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Cam's Corner



'Safety beyond policing' report gets attention at **City Hall**

BY CAM GORDON

Hopes are high for a new report that centers on strengthening safety beyond policing efforts with attention to prevention and restorative as well as alternative responses to crime and violence.

Released on July 13 following a city press conference called by Mayor Jacob Frey, the "Minneapolis Safe and **Thriving Communities** Report" was written by Antonio Oftelie and his team at Leadership for a Networked World (LNW).

Oftelie is a Fellow at the Technology and Entrepreneurship Center within the Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences and the executive director of LNW. He grew up on the Southside, considers himself a lifelong resident of Minneapolis and said the 3rd Precinct was "his precinct" growing up. He previously worked for the Minnesota Office of Higher Education and the Minnesota Department of Trade and Economic Development. In 2020 Oftelie was appointed to help



From left to right: Don Olson, Frank Kroncke standing behind Chuck Turchick, Bill Tilton, Pete Simmons and Brad Beneke. Not pictured: Mike Therriault. Cliff Ulen, the eighth plotter, participated in the planning but turned informant to the FBI and testified against the others at their trials. (Photo/Warren Hanson)

Minnesota Eight reunion

BY ED FELIEN

Summer is the time for reunions: for families, for ton, and Cliff Ulen went high school and college graduates, and for prisoners released from prison for criminal political acts.

Fifty years ago, the Minnesota Eight were released from prison for attempting to break into Selective Service offices and destroy draft card files to protest the raiders all broke into the war in Vietnam. They celebrated their semicentennial release on July 8 at the Caspian Bistro.

From mnopedia: https:// www.mnopedia.org/group/ minnesota-eight:

"Around midnight on July 10, 1970, four teams of two or three people each broke Minnesota Eight, were arinto Selective Service offices in Little Falls, Alexandria, Winona, and Wabasha, in- with the federal crime of in- five defendants were quickly tending to destroy as many terference with the Selective military draft files as possi- Service. They and their lawble-acts of protest against yers made the trials, like the Judge Neville, was completethe war in Vietnam. They raids, political acts aimed at mostly failed. Eight of them informing and persuading were arrested and charged the public of the evils of the with federal crimes. They war in Vietnam.

became known as the Minnesota Eight.

"Chuck Turchick, Bill Tilto Alexandria; Don Olson, Peter Simmons, and Brad Beneke went to Winona; and Francis Kroncke and Michael Therriault went to Little Falls. Another team headed for Wabasha, while a fifth cancelled its action.

"Around midnight the Selective Service offices, prepared to destroy files. They concentrated on those of citizens designated 1-Athat is, subject to call-up at any time. In Alexandria, Little Falls, and Winona, FBI agents were waiting. The men, soon known as the rested without incident.

"There were three trials: two before Judge Edward Devitt, the third before Philip Neville. Rancor broke out before the first trial even began. At Brian Wells's trial, Brad Beneke called Devitt 'a pompous ass.' Devitt sent him to jail for ten days. At his arraignment, Turchick said he could not expect mercy from a court that 'jails people because they refuse to kill.' At the first two trials (Turchick and Tilton, then Olson, Simmons, and Beneke), Devitt positioned armed sentries in the courthouse and kept many defense supporters out of his courtroom. Some supporters refused to stand for the judge and were ejected. A bomb threat and then a jury-misconduct mistrial "The men were charged marred the second trial. All

Hookers and cam girls, oh my!

BY KAY SCHROVEN

Prostitution is said to be the oldest profession in the world and a "necessary evil." It is a long-debated subject. Prostitution is legal in at least five countries including Finland, Costa Rica, New Zealand, Bangladesh and Germany, and liberalized in Canada, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Columbia and France.

It is legal in 12 of 16 counties in Nevada, with licensed brothels located primarily in Clark (Las Vegas) and Washoe (Reno) counties, but illegal in the rest of the United States.

Yet, it goes on.

If you google "Escort Services" or "Massage Parlors" in any city, including Minneapolis, there is no shortage of sites to explore.

In South Minneapolis neighborhoods such as Powderhorn, Whittier, Phillips and Corcoran, women report being solicited in front of their own homes, simply because of where they live.



It is estimated that 8,000 to 12,000 people are involved in prostitution or sex trafficking in Minnesota each day. The average age of girls entering into prostitution is 13. ProCon.org tracks prostitution arrests in Minnesota and reports arrests as high as 966 in 2010. Crime data to date (July 2023) reports 420 arrests for sex crimes, compared to 388 arrests one year ago.

The common driving force that propels girls and young women into prostitution is drug addiction, especially given the methamphetamine and crack epidemics. Often it is the women who are arrested rather than their clients (johns) because they are more visible when working the streets. Construction and redevelopment along Lake Street have pushed the street action nto 31st Steet. Another contributing factor absentee landlords providing squatting opportunities for illegal activities.

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convicted. "The third trial, before ly different. He kept an open

courtroom, used no armed guards, and allowed the defense to bring witness after

I recently spoke with a man who is close to the Lake Street action. When Bruce (not his real name) retired, he got involved with a woman who was selling her body. He met her friends



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St. Paul's Lutheran summer camp puppet show

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Summer on Bloomington Avenue

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

When is a park not a park? The other day I noticed, not for the first time, a little one-squareblock park at 42nd and Bloomington called Bancroft Meadows. But when I looked it up on the Park Board site, it wasn't listed. This puzzled me and got me searching. The answer was found in the blog of one Max Hailperin, who is attempting to walk every block of every Minneapolis neighborhood. Max says, "Bancroft Meadows is not owned by the parks department, but rather by the city's public works, and its primary function is storm-water detention, having been built for that purpose in 1989." Well, alrighty then.

You know what Bloomington Avenue has a lot of? Interesting churches. At 1515 E. 23rd St. is the All Nations Indian Church. Al-

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most exactly a year ago, this lively congregation lost its decades-long beloved pastor, the Rev. Marlene Whiterabbit Helgemo. The Circle newspaper commemorated her in an Aug. 5, 2022, article, "An emotional farewell for the Rev. Marlene Whiterabbit Helgemo," which is available online and worth a read to appreciate all the amazing accomplishments of this strong, brilliant Native woman.

Just a short way down the road, at 2742 15th Ave. S., is St. Paul's Lutheran Church/Iglesia Luterana San Pablo, a 135-year-old church in a beautiful old building. This church, too, had until recently a strong and charismatic pastor in Patrick Cabello Hansel, who, along with his wife Luisa, had led the church since 2005. Pastor Hansel recently retired, and fortunately is still very active in the community, including publishing poetry and

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writing for The Alley newspaper. The current pastor, the Rev. Hierald Edgardo Osorto, seems to be equally effective and the church is thriving. As you may guess from the church's name, it is a bilingual Spanish and English church.

The St. Paul's/San Pablo congregation is very invested in the Phillips community, hosting the Phillips Community Clinic, a Spanish language AA program, and Semilla Center for Healing and the Arts, as well as running a summer camp



Ephraim Eusebio of Modus Locus

program and year-round youth programs, and partnering with scores of other arts and community organizations, such as the Family Partnership and In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre.

At 4501 Bloomington Ave. you'll find Living Spirit United Methodist Church, another church with an interesting history of changes. The following is an excerpt from the website of Beacon Interfaith Housing:

"In 2009, the former Oakland Ave. United Methodist Church (44th and Oakland) and Asbury UMC (45th and Bloomington) merged, choosing Living Spirit as their new name. The members of both congregations were historically Caucasian. When the neighborhood became more diverse, Oakland UMC acquired many African American members as well as immigrants from African countries and so became focused on racial justice and other community concerns, but declined in membership over the years. The Minnesota UMC Conference helped Oakland to join with Asbury, also declining, but primarily Caucasian."

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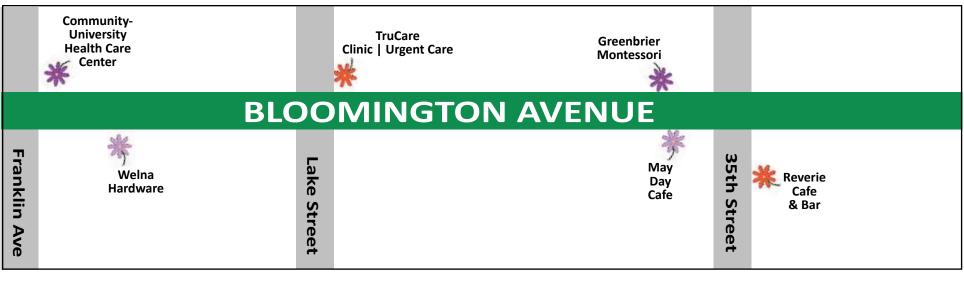
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Turning to the more secular side of things, this neighborhood still shows similar themes of connection, history, healing, creativity, arts and cultural diversity. Even

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though retail establishments are not numerous in this mostly residential area, there are a few of interest. At 3220 Bloomington is La Cuencanita Grocery, a thoroughly Mexican food-centered business. They carry Mexican brands in all their food categories and produce that Anglos may not be familiar with but are considered staples by our Latina neighbors. And they even have online shopping, which is rare for small stores.

At 3400 Bloomington Ave. is City Blocks Quilt Shop. They changed to this new name last year, but they are still a consumer-owned co-op, and like food coops, you don't have to be a member-owner to shop there. They also have classes ranging from beginner to advanced in all the arts of quilting. You can also shop online, but if you drop by in person, you will find an impressive range of expert knowledge and advice being dispensed for free.

A new type of store, of which we will probably see a lot more of, has popped up at 4211 Bloomington. This is Uffda Cannabis Dispensary, one of two locations in south Minneapolis. They too have online shopping (go to uffda.cc/s/ shop). I don't know about you, but this is all so new to me, I'm going to have to go in person and poke around and see what it all is. I'll let you know.

