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## Cam's Corner



### Hope burns eternal to douse the flames at HERC

BY CAM GORDON

**County's new Zero  
Waste Plan could  
end garbage burning  
downtown**

Once again, people are organizing to shut down Hennepin County's downtown garbage burner. The burner, known as the Hennepin Energy Recovery Center (HERC), has been fraught with controversy since before it opened in 1989.

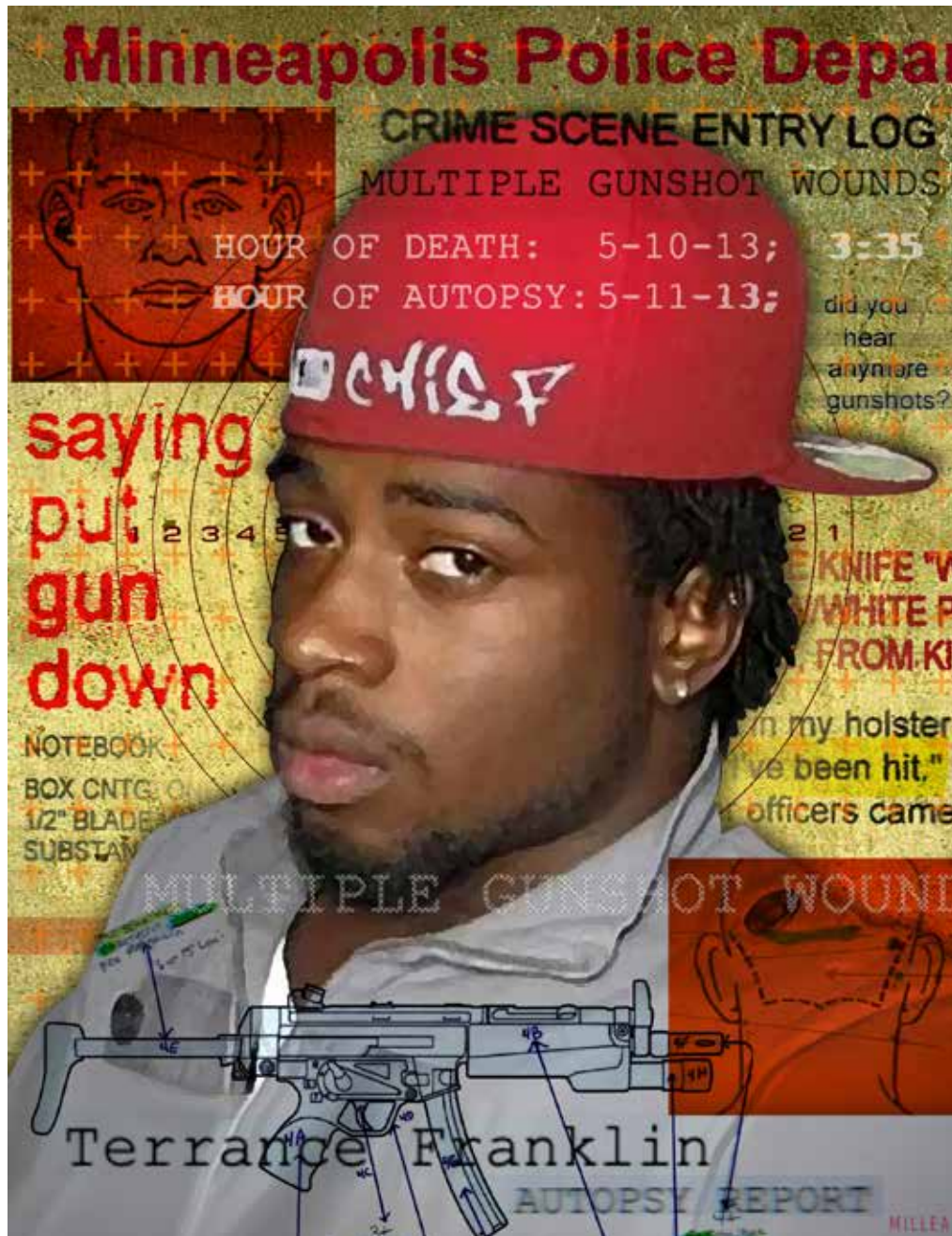
"Communities have been fighting this facility since before it was built," said Nazir Khan, co-founder of the Minnesota Environmental Justice Table (MEJT), which is a leader in the effort this time around.

The last push for closure was launched in 2016 by a coalition that included the Sierra Club, Neighborhoods Organizing for Change and the Minnesota Public Interest Research Group, which was unsuccessful.

This time could be different.

That is what the people who attended the Feb. 5 meeting at Zion Baptist Church in north Minneapolis hope.

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## 'I am Mookie'

BY KAY SCHROVEN

"The shoot first, think later approach to policing needs to stop." - Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor

Before George Floyd, before Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, and before body cameras were worn by the Minneapolis police, there was Terrance Franklin, aka Mookie. The case did not get a lot of attention in 2013. Now, after nearly a

decade, the Walter Franklin family and their attorney, Mike Padden, are hopeful that Mookie's case will get another chance at justice. The wrongful death settlement of \$795,000 on Feb. 13, 2020, by the city of Minneapolis did not and does not settle it. Holding the officers responsible for Terrance Franklin's beating and death would be a step toward justice. Former Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman announced at the time

that "a grand jury declined to indict the officers because the case did not meet the standard of probable cause." When the request to reopen the case was made because of new evidence, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) denied the request. Police wrongdoing simply was not taken seriously. However, by the time Freeman decided not to seek reelection last year, he seemed to understand that the case needed re-examination, but

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## Roof Depot demolition delayed

BY KAY SCHROVEN

There was plenty of sun and the temps were above freezing on Sunday, Feb. 26, as the East Phillips and Little Earth communities and their supporters celebrated Judge Edward Wahl's recent injunction to allow the Minnesota Court of Appeals to review the activists' request to permanently stop the city's controversial, impending demolition of the Roof Depot building.

In summary, the years-long battle involves the city of Minneapolis's plan to destroy the Roof Depot at 1860 E. 28th St. in the East Phillips neighborhood in order to create a public works facility which would house water and sewage systems and a large parking lot versus the organized resistance advocates' proposal to turn the property into a community center with an urban farm, cooperatively-owned businesses and small shelters for the community's unsheltered population. The fight has been led by a coalition of grassroots organizations including the East Phillips Neighborhood Institute (EPNI), Little Earth Protectors, environmental groups,



**Susie from Sisters' Camelot serves up hot soup.**

the American Indian Movement and more. The effort is known as "Defend the Depot."

Given its history, the property is believed to be contaminated and a source of pollution, namely arsenic trioxide. It was established as a Superfund site in 2007 on the heels of a long defunct pesticide plant. The outcome was removal of 50,000 tons of contaminated soil.

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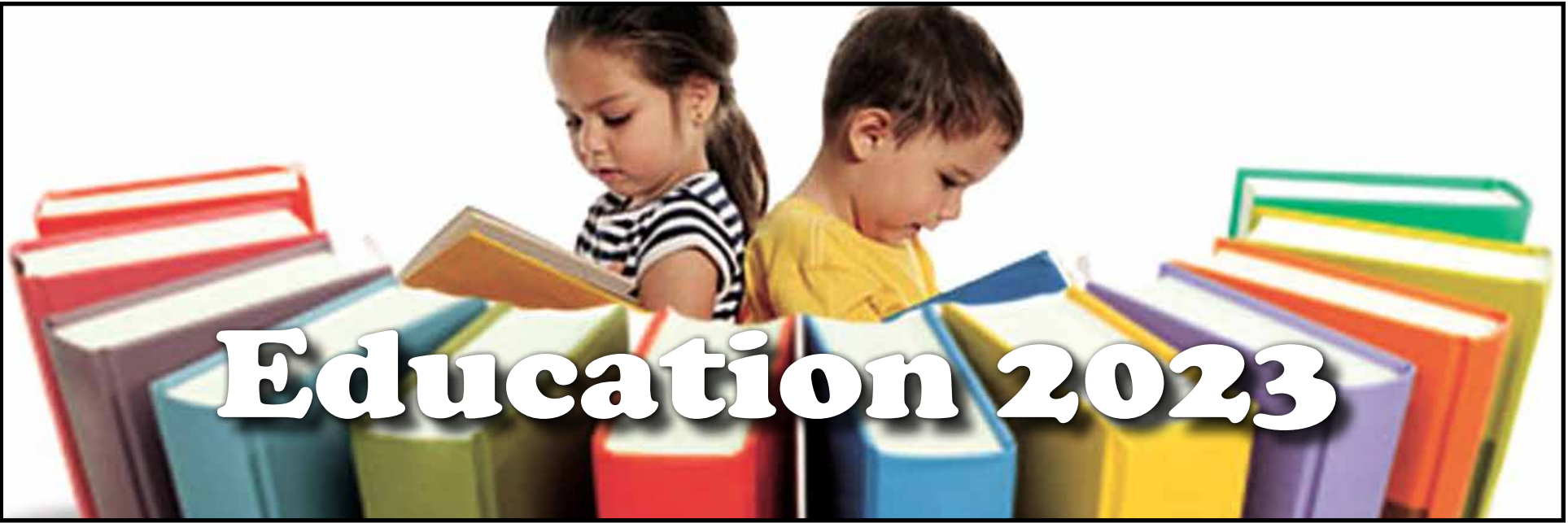


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# Education 2023

## Ups and downs in public education outlook

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

We published each of 2022's Education supplements on a sort of a cliffhanger. In early March we were in

the pre-strike cooling-off period for a historic strike that took place the next week. In October, it was a month until an election that would bring five new members to the

Minneapolis school board, there was a superintendent search underway and a lawsuit challenging the new contract in progress. The five months between October 2022 and now have been action-packed.

