators are brought to trial at the International Criminal Court in The Hague, Netherlands, the world’s most important court. The Court is celebrating 20 years of advancing justice for victims of atrocity crimes and ending impunity for perpetrators. This webinar recognizes these advances.

Registration is required by

Wednesday, July 20, 6 p.m. CT at www.worldwithoutgenocide.org/ anniversary \$10 general public, \$5 students and seniors. “Clock hours” for Minnesota teachers, nurses and social workers. Free to Mitchell Hamline students (diversity credits available). \$25 for 2 Elimination of Bias CLE credits for Minnesota lawyers (pending). This is a live webinar program, and a recording will not be available. More information at info@worldwithoutgenocide.org, www.worldwithoutgenocide.org, or 952-693-5206.

Talk of the Stacks:

Resmaa Menakem in conversation with Lissa Jones

Tuesday, July 26, 7 p.m.

Free virtual event

Author Resmaa Menakem’s latest book is “The Quaking of America: An Embodied Guide to Navigating Our Nation’s Upheaval and Racial Reckoning.” In the new handbook, Resmaa shares somatic practices that address the growing threat of white supremacist political violence. His preparations focus on mental and emotional practices that can center the body, maintain

safety and sanity, and help readers turn toward each other rather than on one another.

Resmaa Menakem is a healer, a longtime therapist, and a licensed clinical social worker who specializes in the healing of racialized trauma. He is also the founder of the Cultural Somatics Institute, a cultural trauma navigator, and a communal provocateur and coach. Resmaa is best known as the author of the New York Times bestseller “My Grandmother’s Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending Our Hearts and Bodies,” and as the originator and key advocate of Somatic Abolitionism, an embodied antiracist practice of living and culture building. To learn more and to register for this FREE online event, go to <https://www.supportthelib.org/resmaa-menakem>.

‘Posturing’ by Joshua McGarvey

July 23 – Oct. 30

Minneapolis Institute of Art U.S. Bank Gallery 2400 3rd Ave. S., Mpls. “Posturing” is a multimedia installation by Minneapolis-based interdisciplinary artist Joshua McGarvey that explores the abstraction of truth. Through sculptural installations, the exhibition invites visitors to consider how museums like Mia often display objects out of their original context to imbue different meanings. The exhibition also features video work that experiments with the concept of truth and the presentation of self. Presented as part of Mia’s Minnesota Artists Exhibition Program (MAEP), the exhibition will be on view from July 23 through October 30, 2022, in Mia’s U.S. Bank Gallery. artsmia.org

The Autoptic Festival

Exhibition – Saturday, Aug. 13, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Coffman Memorial Union 300 Washington Ave. SE, Mpls.

Panel Discussions –

Sunday, Aug. 14, 1 to 6 p.m.

(also livestreamed)

Minneapolis College of Art & Design 2501 Stevens Ave., Mpls. The Autoptic Festival is an independent bi-annual festival celebrating the best of DIY print culture, with an emphasis on comics, zines, posters and other printed materials. The Autoptic Festival will include panels, workshops, interviews, book signings, parties and a day-long floorshow where over 120 artists can display their art, sell their work and meet the public. This year’s festival will feature the debut of our new two-day split schedule format with our floor show exhibition on Saturday and all of our panels and programming on Sunday. On Saturday, Aug. 13, we’ll have exhibitors tabling at The Coffman Memorial Union on the beautiful and commuter friendly campus of the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. Then, on Sunday, Aug. 14, we’ll be hosting a day of panels and programming at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design in Minneapolis, in a hybrid, in-person/remote format. Confirmed special guests for this year include Hyena Hell, Anders Nilson, Ari Mulch, Tom Kaczynski,



‘Art Speaks’

Through July 31

The collections of the Minnesota Historical Society include more than 7,000 works of art – and counting. “Art Speaks” reveals the stories of paintings, sculptures, photos and more collected over the past 15 years. What do these works say about their makers, about us and about Minnesota? More than 150 works – including paintings, sculptures, photographs, drawings and mixed media – in sections including faces, places, abstraction and contemporary voices. Voices of yesterday and today are included, with recently acquired pieces created in different eras, including many works from living artists. Ticket price includes admission to all History Center exhibits. <https://www.mnhs.org/historycenter/activities/museum/art-speaks>

Minnesota History Center
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John Vasquez-Meijas, Jim Keefe, Sean Knickerbocker, Caroline Cash, Kameron White and Zak Sally. Questions: info@autoptic.org. More info at www.autoptic.org.