There are lots of fun places to eat along Bloomington Avenue. If you want to taste some great, authentic Mexican food, try Taqueria y Birrieria las Cuatro Milpas at 1526 E. Lake St. Chef-owner Hector Hernandez, who owns two other sites, one in Bloomington and

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Generations



Hot Plate birria tacos available on their special Taco Nights

one in suburban Atlanta, says he is the first to bring birria tacos to the Twin Cities. Birria is a rich stew of beef, lamb, or chicken.

At Hot Plate, 5204 Bloomington Ave., "new" (since 2017) owner Carmen Santana introduced a few Mexican favorites but kept the

super-popular Minnesota-themed breakfast items for an eclectic menu mix that works on many levels. For more depth on Hot Plate, see our first mention back in August 2019 or the review in The Dish of March 2023. Mama Sheila's at 38th and Bloomington is another haven of authenticity, in this case authentic African American soul food. I grew up in East Point, Georgia, (home of Outkast if that sounds familiar) and I can tell you, it's authentic. It's also one of those increasingly rare things, an all-you-can-eat buffet.

We'll end our tour of Bloomington Avenue with the little interconnected hub that includes Modus Locus, a unique art gallery that also hosts yoga classes, events, and real estate seminars; Reverie Cafe and Bar, a vegan restaurant with shared DNA in the arts world and especially In the Heart of the Beast and MayDay; and the May Day Cafe, whose connection with the two just mentioned should be obvious. Modus Locus and Reverie share an outdoor space that Mo-

dus Locus calls the Graffiti Gar- have so much great stuff happenden, while to Reverie it's just their patio seating. This year it was also the site of the May Day Anyway Parade's afterparty.

For Modus Locus, you must check out their website because I've run out of space, and they just treats and local artisan drinks.

ing. For the May Day Cafe, their Facebook page usually has a rundown of the menu specials for the following day. For Reverie - just go and try it. Reverie is one of my favorite spots for vegan gourmet



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BIG TASTE

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The Ukraine/Russia war: Where we are now

BY RICHARD TAYLOR

counteroffensive Ukraine's against Russian forces and how it might affect prospects for peace. To do so we need to know about goals, troop strength, weapons, strategy and tactics. What we can't possibly grasp but must somehow sense is the tens of thousands of soldiers on both sides shot to pieces, burned, crushed, traumatized and horribly wounded, along with shattered towns and villages, grieving families, lost hopes and dreams-a sorrow so deep and wide that we shudder to comprehend it. So, not only do we seek to understand, but, somehow, speed the end of the killing.

The context

Russia first invaded Ukraine in 2014 by occupying and annexing Crimea. In February 2022, the Russian Armed Forces (RAF) seized 23% of Ukraine. That was reduced to 17% when Ukraine counterattacked later that year. After that, other than Russia's grinding seizure of Bakhmut, the front line stabilized until the Armed Forces of Ukraine (AFU) began its counteroffensive on June 4, 2023. It seeks to split Russian forces, drive to the Sea of Azov, and cut the land bridge between Russia and Crimea, squeezing off the RAF's supply line and crippling its operations.

That's a formidable task for the AFU. Unlike its offensive in 2022, it confronts greatly strengthened Russian forces. The many months of lull in the fighting has allowed the RAF to build three lines of defense that include drones, tank traps, gades committed to the action.

5-to-1 or more advantage in ar-Our aim is to understand tillery, satellite coordination, and command of airspace, a vital aspect missing earlier in the war. As retired Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt puts it, the AFU faces "an obstacle belt from hell." These strengths are magnified by the open terrain that the AFU must cross, leaving it vulnerable to withering fire.

> And while the AFU has an array of NATO-supplied modern weapons, its eight brigades of about 160,000 troops trained by NATO are taking on 300,000 Russian troops with 450,000 more in reserve in Russia.

The guns of June

As the fighting loomed, Army Gen. Mark Milley, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, spoke gravely: "This is a very difficult fight. It's a very violent fight. and it will likely take a considerable amount of time and at high cost." Military historian Vlad Mykhnenko added that the counteroffensive is "the first major international military operation of this scale that has been done without much air support."

On June 8, four days after the counteroffensive began, events confirmed their words when the AFU suffered a stinging rebuff. Setting off from Mala Tokmachka in southern Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia oblast (similar to a state or province), the AFU tried to capture the town of Robotyne, a Russian strongpoint. Before it reached the first defensive line, the AFU encountered dense minefields, smothering artillery fire, and rocket fire from helicopter gunships. In the process, it lost 15% of the two bri-

trench lines, vast minefields, a Lost too were dozens of NATO's best vehicles including seven of the 17 German Leopard tanks that were supposed to be game changers. One senior U.S. official described the outcome as "sobering."

From blitzkrieg to slugfest

More than sobering, the June 8 battle changed the nature of the war, moving it to a war of attrition from one of swift territorial seizure. Both sides have made local gains but little else. Should this persist, victory usually goes to the armed forces that can fight on the longest. Given the RAF's current force advantage, experts such as John Mearsheimer and Scott Ritter are predicting a Russian victory.

However, that's not obvious. First, we can't exclude the possibility that all sides lose if the war leads to World War III. World Wars I and II started as clashes between two countries in Eastern Europe.

Second, although the economy of the Russian Federation (RF) has performed better than expected, thousands of hi-tech workers have emigrated. Over time, given the furious pace of hi-tech innovation, Russia's restricted access to it will further hamper its struggle to keep up.

Next, as long as the war goes on, Moscow will be forced to divert vital resources to weapons production. And there's another depleting vital resource: the 48,000 RAF soldiers who have perished and the many more thousands wounded-this in a country whose population is going down.

Finally, despite the RAF's advantages, NATO rededicated itself at the Vilnius summit to equip the AFU with ever more lethal weapons. The French are providing long range SCALP missiles, the Dutch are training Ukrainian pilots to fly F-16s, and Biden approved cluster bombsall steps up the escalation ladder.

On the other hand, the war has disrupted trade between Western Europe and Russia, especially in the energy sector. German's economy is not only slumping, but its leaders also fret about "deindustrialization." Germany's medium-sized firms puts it, "One sometimes hears about 'creeping deindustrialization'–well, it's not just creeping anymore." As a result, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz's popularity ratings are dismal as he faces growing discontent. All told, which side wears out first remains uncertain.

that each side has more to lose than gain if fighting continues.

As mentioned, the RAF currently has a big edge in key areas. By now it's also clear that U.S. intelligence underestimated Moscow's capacity to supply new weapons to its forces. Surprisingly, even though the U.S. alone has funded the AFU to the tune of \$45 billion, the U.S. lacks the capacity to adequately supply key weapons. As Biden confessed, "What we need most of all for Ukraine is artillery shells. And they're in short supply."

Moscow also views a ceasefire as an opportunity for NATO to restock the AFU's arms inventory and train more troops. The Russians haven't forgotten that both former German Chancellor Merkel and former French President Hollande admitted that the 2015 Minsk II negations were primarily undertaken to give Ukraine more time to build up its military.

In any case, should one side get the upper hand, Kyiv is determined to regain all its territory, including Crimea. For Russia's part, Putin may order the RAF to seize four more oblasts to the west, giving it complete control of the Black Sea shore and bringing the army to the Polish border. Either option risks dangerous escalation: an RAF on the run might tempt Moscow to use tactical nuclear weapons. An AFU on the run might prod NATO forces to directly intervene. A few days before the Vilnius summit, a former head of NATO, Anders Rasmussen, stated that, "I think the Poles would seriously consider going in and assemble a coalition of the willing if Ukraine doesn't get anything in Vilnius."

The triple knot

Yet to be determined is whether or not the counteroffensive can loosen the diplomatic knot-a very tight knot because Ukraine, the RF, and the U.S. show no willingness to compromise. Given that both Kviv and Moscow see the war as threatening their existence, they remain unbending.

Ukraine's position is self-evident: The war is being fought on sion." As Hans-Jürgen Völz, chief econ- its soil. The RAF stormed in and omist of the BVMW, a lobby for then annexed four Ukrainian oblasts: Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia. The RAF has inflicted vast damage to Ukraine's people and economy. (More specifics below.) In short, Kyiv has concluded that Moscow intends to reduce Ukraine to a dysfunctional rump state, a state so shattered that the European Union and NATO will abandon it. As for the RF, its political class views NATO as a hostile military alliance with a record data refers only to 2022! So the brimming with offensive military interventions, and Moscow has repeatedly condemned the

effort to bring NATO to its doorstep. Equally, the RF condemns American sanctions as a dire threat to its economy. Further alarming the Russians is Biden's openly declared intention to so weaken its military and industrial capacity that the RF will be knocked from the ranks of the Great Powers.

In recent weeks, Russian opinion grew more hostile when Ukrainian Defense Minister Oleksii Reznikov blurted out, "We are inviting arms manufacturers to test new products here," adding that Ukraine is "a de facto NATO member shedding blood for a NATO mission." His words led Ivan Timofeev, a leading Russian foreign affairs expert, to retort that the U.S. was seeking a "final solution to the Russian question."

As for the U.S., unless the war escalates dramatically, no existential threat arises. Nonetheless, by repeating that, "Ukraine will never be a victory for Russia," Biden has boxed himself in so that a Russian victory would likely ruin his 2024 chancesand render the U.S., as China's Mao Zedong famously remarked, a "paper tiger," perhaps unraveling NATO.

In short, the diplomatic situation remains frozen. Ukraine won't negotiate until the RAF leaves all of Ukraine. The RF won't negotiate unless Ukraine and the U.S. recognize its control over the annexed oblasts and agree to a neutral Ukraine stripped of offensive weapons. And despite NBC's reports of contacts between prominent former U.S. officials and their Russian counterparts, Biden won't talk to Putin.

The catastrophe

We have come full circle. Perhaps to avoid stirring up antiwar sentiment in the U.S., mainstream media have underreported both the extent of AFU casualties and the suffering of the Ukrainian people, but other venues are more forthcoming. A Kyiv University poll of the Ukrainian people reveals that "78% have close relatives or friends who were injured or killed due to the Russian inva-

The World Bank refers to the war's "unimaginable toll"-6.3



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The road ahead

In recent weeks, the war of attrition has spurred talk of a "frozen conflict," a flimsy ceasefire of sorts. Such a state assumes

million fleeing the country; five million more internally displaced: 62 cities destroyed: \$135 billion in damages; five million acres of the richest farmland in the world ruined by landmines, the economy falling 29% with a quarter of the population reduced to poverty-a people set on a "path of irreversible demographic decline," according to the European Commission.