**Election:** To recap the election, we had five candidates on an "MFT Slate" that had all been DFL-endorsed. In the month before the election, one of these, KerryJo Felder, experienced some negative press and social media woes, while an acceptable challenger, Sonya Emerick, emerged against her. Long story short, the other four won but Felder lost by a narrow margin. The



The five new Minneapolis school board members are (clockwise from upper left) Sonya Emerick; Collin Beachy; Lori Norvell; Fathia Feerayyarre; and Abdul Abdi. (Photo/Jaida Grey Eagle and Drew Arrieta, Sahan Journal)

new school board members as of November are Emerick (at-large, who has a long and deep organizing background and is trans, autistic, and the parent of a special ed student); Collin Beachy (at-large, ex-teacher); Lori Norvell (ex-teacher, District 5); Abdul Abdi and Fathia Feerayyarre (both uncontested, Districts 1 and 3, respectively). **Superintendent search:** The Minneapolis school board was forced to extend the



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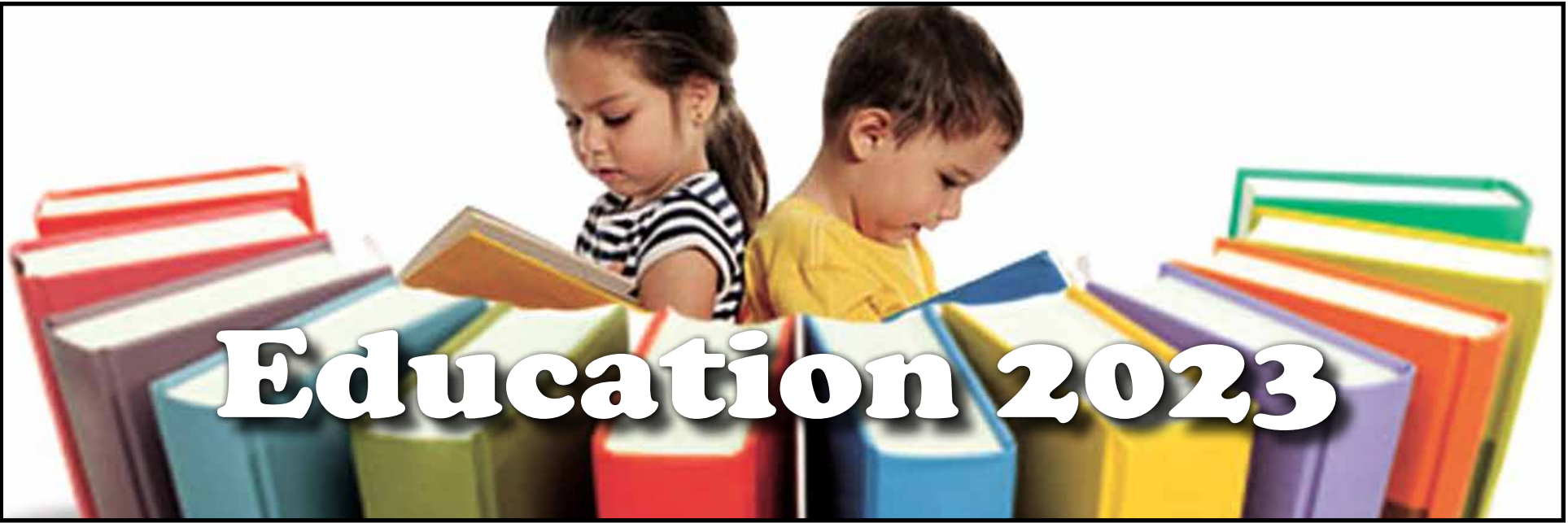
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search for a permanent superintendent by one year. Now its goal is to hire someone by July 1, 2024. Interim Superintendent Rochelle Cox will remain in the position

EPU Consultants to do community engagement prior to starting the candidate search, for a contract fee of \$70,000. But at a school board meeting in February,

what they saw as inadequate levels of engagement so far. Reading the few news items on this, the superintendent search seems to be in a dire state of confusion and disagreement.

The Anoka-Hennepin school district started a superintendent search about the same time as MPS, but they concluded the search in December by hiring Cory McIntyre, a former assistant superintendent, and superintendent of Osseo Schools since 2019. (Anoka-Hennepin is actually the largest school district in Minnesota, with MPS coming in second.) McIntyre will start in July in his new role.



Cory McIntyre, who will assume the post of superintendent of Anoka-Hennepin Schools in July

as the district continues its search.

many board members, including some who had voted with the majority to hire the firm, expressed dismay at

**Lawsuit:** In January of this year, a judge dismissed the extremely ill-conceived lawsuit against the Minneapolis School System for “mis-

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Rochelle Cox, interim superintendent for Minneapolis Schools until 2024

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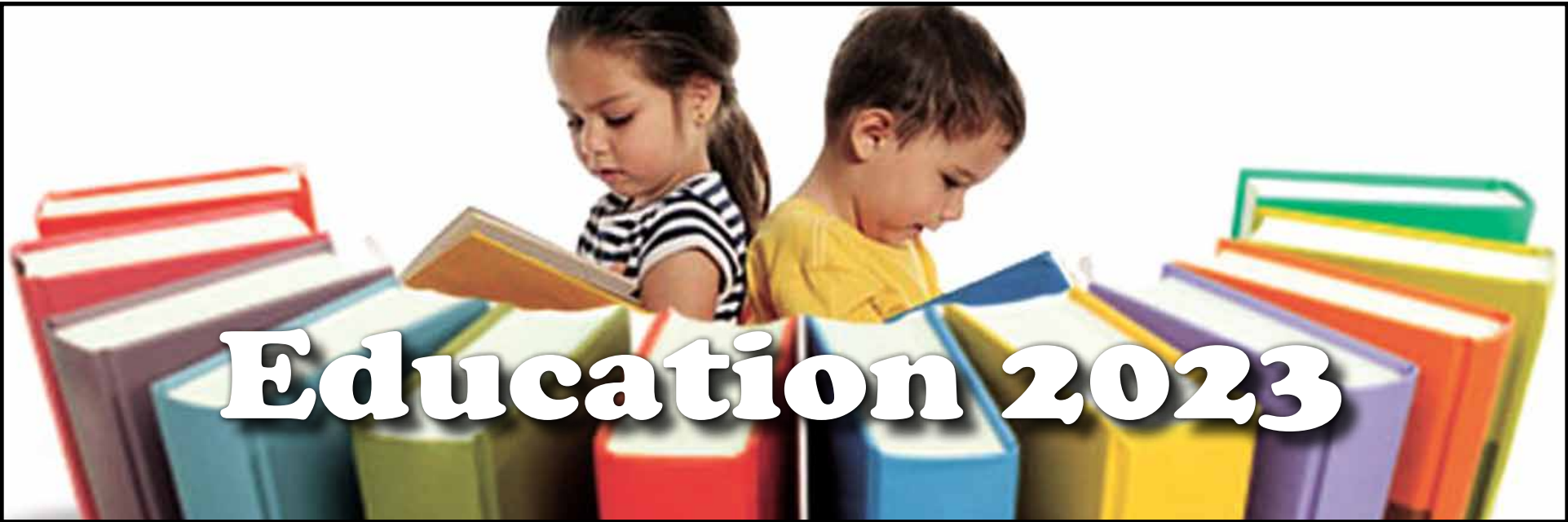
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# Education 2023



Karen students and teachers at St. Paul Public Schools  
(Photo/Ellen Perrault, Saint Paul Public Schools)

## Education, from page 3

spending” taxpayer money by not laying off teachers of color. In an online article on Jan. 11, KARE 11 reported: “Judge Christian Sande ruled that the plaintiff, Deborah Clapp, lacked legal standing to make the claim. Clapp is

someone with legal standing could still challenge the policy in court.”

The thing is, there is a serious teacher and educational support professional shortage all across the region, which is particularly acute in the MPS, so it’s possible there will be no significant

came into force? I think conservatives shot themselves in the foot on this.

**Impending fiscal cliff:** The fiscal cliff was looming before the pandemic, which was a kind of kicking the can down the road event, revenue-wise. Coincidentally,



The Karen diaspora in Minnesota keeps their language alive.

a taxpayer within the Minneapolis Public School district but not a teacher laid off under the new policy. Judge Sande dismissed the case without prejudice, meaning

layoffs within the life of this contract, and since a majority white labor force of educators demanded this clause, how likely is it they would sue if it should occur that it

other time-specific funding programs are coming to an end around the same time as COVID relief money is closing down. The loss of enrollment is a constant drip eroding the sustainability of free public education. As recently as December, MPS Senior Financial Officer Ibrahima Diop was quoted as saying that drastic changes needed to be made, or the system would “run out of money” in the 2024-25 school year. Closing schools is a normal response to the loss of both funds and students, and that has been done in the recent past. In addition, this year the system has put three of their empty school buildings up for sale.

**The state’s surplus:** Before the elections that resulted in a trifecta (controlling the executive branch and both houses of the legislature) for the DFL party, Minnesota had a \$12 billion budget surplus. But the 2022 legislature failed to reach agreement on how to spend it, so it carried over. Now we have a \$17.5 billion surplus, a ma-

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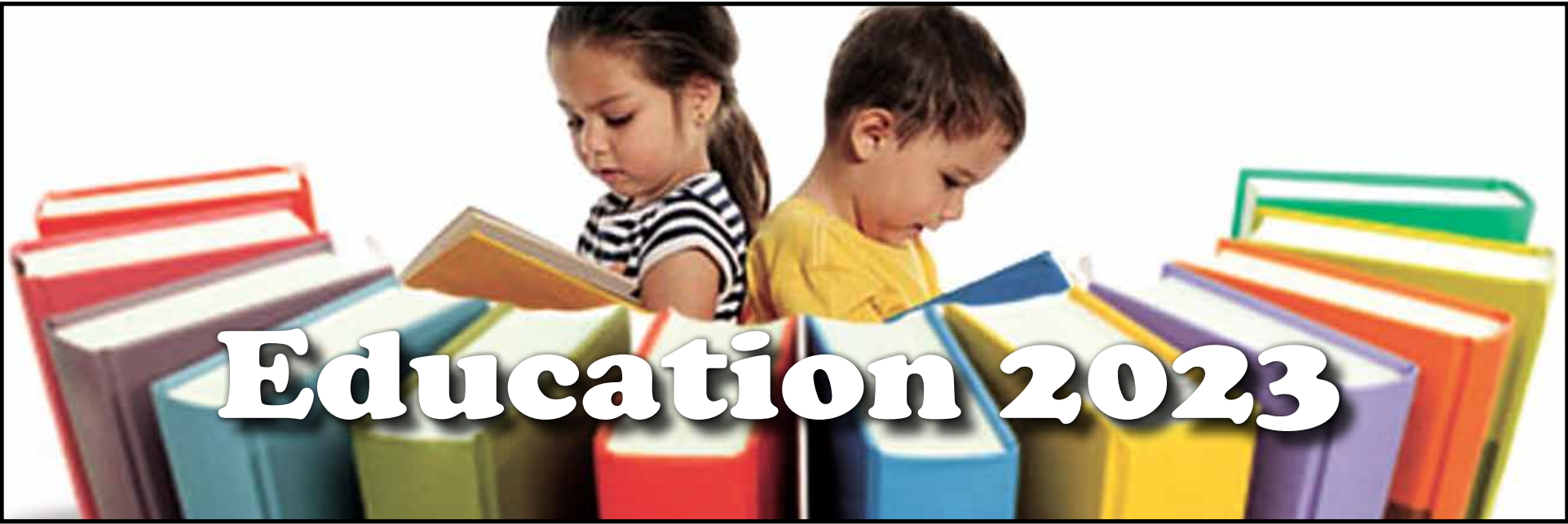
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majority DFL legislature, and a DFL governor who used to be a teacher and talks up education and “investing in our kids.”



University of Minnesota graduate student workers’ unionization rally

Even before the trifecta, the Walz administration had devised and broadcasted a very ambitious plan to transform and rescue public education. It’s called the Due North Education Plan and you can read about it here: [education.mn.gov/MDE/about/plan](https://education.mn.gov/MDE/about/plan). We live in hope! But also, call your legislators and do other traditional activist things.