HomeHelpMN program open for applications

Deadline extended through

Aug. 17

HomeHelpMN began accepting applications for assistance on Tuesday, May 17. HomeHelpMN will provide relief to homeowners who have been impacted by the pandemic and who owe past due mortgage payments and other eligible housing expenses. Funds for the program are limited, and need is expected to be high. If applications received during the application period exceed available funding, applicants may be put on a wait list. Applications will be accepted until Aug. 17. Homeowners can get ready today by visiting the website at HomeHelpMN.org or calling the Call Center at 1-800-388-3226. That website and phone number are also where they can apply for funds. A submitted application is not a guarantee of funding. The Call Center is available Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. It is accessible by TTY and also utilizes the Language Line to provide access for callers who wish to communicate in a language other than English.

‘Local Vibes’

Wednesdays at 8 p.m. CST

On YouTube

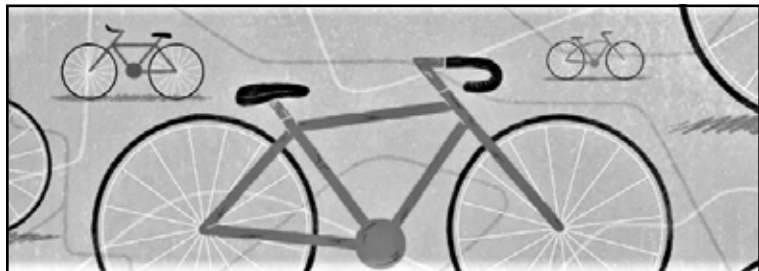
“Local Vibes” – come for the music, stay for the stories. “Local Vibes” is a one-of-a-kind show documenting and creating space for the Twin Cities hip-hop community and their voices through performance and interview. It’s music that sounds like Minnesota, and it’s only on the Vanguard, Radio K’s 24-hour, college-student curated online hip-hop stream. “Local Vibes” opens a door into the vibrant local hip-hop scene that

you won’t be able to find anywhere else on commercial airwaves. The show’s unique performance setup and fun yet informative interviews make for memorable content you won’t find anywhere else in Minnesota. You’ll hear voices that are enhancing the Twin Cities culturally and socially, and are testing the bounds of music as we know it. Tune in to watch interviews from your favorite Twin Cities artists, and to discover up-and-coming artists that you’ll want on your radar. Twin Cities hip-hop has something special to offer, and we want to let you in on the ground floor. The Vanguard is a student-curated, uncensored, 24-hour online stream dedicated to hip-hop. It’s one of the first non-commercial stations in the county to exclusively feature hip-hop, and it’s the only place to hear hip-hop 24/7 in the Twin Cities. Tune in to watch “Local Vibes” in a late-night talk show format on Radio K’s YouTube channel each Wednesday at 8 p.m. CST and catch updates on the Vanguard’s Instagram (@radiokvanguard). Stream The Vanguard here: <https://www.radiokvanguard/>.

NAMI Mental Health Support Groups

Online

NAMI Minnesota (National Alliance on Mental Illness) offers a variety of free online peer support groups for adults and young adults living with a mental illness, their families, friends, spouses/partners, as well as parents of children and teens. African American, GLBTQ and BIPOC community focused groups are also offered. Led by trained peer facilitators, the support groups help individuals and families learn coping skills and find strength through sharing their experiences. Find a complete listing of group meetings and how to join in by going to namimn.org and clicking on “Support Groups” or go straight to <https://namimn.org/support/nami-minnesota-support-groups/>.



Volunteer for the Greenway!

Can you spare a few hours to help support the trail and our community? Consider volunteering for the Midtown Bike + Walk Ambassadors. Join the Ambassadors for a walk or bike ride along Lake Street and the Greenway this summer. Help welcome visitors to the area, provide directions, and visit small businesses to show support. Greenway users and Lake Street business owners tell us they really appreciate our Ambassadors. Meet new people and help support our community! Walks and rides go out every week. More information here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScQQAjQHhyUFV1v4ErOrCrZXDZqF-wwQLLm43s4MHvKqgFBw/viewform>

EVENTS

Camp Creativity: Making Art from the Heart

Monday, July 11 – Friday, July 15 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Plymouth Congregational Church 1900 Nicollet Ave., Mpls. Join us for a joyfully creative Peace Camp this summer! Creativity can take many forms, from music to movement to visual art, and more. Join our enthusiastic teen planning team for a week sure to stretch your creative muscles.

Important notes: Peace Camp is Monday, July 11 through Friday, July 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. No half-day option is available. Camp ends at 3 p.m. daily.

Camp will be held in the Plymouth Church Education wing with classes, activities, stories and snacks for: Youth Participants (entering kindergarten to 7th grade)—\$75 Junior Helpers (entering 8th or 9th grade)—\$25 No one will be turned away due to cost. If you would like to be considered for a scholarship, please register your child(ren), select the “Pay in Person/by Mail” option, and contact Nina Johnson at ninaj@plymouth.org. To learn more and register, go to <https://www.plymouth.org/grow/>.