Except for the Kyiv poll, this war grinds on, compounding the misery-and the dangers.



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Medea melee concluded

BY ED FELIEN

middle of it, and I still have no idea what happened.

dea Benjamin and Kieran Knutson when Kieran snatched Medea's phone. I was trying to keep them separate to prevent further Craig Wood to help her retrieve her phone.

At this point I went looking for my wife to make sure she was safe, and while I was looking elsewhere, Craig got into a fight with Kieran. They were on the ground. Medea saw her phone in Kieran's back pocket and took it back. Somehow, Craig got a dislocated shoulder, bruises and a black eye.

Emmet Doyle says he pulled Craig off of Kieran, and Craig grabbed his coat, tore it, and slugged him, and he has the torn coat to prove it.

It is impossible at this point to know who hit whom, when or why.

I said that I thought Kieran should apologize for his action.

Andy Berman of Vets for Peace said, "Kieran did apologize. At the mediation between him and Medea not long after the scuffle, they exchanged views civilly for an hour in the presence of professional mediators. Kieran used

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the very words, 'I apologize.'" I wrote to Medea, "Was there I was standing right in the a mediation? Did Kieran apologize?"

She replied, "Yeah. I asked for I was standing between Me- his union to call this meeting and, yes, he apologized. This, of course, doesn't help poor Craig or excuse Kieran's behavior."

As far as we are concerned, violence. Then, Medea recruited the matter is settled, and we Steve McKeown should all get back to discussions of how to end the war in Ukraine.

Correction from Steve McKeown to the Craig Wood article last month:

It is not true that I was one of the protesters. I told Craig that in person, on the phone, and in a witness statement requested by National Veterans for Peace that I believe he showed you. I sent him that in good faith. I think it is safe to say that I have organized more protests than the rest of the chapter combined. I don't agree with Medea, but to protest her speaking is not my cup of tea. The witness statement I gave to National told why I came to the event. As you know I was one of the people trying to keep Kieran from gaining entrance, and to quell his violence. I went to the talk, the protestors

did not. This article no doubt has sion fueled decades of militant of residential, medical and edbeen circulated and read widely. This needs to be corrected by my having space. I have been sick for a while and was at the VA ER where I was diagnosed with let them know what I thought pneumonia in my lung. Now I am sweating and coughing it out with dear Aunt Biotic.

..... **Kieran Knutson responds:**

As readers of Southside Pride will now be familiar, I am the werewolf of Cedar Avenue who stalks the elderly, steals cell phones, and fails to show proper respect to those who simply want to promote Putin's war crimes as justifiable, understandable, not-really-that-bad.

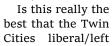
Some of this is my own fault -I was outraged and angry at the brutal invasion of Ukraine by Russian imperialism: thousands of civilians killed, millions made refugees, mass rape, ecological catastrophe. So, when some nice old ladies and their rougharound-the-edges brothers invited the rich celebrity "activist" to come sell her book advocating that the people resisting the Russian invasion should be cut off from supplies and support, I was pissed. (Just as my pasopposition to U.S. imperialism's wars on Southeast Asia, Central America and the Middle East.)

I was loud and belligerent – I about 'em and when they made nasty anti-Ukrainian racist remarks (straight from the Putin phrasebook) I gave them a piece of my mind. When the celebrity - fresh off of rallying with Nazis in D.C. - started filming me her camera got knocked away. But I never touched her, and I didn't initiate any physical contact with anyone that day. I do believe that picket lines have a right to defend themselves though, so when Craig Wood, the right-wing "Vet for Peace" (whose Facebook page mocks trans youth, promotes Trump, and counts the number of Jews in the Biden cabinet) charged into our picket line, tearing signs and pushing down an elderly pro-Ukrainian protester, we had every right to protect ourselves, and when he came back throwing punches at people, it doesn't surprise me that it didn't go so well for him.

But in the aftermath of the "melee" on 42nd (lol), WAMM, Code Pink, Freedom (sic) Road Socialist (sic) Organization and some others have sought to divert attention away from the Solidarity, massacres in Bucha, the shelling Kieran Knutson

ucational facilities in Kyiv and elsewhere, and the destruction of the Kakhovka Dam. Instead they want to highlight the war crimes of slapping away a cell phone and defending a picket line from an attacker. Sadly, Southside Pride has been complicit - printing one-sided and dishonest smears against me and the other pro-Ukrainian protesters. Eddie seems particularly infatuated with a picture of me yelling at the celebrity Putin-ist

from Code Pink. (It's not my best look, although my son tells me that a bunch of Ukrainians on Twitter want to buy me a beer.)



can do? Try and "cancel" a lifelong Southsider, anti-fascist, labor, and anti-imperialist activist? Cuz that ain't gonna happen, cousin.

A nicer pho-

Instead, people of principle should look to see how they can support the Ukrainian resistance - starting with refuting the lies of the war criminal Putin and his clueless dupes.

Cam, from page 1

monitor a police-related consent decree between Seattle and the U.S. Department of Justice.

The report was not funded by the city but by the Joyce, McKnight, Minneapolis and Pohlad Foundations, who paid LNW directly.

"I believe this will be something that will enable Minneapolis, if it is enacted, to lead the nation," said Oftelie, "and answer the community demand that came in 2020."

The 143-page, carefully designed and well-illustrated report is rich with detailed recommendations and specific strategies to improve public safety. It "focuses on how Minneapolis can design and implement a new model of services that enable community safety and wellbeing," and is divided into the three areas of prevention, response and restoration to create what it terms "an ecosystem of services for safe and thriving communities. In terms of the response to crime, the report, for example, calls for a transformation of 911 and the use of criteria-based dispatching. It outlines four types of responses to calls that might have traditionally just been referred to police. First is an "alternative response only" where dispatchers send a trained team of community responders. Second is a "co-response" led by community responders where both a community responder and an officer are dispatched, but if the community responder determines that there is a low potential for violence, the officers leave. Third is an officer-led co-response with the

officer first conducting a safetv check. Last is an officer-only response. Oftelie said that virtual responses could also be better utilized for some things in the future.

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While police are mentioned in the report, they are not the focus, and police reform is not addressed.

The report aims to be "a pathway to comprehensive transformation" and "when combined with foundational reforms in law and policy, will restore the social contract, trust, and legitimacy of public safety between the City of Minneapolis and its communities."

At the press conference and at the committee, it was clear that policymakers see potential in the plan. But it is unclear what impact the report will have, if any, in the long run. At the committee meeting, there were no city staff who introduced or spoke about the report and the committee did not refer it to staff for further review, forward it to the council,

bers) and a community advisory board who would create a "law and policy agenda for executive and legislative policy changes" and write several additional plans. These would include a "multi-year implementation and financial plan," a governance and operations plan with "a matrix and plan for the cross-agency and cross-sector collaboration," as well as a community communication and engagement plans.

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If the plan, or even particular ideas or strategies within it, is to be implemented, they will need a champion or champions among city policy makers.

So far, there appear to be policymakers who support the plan. "This is a long-term plan we want to get going on immediately," said Frey. "There is no other city in the country that is moving towards something as significant and comprehensive as the vision that we've got in Minneapolis."

"I look forward to using the results of this study as a guiding principle," said Ward 13 Council Member Linea Palmisano, who joined Frey at the press conference.

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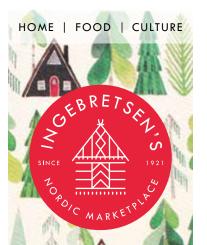
The outgoing commissioner of community safety, Cedric Alexander, said he was pleased to take the plan as "another guide his department can use to transform public safety."

In the near term it calls for improvements to the current prevention, response, and restoration services. In the mid-term it will work to expand services and leverage partnerships and funding with the county and state. The final stage will work to expand services toward addressing root causes, such as poverty, racism, and other forms of oppression and trauma. In this phase, additional services will not only be focused on responding to needs but also address underlying conditions that can lead to a lack of safety and well-being.

Funding for the plan is in question. No budget was included in the report, which does identify additional staff that will be needed. Frey said it could cost millions of dollars but has not committed

just involve police, but actually supports a public health and holistic approach."

This report appears to aim for that and to "achieve an entirely new level of value, legitimacy, and trust in how Minneapolis fosters and sustains safe and thriving communities." Only time will tell if the city, and all of us, have the resources and sustained effort to use this report to get there.



to of Kieran Knutson

or vote to approve it. Instead, the clerk was directed by the chair to "receive and file the report."

While that is a common thing for a committee to do with such a report, it also sets the stage for it to join the many other reports filed away or gathering dust on shelves in City Hall.

Even if it is read and implemented, this plan also runs the risk of getting stalled, lost or derailed in layers of bureaucratic governance.

Written as a 10-year plan, the first year is focused on the creation of an executive leadership team made up of city staff (but not the mayor or council mem-

"This is probably one of the most anticipated reports in my committee," said Ward 5 Council Member LaTrisha Vetaw, who chairs the public health and safety committee. "Council members are committed to this work, we're ready to roll up our sleeves and get started."

"I really hope that the thoroughness of this will make these ideas mainstream" said Ward 1 Council Member Elliot Payne. "Some of us have been trying to implement these ideas for years and we've been met with underto a specific amount in next year's budget.

With Alexander's retirement this fall as commissioner of community safety, the selection of the next head of that office could have a significant impact on the future of the report. Oftelie would be an interesting choice. Whatever happens, seeing the city reaching towards safety beyond policing strategies is a welcome sign to many.