Some other things you can do to help save public schools (however you envision that looking) and get better leadership in districts include basic local political engagement. Even though there are no Minneapolis school board elections in 2023, there are very consequential City Council elections. There are elections in 2023 for the St. Paul school board (three seats) and the Anoka-Hennepin school board (four seats). Getting involved now will help you know how to navigate party politics when the 2024 elections come around. State legislators, up for election then, actually control the purse strings for public education.

**Dilemmas for St. Paul (SPPS):** You may have heard about the fatal stabbing by a classmate of 15-year-old

Devin Scott at Harding High School. It followed rising violence in St. Paul schools, and it’s causing some to call for the return of SROs (School

**Karen taught in St. Paul this fall:** The Karen people are an oppressed ethnic group mostly from Burma. According to the Karen Organization of Minnesota, there are more than 20,000 Karen-speaking refugees in Minnesota, the largest such community in the U.S. Although spread across the state, the majority live in Ramsey County.

The SPPS made history recently by introducing instruction in the Karen language. This minority but very living language has been banned in Myanmar (Burma) for over 40 years, ever since the Burmese military coup. Over half of the 4,700 Minnesota students from Karen-speaking households attend SPPS. Read more about this in the Sahan Journal article at [sahanjournal.com/education/karen-language-classes-st-paul-public-schools-refugees-minnesota](https://sahanjournal.com/education/karen-language-classes-st-paul-public-schools-refugees-minnesota).

**Higher education:** Graduate student workers at the University of Minnesota recently formally announced a campaign to form a union. If it’s successful, about 4,000 U of

M graduate student workers would form the UMN Graduate Labor Union (UMN-GLU), affiliated with United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE). See

this piece by my friend Ian to learn more: [twincitiesd-sa.org/2023/02/umn-grad-workers-announce-union](https://twincitiesd-sa.org/2023/02/umn-grad-workers-announce-union).

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#### Roof Depot, from page 1

The concern is that the soil underneath the building remains contaminated and if disturbed would release more toxins into the area.

Seventy percent of East Phillips residents are Indigenous, Black and people of color (BI-POC). The neighborhood is also home to Little Earth – a historic urban Native housing community. Traditionally this is a working-class community. The city's plan to place a public works facility in a neighborhood already challenged financially and with a history of housing industrial businesses and facilities is known as environmental racism. A 2022 Minnesota Department of Health report found that a high number of residents of the neighborhood died of particulate matter pollution, in addition to high numbers of illnesses such as asthma. While the city has offered compromises such as reduction and mitigation of pollution, the activists have rejected the offers.

The recent injunction followed a 12-hour standoff on Feb. 21, during a major snowstorm, at the Roof Depot site between

activists and residents and the Minneapolis Police Department. This event was in reaction to the City Council's recent 7-6 vote to proceed with the demolition project. The resistance set up tents, built fires and flew banners in defense of their position, noting that this is "stolen land." Rachel Thunder of the American Indian Movement reported being arrested, along with seven others, for misdemeanor trespassing.

In a celebratory spirit the Feb. 26 event provided information and a variety of resources free of charge. There were boxes of canned goods, loaves of bread, large bags of lettuce, racks of coats and sweaters, mittens and general clothing, and shoes and boots for children and adults. Susie from Sisters' Camelot, along with the Walker Church, dished up delicious hot soup, rice and beans, coffee and desserts. There was live music, and vendors were available to answer questions and provide handouts about their organizations and efforts, including Southside Street Medics, Warriors Publication, Atlas Defense, Climate Justice MN, and Defend the Depot, all in solidarity against the city's plan while awaiting the decision

of the Court of Appeals. Rep. Hodan Hassan has introduced legislation to fund the EPNI urban farm.

#### The vision of the East Phillips Neighborhood Institute

Dean Dovolis,  
EPNI Board President  
Daniel Colten Schmidt,  
EPNI Communications Team

East Phillips is not an industrial area, it is a neighborhood, and it should be respected as such. East Phillips residents have been fighting the city plan for over a decade because any added pollution to the neighborhood would exacerbate the already disproportionate rates of asthma, heart conditions and cancer that residents endure.

Our vision for the East Phillips Indoor Urban Farm and Community Hub reverses centuries of environmental injustice that BI-POC residents have been forced to endure. The Urban Farm would be a guiding star, exemplifying to the whole nation how a cooperative relationship with land and each other can also be

economically profitable.

The heart of the Urban Farm plan is its economic structure. The building and its programs would be owned cooperatively: one-third owned by homeowners, their share cost subsidized to 30% area median income; one-third owned by small businesses and nonprofit tenants, their share cost subsidized to 70% area median lease cost; and one-third owned by outside investors, their share cost at 100%. Subsidies would be made possible by legislative grants and the profits of the indoor urban farm, solar array, bike shop and restaurants.

With the cooperative structure, East Phillips residents who have been unable to afford a home for generations would have the opportunity to build generational wealth. Over half of the building space would be an aquaponics/hydroponics farm. The solar array would be one of the largest in the state of Minnesota. The east wall of the building adjacent to the Green-

way would be turned into a farmers' market, bike shop, coffee shop and restaurant. Finally, a green careers training facility would prepare Minneapolis residents for jobs of the future.

Imagine a community-led, cooperatively organized, economically vibrant, indoor organic farm and sustainable energy generator right in the heart of your neighborhood.

**Publisher's note:** We wrote to Mayor Frey: You could come out of this smelling like a rose. Pick a new site for the Water Department. Someplace industrial and undeveloped. It doesn't have to be in the city. Meadowbrook, Gross and Wirth golf courses aren't in the city. Brand new buildings. Dream up the ideal plan – it would please the department, the unions, and the building trades. Then give the land to Little Earth as sanctuary for the homeless. It would be genius. You would be a canonized saint.



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BY ED FELIEN

Do you want your City Council member to listen to you?

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You can apply to be a ward delegate by filling out the online version of the non-attendee form at <https://www.jotform.com/form/230487586280161> and submitting it online, or go to [minneapolisdf.org](https://minneapolisdf.org) for instructions.

Do this before Tuesday, March 14 at 8 p.m. and you will be eligible to be a delegate to your ward endorsing convention.

Ward 12 is holding a traditional in-person caucus. If you are unable to attend the caucus on March 14 from 6:30 to 8 p.m., you can submit the form above as well and still be considered to become a delegate for the convention. The non-attendee forms will be given to the precinct chairs by 6 p.m. Ward 12 precinct caucuses will all be held at Roosevelt High School.

Ward endorsing conventions will be held in late April and early May, most of them virtually online. The Ward 12 Convention will be held in person at Roosevelt High School on Sunday, April 29. Check back here next month or see the DFL website at [minneapolisdf.org](https://minneapolisdf.org) for dates.

There seem to be heated contests for endorsement in Wards 6 and 12. We asked candidates in those wards two questions:

1. Do you support the Urban Farm Project at the Roof Depot site?

2. Do you believe the city has the responsibility to remove the sand it has dumped in Lake Hiawatha and Minnehaha Creek?

We received answers from the following candidates for endorsement in Ward 12:

**Luther Ranheim:**

I support the proposal adopted by the current City Council that allocates three acres to the East Phillips Neighborhood Institute

for exclusive development of an Urban Farm. This is a compromise proposal; all residents need access to city services. We can have both of these uses.

I believe that the city has a responsibility to remove accumulated sand from Lake Hiawatha and Minnehaha Creek. The lake



**Luther Ranheim**

and the creek should both be made deep enough to allow for storm water drainage, without runoff flowing into our neighborhoods.

**Jerome T Evans:**

On the depot, I would like a promise from the city that no resident's health will be adversely impacted by the approved demolition. Without that promise I am not in favor.

From my read of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances the city does not have a responsibility to dredge the lake. That said, if enough people would benefit



**Jerome T Evans**

then I'd certainly be in favor of the city or some other entity dredging the lake as a one-time service.

**Nancy Ford:**

Yes. I'd love to see this project realized. This project has been bouncing around for almost 10 years and it would be great to see it reach fruition. It has the potential to be a great neighbor-



**Nancy Ford**

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### It's time for statewide Ranked Choice Voting

The Minnesota Legislature is poised to consider a bill that would bring Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) statewide in a measured, thoughtful manner. Minnesota is ready to take this step, and I encourage our South Minneapolis representatives to push it forward.

Minneapolis is one of over 60 jurisdictions across the country that already use RCV, including the states of Maine and Alaska. The polling, across the country and across the political spectrum, tells us that RCV makes our elections more inclusive, diverse, and representative. Voters consistently say that RCV is simple to use, that they prefer it, and that they want to keep using it.

The time is now for Ranked Choice Voting in Minnesota.

**John Bussey**

hood achievement. What do they need to help make the project move forward?

The street sand that enters at the north end needs mitigation. Permits need to be pulled and funding needs to be secured before dredging commences. Our storm drain system needs to be upgraded to divert future sand and sediment from entering the lake.

**Aurin Chowdhury:**

As the Senior Policy Aide to the Ward 9 council office, I have been working with the community of East Phillips for the last year to help find a plan that supports the community's vision. I will follow the lead of Ward 9 residents and support a community plan prevailing.

The city should always take

responsibility if they have caused an issue. As a council member, I will work with the park board, state government,



**Aurin Chowdhury**

and other jurisdictions to resolve environmental issues. I am here to learn more, and I look forward to talking to residents about concerns like these on the campaign trail.

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## PASSING

### Patty Guerrero

Obituary at Willwerscheid Funeral Home & Cremation Service, written by her children:

After 85 years of a courageously led life, the world lost a beautiful and well-loved person. On February 21, 2023, our mom Patty died peacefully at her home in St. Paul, a place from which, despite otherwise gentle encouragement from us, she never wanted to move.



Her life was committed to progressive causes. From establishing the first La Leche League in her small Indiana hometown, starting an intergenerational reading program with seniors and young people after moving the family to St. Paul in 1973, hosting weekly conversational salons at a tea house on West 7th Street for almost 10 years – which brought friends and community members together to enjoy poetry, music, educational videos, and simply to explore and discuss the important issues of the day – Patty wanted the world to be a better educated, more loving, caring place. She was a longtime and active member of Women Against Military Madness founded by her beloved late friend Polly Mann, was active in Tackling Torture at the Top, and for the last several years has spent almost every Monday night (even in the cold) in front of the governor's mansion protesting the oil pipeline in northern Minnesota.

Patty recently sent her grandkids this message in her annual Christmas card: "There's only one rule that I know of, babies – 'God damn it, you've got to be kind.'" – Kurt Vonnegut.

There, speakers highlighted the factors that could make a shutdown possible by 2025, including reports confirming harmful air pollution, the deteriorating facility, a change in state law, and the new Hennepin County Zero Waste Plan that is set to be approved in April.

Cam, from page 1

HERC is located on the north edge of downtown and burns an estimated 1,000 tons of garbage every day that is trucked in from all over Hennepin county. The county website says, "HERC uses the latest technologies to reduce environmental and taxpayer costs and is part of the county's integrated waste management system." The facility provides electricity to Xcel and steam for heating and cooling to nearby buildings and Target Field, and has been getting renewable energy credits (RECs), which could be sold or held for financial gain, for years. That will end this year.