A Listening Ear: Mental Health for Everyone

Wednesdays, July 20 and Aug. 17 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Living Spirit United Methodist Church 4501 Bloomington Ave., Mpls. This summer, Living Spirit is providing a listening ear to the community. At each event, trained listeners (mental health professionals, marriage and family therapy students, and certified coaches) will be available from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. You can talk about a specific problem you’d like an outside perspective on or check in about your mental health in general. This event is open to people of all (or no) faith traditions. More information at <https://www.livingspiritumc.org/news/listeningear>.

Walking Meditation

Sunday, July 24 6:25 to 7:30 p.m.

Wood Lake Nature Center 6710 Lake Shore Dr. S. Richfield, MN Way Opening Workshops is offering a guided walk with reflections, queries and movement. Walking has a positive effect on mental health, as well as being beneficial for our bodies, minds and spirits. Walking meditation is a prime way to engage in a spiritual practice, in the presence of nature and community. Come alone or with another. All faiths and no faith welcome. Cost is \$10 per session.

To register contact: wayopeningworkshops@gmail.com. Visit wayopeningworkshops.com for more information.

Community BBQ

Saturday, July 30 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Living Spirit United Methodist Church 4501 Bloomington Ave., Mpls. Living Spirit invites you to our 40th annual community BBQ on Saturday, July 30, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Plates will include ribs or fried chicken, coleslaw, beans and toast. There will be plenty of shade to enjoy your meal outside, or you can take it to go. Tickets will be available to purchase when you arrive; prices have not been finalized, but a plate will be around \$14. Our United Women in Faith will also be selling all kinds of baked goods to raise money for their mission work.

Healing Minnesota Stories

Open Sacred Site Tours

Saturday, July 30, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, 1 to 5 p.m.

Church of St. Peter 1405 Sibley Memorial Hwy. St. Paul While dozens of private Sacred Sites Tours have taken place for groups this year, the Minnesota Council of Churches is happy to announce two open-to-the-public tours. Tours are led by Rev. Jim Bear Jacobs (Mohican) and Kelly Sherman Conroy (Oglala Lakota). The tours offer an opportunity to learn about Minnesota history from a Native perspective through storytelling and experiencing the sites in silence/meditation/reflection. Learn more about how you can participate in Healing Minnesota

Stories by absorbing the sacred narratives of Minnesota places. Get more info and register at <http://mnchurches.org/what-we-do/healing-minnesota-stories>.

Single Best Day Ever

Saturday, Aug. 13, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saint Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral 519 Oak Grove St., Mpls. Are you ready for the most exciting, fun, inspiring day of your entire summer? The Single Best Day Ever is a pop-up, traveling camp experience that partners with churches across the diocese to engage the children and youth not only in their churches, but in their entire cities. A one-day experience allows people of all ages and levels of safety mitigation to join in a fun and transformational experience that’s also highly flexible. Open to ages 5 to 17, The Single Best Day Ever is an immersive, single day camp experience that engages kids’ souls, minds and bodies. Plus, it’s going to be fun—like, a lot of fun. Learn more and register at <https://episcopalmn.org/events/youth/single-best-day-ever-st-marks-cathedral-minneapolis>.

Minneapolis Friends Meeting Summer Schedule

Through Sept. 11, 10 to 11 a.m.

4401 York Ave. S., Mpls. The summer schedule for Minneapolis Friends Meeting is in effect from now until Sept. 11. Worship hours are from 10 to 11 a.m. Services will continue to be hybrid – join us on Zoom or at the Meetinghouse. Please go to our website at minneapolis-friends.org for more information. All are welcome!

Refugee Donation Wish List:

Comforters

From the Minnesota Council of Churches: Interested in giving a donation to welcome a refugee family? Please consider the gift of a comforter (twin or queen sizes). If you have a comforter in good condition that you would like to donate, please email Rsvolunteers@mnchurches.org or call (612) 230-3291 – or order online from our up-to-date Amazon Wishlist: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/l/2144RAQ240DR9/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1?

SHARING FOOD

Calvary Lutheran Church 3901 Chicago Ave., Mpls. 612-827-2504, ext. 205

The Food Shelf is open for food distributions on Saturdays, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Due to COVID-19, we are currently operating on a limited-choice outside ordering process, or indoor client-selected shopping. Masks are required. No appointments are needed – just come to the parking lot. Eligibility is based on self-reported income and need. We ask that households come only ONE TIME PER MONTH to allow everyone access. The Calvary Food Shelf has no geographic boundaries – all are welcome! If you have any questions, please email foodshelf@clchurch.org or call 612-827-2504, ext. 205. For more information and to see eligibility guidelines, go to <https://www.clchurch.org/food-shelf>.

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.