"Residents have organized around these same ideas for decades," said Ward 2 Council Member Robin Wonsley, "and have asked the city to invest in a public safety system that doesn't



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Been thinking about Tony Bouza

Gay rights and Tony

BY PHIL WILLKIE

Don Fraser picked an outsider to be chief of police. Before Fraser was elected mayor in November of 1979, Charlie Stenvig, head of the Police Officers Federation of Minneapolis, had been elected mayor three times in the previous decade, running law-and-order campaigns. He was defeated twice, but still was retained as an MPD officer.

The MPD had a vice squad, busy harassing and entrapping gay men. The cops failed to investigate gay murders in Loring Park. The MPD raided the gay bathhouse twice: the night before Fraser was elected mayor in November 1979 and the night before Tony Bouza was sworn in as chief of police in February of 1980.

I organized the Minnesota Gay Defense Fund in November of 1979 to defend gay men arrested without cause. We demanded jury trials, and all our defendants pleaded not guilty. It was modeled on the civil rights movement, to tie up the district courts. Our lawyer, a former public defender, was Jeffrey Anderson.

That was the climate when Tony Bouza arrived in Minneapolis. Our community was very angry about the second bathhouse raid, where some were cited with sodomy; some wanted to burn squad cars. We knew Bouza was a liberal cop from New York, but people needed to vent their anger. What better place than City Hall?

Two defendants, gay activists Doug Victor

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smoke detectors, then fire alarms. Tony had thought he was sent to Siberia but said, "This place has life!" At the press conference Tony was asked what his first priority was.

He said, "To seek political exile in Rio de Janeiro." Tony went downstairs to his office and found the head of the vice squad, Officer Locke, with his shoes on his desk.

There were many meetings with Bouza, Mayor Fraser and County Attorney Tom Johnson. Soon Tony got rid of the vice squad and demoted Charlie Stenvig.

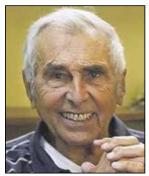
That spring Tony had the police softball team play an all-star gay team. Tony had to give the cops a paid day off to get them to play.

The Minneapolis Tribune cartoonist, Richard Guindon, drew a cop saying, "It was bad enough playing a gay team but losing to them was unspeakable."

Today there are open gay and lesbian cops at the MPD, largely thanks to Tony.

Getting rid of bad cops was very difficult for Tony. The cops were protected by civil service contracts and the powerful and evil Police Officers Federation. Not much has changed 40 years later with blatant racism and brutality toward Native Americans and African Americans.

Tony told me, "Mayor Frey withdrawing cops from protecting the Third Precinct headquarters was a tragic mistake. You don't tell and Patrick Schwartz, burned their citations cops not to enforce the law. It was a message in the City Council chambers. That set off to the criminal class. They could do anything."



Tony Bouza

Doris and Tony

BY DORIS OVERBY

My heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Tony Bouza. He was a person that I had profound respect and admiration

for. I met Tony when he was chief of police in Minneapolis in the 1980s. I was executive director of Hennepin Center for the Arts (the historic Masonic Temple on Sixth Street and Hennepin Avewhen I was not attending a theater or dance performance at HCA, I would visit Rifle Sport

Art Gallery across the street on Block E, and occasionally Chief Bouza would be there also, atexhibit. He would walk the streets of Hennepin Avenue talking to everyone. If we happened to meet on Block E, we both agreed that it was a lively place and not boring like the block across the street where City Center was located.

Over the years, I read his articles in Southside Pride and also read a couple of his books. One was called "Confessions of a Police call me Tony." Misfit." I learned about the inner

workings of police departments, especially in New York. It was a fascinating, interesting, and disheartening read, but I give Chief Bouza so much credit for having the courage to tell stories that needed to be told. In a follow-up letter to Chief Bouza I remarked on the book and mentioned that I had to have a dictionary by my side because there were so many words that I wanted to know the meaning of. He was a very smart person and a historian.

Chief Bouza always emphasized nue). Some evenings hard work with an emphasis on education, learning and growing throughout life. He emphasized the importance of family and also sharing one's beliefs and values. He reminded readers and the public about the ugly truths of racism.

A quote on the back of one of tending a poetry reading or an art his books meant a lot to me: "Artists are prophets, they define the meaning of our lives and point the way." From my perspective, there are never enough artists in our world.

I met Tony Bouza last year at an open house for Southside Pride. It was good to see him in person. I said, "Oh, Chief Bouza, it is so good to see you." He said, "Doris,



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Summer on St. Paul's Grand Avenue

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

fried chicken

the single-family homes and from figurative to abstract, with

there are other, less-apparent Art, movies, games and Korean gems, some of which we will look at this month, starting with a small, unassuming artist's stu-Grand Avenue in St. Paul is dio. Footprints, at 1887 Grand known for trendy bars, popular Ave., is the studio of a single restaurants and upscale retail, artist, Pamela Yates. She works as well as dignified old apart- primarily in acrylics, oils and ment buildings mixed in with watercolor. Her work ranges

duplexes that predominate. But recurring themes of Native stories, culture, the natural world, healing and narrative paintings. Check out her work at footprintsartstudio.com or call for hours or an appointment to view it in person.

> Settling in comfortably among those venerable old apartment buildings I mentioned is a very up-and-coming new apartment building called Kenton House. I first wrote about this building in 2021 when it was a project trying to get neighborhood approval and didn't have a name yet, and again in 2022 when it was under construction and still controversial with Summit Hill neighbors. Now it's nearing completion and open for leasing, with apartments available on all floors and in a variety of floor plans ranging from "alcove" to two-plus bedroom penthouses. Kenton House is located at 695 Grand Ave.

The Grandview (1830 Grand Ave.) is a classic movie theater

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'Otter Friend,' a watercolor by Pamela Yates (gifted to a private collection)

that is now a modern two-screen cinema, part of the Mann chain, showing a mix of top new releases and golden oldies. At the time of this writing in mid-July, they were showing "Oppenheimer," "Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning," and "Asteroid City," plus the 2016 sci-fi hit "Arrival." Some films opening in the coming weeks include Disney's "Haunted Mansion," "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem," the underwater thriller "Meg 2: The Trench," and "Strays," which features Will Farrell and Jamie Foxx voicing



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two adorable mutts. The oldies include Spike Lee's legendary "Do the Right Thing" (1989), with a bud!).

Speaking of having a bud, it seems like every neighborhood cannabis/hemp business or add-

ception. First off, there's a new name and address for the THC/ hemp store Nothing But Hemp, which is now called Nothing But them out at nothingbuthemp. "Top Gun" (1986), and "Dazed Canna, located at 742 Grand Ave. and Confused" (1993) (see it They stock hundreds of THC/ cannabis products, including oils, tinctures, edibles (gummies, chocolates, hard candies), to provide consumers with all focus piece I've done for the past beverages (seltzers, coffees, couple of months has included a teas, non-alcoholic wines), bath and body products, and even THC, mushroom, kratom, kava

on, and Grand Avenue is no ex- toys and treats for your pets. You and herbal beverages, plus oth- answer your questions - 651can shop in person or order from their online store for two-day delivery or free shipping. Check net. Meanwhile, their old location at 844 Grand Ave. has now become Zero Proof, a non-alcoholic beverage house which aims kinds of options other than alcohol, including a wide selection of

This is Zero Proof's second loca-Minneapolis at 2516 Central Ave.

er N/A beers, wines and spirits. 683-2659. A But I found out on the good old internet that Zaza is tion, the first being in Northeast also a variety of cannabis! Here's the dope on the dope: "ZaZa is a NE. The Minneapolis store also hybrid marijuana strain. It has carries THC edibles as well as all an Indica/Sativa ratio of 70/30. of their N/A beverage offerings. ... This weed comes with a 19%-Another place to check out 21% THC content, making it



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bb.q Chicken and Pub on Grand Avenue

is Zaza Cannabis at 1112 Grand suitable for adventurous begin-Ave., which is so new that it's ners as well as experienced usnot really on any social media ers."

A major supplier for serious gamers, especially those into



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been there about six years but used to be called Gaming GOAT. I'm not sure when the name changed but fortunately (for me and my research) they kept the same Facebook page and just renamed it. Not being a thoroughly versed gaming geek, but knowing enough to know what I don't know, I won't venture any opinions but to say that it is immensely popular and to have an overwhelming amount of inventory.

I'm intrigued by one new game they were plugging, fresh off of Kickstarter, called Illiterati. My interest is twofold. First, Red 6 describes it in their catalog as a "cooperative word game." Now, I love word games, and I have been into the fairly rare genre called cooperative games from the beginning, but this is the first I have heard of a game that combines the two. Second, the name and the graphics style loaded hummus, and nachos, countries. make me think it is riffing off an old Steve Jackson game called Illuminati, which I have a lot of er newcomer to the scene, bb.q. nostalgia for, and is possibly my favorite game in the world.

Turning our attention now to the best kind of business restaurants! You may recall that Khyber Pass at the corner of Grand and Snelling closed last largest, Korean franchise in the year. Its replacement is a restaurant/bar called Bar + Cart. This restaurant's online presence they serve simple but popular

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Bar + Cart, a new lounge/restaurant at Grand and Snelling

plus classic cocktails.

At 1328 Grand Ave. is anoth-Chicken, the second Minnesota location of a franchise begun in Seoul, South Korea. Korean food and culture are having a big moment these days. bb.q Chicken is not the only, or even the Twin Cities. That would be Bonchon, with at least six locations to date. But bb.q is still pretty is a bit sparse at the moment, impressive as one of the fastest but according to their reviews growing restaurant chains in the U.S. Worldwide, it has more

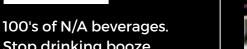
bar food, including raw oysters, than 3,500 total locations in 57

bb.q Chicken specializes in Korean-style fried chicken, which comes in a huge choice of flavors, most in the form of spicy sauces added either before or after deep frying. But they have some other choices as well: Ddeok-Bokki, which is described as "classic Korean street food

made from rice cakes and fish cakes in a sweet and spicy chili reduction" and kimchi fried rice, a ubiquitous dish for lovers of Asian cuisine everywhere. Two more things you must know: 1. bb.q is not short for barbecue, but for "best of the best quality." 2. Their food is also available on Door Dash for delivery.