"HERC will no longer be considered a form of renewable energy," said state Rep. according to the data PSE found. Audua Pugh, chair of the Jordan neighborhood's community council, spoke at a meeting about the health impacts on youth. "Kids live next to it, within a half mile, and go to school near it at Harvest Academy," she said. "The school nurse there says that 50% of the kids there have asthma."

The county website doesn't deny that there is air pollution coming from the burner, but says that they use "state-of-the-art air emission control technology" and that "air emissions at HERC are cleaned and treated before being released."

They admit, for example, that in 2020 HERC emitted 382.5 tons of nitrogen oxides but point out that that is only 47% of the maximum emissions allowed by state regulators.

"One of the main reasons I got involved," said Khan, "was because of a whistleblower who shared how sorry the state of the facility was." Through discussions with at least one employee and formal data requests, Khan says that he has learned of

finding alternative ways to manage the waste currently being burned there. According to the county, the waste it receives by weight is 16% paper, 2% glass, 5% metals, 15% plastic, 32% organics, and 30% other. The paper, glass, metals, and some of the plastic could be recycled and the organics could be composted. That would leave 30% to be reduced, reused or landfilled. An estimated 23% of the tonnage currently goes to landfills in the form of ash.

Khan, Pugh and other advocates are calling on the county to set a closing date of December 2025 for HERC in their approved Zero Waste Plan. That is also the date that its current contract with Great River Energy to operate the facility ends.

The draft Zero Waste Plan that was released for public review on Feb. 22 falls short of setting a date, but does call for the county to "establish milestones to phase out the use of HERC as the county approaches zero waste."

"We clearly have some support on the commission," says Pugh, pointing to Commission-



Frank Hornstein (District 61A), "thanks to the new clean energy law." Hornstein, who has been a longtime opponent of the burner, called its closure an environmental justice issue that is also contributing to the climate crisis. "The HERC emits more greenhouse gases than a coal-based power plant," he said. "It is one of the top emitters of global warming emissions in our state."

According to a report issued in November 2022 by PSE Healthy Energy, a nonprofit that researches health and energy, "this trash incineration emits health-damaging air pollutants in the middle of a dense, urban community, predominantly made up of low-income households of color." They found that from 2018 to 2020, HERC burned an average of 342,722 tons a year. Examining the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency data, they found that in 2019 the facility emitted 173,254 tons of carbon dioxide, 12.1 pounds of lead, 404 tons of nitrogen oxides (more than any other source in the county), and 12 tons of sulfur dioxide (second highest in the county).

The zip codes just north (55411) and just east (55415) of HERC have the second and third highest rates of asthma in the Minneapolis metropolitan area

many malfunctions in machinery, frequent shutdowns needed to make repairs, broken filters, holes in the smokestacks, and worker injuries, including one in 2017 when one worker was hospitalized for six months.

Khan believes that the increasing amount of money needed to keep this aging incinerator operational could instead be spent on waste diversion efforts. He and the MEJT want the county to shut down the HERC trash burner and instead invest personnel, money and other resources toward handling waste more effectively.

That looks more possible now because the county is developing a Zero Waste Plan that the group hopes will include a waste management future that no longer depends on burning garbage. In the drafting of that plan it appears that it is already committing to a future where it diverts "90% or more of all discarded materials from landfills and incinerators."

Northside state Rep. Esther Agbaje (District 59B) was also at the meeting and supports closing HERC. She said that she is working on a zero-waste bill at the state level and looking for ways to expand composting and organics collection at multi-unit buildings.

Retiring HERC would require

ers Angela Conley and Irene Fernando as being the most supportive, and most likely to help amend the plan to include the date.

Conley was able to get approval of the provision to phase out HERC in the county's climate action plan and has been reviewing the latest draft of the Zero Waste Plan.

"I can't stand firm on a closure date without a couple things being true first," Conley said. She wants to know that the HERC funds the county now depends on for its environmental programs will be replaced and that the waste will be reduced and not just buried or burned somewhere else. "I can absolutely see a future without HERC," she stressed.

Khan said that he believes getting a date set for closure will help motivate the county, and the community, to accomplish the 90% diversion called for in the plan. "We have to create external pressure," he said.

On March 5, MEJT, MFT 59 (the Minneapolis Federation of Teachers), Teamsters Local 320 and SEIU Local 26 held a rally to educate people and build momentum for the effort.

"We are not only going to shut down the facility," said Hornstein. "We are going to make this a zero-waste county."



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# Summer Camp!



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### Arts and creativity camps

ArtStart ([artstart.org](http://artstart.org)) is an innovative arts nonprofit in St. Paul that combines artmaking with art appreciation, cultural studies, history and – recycling? (See ArtScraps on their website.) Registration is open now for summer programs, which center on studying and being inspired by the art and culture of Egypt and Turkey. The teaching artists include many honored veterans of In the Heart of the Beast, including Julie and Gustavo Boada and more.

The Loft Literary Center will once again hold its summer Young Writers' Program in person at Open Book in downtown Minneapolis. Designed for burgeoning writers and their huge imaginations, the Loft's Summer Youth classes can help kids discover their creative voices and create writing that is meaningful to them and their communities. Go to <https://loft.org/classes/youth-classes> to download their Young Writers brochure with class offerings in everything from writing science fiction and fanta-

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Paddleboarding at Camp Foley

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The Guthrie Theater Summer Camp program is confined to the month of July, with grades 6 to 8 in the first two weeks, and grades 9 to 12 in the second. These can be taken as a single week or combined, in which case there is a discount. There are also scholarships available.

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**STEM and academic camps**

iDTech is back at Macalester College in St. Paul this summer with its wildly popular career-oriented summer camps. They have a big focus on robotics, coding and engineering. Start at [idtech.com](http://idtech.com) to find specifics.

The Science Museum of Minnesota also offers summer camps that comprise a full day to accommodate working parents. I like their offerings because unlike many STEM programs they go beyond the usual coding focus. They include things like veterinary medicine, archaeology, “planet protectors,” space travel, a magic-themed module for grades 1 to 3, and Sci Girls in the National Parks for grades

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Steve and Kate’s Camp in Minneapolis is another mixed activity day camp that allows kids to choose their own adventures with, as their website says, “just enough guidance to make sure nobody does anything totally senseless,” (and their definition of “totally senseless” doesn’t mean making mistakes, because “mistakes are how you learn.”) You can buy day passes or a full summer pass for Steve and Kate’s Camp, and unused days will be refunded at summer’s end. They’re open all hours from 8 a.m. to

6 p.m., with lunch and snacks provided. Check out their activities at [steveandkates-camp.com/minneapolis](http://steveandkates-camp.com/minneapolis).

For overnight camps, it’s a whole other world. These camps combine all the themes above into one experience, plus sleeping in a tent, communal living, and being away from your family for a week or more. Some great options for staying in Minnesota or the surrounding states are YMCA of the North, which operates eight metro area day camps and several overnight camps in Minnesota and western

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### Backyard Camp at OYNA

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Camp Foley is a co-ed, family-owned, residential camp in Pine River, Minnesota, dating from 1924, and currently led by a mother-daughter team. It's an all-activities camp with loads of physical activity along with some art, cooking, music and other enrichment. They offer sailing

and other water sports, plus rock-climbing, archery, tennis and paintball. Camp Foley attracts campers from all over the world and offers counselor or training internships for older teens. See campfoley.com for details and registration.

For boys between the ages of 8-17, Camp Chippewa in Cass Lake, Minnesota, offers adventures in a wilderness setting with a focus on campers' physical and emotional growth. Activities include sailing, archery, fencing, climbing and more, foster-

ing individual achievement and mastery, as well as life-long strengths like confidence and resilience. Camp Chippewa also has a unique canoe tripping program which progresses by age, from an over-nighter to a multi-week trip, giving campers a taste of the trail. Visit their website at [www.campchippewa.com](http://www.campchippewa.com) to learn more.

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the timing was poor. He left his post on Jan. 3 of this year. Re-examination is a huge undertaking, and it made sense to leave it to his successor, Mary Moriarty. Will Moriarty reopen the case? Does the civil suit raise new questions about the culpability of the officers involved? "It's not over," says Padden.

Terrance Franklin, a 22-year-old Black man, was killed by Minneapolis police officers. In his book, "Blue Code of Silence: The True Story of the Murder of Terrance Franklin," Padden writes, "Peterson and Meath murdered Terrance, and the other three, Stender, Muro and Durand, helped them get away with it." Mookie sustained nearly a dozen gunshots, including multiple shots to the head. He was suspected of a burglary, chased down and killed in the basement of 2717 Bryant Ave S., where he was hiding. Clearly, Mookie made poor choices; he ran and then broke into a home to hide. But did he deserve to die? The MPD did an internal investigation of its officers and cleared them soon after. Padden's investigation suggests a different story.

What really happened on May 10, 2013, in that basement on Bryant Avenue? Why write about a case that is nearly a decade old? Answer: because money is not justice and sadly, Terrance Franklin's story is not a unique or isolated one. In January, the city of St. Paul awarded \$1.3 million to the family of Marcus Golden, who was shot and killed in 2015 by the city's police. Amir Locke's family recently filed a lawsuit in federal court against the city of Minneapolis for the 2022 no-knock warrant that turned deadly. And now the Tyre

Nichols case is front and center in Memphis, Tennessee, where the five officers involved have been fired and charged with second-degree murder.

In his book, author and attorney Mike Padden lays out in methodical and convincing detail numerous inconsistencies and contradictions in the case. One of the key pieces of evidence is an audiotape made by a neighbor living near 2717 Bryant Ave. S. Jimmy Gaines recorded the ordeal with his iPod Touch. Thorough examination of the tape with a formidable team, including work done by metadata experts and audio sound engineers, authenticated the Gaines tape, which tells a different story than that told by the officers involved. The Gaines tape became a taboo subject and was ignored by the defense until more than four months into litigation, a year and a half after Mookie's death. Additional inconsistencies include no gunshot residue testing to see if Franklin's DNA was on the gun, no blood on the MP5, no evidence of Mookie being armed, and no clarity on how two of the officers were wounded. Video images from the apartment building where the police tried to apprehend Mookie did not support the allegation made by an officer that "he tried to run me over." Many questions remain.

Padden writes, "Technology changes everything. It is the great equalizer and is changing how citizens view the police." If it weren't for 17-year-old Darnella Frazier's quick thinking, the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis may never have been captured on video and witnessed worldwide. While there is no such video of Mookie's killing, there is the Gaines audiotape. This became a key piece of

evidence for the prosecution because it picked up sound, voices and words, including police voices saying: "C'mon little n\_\_\_\_, don't go putting your hands up now." And Franklin saying, "I am Mookie," which flew in the face of the police narrative that "he never said a word." You have to wonder, how many cases like this went down over the decades and remained unaddressed prior to today's technology? Eight years after the Franklin case, three of the officers retained attorneys; two are seeking immunity with Hennepin County in exchange for new information.