Du Nord Foundation Community Market 3140 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 <https://www.dunordfoundation.org/get-food>.

Groveland Emergency Food Shelf 1900 Nicollet Ave., Mpls. 612-871-0277

Monday – Friday 9:30 a.m. to noon On Groveland Avenue between Nicollet and Lasalle (Temporary entrance on Nicollet Avenue) Hosted in the basement of Plymouth Congregational Church Delivery is available for individuals who are housebound due to disability. <https://www.grovelandfoodshelf.org/>

Community Meals at Walker Church 3104 16th Ave. S., Mpls. 612-722-6612

Free to-go meals and groceries are available for pick-up every Tuesday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. All are welcome.

Sisters Camelot holds a separate food distribution out of Walker Church every third and fifth Tuesday of the month starting at 2:30 p.m. This is in addition to our weekly programmed food distributions starting at 4:30 p.m. Follow Sisters Camelot on Facebook or at <http://sisterscamelot.org/> for more.

New Creation Baptist Church 1414 E. 48th 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 have re-opened the food shelf to choice shopping. We do require mask, sanitizer and temp check. Be safe and God bless! <https://www.facebook.com/NCBCfoodshelf>. Saturdays (except 5th Saturdays) 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Brown door on the corner of 48th St. and 15th Ave.)

Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church 5300 10th Ave. S., Mpls. 612-825-6846

Serving Loaves and Fishes free community meals on Wednesdays from 5 to 6 p.m. The meals are all “to-go” meals, served from the northwest door on 53rd Street. These meals are free to anyone, no questions asked. You might have had a hard day and simply cannot cook dinner. Or maybe you’ve paid your last bill for the month and cannot buy groceries. Whatever your circumstance, you are welcome. You can simply drive or walk up to the church and receive a meal any Wednesday evening between 5 and 6 p.m.

Minnehaha United Methodist Church 3701 E. 50th St., Mpls. 612-721-6231

The Minnehaha Food Shelf serves food for the hungry on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We help distribute up to 30,000 pounds of food each month. In response to the COVID-19 virus, we have changed many things to protect both our guests and our volunteers – rigorous cleaning routines, streamlined procedures, moving outside, wearing face masks and following the 6-foot social distancing guideline. Please be patient as we continue to improve what we do. <https://www.facebook.com/MinnehahaFoodShelf/>

Soup for You! Café at Bethany 2511 E. Franklin Ave., Mpls. 612-332-2397

Soup for You! operates out of the basement of century-old and deeply-rooted Bethany Lutheran Church that we honor in our name. After two years of COVID lockdown and serving our community through a set of three glass doors, Soup for You! Café is back to an open dining room. Monday through Friday, noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays, groceries, noon to 1 p.m. Large space, high ceilings, only four chairs per table, all volunteers vaccinated/boosted. <https://soupforyou.info/>

The Powderhorn Religious Community Welcomes You

Bahá’í

BAHÁ’I CENTER OF MINNEAPOLIS

3644 Chicago Ave. S. 612-823-3494 Minneapolis.Bahai@gmail.com Devotions at the Bahá’í Center and via Zoom, Sundays 10 am, and Tuesdays via Zoom 6:30 pm See www.minneapolisbahai.org So powerful is the light of unity that it can illuminate the whole earth. -Baha’u’llah



All Directory Churches are Wheelchair Accessible

Christian

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

3901 Chicago Ave. S. 612-827-2504 or www.clchurch.org Sunday Worship at 10 am Interim Pastor Kjell Ferris *A Reconciling in Christ Congregation*

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Center for Changing Lives 2400 Park Ave. S. 612-871-8831 www.messiahlutheranmpls.org 9 am In-person Messiah Traditional Worship – 1st &

3rd Sundays

11 am In-person Messiah Praise Worship – Every Sunday – Fellowship Lunch Afterward

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

www.stjoan.com 4537 Third Ave. Saturday, 5 pm in the Church Sunday, 7:45 am in the Church, 9 & 11 am in the gym Video available on our website and Facebook page *We Welcome You Wherever You Are On Your Journey*

Please send news of your faith-based community to katherine.southsidepride@gmail.com



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support for pedestrian-friendly parkways

The DFL Senior Caucus seems to believe that the ability to drive and park a personal vehicle wherever and whenever one pleases is an inalienable right granted to every motorist. In the last issue of this paper, Patricia Kelly, Board Chair of the Minneapolis DFL Senior Caucus, alleged that a proposal to close down some of the Minneapolis parkways to vehicle traffic on just two weekends a month over the summer is “discriminatory towards both seniors and the disabled.” This claim is both laughably overblown and totally inconsiderate to the many seniors and people with disabilities who either cannot or choose not to drive themselves. It is, at most, a minor inconvenience to a subset of car-owning individuals who now may have to take an alternate route to the parkway, or park in a different spot on a few select days of the month.