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Summer on Lyndale Avenue South

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

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Flowers, edibles, coffee shops and fun events, some free!

The big news on Lyndale Avenue has been the gradual opening of Hi Flora!, a unique market and eatery that is vegan, alcohol-free, and optionally enhanced with THC. Before it was fully open, Hi Flora! was open for

(the former Common Roots at 2558 Lyndale Ave. S.). I visited in May and reviewed the space in the June edition of The Dish.

After a "grand soft" opening in late June, the main dining area and patio have been open from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, but by the time you read this, they may have moved to the next stage by adding a weekend brunch. Another future plan limited hours in its market space just that may already be on the calendar is around the corner from the main cafe to use Mondays and Tuesdays for ven-

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dors to offer classes and workshops on things like using herbs, roots and mushrooms for health, or cooking and baking with cannabis. I am excited about the Hi Flora! concept, and I will be returning to review it again as new dishes and products are added.

A few blocks south of Hi Flora! is a retail shop with another floral name and another unique business concept. This is Flower Bar, basically a florist and gift shop, but with a DIY element. In fact they call it the Flower Bar



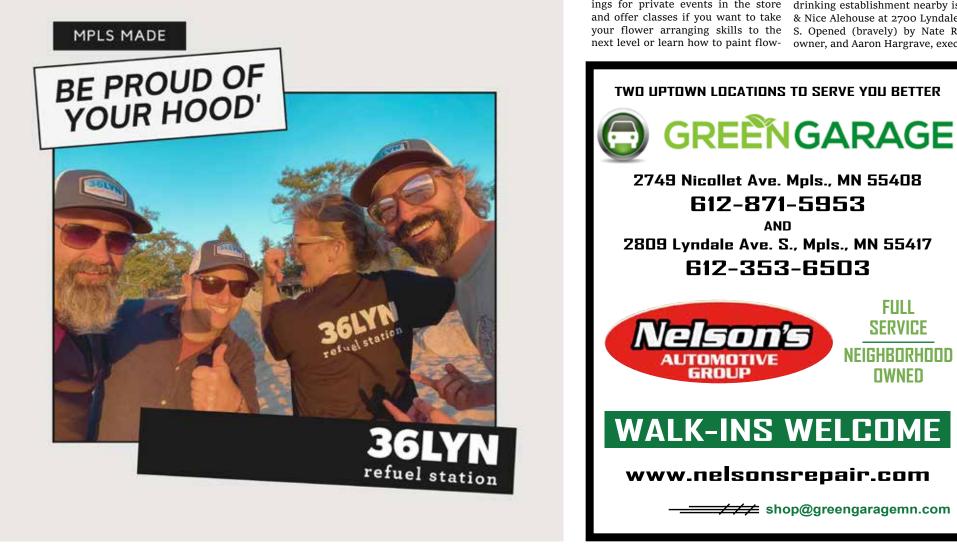
Abi Baires cooking in her previous kitchen at Bloomington and Lake

Experience. The "bar" part is a flower er arrangements in various media. Of arranging station. Vases are available for sale, along with individual flowers and foliage, supplies are found at the bar, and assistance is provided so you can design and create your own floral arrangement, for yourself or as a gift. Flower Bar sells other gift items,

too, and provides all the usual florist shop services. They also take bookings for private events in the store

course, you don't have to make your own arrangements, as beautiful stock arrangements are offered as well. Online shopping is available, so you're not limited to store hours. The Flower Bar is located at 2736 Lyndale Ave. S. and is open seven days a week, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (4 p.m. on Sundays). Another interesting dining and

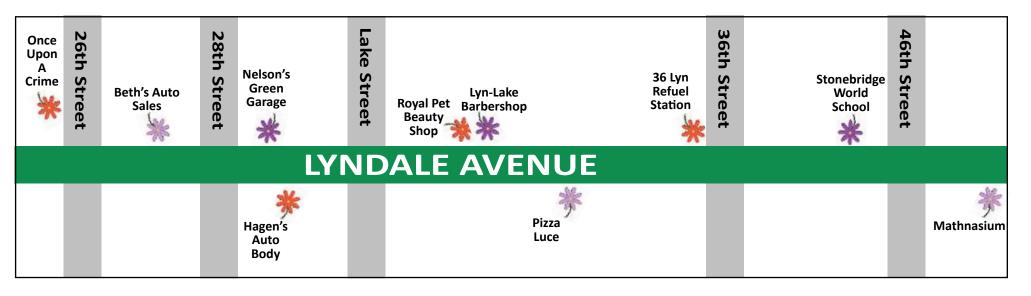
drinking establishment nearby is Fire & Nice Alehouse at 2700 Lyndale Ave. S. Opened (bravely) by Nate Ropes, owner, and Aaron Hargrave, executive











chef, in December of 2020 for takeout only, they opened for indoor dining the following month. The Alehouse features a curated tap list of the best Minnesota beers, ciders and hard seltzers. Wine, soft drinks and THC seltzers are also available.

The main food star at Fire & Nice is the absolutely delicious-looking and sounding wood-fired pizza, along with some amazing appetizers, a few well-selected salads, three sandwiches, and one dessert (cheesecake). In March of 2021, the Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association Restaurant Fan Club (oh, man, why doesn't my neighborhood have one of those?) made Fire & Nice their spotlight restaurant, to be visited in hybrid mode by the club members. (That is to say, a few members visited the restaurant, the rest ordered out for delivery and met via Zoom.) See the LHENA blog for their experiences.

The third eatery we're going to mention is Abi's Restaurant, a Salvadoran-Mexican cafe located at 2828 Lyndale Ave. S., at the former site of The Egg and I, which had a 40-year run and closed in 2020. "Abi" is Cesia Abigail Baires, and she originally opened her business at Lake and Bloomington under the same name but moved it to Lyndale Avenue in December 2021.

Abi's has a fantastic menu of Mexican favorites and a few Salvadoran specialties. They are open 9 to 9 every day (but close from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday) and serve breakfast all day. Some highlights of the menu include pupusas, filled with meat, vegetables or birria; desayuno tipico, a hearty vegetarian breakfast with beans, sweet plantains and avocado; and mojarra frita, a whole fried tilapia with rice, refried beans, salad and handmade tortillas.



ble coffee shops too. I just heard about three interesting ones that I am planning to visit soon. One is the Third Space Café at 2930 Lyndale Ave. S., which recently became "Instagram famous" due to a post from an influencer featuring their unique coffee flights.

The second one is the recently opened SK Coffee, the first coffee shop of the roastery of the same name. This is located at 2401 Lyndale Ave. S., a site that hosted a couple of other popular coffee shops in the years since 1990.

The third one is actually a bakery as well. This is Patrick's Bakery and Cafe, and it's located inside the solarium at Bachman's at 6010 Lyndale Ave. S., I have to confess, it was the food that drew me in on this one. I want to try that fig and brie panino.

There are a couple of other popular, longstanding venues on Lyndale Avenue. One is the Uptown VFW. Post 246, located at 2916 Lyndale Ave. S. If you haven't been there before, you should go - this place sounds real-

Lyndale Avenue has some incredi- ly fun! In addition to all the things ouinard, Prudence Johnson and T. My- Diaz, Falicia Nichole, Molly Sue Mcyou associate with a VFW post (pull tabs, bingo, bars) the Uptown VFW has many entertainment options for the general public. Check out noboolpresents.com/venues/uptown-vfw for their amazing lineup of upcoming musical performances. Also, the UVFW was named the best karaoke venue in the Twin Cities several times in numerous polls. And they don't have boring old normal bingo, they have a choice of Drag Queen Bingo or something called Vingo which uses music videos instead of callers to help you fill your card. Food is provided by El Jefe or you can just opt for Heggie's Pizza.

> Another venue - more traditional, but completely free - is Live at Lyndale Gardens in Richfield. Put on by Illusion Theater but sponsored by the city of Richfield, these outdoor shows take place at the Amphitheater in Richfield's Lyndale Gardens. Here are a couple of August shows to whet your appetite:

> Aug. 9 at 7 p.m. – "Far Away Places" with Bradley Greenwald, Dan Ch-

chael Rambo doing songs, music and Donald and Justin D. Cook: "Judy, Joan stories about their travels.

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Restaurant news, State Fair food, and two mini-reviews

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

note – Foxy Falafel in St. Anthony Park. D's Banh Mi really is open now, if by open you mean it's possible to get food from them in some way. See the review below for more detail on the long, drawn-out opening. Sahan Journal reports on the opening of the new Tooth Fairy Candy Store on Selby Avenue in the old Rondo neighborhood of St. Paul. Owned by Aretta-Rie Johnson, the store has a side mission to motivate Black kids toward entrepreneurial goals.

In Seward, the worker-owned co-op Seward Cafe (turning 50 next year!) has been open a couple of months with just coffee house fare and hours, but has begun serving brunch on selected weekends. Keep an eye on Instagram for weekend menu updates, which thus far have opined that "sandwiches are too featured old favorites from the pre-pandemic days such as their trademark Earth Breakfast and **Righteous Pancakes.**

bottle shop in South Minneapolis, is now opening a second location In St. Anthony Park. On Eat Street (Nicollet Avenue between downtown and 28th Street), Rainbow Chinese has reopened its dining room for the first time since the pandemic closures. In the old Eat Street Social space, Luna & The Bear is open. This local media outlets reported on is a new dog-themed restaurant with menu highlights like fried oysters, Italian beef sandwiches, catfish po' boys, and various fancy burgers.

In other food-related news, Eater Twin Cities has updated its

to remove closed ones and add new ones, or just newly discov-We only have one closing to ered ones. (Go to twincities.eater.com/maps and scroll down.) May Day Cafe is back on the list,



Burger King Thailand's American cheese monstrosity

and Laune Bread on Lake Street and Justin Sutherland's Big E (an egg sandwich cafe on Grand Avenue in St. Paul) have been added.