In an effort to decrease excessive force, the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021 was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Rep. Karen Bass, D-Calif., and passed on March 3, 2021. The Act limits qualified immunity of officers as well as unnecessary force, no-knock warrants, chokeholds and carotid holds. The bill also seeks to create a national registry that would record complaints and misconduct of officers. In addition it directs the Department of Justice to create uniform accreditation standards for law enforcement agencies addressing racial profiling, implicit bias, and duty to intervene when another officer is using excessive force. The Act did not pass the evenly divided Senate amid opposition from Republicans. Negotiations collapsed in September of 2021. Is there a path forward? In his State of the Union address on Feb. 7, President Biden implied that there is, stressing the importance of holding law enforcement accountable.

Mookie's case brought about changes - no more secretive grand juries. Police investigations became outsourced. It is

said that the MPD (as well as policing in general) is not historically a culture of accountability. According to the Star Tribune, the city of Minneapolis paid \$14 million between 2006 and 2012 due to MPD conduct, and \$70 million over two decades. The newspaper further reported that of 95 alleged victims, eight involved officers were disciplined. In the 12 largest settlements there were no officers disciplined. At the time of Mookie's death, Officer Lucas Peterson alone had 13 complaints against him for use of excessive force; Officer Michael Meath had six. The new city office designed to handle police misconduct had a total of 439 cases, but not one cop was disciplined by it.

The Franklin case remains relevant. While many police officers perform appropriately in the spirit of service, deserving of our support and respect, police brutality is sadly not a thing of the past. The blue code of silence might be defined like this: some police officers openly engage in unethical, immoral, and even illegal behavior, but they are often protected by what is known as the blue wall of silence - an unofficial agreement among law enforcement not to challenge each other's misconduct. In order to understand it we must look beyond race, color and culture. And sometimes the code of silence can be more than just silence. It can include cover-ups. Padden offers an explanation, describing it as a system: "Once in it you must play by the

rules regardless of who you are and where you come from."

Shaun Harper, provost professor at the University of Southern California, says, "It is a cultural and institutional issue, ridden with systemic racism and anti-Blackness." He goes on to describe how slave catchers were the original law enforcement officers and how policing is steeped in decades of anti-Black policies and tactics. "Racism is deeply embedded into its DNA," asserts Harper.

Nationally recognized trial lawyer for justice, Ben Crump, writes, "Policy means nothing if you have a culture that is rotten, the culture has to respect the policy." He explains how the culture, like most cultures, is handed down from generation to generation and doesn't care what your background is, including race. Many become unintentionally complicit. It seems some individual cops are able to resist the hyper-masculine culture that allows for cursing, insulting, beating and sometimes killing citizens, but they are a minority. We need more of them. Training can help, but it alone cannot undo centuries of racism. Massive institutional change is needed. Without it, the abolitionists (the Defund the Police movement) are apt to grow in numbers.

Harper sums it up like this: "I care less about which of us has the right philosophical position on this - I just want police officers to stop killing Black people."

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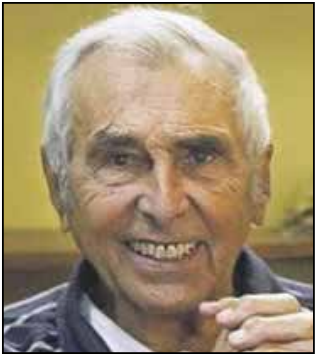
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# The Terrance Franklin case



BY TONY BOUZA

I served as an expert witness in police cases all over the country for about 20 years and wrote a book about it.

A lawyer would call, describe a case, and I'd ask questions. If I liked it I'd ask for relevant documents—upon which I'd predicate my decision to accept or not. Most frequently, I wound

up testifying against cops, all over, in abuse cases involving Black victims.

I felt the work to be the most important I'd ever done because the cases usually involved real justice issues. The events were sloppy, but I'd work to develop a perspective. Hysteria ruled. My task was to cut through the self-serving bullshit and develop some version of personal truth—or at least likelihood. I was not searching for certitude, but an approximation of accuracy. Not beyond a shadow of a doubt, but to get at the most reasonable, probable outcome. It was an effort to improve the odds of accuracy. Positivism was for dreamers.

Then came the Terrance Franklin case.

In connection therewith, I read the account of Franklin's

attorney, Mike Padden, entitled "Blue Code of Silence."

To be brief, I agreed with very few of its assertions.

On May 10, 2013, Minneapolis cops, chasing a Black male, cornered and killed him in the basement of a south Minneapolis home in midafternoon.

The male, Terrance Franklin, was a burglary suspect with "an extensive criminal record" and possible warrants outstanding. On being encountered by police, Franklin "attempted to kill me" by a sergeant's account, then banged a police squad's door with his car and fled.

Franklin burst into the basement of an unoccupied home, where he was detected and confronted. In the encounter Franklin was flushed from a hiding place by a K-9, bitten, and engaged with about four

cops. In the confusion two cops were shot in the legs by another cop's gun. Franklin was shot numerous times by two cops and killed.

Franklin was not armed. He allegedly grabbed for a cop's machine gun and discharged the rounds that wounded two cops. His DNA was on the gun and cops said he'd charged them and grabbed the weapon.

It was all over within seconds. The many shots fired by the police reflect the spastic hysteria of the encounter.

Franklin's family and attorney charged a police murder.

The cops claimed justification.

No charges followed and the civil process resulted in a \$900,000 settlement.

White cops. Black suspect. The N-word. Stupidity on all

fronts, with all principals playing their roles expertly. The cops fatally injure their case with displays of racism.

So, who was right? You want the answer, yes?

Racism is an issue here. The shooters bear the stains of thumperism. The police union assumed its predictable role of apologist. Lush fodder for police critics.

For me, the key—if imperfect—question is whose side would I have accepted for representation if asked to serve as an expert.

With no trouble or apologies, I would have defended the cops.

The case's complexity cries out for humility. The players—on both sides—are singularly unappetizing. The Vatican is unlikely to convene a committee of canonization for anyone here.

## Felien contra Bouza



BY ED FELIEN

I think Tony Bouza is correct to begin his analysis of the Terrance Franklin homicide with an account of Franklin's encounter with police Sgt. Katherine Smulski. Smulski heard a burglary suspect had returned to the Greenleaf apartment building on Lyndale Avenue South. The apartment's security camera footage shows Smulski's squad car pulling into the parking lot just as Franklin was driving out. Smulski threw open her car door, trying to block Franklin's exit. He bumped her door and kept going. She announced to every squad car, everyone at central communications, and to the tactical squad already on its way, that Franklin "attempted to kill me."

That phrase, shouted to the entire MPD, began a holy crusade and a justification for use of maximum force.

Did he try to kill her?

He was trying to get out of there as quickly as possible. She threw something in his way, and he knocked it aside with his car. He drove the car a couple of blocks and then ditched it. There was a young woman in the car with him and her two children in the back seat. He probably didn't want to drag

them into his problems.

Franklin jumped out of the car, ran into a bike shop, couldn't find a back door, and ran back out the front door. He was looking for a place to hide. He ran down the alley and tried the back door at 2717 Bryant. It was locked. He broke the glass, unlocked the door and ran down into the basement. He hid under the stairway.

The tactical squad with the canine unit found him. According to the reports of the officers involved, they pulled him out and hit him, then hit him again with a flashlight. He went back behind the stairs. They pulled him out. This time he ran across the room into Sgt. Mark Durand, gained control of his MP5 automatic machine gun pistol, turned around and shot

Officers Michael Meath and Ricardo Muro. Then, Officer Lucas Peterson charged Franklin and shot him.

Peterson's self-aggrandizing story is preposterous: in a blaze of machine gun fire, he charged the suspect, grabbed him by the hair and shot him in the right temple. Since Franklin was facing Peterson, assuming Peterson is right-handed, he would have had to twist his arm into a contortion to be able to shoot Franklin on the right side of his head.

There were no eyewitnesses, other than the officers. But outside the basement and across the street, Jimmy Gaines was recording the activity with an iPod Touch with video capacity. The sound recording told a different story. At second 11 you can hear, "Officer shot." Then, at seconds

25 and 26: "Watch out for the nigger!" and "Damn freaking nigger!" At 27 seconds, Franklin says, "Man, let me go." At second 43: "Come out little nigger. Don't go putting those hands up now."

From the sound recording it is reasonable to assume that Franklin was still in the cubbyhole under the stairway when you hear, "Officer shot," and that not until 32 seconds later does he come out with his hands up.

Certainly, there are enough inconsistencies in the officers' statements compared to the sound recordings that County Attorney Moriarty should re-

open the investigation. The public deserves to know what happened to Terrance Franklin on May 10, 2013, in the basement of 2717 Bryant Ave. S.

And, given the obvious lies and inconsistencies in the officers' statements, the Minneapolis city attorney and the MPD administration should investigate whether these officers violated Minnesota Statute 609.505, Falsely Reporting Crime. That will be an important test of whether Mayor Frey and his administration are serious about holding our Minneapolis police accountable.



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EVENTS

**‘Beyond Incarceration’ webinars Tuesdays, March 7 and March 21, 6:30 p.m. CST Online**  
The Mennonite Church USA is presenting a new webinar series, “Beyond incarceration: A hard look at dismantling the prison system and building healthy communities.” Join us to learn about the ways the faith community is actively understanding and working against these complex systems of confinement. The remaining webinars will take place on March 7 and March 21 at 6:30 p.m. CST. They will be followed by learning tour opportunities in different parts of the U.S. Registration link: [mcc.org/beyond-incarceration-webinars](https://mcc.org/beyond-incarceration-webinars).

**Refugee Services Volunteer Orientation Thursday, March 9, 2 to 4 p.m.**  
Minnesota Church Center 122 W. Franklin Ave., Mpls. Interested in volunteering with MCC Refugee Services? Learn about how you can help newcomers at our upcoming volunteer orientation. To register, please email [RSvolunteers@mnchurches.org](mailto:RSvolunteers@mnchurches.org) or call 612-230-3291.

**Taizé Service Friday, March 10, 7 p.m.**

Minnehaha United Methodist Church 3701 E. 50<sup>th</sup> St., Mpls.  
With all that is going on around us, it is important to slow down and make sure we are feeding our souls and listening for God periodically. Take an opportunity for renewal through prayer, song and silence at our monthly Taizé services. Join us on March 10 at 7 p.m. or any second Friday of the month (October through May). In addition, we will be livestreaming our services as well, so you can catch Taizé from your home (or cabin or wherever you are) in real time, or anytime you want. [www.minnehaha.org](http://www.minnehaha.org)

**Kingian Nonviolence Saturdays in March, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Online**  
Learn the basics of nonviolent organizing and conflict reconciliation through Kingian Nonviolence! This training explores types of conflicts and how they escalate, MLK Jr.’s 6 Principles and 6 Steps of nonviolence, fundamental strategies for nonviolent organizing, and more. Learn more and register at <https://www.peacecatalyst.org/kingian-nonviolence>.

**Saint Mark’s Music Series Organ Recital: Henry Dangerfield Sunday, March 12, 2:30 to 4 p.m.**  
Saint Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral 519 Oak Grove St., Mpls.