When the city closed down its parkways in 2020, the lakes and rivers became oases for people who wanted to get out of their homes and walk, rollerblade, bike or even just read quietly on a park bench without the safety risk, noise and pollution of automobiles. Now that the parkways have returned to business as usual, I’ve noticed that the walking and bike paths are often over-trafficked, while the roads remain relatively empty – though I have also seen the occasional car barrel through with reckless speed!

If we sincerely want Minneapolis to be a more livable, active and climate-friendly city, we need to stop bending over backwards to appease motorists and start making policy choices that make it easy for citizens to get outside, recreate and connect with each other.

Liam Mackin
Powderhorn resident

A critical view of the Minneapolis Police Academy

I am a former recruit to the Minneapolis Police Academy. My family and friends did not want me to work for Minneapolis and I was skeptical. The MPD is internationally known for being a terrible department. After meeting with Chief Arradondo, I was convinced that the community needed me. I thought the old department was going to be revamped into a Minneapolis 2.0.

I grew up in the suburbs and lived my young adult life near the U of M. My friends and family say that I am too nice to be a police officer, but after spending countless hours volunteering with the St. Paul Police Department, I knew a good officer is one who keeps their cool and is a nice person. I have met some of the most decorated officers in their communities, and I knew how I wanted to police the community.

Among my fellow recruits, I was one of the oldest, and few were old enough to have children. Many who graduate from the Academy are barely 22 years old. I have two young children, and the pressures of trying to perform adequately meant that I was stretched thin as a family man, and ultimately this made me realize that if I continued working for the department, I would lose out on raising my children.

The officers training us were generally good, but the direction we were heading was more militaristic than the community orientation that the department advertises. The Academy lacked a lot of the community element and trained us instead as if we were on the SWAT team, delving into the basics of searching buildings, traffic stops, and what to do if we were in an active shooting situation. The heavy emphasis on just these subjects, one could argue, does not make a well-rounded officer. Spending hours conditioning recruits to fear their constituents breeds officers who could cause mis-

conduct.

The department is so short-staffed that one hand really does not know what the other hand is doing. I was told by one group of supervisors that I was doing great, while another group of supervisors made my time there very hostile, to the point I had to carry around a resignation letter. I could feel their dislike of me and knew from the beginning that they despised me. It was a shame that one day I could be praised for my performance, and another day they made me feel like I was complete trash. How is that even allowed in any workplace?

One of my role models since the second grade was a St. Louis Park police officer. He came into the room of second graders and said, “How many people do you think I have shot?” An odd question, right? The kids yelled out numbers ranging from one to 25. The officer said, “Zero, I have never had to shoot anyone.” This has always stuck with me as how a police officer is supposed to do their job. However, coming to Minneapolis, I was being trained by officers who had been involved in deadly force situations. One officer had allegedly shot and killed two people, but he was still training us despite protests from the community. Some of the officers training us were recently on TV for incidents of misconduct, yet they were still training us. This was very disappointing for me. How could I prove to the naysayers that the department was doing what it could to change while it was allowing these officers to train us?

A former MPD recruit



Marie Braun lives within us

BY SARAH MARTIN AND
MEREDITH ABY-KEIRSTEAD

Marie Braun, 87, a longtime activist and beloved and respected leader in the peace and justice movement in the Twin Cities, died on June 27 after a very brief illness.

The response of Dave Logsdon, president of Veterans for Peace Chapter 27, reflects the reaction of so many: “Such a shock. She is so strong it’s hard to believe this news. What a giant in our peace and justice movement.”

Marie Braun was a member of Women Against Military Madness (WAMM) nearly from its inception 40 years ago. After her retirement in 1997 from the psychology practice that she ran with her husband John, she turned her full attention, incomparable work ethic, legendary organizational skills, boundless energy and warmth and humor to anti-war work.

She traveled to Iraq with Ramsey Clark, Jess Sundin and others on an International Action Center delegation in 1998 at the height of the brutal U.S. sanctions against that country.

Marie began the weekly vigil at the Lake Street bridge which has not missed a single Wednesday in its 23 years of anti-war presence, from the U.S./NATO bombing of Yugoslavia until today with the U.S./NATO-provoked conflict in Ukraine. For many years she and John were the ones to bring the signs, often

newly made that week, reflecting whatever country the U.S. was bombing, sanctioning or occupying.

In the run-up to Desert Storm, she and John organized a campaign for WAMM members to distribute thousands of lawn signs which said, “Call your congressperson. Say no to war on Iraq.” These signs were not only pervasive across the lawns in our city but were also requested by other communities across the country.