Eater.com also reports that Atlanta, Georgia, now has a Michelin Guide. And in a July 12 article entitled "A Modest Sandwich Plea," three Eater writers damned big!" They were moved to protest because Burger King in Thailand introduced a monstrosity of a sandwich compris-Marigold, the alcohol-free ing a burger bun piled with 20 slices of American cheese. The article is packed with science, persuasion and factoids, like the fact that the average adult human can only open their mouth two inches. ("Average" means some are able to accomplish quite a lot less.)

Racket.com and several other the list of upcoming State Fair foods. Racket's approach was to have one eye on its August duty to be "the only new Fair food reviews you can trust," and try to predict what they would consider winners and losers. Some of "best places for breakfast" list the things to look forward to if

you "do" the State Fair (I don't any more, after being sent home from it with heat exhaustion in 2015) include a chicken momo with tomato chutney from Momo Dosa, a crispy lutefisk steamed bun from Shanghai Henry, La Michoacana Rose's paletas at the Hamline Church Dining Hall, Irish butter ice cream on cinnamon toast from Blue Moon Dinein Theater, walleye fritter pops from Giggle's Campfire Grill, and my personal favorite, a fried green tomato sandwich from the



Dog-themed restaurant Luna & The Bear is now open at Nicollet and 26th Street.

Minnesota Farmers Union Coffee Shop.

For my first mini-review, I recently ventured into Instagram DM territory to order a mock duck banh mi from D's Banh Mi, which was open but not for walkup or pick-up. This surprisingly worked out fine. I also ordered a pair of vegetarian spring rolls



D's Banh Mi mock duck banh mi and tofu spring rolls



Chef Facundo DeFraia of Boludo with Argentinian pizza



New State Fair foods for 2023 include a fried green tomato sandwich from the Minnesota Farmers Union Coffee Shop.

(tofu cubes, rice thread noodles, chef Facundo DeFraia. My friend and green stuff, with a very tasty and I ate outside, because the sauce.) I agree with the other seating area inside is small and food reviews I've read which declared that 1. it was worth the wait; 2. it was possibly the most expensive banh mi in town; and 3. it was really worth that, too, because it was enormous. I got two and a half meals out of my order. The menu can be directly accessed at bit.ly/3NZCUYh, and if you don't use Instagram, you can email your order instead to ds.banhmi.mpls@gmail.com. They deliver to ZIP codes 55406, 55407, 55409, 55417 and 55419. My second mini-review is Boludo El 38, one of several locations of Argentinian pizza and empanada restaurants owned by

not especially inviting. I got the Margarita pizza and a San Pellegrino Aranciata. We split an order of churros with dulce de leche. I brought home almost half my pizza and most of the churros. The pizzas are delightful. The crust is thin and crispy, the toppings are subtle and a bit sweet, and it's finished off with a dry cheese so finely grated it's like fluff.

I was going to compare and rate Brazilian pizza from Ouro at Eat Street Crossing with Argentinian pizza, but it's too apples-and-oranges. I liked Ouro's golden, thicker crust a tad more than Boludo's thin and classic one, but only a tad. I liked both the toppings too, but for Boludo, I tried the plainest type on the menu, while at Ouro I had a Cinco de Mayo special suggestive of elote. More research is required.

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Did you know? U.S., Canada and Monsanto gang up on Mexico for its glyphosate ban

BY JOHNNY HAZARD

Early in Andrés Manuel López Obrador's term as president, then-secretary of the environment Víctor Toledo worked on an ambitious agenda to prohibit the pesticide glyphosate (Roundup) and genetically-modified corn. This article will focus on denying the obvious negative the first of the two substances. Months earlier, López Obrador including damage to the repro-(AMLO) participated as president-elect in the negotiations to rewrite the North American Free Trade Agreement. His team was unsuccessful, however, in removing or modifying the provision that allows one country

nal decisions of the other coun- Supreme Court to intervene aftries.

The presidential decree to ban this substance was issued on Dec. 31, 2020, and was set to take effect earlier this year and has now been postponed to March of 2024. But the U.S. has requested "formal trade consultations," ecological effects of glyphosate, ductive process of bees. Canada soon jumped on the northern imperial bandwagon and manufacturer Monsanto sought and won an injunction in a Mexican court in July of 2022 to keep the measure from taking effect and (usually the U.S.) to veto inter- is now appealing to Mexico's

ter the government won a round reversing the injunction. This article in The Guardian reveals how Monsanto and its parent company, Bayer AG, have colluded with the U.S. government to oppose glyphosate bans in Mexico and, in 2019, in Thailand. https://www.theguardian.com/business/2021/feb/16/ revealed-monsanto-mexico-us-glyphosate-ban

Thailand's government caved in to U.S. pressure. More than 80 U.S. organizations, including the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP), the Center for Biological Diversity, National Family Farm Coalition, and the



JOIN THE CONVERSATION: **Psychedelics**, Women, and Healing Presentation followed by Q &A The event will close with a sound healing by Annie Fitzgerald Saturday, August 12, 2023 2:30 - 5:00 p.m. Lake Harriet Spiritual Community 4401 Upton Ave S Minneapolis, MN 55410

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Rural Coalition, are siding with the Mexican position against the imposition of pesticide poisoning

Glyphosate is banned or restricted in the U.S. cities of Los Angeles, Seattle, Miami, Baltimore, Austin and Portland, and in several countries, including Austria, Germany, Vietnam, Saudi Arabia and about 10 more. Monsanto's patent expired in 2000 and various other companies also manufacture the product now.



Hosted by the **Psychedelic Healing Collaborative** Questions? Psychedelichc@gmail.com

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EVENTS

Community BBQ Saturday, July 29 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Living Spirit UMC 4501 Bloomington Ave., Mpls. Living Spirit's 40th annual community BBQ and celebration will be held on Saturday, July 29. They'll be serving ribs, chicken, coleslaw, baked beans and garlic toast in the parking lot/alley behind Living Spirit from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Now taking pre-orders at www.livingspiritumc.org/bbq.

Broke and Woke: The Police and the Church After George Floyd Wednesday, Aug. 16, 11:30 a.m. to

1 p.m. Minnesota Church Center 122 W. Franklin Ave., Mpls. How do you advocate racial justice through law and faith? Join Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison and Rev. Dr. Curtiss Paul DeYoung of the Minnesota Council of Churches for a conversation on the connections between their leadership in different sectors in Minnesota after the murder of George Floyd. Your donation of \$40 will provide you with a thank you gift: copies of AG Ellison's book, "Break the Wheel: Ending the Cycle of Police Violence," and Rev. DeYoung's book "The Risk of Being Woke: Sermonic Reflections for Activists.'

The conversation will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 16, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Minnesota Church Center, 122 W. Franklin Ave. Off-street and on-street parking is available. This is a limited-attendance event. Please register at https:// mnchurch.formstack.com/forms/ broke_and_woke.

Film Screening

Tuesday, August 22, 7 p.m. Holy Cross Lutheran Church 1720 E. Minnehaha Pkwy., Mpls. Documentary about the importance of joining community groups, based on the work of sociologist Robert Putnam.

Outdoor Worship at Pearl Park Sunday, Aug. 27, 10 a.m.

414 E. Diamond Lake Rd., Mpls. Nokomis Heights Lutheran church invites you to worship with them on Aug. 27 at Pearl Park. The Sunday worship will be a joint service with Diamond Lake Lutheran and New Creations Ministries and Majestic Ministries Church of God in Christ congregations.

Minneapolis Friends Meeting Sundays, 10 to 11 a.m.

4401 York Ave. S., Mpls. The summer schedule for Minneapolis Friends Meeting is in place and ends Sept. 10. Worship hours are 10 to 11 a.m. Services will continue to be hybrid – join us on Zoom or at the Meetinghouse (masks optional). Please go to our website, minneapolisfriends.org for more information. All are welcome!

Sacred Sites Tour

Thursday, Sept. 21, 3 to 7 p.m. Church members can engage in the healing process over historic harms done to Indigenous communities in the land that is now called Minnesota by listening to the histories shared on Healing Minnesota Stories Dakota Sacred Sites Tours. The next open tour led by MCC's Co-Director of Racial Justice, Rev. Jim Bear Jacobs, will take place on Thursday, Sept. 21, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. You can register at mnchurches.org.

School Supplies Needed for Refugee Children

Minnesota Council of Churches 122 W. Franklin Ave., Mpls. Children of our newly arrived refugee families have been registered for school and can't wait for September to come! You can help them get off to a good start by donating backpacks and school supplies. If donating a filled backpack, please label which grade level it is for. Donations can be dropped off with the receptionist in the lobby at the Minnesota Church Building, 122 W. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. To see a list of suggested items, go to https:// mailchi.mp/mnchurches/memqgqhg73-2757912?e=2954e90798. Questions? Email Kathryn at Kathryn. berger@mnchurches.org.

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.

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. (Grey 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.

First Nations Kitchen 3044 Longfellow Ave., Mpls. 612-791-1253

First Nations Kitchen, an outreach of All Saints Episcopal Indian Mission, welcomes all to our weekly To Go meals and Produce Give Away every Sunday from 4-5 p.m. outside our building. We cook fresh, organic, indigenous meals and give away organic produce rain or shine. This is a barrier-free food program. To donate or volunteer contact us at director@ firstnationskitchen.org or go to our website: https://firstnationskitchen. 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 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.

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/

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.

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/

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/

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1414 E. 48th St. 612-825-6933 In-person Sunday Worship 10:45 am Also on Facebook at: www.Facebook.com/NewCreationBaptistChurch https://newcreationbaptistchurchmn.org/ Pastor: Rev. Dr. Daniel B. McKizzie day of month in sanctuary; other Sundays outside on front lawn (weather permitting) Sunday worship is recorded live for viewing on Monday mornings on Facebook and YouTube.