Sensational teenaged organist Henry Dangerfield performs his first solo recital at the Cathedral. <https://ourcathedral.org/event/organ-recital-henry-dangerfield/>

**The Listening Ear at Living Spirit: Mental Health for Everyone Wednesday, March 15, 6:30 p.m. In-person and online**  
Living Spirit United Methodist Church 4501 Bloomington Ave., Mpls. Living Spirit offers a monthly night of mental health education and check-ins on third Wednesdays. The event on March 15 begins at 6:30 p.m. with a half-hour education session, followed by some practical exercises. At 7:30 p.m., participants can meet one-on-one with a trained listener to check in about their mental health in general or discuss a particular issue. The event is free and open to people of any (or no) faith traditions. Participate in person at Living Spirit or online via our livestream/Zoom. More information at our website: <https://livingspiritumc.org/listeningear>.

**Billy McLaughlin and Simple Gifts Sunday, March 19, 4 p.m.**  
Mount Olive Lutheran Church 3045 Chicago Ave., Mpls. Mount Olive Music and Fine Arts presents Emmy Award-winning composer/guitarist Billy McLaughlin.

His enormous yet fluid acoustic guitar tone has carried him around the world, to Billboard’s Top Ten Chart and most recently through a devastating medical disorder called focal dystonia. McLaughlin has had to re-learn the guitar left-handed and is in the early stages of what might be described as “one of the great musical-comeback stories of all time.” McLaughlin will share his original music and reinterpret familiar acoustic music with the members of his ensemble, Simple Gifts. Expect innovative guitar, humor, inspiration, incredible female vocal harmonies and a Celtic twist. This event is free and open to the public. A reception in the church’s Chapel Lounge follows. For further information call 612-827-5919, email [cantor@mountolivechurch.org](mailto:cantor@mountolivechurch.org), or go to [www.mountolivechurch.org](http://www.mountolivechurch.org),

**Welcome a Refugee Woman with a Warm Winter Coat**  
From the Minnesota Council of Churches: On Feb. 2, groundhog Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow and predicted six more weeks of winter. With the many arrivals at the close of 2022, our supply of warm winter coats in women’s sizes is running thin. Help us get to the end of this long season with enough coats for everybody! To donate, please email [Rsvolunteers@mnchurches.org](mailto:Rsvolunteers@mnchurches.org) or call 612-230-3291 — or select a coat from our Wishlist at: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2144RAQ240DR9/ref=nav\\_wishlist\\_lists\\_1?\\_encoding=UTF8&-type=wishlist](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2144RAQ240DR9/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1?_encoding=UTF8&-type=wishlist).

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**Minnehaha United Methodist Church 3701 E. 50<sup>th</sup> 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/Minneha-haFoodShelf/>

**New Creation Baptist Church 1414 E. 48<sup>th</sup> St., Mpls. 612-825-6933**  
We’re still here to serve you on the first through the fourth Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We 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 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays) 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
(Brown door on the corner of 48<sup>th</sup> St. and 15<sup>th</sup> Ave.)

**Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church 5300 10<sup>th</sup> 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 53<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**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/>

**Community Meals at Walker Church 3104 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Mpls. 612-722-6612**  
Free to-go meals and groceries are available for pick-up every Monday from noon to 2 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. Follow Sisters’ Camelot on Facebook or at <http://sisterscamelot.org/> for more.

SHARING FOOD

**Calvary Emergency Food Shelf 2553 Chicago Ave., Mpls. 612-827-2504, ext. 3**  
The Calvary Food Shelf has reopened in our new location at 3553 Chicago Ave. and continues to create access to fresh, nutritious food for the community. We are open for individual choice shopping BY APPOINTMENT on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Call 612-827-2504, ext. 3 for more information.

**First Nations Kitchen 3044 Longfellow Ave., Mpls. 612-791-1253**  
First Nations Kitchen welcomes our neighbors to our weekly produce giveaway! Every Sunday from 4 to 5 p.m. you can come get primarily organic produce outside FNK. We are trying to provide cooked meals as often as possible, but currently have not been able to schedule cooks regularly. If you want to donate or volunteer, email us at [communications@firstnationskitchen.org](mailto:communications@firstnationskitchen.org). <https://firstnationskitchen.org>

**Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and Friendship Community Service 2600 E. 38<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Groveland Emergency Food Shelf 1900 Nicollet Ave., Mpls. 612-871-0277**  
Monday – Friday 9:30 a.m. to noon  
On Groveland Avenue between Nicol-

The Southside Religious Community Welcomes You

<p><i>Bahá’í</i> <b>BAHÁ’I CENTER OF MINNEAPOLIS</b> 3644 Chicago Ave. S., 612-823-3494 <a href="mailto:Minneapolis.Bahai@gmail.com">Minneapolis.Bahai@gmail.com</a> Devotions at the Bahá’í Center and via Zoom, Sundays 10 am, and Tuesdays via Zoom 6:30 pm <a href="http://www.minneapolisbahai.org">www.minneapolisbahai.org</a> <i>So powerful is the light of unity that it can illuminate the whole earth.</i> <i>-Baha’u’llah</i></p> <p><i>Christian</i> <b>CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> <b>Worshipping at 2742 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.</b> 612-827-2504 or <a href="http://www.clchurch.org">www.clchurch.org</a> Sunday Worship at 10 am Interim Pastor Kjell Ferris <i>A Reconciling in Christ Congregation</i></p> <p><b>CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. ALBERT THE GREAT</b> E. 29<sup>th</sup> St. &amp; 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave. S. 612-724-3643 <a href="http://www.saintalbertthegreat.org">www.saintalbertthegreat.org</a> Weekend Masses Saturday 5 pm Sunday 9:30 am (also live-streamed on Facebook) Sunday 12 noon Weekday Masses M, T, TH, F at 8:15 am in the Chapel, east door and elevator entry</p> <p><b>FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 3430 E. 51<sup>st</sup> St., 612-729-5463 <a href="http://www.faithlutheranmpls.org">www.faithlutheranmpls.org</a> Sunday Worship 9 am and online on Facebook <a href="https://www.facebook.com/felc-mpls/">https://www.facebook.com/felc-mpls/</a> <b>Midweek services Wednesdays at 6:30 pm</b> Education Hour - 10:30 am AA group - Mondays 6:30 pm</p>	<p>Senior Exercise Class - Mondays 10 am NA groups - Wednesdays 7:30 pm Vacancy Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jared Yogerst</p> <p><b>HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)</b> 1720 E. Minnehaha Pkwy. <a href="http://holycrossmpls.org">holycrossmpls.org</a> Sunday Worship at 9:30 am Education Time at 11 am <b>Lenten Evening Worship Wednesdays at 7 pm</b> <b>Maundy Thursday &amp; Good Friday Worship at 7 pm</b></p> <p><b>LIVING SPIRIT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 4501 Bloomington Ave. 612-721-5025 Multicultural/Intergenerational Justice — Generosity — Faith Worship In-Person or Online 10:30 am Sundays Online: <a href="http://livingspiritumc.org">livingspiritumc.org</a></p> <p><b>MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> The Center for Changing Lives 2400 Park Ave. S., 612-871-8831 <a href="http://www.messiahlutheranmpls.org">www.messiahlutheranmpls.org</a> Sunday 9 am Messiah Traditional Worship with Holy Communion Sunday 11 am Messiah Praise Worship (Holy Communion on 3/19)</p> <p><b>MINNEHAHA COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 4101 37<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., 612-722-9527 <i>Pastor Shawna Day</i> 9:45 am Sunday Worship in person &amp; livestream Go to church website for info <a href="http://www.minnehahacommunion.org">www.minnehahacommunion.org</a> 12-step groups Tuesday through Friday evenings</p> <p><b>NEW CREATION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 1414 E. 48<sup>th</sup> St., 612-825-6933</p>	<p>In-person Sunday Worship 10:45 am Also on Facebook at: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/NewCreation-BaptistChurch">www.facebook.com/NewCreation-BaptistChurch</a> <a href="https://newcreationbaptist-churchmn.org/">https://newcreationbaptist-churchmn.org/</a> Pastor: Rev. Dr. Daniel B. McKizzie</p> <p><b>NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH –ELCA</b> 5300 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., 612-825-6846 <a href="http://www.nokomisheights.org">www.nokomisheights.org</a> Sunday worship 10 am, inside the sanctuary Sunday School and Adult Forum at 9 am Online worship premiers Sundays at 10 am on Facebook and YouTube. <b>Midweek Lenten soup suppers, Thursdays, 5:30 pm</b></p> <p><b>ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC COMMUNITY</b> <a href="http://www.stjoan.com">www.stjoan.com</a>, 4537 Third Ave. Saturday, 5 pm in the Church Sunday, 7:45 am in the Church, 9 &amp; 11 am in the gym Family Mass - 9 &amp; 11 in the Church Video available on our website and Facebook page <i>We Welcome You Wherever You Are On Your Journey</i></p> <p><b>TRINITY LUTHERAN CONGREGATION</b> Augsburg College, Hoversten Chapel Riverside &amp; 22<sup>nd</sup> Aves. 612-333-2561 <a href="http://www.trinitylutherancongregation.org">www.trinitylutherancongregation.org</a> Sunday Worship 11 am Pastors: Jane Buckley-Farlee &amp; Alem Asmelash Office: 2001 Riverside Ave. <i>Reconciling in Christ</i></p>
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## Southside Pride / NEIGHBORHOOD EDITION

### EVENTS

#### 14th Minnesota Cuban Film Festival

March 1-April 5

MSP Film Society

The Main Theatre

115 SE Main St., Mpls.

This year's Minnesota Cuba Film Festival (MCFF) will take place at MSP Film at the Main Theater on six consecutive Wednesdays, March 1 – April 5. The MCFF features films that address the achievements and challenges of the Cuban people through the eyes of its filmmakers. The festival highlights diverse and challenging films of social change, human struggle and the boldness of the human spirit.

The objective of the Minnesota Cuba Committee, the presenter of the film festival, remains to offer Minnesotans a chance to learn about and appreciate Cuban films and culture, and to remind our supporters of the onerous burden that the blockade inflicts on the Cuban people. In spite of ongoing economic challenges and the U.S. blockade, Cuba shows the way forward with its medical research, environmental sustainability, and the new progressive Family Code. This year's film lineup includes: "Cuentos de un día más" (Tales of one more day) (2021, fiction); "Bongó Itá" (2022, documentary); "Habana Selfies" (2022, comedy); "Cuba's Life Task – Combating Climate Change" (2022, documentary); "Vicenta B" (2022, drama); "Chico and Rita" (2012, animation, musical); "Niño Rivera – Cuerdas de Oro" (Golden Strings) (2021, documentary). The 14th Minnesota Cuban Film Festival is organized by the Minnesota Cuba Committee, with the collaboration of MSP Film Society, and ICAIC (Cuban Film Institute). For more information and tickets visit <https://www.mspfilm.org/minnesota-cuban-film-festival/>.