For many years Marie organized a service at her church, Saint Joan of Arc, on the Feast of the Holy Innocents. She transformed this remembrance of Herod’s slaughter of the children in Palestine to a memorial for the children of Iraq killed by U.S. bombing and sanctions.

Marie organized days-long occupations at U.S. Senators Wellstone, Dayton and Coleman’s offices. She brought to town national leaders like Cindy Sheehan, Kathy Kelly and Dennis Halliday, the U.N. humanitarian coordinator in Iraq, and made sure they spoke to standing-room-only crowds. She developed a statewide network of anti-war activists to host speaking tours and to pressure elected officials. She left no stone unturned in her work against U.S. imperialism in Iraq, a tenacity she applied to whatever she undertook.

Alan Dale, Minnesota Peace Action Coalition founder, tells

the story: “Marie was the most consistent activist, working with a wide range of people from many backgrounds, always keeping true to her own principles. Marie often took on the role of peacekeeper coordinator or lead marshal for protests. At one of the Iraq war anniversary protests starting at Loring Park, hundreds of people had gathered to march. Then the police arrived. The lead cop seemed beside himself that all these people planned to march without their permission. The lead cop demanded someone’s driver’s license so he knew where to send a summons. Marie said, ‘You can have my driver’s license, but we are still going to march.’ By then, there were 1000 to 2000 people gathered. The cops just gave up and left.”

In 2010, anti-war activists in Minneapolis and around the Midwest were targeted by the FBI for their peace and international solidarity activism. Both these writers were included in those subpoenaed to a grand jury and targeted by the FBI. Marie helped us organize our resistance through the Committee to Stop FBI Repression. Joe Iosbaker, an activist from Chicago who was also subpoenaed, remembered her solidarity: “I remember her best from her efforts with congresspersons and senators on behalf of the Anti-war 23. Getting those elected officials to speak out in our defense seemed unimaginable to



Marie Braun speaking at a WAMM event

me, but not to Marie and the veteran peace activists in the Twin Cities! And they were right.”

For the past several years Marie chaired the WAMM End War Committee. Mary Slobig said, “I can’t imagine the End War Committee without her sending out the agenda, holding us to task, and taking notes. She’s our rock!”

Kristin Dooley, the director of WAMM told Fight Back! News: “Marie has been my friend, my mentor, and my partner in activism for decades. She was an incredibly capable activist. She could handle finances, personnel, membership renewals, fundraising, press and writing. She willingly interacted with religious, political, civil and police authorities. Marie let me know

she had my back and I became a better activist because she believed in me.”

Marie inspired us by her commitment and wasn’t afraid to ask for involvement or money. Most of us have said, “You can’t say no to Marie.” She was a pillar of the peace movement and a key motivator for actions and effective change. She also was a skilled mentor and teacher and leaves behind strong organizations and individuals to carry on the struggle. She brought out the best in us, and we and the peace movement will miss her beyond words.

¡Marie Braun Presente!

Memorials can be sent to Women Against Military Madness at 4200 Cedar Ave. S., Ste. 1, Minneapolis, MN 55407.

Longfellow Eat Local BOGOs – plus openings, farmers markets, union and distillery news, and mini-reviews

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

Openings and closings

It seems like the great wave of closings that plagued 2020 and 2021 is finally tapering off. There is only one south Minneapolis closing to announce, but it's sad because we enjoyed announcing the opening and then had to follow up with a dreadful story about a shooting that injured one of their staff. This ill-starred though pretty decent place was Side Chick in the Lyn-Lake area. Maybe it was the name?

On the upside, there are still lots of plucky food entrepreneurs announcing openings, expansions, and the launch of new ideas. One opening I am thrilled to see, being a library fan, a downtown girl, and a lover of coffee shops, is that a nonprofit called MARCH (Mobilizing and Releasing Caring Hearts Inc., which mentors urban youth through the operation of coffee shops) is opening a coffee shop called Mocha Momma in the space within the Minneapolis Central Library that used to house a Dunn Brothers. I have missed that Dunn Brothers so much! I expect to adore Mocha Momma.

In other news, an expansion and a return. Afro Deli, the small chain founded on the West Bank's Riverside Avenue by Abdirahman Kahin, has already expanded to the Minneapolis skyway, Stadium Village, and St. Paul, while having to close its original spot. It is now opening another expansion back in the West Bank, just a block or so from its starting point.

Further good news from downtown Minneapolis is that the Minneapolis Women's Club has opened its famous rooftop patio to the general public for dinner Thursday through Friday. It was already open to all for brunch on Fridays only. And finally, a Rochester-based fast burger chain has opened (if they made their announced opening of July 1) a location in Apple Valley. The chain is called Newt's and the new Twin Cities outlet is Newt's 46.