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CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH Worshiping at 2742 15th Ave. S. 612-827-2504 or www.clchurch.org Sunday Worship at 10 am Interim Pastor Kjell Ferris *A Reconciling in Christ Congregation*



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LUTHERAN CHURCH 3430 E. 51st St. 612-729-5463 www.faithlutheranmpls.org Sunday Worship 9 am and online on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/felcmpls/ Blind Ministry - Aug. 19, noon to 2 pm AA group - Mondays 6:30 pm Senior Exercise Class - Mondays 10 am NA groups - Wednesdays 7:30 pm Vacancy Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jared Yogerst

10:30 am Sundays Online: <u>livingspiritumc.org</u>

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Center for Changing Lives 2400 Park Ave. S., 612-871-8831 www.messiahlutheranmpls.org Sunday 9 am Traditional Worship with Holy Communion Sunday 11 am Praise Worship (with Holy Communion on Aug. 6 and Aug. 20)

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'Hot Off The Press' Aug. 4 - Sept. 9 Opening Friday, Aug. 4, 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Highpoint Center for Printmaking 812 W. Lake St., Mpls. Join Highpoint on Aug. 4 for the opening reception of "Hot Off the Press," our 42nd semi-annual coop member exhibition. The show features work by over 40 artists with a wide range of printmaking techniques including woodcut,

lithographs, screen prints, monotype, and more. We offer a 20% discount on all co-op member artwork during opening weekend, August 4-5.

And join us Aug. 4-6 at the Uptown Art Fair, where we will have live demonstrations and tons of additional co-op prints for sale shop, learn and see the process! You can find our booth on Hennepin Avenue between Lake and 31st Street.

Star Tribune Movies & Music Fridays in August Music at 6:30 p.m., movie at dusk FREE

Lake Harriet Bandshell 4135 W Lake Harriet Pkwy, Mpls. Join us for four enjoyable evenings featuring great live entertainment, local vendors/artists, kids' activities and more! Sponsored by the Star Tribune and the Science Museum of Minnesota. Friday, Aug. 4 – Music from DJ Benny Nord and Fenix Dion; Movie: "Vertigo" Friday, Aug. 11 - Music from DJ Shannon Blowtorch and The

Alarmists, Movie: "School of Rock" Friday, Aug. 18 - Music from DJ Shannon Blowtorch and Nunnabove, Movie: "Mulan" Friday, Aug. 25 - Music from DJ Benny Nord and Ka Lia Universe, Movie: "Grease"

Community Klezmer Jam with Longfellow Village Band Sunday, Aug. 6, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. **FREE event**

Minnesota JCC Capp Center 1375 St. Paul Ave., St. Paul The Longfellow Village Band is a community band and learning jam highlighting Yiddish and Klezmer music and dance. Founded in 2019, the group brings together participants of all backgrounds and musical experience to play, sing, clap, dance, schmooze, and otherwise learn and enjoy Jewish cultural space together. All are welcome in the spirit of learning: experienced and beginning instrumentalists, singers, spectators and schmoozers are invited to come as you are and be as you wish. Bring your instruments (optional)! Snacks provided, free to the public. For details go to minnesotajcc. org or bounashir.org.

TC Trek Trivia Wednesday, Aug. 9, 7 p.m. 4415 Nicollet Ave., Mpls. After 10 years of boldly going where no trivia night has gone before, TC Trek Trivia, the sole Star Trek-centric trivia event in the Twin Cities, is set to celebrate its 10th anniversary on Wednesday, Aug. 9. The Driftwood Char Bar in South Minneapolis will continue its tradition of hosting this monthly gathering, a beacon for dozens of local Trekkies testing their knowledge of one of the most enduring science-fiction franchises in history. In honor of the 10th anniversary, the upcoming trivia night will be an event of interstellar proportions, featuring a cavalcade of surprises and Star Trek-themed goodies. All local and distant Star Trek fans are cordially invited to join this momentous occasion. More information at TcTrek.com or Facebook.com/tctrektrivia.

Driftwood Char Bar

Punk Rock Flea Market

Saturday, Aug. 12, 1 to 5 p.m. Palmer's Bar Patio 500 Cedar Ave. S., Mpls. Art, books, records, clothes, and more, from more than 25 vendors. Plus DJs, food vendors, drink specials, and free Narcan! Free entry. Stay afterward for a patio punk show!

Ziggy's Art Bus Fundraiser for **Children in Hospice**

Sunday, Aug. 13, 2 to 6 p.m. **Dual Citizen Brewing Company** 725 Raymond Ave., St. Paul Ziggy's Art Bus will host a family-friendly Fundraiser Bash at Dual Citizen Brewing Company on Sunday, Aug. 13 from 2 to 6 p.m. The event is FREE; members of the public can come for the fun and then stay and support Ziggy's via a silent auction. Ziggy's Art Bus is the only organization in the U.S. that has created an accessible mobile art studio specifically for

children in hospice and facing life-threatening conditions. Event highlights include live music, art projects, games and prizes, food trucks and more. All fundraiser proceeds will help Ziggy's bring the joy of creativity to children at their own homes as well as at Ziggy's partners, including Crescent Cove Hospice for Kids, the Ronald McDonald House and HopeKids. To learn more about Ziggy's and the fundraiser please visit www. ziggysartbus.org.

Theater Mu presents 'The Kung Fu Zombies Saga: Shaman Warrior & Cannibals' Through Aug. 13

Luminary Arts Center 700 N. 1st St., Mpls. Theater Mu ends its 2022-23 season with the world premiere of "The Kung Fu Zombies Saga: Shaman Warrior & Cannibals," written by local playwright in residence Saymoukda Duangphouxay Vongsay. Join us for an epic saga that covers two stories during the zombie apocalypse in Laos. The first act follows Arun as she tries to rescue her sister with the help of the Monkey King Hanuman; the second depicts Sika's journey to bring her parents' ashes from Minneapolis to her motherland. From the 12-plus fight scenes, to the original hip hop soundtrack by DJ Kool Akiem, to the cadre of new and old Mu artists working to bring it all together, this world premiere will definitely add a thrill to your Minneapolis summer. More info and tickets at theatermu.org.

Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors **Summer Senior Social** Spectacular Tuesday, Aug. 15, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 2730 E. 31st St., Mpls.



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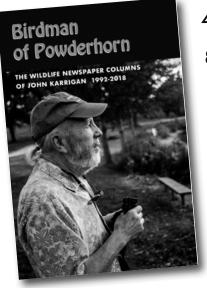
witness to condemn the war in Vietnam. But in the end Neville ordered the jury to disregard all such evidence; Therriault and Kroncke were also quickly convicted.

"Rancor resurfaced at sentencing. Tilton called Judge Devitt 'a good German' who was 'helping fascism come into this country.' Devitt told the defendants that they were worse than ordinary criminals because their conduct struck at the very foundation of government.' Five of the seven got the maximum sentence of five years in federal prison; the two youngest, Beneke and Simmons, received indeterminate terms. All of their appeals were denied. They served between 14 and 20 months, mostly in medium security prisons, and were released in July 1973." It could be argued that the many protests against the Vietnam War by draft-age young men eventually persuaded the federal government to abandon the draft and go to a full-time professional army to support unpopular wars. This seems to



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Front row: Chuck Turchick, Mike Therriault, Brad Beneke and Don Olson. Back row: Pete Simmons, Bill Tilton and Frank Kroncke.

Photo by Cheryl Walsh Bellville first appeared as a centerfold poster in Hundred Flowers in 1970.

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Join us for a special August Senior Social! In lieu of a speaker, we will have desserts, fruit, games, music, and a chance to relax and socialize. **Please register by Aug. 9** to ensure we have enough treats for all! Call 612-729-5799, email juliackuly@LShealthyseniors.org, or register online at www.lshealthyseniors.org/registrationform.html.

Middle East Peace Now Potluck and Picnic

Wednesday, Aug. 16, 4 to 9 p.m. **Rosland Park Picnic Shelter** 4300 W. 66th St., Edina "Reflections from the Occupied Palestinian Territories," presented by Jenny Hartley and Fred Rogers. Fred Rogers and Jenny Hartley are active with Northfielders for Justice in Palestine/Israel. Recently they returned from an extended visit in Palestine, during a time of escalating Israeli military attacks and settler violence in the Occupied Territories. Presentation will be followed by general discussion and sharing. Join us! Come sample a Middle Eastern dish and have a chance to win a gift certificate for dinner. Please bring a dish to share; water will be provided. Rosland Park website: www.edinamn.gov/facilities/facility/details/ roslandpark-25

12x12: The Festival Saturday, Aug. 19 and Sunday, Aug. 20 Noon, 3 p.m., and 6 p.m. Mixed Blood Theatre 1501 S. 4th St., Mpls. Join us at the intersection of art and community as Mixed Blood partners with 12 artists—from ice skaters and poets to chefs and theatre makers—working in and with 12 Twin Cities neighborhoods to create short performances that reflect each community. Co-created with individuals and organizations, the artistic reflections will highlight the stories and diversity of our communities. Come for one, two, or all three acts and in between enjoy free food, art installations and activities. Wondering what to expect? The festival includes food, music, dance, art, theatre, poetry and plenty of surprises. If you can't see all the performances in one day, no worries. We repeat the program on Saturday and Sunday. Come to Mixed Blood and take part in this joyous celebration of our Twin Cities communities! For more information and to reserve your spot, go to mixedblood.com/

Walker Art Center Friday Art-Making in the Garden Fridays through Aug. 25 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

plays-events/12x12-festival/.

Minneapolis Sculpture Garden 725 Vineland Pl., Mpls. Every Friday this summer, visit the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden to try a FREE drop-in art-making activity designed for ages 4 and up. With all art supplies provided and a new project each week, this fun program gives anyone the chance to come together to explore their own creativity. More info at https://walkerart.org/calendar/2023/friday-art-making-inthe-garden-summer-2023.

Join Nokomis Healthy Seniors' FREE Caregiver Support Group 4th Thursdays, 11 a.m.

Nokomis Healthy Seniors Bethel Church 4120 17th Ave. S., Mpls. Often, caregivers don't know where to turn for support and advice. A support group can be a lifesaver, allowing caregivers to talk to others who are experiencing the same joys and challenges, and who can not only empathize, but offer valuable insights and suggestions.