#### Twin Cities Jewish Humor Fest

March 3 – 25

In-person, various locations

The Minnesota JCC announces the Twin Cities Jewish Humor Fest, featuring four unique experiences designed to bring laughter, connection and joy. This year's Fest includes a special Purim Lunch and stand-up comedy with Elise Cole, a 25th Anniversary screening of "The Big Lebowski" followed by a bowling party at Punch Bowl Social, the "3rd Annual Night of Jewish Storytelling," and "Queer Comedy Night" featuring Robby Hoffman and Jared Goldstein. "We can't wait for this year's Humor Fest – in person!" said Riv Shapiro, Minnesota JCC Arts & Culture Producer. "As we make our way through the long Minnesota winter, there's nothing like laughing together in community." For tickets, visit [tcjhumorfest.org](http://tcjhumorfest.org).

#### 'Carole King: Home Again – Live In Central Park'

Wednesday, March 8, 7 p.m.

Trylon Cinema

2820 E. 33rd St., Mpls.

Sound Unseen presents the brand-new feature-length concert documentary "Home Again: Carole King Live In Central Park," documenting musical icon Carole King's triumphant May 26, 1973, homecoming concert on the Great Lawn of New York City's Central Park before an estimated audience of 100,000. Directed by George Scott and produced by Lou Adler and John McDermott, the film presents the complete multi-camera 16mm footage filmed and recorded by Adler in 1973 but never before released. Run Time/Year/Country: 80min, 2023, USA. Tickets are available at <http://www.soundunseen.com/upcoming-events/2023/3/8/carole-king-home-again-live-in-central-park>.

#### 28th Street Totlot: Take a survey to share your thoughts on planned park improvements!

Responses due by Friday, March 10.

The project team for improvements at the 28th Street Totlot has developed two concept plans showing a new play area and naturalized landscaping, plus skatepark features, through a partnership with City of Skate. Now they need to hear from you! Please take this short survey to share your thoughts on the concepts with MPRB staff and City of Skate representatives: [www.survey-monkey.com/r/B73JBRL](http://www.survey-monkey.com/r/B73JBRL). The survey is available through Friday, March 10. The final park design will incorporate, to the extent possible, feedback from the survey and in-person engagement.

#### Kids' Yoga with Miss Lydia In English and Spanish

Saturday, March 11,

10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Midtown Global Market

920 E. Lake St., Mpls.

Please join Miss Lydia for kids' yoga on Saturday, March 11. Meet up in the central court by the stage. Todos Beinvenidos – Clase bilingue En Ingles y En Espanol. This is a FREE event and welcome to all. Yoga mats, towels and rugs can all be used for class. Street and ramp parking available. Ramp parking is available on 10th Ave. and Lake Street. Kids' menus available for lunch.

Este es un evento GRATUITO y bienvenido a todos. Las colchonetas de yoga, las toallas y las alfombras se pueden usar para la clase. Estacionamiento en la calle y rampa disponible. Estacionamiento en rampa disponible en 10th Ave y Lake Street. Menús infantiles disponibles para el almuerzo. <https://www.facebook.com/events/607196217912784>.

#### 'Diesel Heart'

March 11 – April 2

History Theatre, 30 E. 10th St., St. Paul 1950s-1970s. Born and raised in St. Paul's Rondo neighborhood, the story of Melvin Carter Jr. begins at a time of racial tension in the 1950s and 1960s. During this time Melvin Carter Jr. struggles in school, questions his worth, and turns to fighting and trouble in the neighborhood. This play, inspired by Melvin Carter Jr.'s book, "Diesel Heart," is a story that has you crying and laughing with joy. Melvin's story reminds us that the journey we take to find our voice is never clean or straightforward. Written by Brian Grandison in collaboration with Melvin Carter Jr., directed by Warren C. Bowles. Full performance schedule and tickets available at <https://www.historytheatre.com/2022-2023/diesel-heart>.

#### Neighborhood Roots Winter Market

Saturday, March 11, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bachman's Floral, Gift, and Garden

Indoor greenhouse

6010 Lyndale Ave. S., Mpls.

Neighborhood Roots Winter Markets return to Bachman's! Enjoy music and fresh, ready-to-eat food and beverages, and stock up on produce, sweet treats, crafts and gifts from local farmers, bakers and artisans. This market series will take place indoors (January – March) at Bachman's Floral, Gift, and Garden and will feature all your favorite vendors from the Kingfield, Fulton and Nokomis Farmers Market. Pets are not allowed at the market. Service animals are always welcome. For more information, visit [www.neighborhoodrootsmn.org/winter-markets](http://www.neighborhoodrootsmn.org/winter-markets).

#### 'Fire In My Veins' Written & Performed by Allison Broeren

Hosted by Kevin Kling

March 16 – 19

(ASL Interpretation on March 19)

Open Eye Theatre

506 E. 24th St., Mpls.

Living with a chronic illness is hard, horrifying, and honestly, sometimes hilarious. In "Fire in My Veins," storyteller Allison Broeren takes you on the romp of living life with a rare autoimmune disease. Almost 20 years after her initial diagnosis, she thinks she has it figured out ... then a pandemic hits, and her chemo tries to kill her, so – back to the drawing board! In 2004 Allison spent 10 months getting progressively sicker, until she was admitted into the ICU paralyzed, and in isolation. Much closer to death than life, she was finally diagnosed with a rare autoimmune vasculitis disease, Wegener's Granulomatosis. This started a journey of chemo, steroids and the years-long healing process and a new life of navigating work, insurance, friendships, and dating with chronic illness.

"Fire in My Veins" is part of Open Eye Theatre's partnership with Kevin Kling and Company to feature exceptional storytellers whose voices are under-represented in the community. Tickets available at <https://www.openeyetheatre.org/fire-in-my-veins>.

#### City seeking applicants for new Community Commission on Police Oversight

Applications due March 20

The City of Minneapolis is seeking applicants for the new 15-member Community Commission on Police Oversight, which will convene for the first time in late April.

The new commission will include 15 members – 13 will be appointed by the City Council (one per ward) and two appointed by the mayor. The civilian commissioners will serve as review panelists on a rotating basis to review investigations of alleged police misconduct. As panelists, they will have direct access to investigatory case files being reviewed and provide recommendations on the merits of misconduct allegations that will be forwarded to the Chief of Police.

The work of the full commission will take place during public meetings, which will provide an opportunity for residents to observe presentations, listen to discussions and provide public input.

The City is seeking applicants that represent a cross-section of Minneapolis, including formerly incarcerated individuals, LGBTQ community members, Black, Indigenous and other people of color, as well as community members from every ward of Minneapolis. The application deadline is March 20. Learn how to apply and find more information on the City's website at <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/current-openings/>.

#### 'Utopia and Modernity in China: Contradictions in Transition' with David Margolies and Qing Cao

Wednesday, March 22, 7 to 9 p.m.

Online via Zoom

The event is organized by the Marxist Education Project. Join David Margolies and Qing Cao to discuss "Utopia and Modernity in China," which examines the contradictions in China's attempt to achieve "socialism with Chinese characteristics" by promoting home-grown capitalism. The book attempts to deconstruct the realities of this system in practice, focusing on the internal tensions between traditional Chinese values, neoliberal capitalism, and the CCP's vision of a transition to socialism in the 21st century. It offers an unusual insight into the complex cultural forces that are rapidly reshaping both China and world capitalism. Register for this online event at <https://marxedproject.org/event/china-utopia-modernity/>.

#### Minneapolis International Festival

Saturday, March 25, 1 to 5 p.m.

Central Gym Park

3416 4th Ave. S., Mpls.

FREE in-person event

The Minneapolis International Festival celebrates the different cultures in Minneapolis with music, dance, art, cultural learning booths, exhibits, demonstrations and more. Learn about all the many amazing cultures that make Minneapolis such a wonderful place to live. Sponsored by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. For more information and full schedule of entertainment, see [https://www.minneapolisparkevents.org/activities-events/events/minneapolis\\_international\\_festival/](https://www.minneapolisparkevents.org/activities-events/events/minneapolis_international_festival/).

#### 'TESTIFY'

Through March 29

Minneapolis Central Library

Cargill Gallery, skyway level

300 Nicollet Mall, Mpls.

The groundbreaking TESTIFY exhibit returns to Hennepin County Library –

Minneapolis Central through March 29. Located in the skyway-level Cargill Gallery, the exhibit will be accompanied by a series of in-person and online programs and events.

Building on the success of the original exhibit in 2018, former Minnesota Supreme Court Justice and NFL Hall of Famer Alan Page and his daughter Georgi, the director of the Diane and Alan Page Collection, are again presenting their exhibit of Americana from slavery to today – with renewed calls to action.

Selections from the family's extraordinary collection of African American art and artifacts will be on display at the Cargill Gallery accompanied by TESTIFY Tuesday workshops and mainstage programming designed to help bridge divides, deepen dialogue, and encourage action on justice.

In conjunction with the TESTIFY exhibit at Cargill Gallery, TESTIFY Tuesday workshops guide participants through

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## FOUR SEASON FORAGING

### Evergreen Foraging (Virtual)

Thursday, March 23rd, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Did you know that many of the evergreens that inhabit our landscape have edible and medicinal properties? Learn how to safely forage them in this online class taught by Maria Wesserle of Four Season Foraging. Students will learn how to identify, harvest, and prepare edible evergreens while avoiding toxic varieties. Maria will also demonstrate how she makes white pine tea and infused vinegar, and students will receive instructions in case they want to follow along at home. This live virtual class will be taught over Zoom. Sliding scale \$10 - \$20. Pre-registration required. For more details, please email [info@fourseasonforaging.com](mailto:info@fourseasonforaging.com), call 612-440-5958, or visit <https://www.fourseasonforaging.com/events>.



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# U.S. sabotages European pipeline

BY DAVE GUTKNECHT

In the January online edition of Southside Pride, the editor generously published my response to his pro-war editorials: <https://southsidepride.com/2023/01/28/a-response-to-sspride-ukraine-columns/>.

Since then, U.S. war aims have only become clearer, thanks in part to investigative journalism outside the mainstream. The U.S. helped sabotage Ukraine negotiations, then sabotaged critical infrastructure of Germany and European allies. The pipeline attack was an act of war against those countries; to their shame, European officials have been silent.

For those who hear little but the official explanation of the Ukraine war: please broaden your sources to include voices such as Jeffrey Sachs, Scott Ritter, Noam Chomsky, Seymour Hersh, and others mentioned earlier. You are misinformed if you think the Russian war in Ukraine was unprovoked or if you think that Russia has persistently refused to negotiate concerning the Ukraine conflict. Visit the unapproved sources to get the unapproved news.

On Feb. 8, veteran investigative journalist Seymour Hersh published his sensational column detailing how the U.S., along with Norway and other

suborned European nations, sabotaged a critical natural gas pipeline that supplied Germany and several other nations. European companies, backed by their respective governments, had invested billions in the pipelines, first opened in 2011 over U.S. opposition. Nord Stream was 49% owned by the European coalition and 51% by Russia's Gazprom.

The U.S. plans regime change and plays the global hegemon, but the price of maintaining dominance is painfully high for Europe, and especially for Ukraine. Sanctions on Russia aimed at regime change have been a failure and are likely to remain so. But actions that sacrifice the German economy and prevent continued reliance on Russian natural gas have been a short-term success.