Farmers' markets

With the opening of the Nicol-

let Mall farmers' market in mid-June and the Four Sisters Farmers Market on Franklin Avenue in early June, I think all the markets that are going to open this summer are open – and thriving. If you're like me and still wear-



O'Shaughnessy whiskeys

ing masks in grocery stores but not outdoors, you'll welcome the opportunity to shop in the open air.

Workers United (Starbucks) progress update

Two more Minnesota Starbucks have held successful union elections since I last checked in. Welcome to the Workers United family to the Starbucks on the first floor of the Mall of America and also to the Starbucks in St. Anthony.

O'Shaughnessy Distilling Co. widens its distribution

The Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal has a piece about O'Shaughnessy Distilling Company in Minneapolis. O'Shaughnessy was founded a couple of years ago by two St. Paul Irish American brothers named O'Shaughnessy, and first hit the news when they were preparing to debut their distillery and cocktail room in Prospect Park. The big buzz was that they had hired away Jameson's master distiller, Brian Nation. Their initial launch was Irish + American, a whiskey distilled using Irish processes with three copper pots, but using American grains. They followed this with an American single malt, and then Irish + Bourbon, as well as several specialty blends with

novel "finishing" (extra flavors imparted in the cask stage). The latest to launch is finished with maple syrup.

The recent piece focused on their phenomenally fast growth in selling to bars and retailers

All Square, and Arbeiter Brewing are in on it – but one is a bit different. Eat for Equity is the chef-prepared meal kit company operating out of what used to be the Du Nord Craft Spirits cocktail room, and offering a pay-what-you-can option. (It's run by the same people who run the distillery but no longer run a cocktail room.) I am going to make a rare foray back into meal kit territory next week to try it out. I'll let you know what I think in August.

Vegan meat raffles are a thing

At least they are here, featuring a spread of Herbivorous Butcher's products. They just had one at Palmer's Bar, of all places. Sorry, that's all I've got; that's the post.

Mini-review – un dito at ie Italian Eatery

I tried un dito at ie Italian Eatery in June. This is a fast casual extension of ie that offers panini, house-made gelato and sorbetto, and drinks, apps and snacks with a choice of patio dining, takeout, or inside in a small space up to 4 p.m. I ate inside, all on my own, which is lovely – you should try it sometime. I



un dito at ie Italian Eatery

distributors calling us saying, 'Please come to our state,' and that hasn't happened too many times in my career," he said.

Longfellow Business Association, Eat for Equity, and BOGO/ Eat Local punch cards

Longfellow Business Association launched an Eat Local promotion in early June, but it runs through the end of July, so it's not too late to cash in. You buy a punch card for \$10 at the first participating business you patronize, take their BOGO offer, and then take as many more of the 16 participants' offers as you can. See www.longfellowbusinessassociation.org for the list and their individual offers.

Most of the participants are familiar food and drink spots in Longfellow – Wildflyer Coffee,

had what was advertised as a portabella panino. It was also lovely; very tasty, but it wasn't a panino. A panino (singular of panini) is supposed to be grilled in a panino press in olive oil or butter, with the innards of the sandwich squashed flat and the outside crisp and thin. This was basically a veggie burger where the burger was one big grilled portabella mushroom with fixings. It was in a hamburger bun or something similar. Big and soft, drippy and messy to eat, no crunch. Not a panino. I also had a house lemonade, which was good. I may return later to try their house-made strawberry sorbetto, which sounds intriguing.

Mini-review – Reverie

I finally used up my Reverie

gift card which I got as a perk for helping to fund the opening. I had the smoked brussels sprouts appetizer and a main dish salad that is called a BLT salad but also has croutons and vegan Caesar dressing. The "bacon" is smoky-flavored grilled strips of shiitake mushrooms. Both these items were good but my choice to have them together was poor, as they were too much alike. No counterpoint. Coun-



terpoint is essential to the fine dining experience. And for me both had the same slight shortfall on yumminess (and this is just me). I would have preferred less smokiness, more texture, and more of the creamy stuff – a cashew crema topping on the sprouts and the dressing on the salad. They both had these, but too skimpy for my voluptuous tastes. Vegan does not have to mean skimpy.

I also had the Sociable Cider Werks strawberry daiquiri. It was OK, but I couldn't finish it. Local ciders seem too high in ABV for me, or maybe it's just my age. It didn't really taste much of strawberries either, although the color was nice and berry-bright. I think the combo of dry apple cider and lime overpowered the strawberries.