Held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. at our office located inside Bethel Church, 4120-17th Ave. S., Minneapolis. For more information, call the Nokomis Healthy Seniors office at 612-729-5499.

Neighborhood Roots Farmers Markets

Nokomis Farmers Market Wednesdays, through Sept. 27 4 to 8 p.m. 5167 Chicago Ave. Kingfield Farmers Market Sundays, through Oct. 29 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. 4055 Nicollet Ave. Fulton Farmers Market Saturdays, through Oct. 28 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 4901 Chowen Ave. S.

Magers & Quinn August Events Magers & Quinn Booksellers 3038 Hennepin Ave. S., Mpls. Please join us for these in-store literary events in August and check out magersandquinn.com/

check out magersandquinn com/ events to see our complete event calendar.

Thursday, Aug. 10, 7 p.m. – Kristen Jokinen presents "Joy Ride."

Monday, Aug. 14, 7 p.m. – Nigar Alam presents "Under the Tamarind Tree," in conversation with Kathleen West. Tuesday, Aug. 15, 7 p.m. – Joshua Moehling presents "Where

the Dead Sleep." **Thursday, Aug. 17, 7 p.m. –** Christine Gallagher Kearney presents "What We Leave Behind," in conversation with Julia Tagliere.

Thursday, Aug. 24, 7 p.m. – Julie Ann Segal presents "Change Your Space to Change Your Life."

IndiaFest – Experience India in a Day Saturday, Aug. 12

11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Minnesota State Capitol Grounds 75 Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul

IndiaFest—Experience India in a Day, the popular celebration of India's rich culture, heritage, food, traditions and diversity returns on Saturday, Aug. 12, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the Minnesota State Capitol grounds. Presented by India Association of Minnesota (IAM), now celebrating its 50th Anniversary, this FREE, family-friendly event is open to all. Highlights include a parade from 1-2 p.m., a full day of Indian dance performances, kids and family activities, delectable Indian food and the best in music, shopping and more! Minnesota's spacious State Capitol lawn will also be set up with Indian cuisine from many local Indian restaurants. Metro Transit is also offering free rides to IndiaFest. For more details, go to www.iamn.org.

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CELEBRATE THE STREETS!

Open Streets Cedar-Riverside will feature entertainment and food from around the Twin Cities and the world

BY STEPHANIE FOX

Open Streets is a Minneapolis tradition, a series of summer street festivals where, for an afternoon, neighborhood thoroughfares are blocked off to motorized traffic and open for pedestrians, ing its season out into the streets bikes, skaters and skateboarders on a stage outside the Red Sea (and dogs on leashes).

Organized by Our Streets Minneapolis, Open Streets is a program of the city of Minneapolis, supported by sponsors and community partners. Each route has about 15 minutes, and range from unique community programming, a community sing-along, spoken but this will be the first Open word, a cooking demonstration Streets at Cedar-Riverside, one of the most diverse communities modern dance, opera, a theatriin Minneapolis. With four enter- cal walking tour and communal tainment stages partnered with crafting. local restaurants, and 150 booths city organizations, Open Streets tion with Palmer's Bar, featur-

diversity. The stages will feature entertainment including music, poetry, dance, theatrical presentations and other community-based performances.

Mixed Blood Theatre is bring-Restaurant. "You can see art created, live. Artists come from 12 different communities across the Twin Cities," said Mixed Blood's Alejandro Tey. Performances last by Yia Vang, figure skating and

The Cedar Cultural Center will featuring crafts, nonprofits and present musical acts in conjunc-

Cedar-Riverside will reflect that ing a mix of genres. "We'll have something for everyone. We start off the day with a big brass band, Colonel Mustard's Orchestre Mecanique," said the Cedar's Robert Lehmann. "We'll also have Somali DJ Fawzi. She's great and has a strong connection to the neighborhood. We're bringing in a Palestinian punk band from Duluth. And we'll have an Indigenous hiphop artist, Jada Brown."

At the Tamu Grill and KFAI Fresh Air Community Radio stage, the opening act will be Shalita, a marimba band. "Later, Fanaka Nation, a Minneapolis-based rapper, dancer and DJ, will perform," said Nora Doherty, KFAI's executive director. "The restaurant will have a booth serving Tamu's Kenyan food. It'll be a wonderful, energy-filled day." The presentation is part of KFAI's MinneCulture Live from Minnesota, which spotlights original content by artists living in Minnesota and features performances by people representing an expansive range of experience and career levels, age groups, musical genres, cultural identities, and members of the LGBTQIA+ community.

Theatre in the Round's stage will be moved to their parking lot, where Art in Arms, a school that teaches stage combat, will be demonstrating their craft. "Some of the actors from the show 'Sherwood' will be showing people how to do stage combat. It's exciting to show off some of the skills our artists have," said Larisa Netterlund, managing director of Theatre in the Round. Open Streets Cedar-Riverside will also feature the debut of the I-94 in Minneapolis mobile museum, a collaborative project of Our Streets Minneapolis and the University of Minnesota's Heritage Studies and Public History Program. The exhibit examines how the highway was designed and built in Cedar-Riverside, the decision to put the highway there, and who was left out and behind as a result. "The museum will celebrate the diverse history of the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood as



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art, protest and entertainment it leads the pack in the number of that has persisted and evolved while being squeezed by the highway, the university and new development," said Ember Rasmussen of Open Street Minneapolis. Open Streets Cedar-Riverside continues the neighborhood's rich history of solidarity and celebration, standing on the shoulders of past events like Cedarfest, said Rasmussen. "This tight-knit neighborhood is the most diverse in Minnesota and has long been a welcoming home to generations of new immigrants, activists, artists and entrepreneurs. Though the route is among the shortest

organizations that are collaborating to plan the event," she said.

Come, bring your friends, your bike or skates, the kids and the dogs. There's plenty of things to do, see and eat for everyone. Open Streets Cedar-Riverside will be held on Sunday, Aug. 20, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Cedar Avenue from South 3rd Street (by the Corner Bar) to South 6th Street and on Riverside Avenue from Cedar to 19th Avenue South. For more information, go to www. openstreetsmpls.org.

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who were also prostitutes. While the woman he is involved with no longer hooks, her friends do and they "come around," Bruce said. "I do not recruit whores, or introduce them to drugs but I do know some who are already established in the business." He estimates that the average hooker makes about \$50 per trick (encounter) and the sexual activity is most often oral in nature. He continues, "I know one hooker who is very pretty and savvy and she can make \$300 to \$400 per day. Many are addicted to crack so automatically about \$40 goes For and against to the drug dealer who may also be their pimp. When you have a daily drug habit, you need money now. Recently the police are parking squad cars near intersections known for prostitution activity, so the girls just move to a different corner."

folks should know about prostitution that they may not know.

His reply: "It's very dangerous. There is risk that involves one's health and the potential fully with police to identify perfor being a victim of a violent petrators of violent crimes and crime."

According to Comparably.com (2023) hookers in Minneapolis Technology make on average \$38,519 annually, 28% above the national average of \$30,100 (the range is game. There is a 22% increase

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recent Twin Cities multi-agency prostitution sting operation took place in Bloomington in March. There were 211 people who responded to a fake sex ad, 23 of whom were arrested. The sting focused on the johns. Bloomington Police Chief Booker Hodges stated that prostitution favors his city because it is located near the airport and has a surplus of hotels. Consequences for arrest can include fines, jail time, and may impact employment and employability, driver's license, visa status and more.

The debate about the legalizing or decriminalizing of prostitution continues. Amnesty International supports sex workers and the decriminalization of adult prostitution.

Sex workers are reluctant I asked him what he thought to report crimes against them if they themselves are considered to be committing a crime. If legal, it is believed that they would cooperate more successcrimes against children.

Technology is changing the

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\$24,000 to \$63,000). The most in online sex work. Hookers are not as visible on the streets because they can make the connection via technology, especially younger hookers. Bruce points out, "Some of the older gals are not so tech savvy and many do not have the resources to own technology." Those in the know believe that eventually artificial intelligence (AI) will take over and humans will not be needed in the sex industry. Enter the cam girls, cam whores and cam models. These "girls" pose for the web camera, usually nude, and perform various types of sexual acts/entertainment via live video stream (called "camming"). They use the internet and chat rooms to find their clients and cater to their needs and wallets.

> Early on these sex workers worked out of their own bedrooms, but now there is a growing industry where pop-up studios are available to them, providing privacy. They are known as warehouse studio pods. No more need to hide it from the family or disturb roommates. Popular sites include My-FreeCams (which takes 50% of tips), CamSoda, and the largest site, Chaturbate. Allegedly the girls must produce documents

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proving legal age. A client can become a member and earn privileges and options such as access to a private chat room, two-way cameras, gender choices, group activities, etc. Payment is made using electronic tokens.

Online sex work has blurred the lines of sex work and begs the question: where does pornography end and prostitution begin? It's a side hustle, unregulated and unpredictable. Some cam girls earn their college tuition in a matter of months, while others work for hours for very low pay.

How much do cam girls make in 2023?

The average webcam model earns \$1,043 per week from an 18-hour work week. How much cam girls make varies based on the amount of experience they have, how much time they dedicate to camming, which sites they use, and other factors. The top-earning cam models in the United States earn as much as \$6,000 per week, while beginners earn as little as \$100 per week. When adjusted for the different amounts of time each model dedicates to camming, the average cam model earns

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\$58.77 per hour spent broadcasting. Hourly earnings for cam models vary widely as well, with the highest paid models earning as much as \$315 per hour, while the lowest-earning models average as little as \$4.70 per hour.

Tippelzones (street-walking)

A tippelzone is a designated zone for legal street prostitution where soliciting and purchasing sex is tolerated between strict opening and closing hours at night. The first tippelzone opened in The Hague, Netherlands, in 1983 with eight other cities opening zones in the following three decades. Studies on tippelzones address issues such as how regulating prostitution geographically impacts the community, the sex workers, crime and the economy.

Stay tuned for more on this subject in future editions.



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