The prevention of Nord Stream operations had been threatened, even publicly promised, over the past year by President Biden, Secretary of State Blinken, and Undersecretary Nuland. Along with top adviser Jake Sullivan, their discussions about destroying the pipeline, say Hersh's sources, began in 2021. The action was planned in a way that allowed them to sidestep any requirement that they inform the few members of Congress with national security responsibilities.

Since the September 2022 sab-

otage, remarkably, mainstream U.S. media has either ignored this huge story or has denied U.S. responsibility and suggested that Russia was responsible – responses that weren't credible earlier and are even less so now.

The sabotage was carried out to prevent European dependence on Russian fossil fuel energy; Blinken even pronounced the pipeline destruction a "tremendous opportunity" toward that end. This long-term strategic priority actually dates to the first Siberian pipeline, begun by the USSR, and initially sabotaged by the U.S., in the 1980s. Blinken warned against the pipeline in his book of that decade, bluntly titled "Ally vs. Ally."

Nord Stream 1 proved to be a huge boon to Europe's largest economy. The 2022 bombing was carried out to prevent Germany from backsliding on support for the war in Ukraine or on sanctioning Russian energy.

Conveniently, a gas pipeline from Norway (which fully collaborated in the sabotage and coverup) was opened the very next day after the Nord Stream explosions: a nicely timed bit of good news to cover up the disaster of the pipeline destruction. In early February, Seymour Hersh's dramatic revelations were published, then were followed by the frightening environmental disaster in East Pal-

estine, Ohio. Yet within two days the headlines screamed about unidentified balloons as a national security threat – a story a Chinese official correctly labeled hysterical and absurd.

These few details on media coverage matter because they indicate the depth of pro-war propaganda and message control in the U.S. media.

Authors of "War in Ukraine" Medea Benjamin and Nicolas Davies (at CounterPunch.org) remind us what a knowledgeable citizenry should know about how our government fomented the crisis in Ukraine, a role that the corporate media has swept under the rug:

1. The 2015 Minsk II peace accord achieved a stable ceasefire line and steady reductions in casualties, but Ukraine failed to grant autonomy to Donetsk and Luhansk as agreed. Germany's Merkel and France's Hollande, signatories to the agreement, recently claimed that they only supported Minsk II in order to buy time for NATO to arm and train in preparation for war.

2. During the week before the invasion, U.N. monitors in Donbas documented a huge escalation in explosions around the

ceasefire line, most of them by the Ukrainian government forces shelling Russian-speaking civilians, with the latter casualties estimated at 15,000 by 2022.

3. After the invasion, instead of supporting Ukraine's efforts to make peace, the United States and the United Kingdom blocked or stopped them in their tracks. This has not changed.

Meanwhile, you can bet that many Europeans, along with thoughtful Americans, are considering the implications of what the U.S. is willing to do in order to get its way. Scott Ritter called the pipeline bombing "an economic Pearl Harbor."

*Dave Gutknecht went to prison for his opposition to the war in Vietnam (1972–1973), then built a career writing and publishing for cooperatives.*

**Publisher's note:** It is important for us to understand how we got to this point. Dave Gutknecht does a great job of filling in some essential background. Southside Pride is committed to supporting Ukraine in its struggle against Russian imperialist aggression.

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exercises that will help them create personal narratives and testimonials to advocate for social change. Produced by the Diane and Alan Page Collection and facilitated by Change Narrative LLC, the American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota and The Loft Literary Center, themes will be offered each week in collaboration with local social justice organizations to connect participants to meaningful advocacy opportunities. TESTIFY events and programs in March include:

- March 7: TESTIFY Tuesdays – Health Care
- March 14: TESTIFY Tuesdays – Police Reform
- March 21: TESTIFY Tuesdays – Environmental Justice
- March 28: TESTIFY Tuesdays – Housing and Economic Justice
- March 30: TESTIFY Storytelling Slam

Learn more about the exhibit and how to participate in the TESTIFY Tuesday workshops at [www.hclib.org](http://www.hclib.org).

### 'Play and Restoration in Our Post-Pandemic World' with Mikyoung Kim, FASLA

Thursday, March 30, 7 p.m.

UMN College of Design

Rapson Hall

89 Church St. SE, Mpls.

Mikyoung Kim explores how landscapes make our lives better. Not just aesthetically, but how we as humans are part of natural and built systems that have such a profound impact on human resiliency and belonging. Her first public talk in 2.5 years, Mikyoung's "Play and Restoration" emerged from a consolidated incubation period of creativity for one of America's most celebrated designers. She'll focus on the role public space plays in our semi-post pandemic world in reconnecting and restoring public engagement in our global cities. You'll hear her stories about:

- Prioritizing green space to

promote healing at the Texas Medical Center.

- Transforming hardscaped and unwelcoming civic spaces into naturalized "no lawn" oases in Detroit.
- Building relationships with community to reveal a shared vision for shared space at Wellesley College and the nation's first LGBTQ+ senior housing campus.

Her current work also includes the Seoul Cheonggye River Restoration Project and the Chicago Botanic Garden. In this talk she'll focus on the ethics of design and our collective goal of creating healthier and more equitable cities that spark our collective imagination. This Next Generation of Parks event is presented by MPR News, produced in partnership with UMN Department of Landscape Architecture. Tickets are free, but please sign up via Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/next-generation-of-parks-mikyoung-kim-tickets-524681936797>.

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# Openings and acquisitions, olive oil, Braille menus, and a Hot Plate mini-review

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

By the time you read this, Eat Street Crossing should actual-

tablishments. I am a big fan of the latter, so I will be reviewing it soon, I hope. Eat Street Crossing is located in the former Old

that's everywhere. But I tell you, one false move and I'm going to drop them. Maybe it's time I made the leap and joined a proper CSA instead.

If you're even half as interested in food news as I am, you will have read about the new trend debuting in Italy at Starbucks. Food and drink mavens don't expect it to come to much, but it's so weird it's attracting a lot of press. Some of the headlines (i.e., Eater.com's, which is very sarcastic and I recommend) are things like, "Olive oil jumps the shark!" Although to me it's more like Starbucks is jumping the shark and the olive oil is just an innocent bystander. Apparently, in a fit of madness to which I understand that captains of industry are vulnerable (ahem, Twitter), Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz, who was tak-



## Hot Plate's unique decor

ly be open. I have mentioned it before, and it's been actively under development (and construction) since last summer. There is a grand opening advertised for Saturday, March 4. If you like either Bebe Zito or Zen Box Izakaya, you will probably want to visit Eat Street Crossing, as it results from a collaboration between the two couples running each of those popular es-

Arizona Studio building at 2819 Nicollet Ave.

I was seriously annoyed about a month ago when I got my usual food box from Imperfect Foods and saw that it came in a Misfits Market box, albeit on the usual cute pink Imperfect Foods truck. Imperfect Foods has let itself be acquired by Misfits, a rival company that I tried one time and had a horrible experience with. (Also, there were small local union drives at some Imperfect Foods warehouses over a year ago, and I had to wonder how much this acquisition had to do with stymying the union.) So far I have noticed only two slightly annoying changes: 1. More than half the inventory is sold out when I go to order. 2. Terribly inflated prices, but to be fair,



## Braille menus

ing a spoonful of olive oil daily for health reasons, (what your grandmother used to call "regularity") was "moved" to mix it into his cup of Joe Starbuck. And he liked it, so, since he's the boss, it got rolled out in Italy under the pretentious name of Oleato. (Italian for greasy, I believe.)

Crew manager (of diversity and inclusion!) who witnessed that a blind customer named Matthew always ordered the same thing. They are calling on other restaurants to do the same, which is made pretty easy to do by using one of the several service corporations that specialize in that.

The review this month is brunch at Hot Plate, a diner at 5204 Bloomington Ave. that has a large and loyal following and yet a lot of south Minneapolis-

tans have never heard of it. Hot Plate was started in 2005 by Carrie Lewis and Sam Beberg, originally as full-service, but later transitioned to just breakfast and lunch. The business was purchased by Carmen Santana in 2017, and her stated goal was to keep the legacy - the unique over-the-top '70s decor and the most popular dishes - but expand the repertoire a bit with Mexican and other varied but simple fare.

Nowadays, four of their most popular items are the Grand Marais scramble, the extremely indulgent house-made cinnamon rolls, the pancakes with Nutella and bacon, and the carnitas scramble. I was going to take a friend to Modern Times for Sunday brunch, but the wait was too long for us, so, thinking fast, I remembered Hot Plate. We both had the Grand Marais, and if the Jucy Lucy is the most Minneapolis dish in Minneapolis, I think the Grand Marais is the most Minnesota dish in Minneapolis. It consists of creamy scrambled eggs with smoked trout and cream cheese mixed in and, on the side, grilled asparagus spears and country-style chunky fried potatoes.

One of the really fun things about Hot Plate is the hundreds of paint-by-number oils in every genre you can imagine, which, along with some huge mirrors and a few corny retro signs, cover almost every inch of wall space. And even though it's a mere diner, Hot Plate has excellent coffee. If you're one of those who's never heard of Hot Plate, you should definitely try it out.

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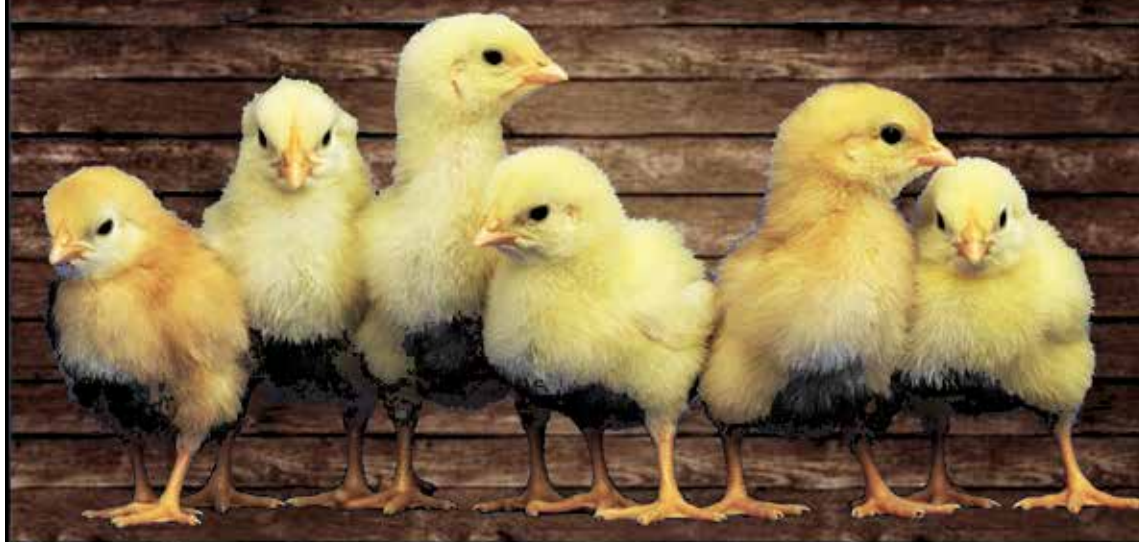
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