Dessert mini-review – Pumphouse Creamery and Askinosie Chocolate

I am seriously falling in love with Pumphouse Creamery. First it was their Lemon-infused Olive Oil and Sea Salt (LIOOSS). Then it was their Decaf ice cream using coffee from a local roastery. Then it was their Brother Justus Whiskey ice cream. At my last visit I was going to choose between Rhubarb, which had just come out for the season, and the LIOOSS. I ended up getting both and being talked into trying a new one – Askinosie Chocolate. The Rhubarb is excellent but ... Oh. My. Goddess. The Askinosie! Hurry up and get this limited run of ice cream while it lasts. Before you ask (because I did!) Askinosie ticks all my ethical sourcing boxes, as well. If you don't manage to score the ice cream, Askinosie Chocolate is also available online at askinosie-



Plug it in

BY ELINA KOLSTAD

I must admit I get a certain amount of schadenfreude as the owner of a battery electric vehicle (BEV) when I see gas prices going up and up and up. At the same time I am very concerned about those who were already living paycheck to paycheck before the gas price spike but are reliant on a gas-powered vehicle to get by. We have seen this coming. We've known for years that gas prices would keep going

up. And yet our elected officials have effectively done nothing to prepare for this moment.

When my husband and I went from car-free to car owners in the fall of 2020 we bought a 2015 Nissan Leaf, a BEV. We were privileged to be able to buy this car when we did; for one thing we have an off-street parking spot with access to electrical charging. We also were able to go with a shorter-range electric car because we had spent five years without owning a car, so getting a car with a limited range still increased our mobility in comparison to walking and taking the bus places. In those moments when we needed a car that would travel farther, we

were used to car sharing with services like Hourcar.

Now Hourcar is offering a new car-share option that might be of interest to those who are curious about electric cars but who aren't in a position to buy one. Between the megadrought out west and record high gas prices, this summer seems like the perfect time for the launch of Hourcar's new electric car-share program, Evie. Made up of a fleet of Chevy Bolts, this service functions differently from the current sharing model used by the gas-powered cars already offered by Hourcar. The gas-powered cars are located at specif-



We didn't have access to a high-powered charger in Wisconsin, but the car had enough charge to get us there and back and

we just plugged it into one of the Hourcar chargers when we returned it. The Evie service is slightly more expensive than the traditional gas-powered cars offered by Hourcar, so if you're curious about getting a BEV but aren't sure, this might be a fun way to test out driving around in one.

Electric cars are not a silver bullet that will solve our climate crisis, but they offer an important tool in reducing our carbon footprint. By combining electric cars with car sharing we have the opportunity to reduce our impact both in terms of operational emissions and in terms of the resource cost by reducing the number of cars being manufactured. My husband and I contemplate being able to go car-free again once our daughter is big enough to move from the bulky and difficult-to-install car seat she currently needs to a more portable booster seat. Hourcar's new expansion makes this possibility more realistic, and I am grateful for it.

For those who used Car2Go (RIP), Evie works more like Car2Go did. The cars are parked throughout the "home area" and can be returned to any legal parking spot within that area. When the car gets below a certain charge level, users are asked to park it at one of the chargers installed throughout the home area and plug in.

We recently used this service to drive to Wisconsin and back. It worked wonderfully.

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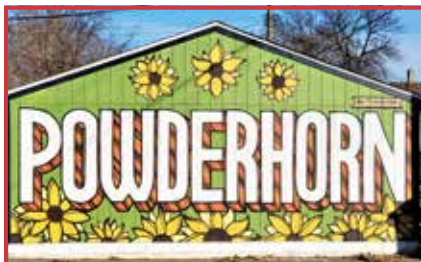
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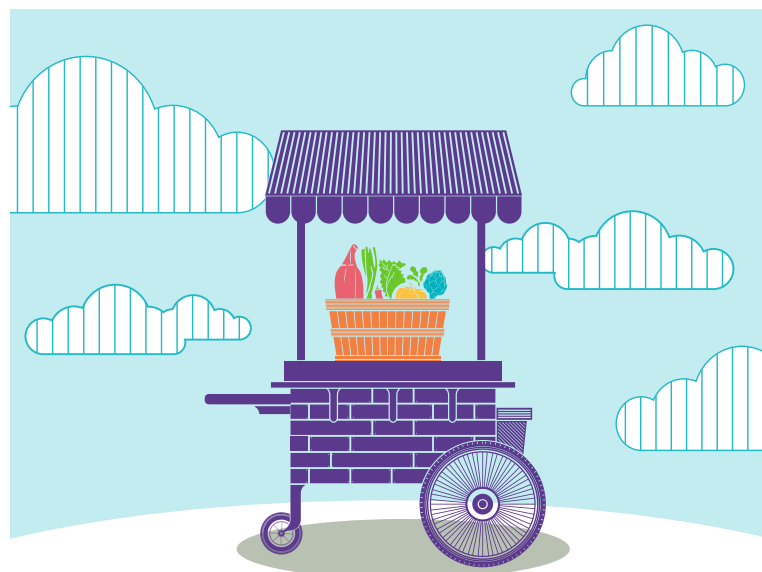


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