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Cam's Corner



MPD falls short on domestic violence response

BY CAM GORDON

A new report released this spring by the Minneapolis-based nonprofit organization Global Rights for Women confirms that the city's response to domestic violence calls continues to fall short.

The report, "An Institutional Analysis of the Minneapolis Police Response to Domestic Violence," was presented to the Community Commission on Police Oversight on Aug. 7. Based on research done from 2020-2022, it reveals serious problems in the city, and a police response to domestic assault that often puts survivors at risk and does not hold violent offenders accountable.

From January 2019 to Dec. 31, 2022, according to the report, 32% of all aggravated assaults in Minneapolis were domestic assaults. There were 968 aggravated domestic assaults in 2019 and 988 in 2022. According to the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, felony domestic violence cases from MPD are second in number only to drug cases in the percentage of the entire MPD caseload

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For the love of birds: two women bring book to finish line

BY ELAINE KLAASSEN

The book of John Karrigcolumns is finally in print. way almost daily to Pow- to 1996, and then Southside Those who never read Bird- derhorn Park where he ob- Pride, from 2000 to 2018. and fans alike can now read creatures along with oth-John's original take on life er living beings. He transin its many forms while en- formed his uniquely Karri-

joying an enchanting visual ganesque observations into

an's Powderhorn Birdwatch 15th Avenue and made his derhorn Paper, from 1992 watch in the newspaper served the activity of avian

monthly columns for two John Karrigan lived on newspapers, first The Pow-

> columns The ended abruptly when melanoma, a type of skin cancer, overpowered him. His death, on

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'Consent of the governed'gone!

BY ED FELIEN

Frey's budget

Mayor Frey is proposing a \$1.8 billion budget for 2024, with a property tax increase of 6.2%. Where does all that money go?

Mostly to the suburbs to pay staff to come in here and tell us what's wrong with us.

Consent of the governed?

"Governments are instituted among men [and women], deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."—The Declaration of Independence

The City of Minneapolis planning department will decide what is good for you. "Consent of the governed" be damned!



Getting through a mountain of paperwork

They decided we should all live in high-rises and ride bikes.

Their 2040 Plan is to eliminate single family homes in the inner city and replace them with multi-story apartments-displacement of multi-ethnic homes and families, replaced Young Urban Professionals.

Do we get a say in this?

And the fanatical cyclist planners are carving up our streets. They want half the road even though, according to their own statistics, they're only 15% of the daily traffic while cars

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Hope on Chicago Avenue and **George Floyd Square**

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

Whither George Floyd Square?

Spokesman-Recorder the protests that followed, not Let's examine some of the chang-

much has changed at the intersection of Chicago and 38th Street." Change is sometimes dramatic, sometimes slow and incremental. In May, the Minneapolis I'd say we've seen both at George wrote Floyd Square. In the first month about George Floyd Square, the after Floyd's murder, the change headline stating that it "remains was cataclysmic, including the a work in progress." That is cer- advent of the new name, which tainly true. The opening sentence barely made a ripple against the of the piece is a bit more contro- more life-and-death matters that versial: "In the three years since were "normal" then. Since then, the murder of George Floyd and it's been mostly incremental.

es, before zooming out to look at the surrounding neighborhood.

Unity Foods; Onyx Coffeehouse; Chopped and Served; **Just Turkey**

Sometime earlier this year, the notorious Cup Foods, whose sidewalks George Floyd drew his last breath on, changed its name to Unity Foods. All reports are rather cagey about whether it's the ownership that changed or just the name. I suspect the latter, since new owners would probably want to make that known, easy enough in today's connected social media world.

Onyx Coffeehouse is across the street, close to the People's Way (formerly Speedway) on the northwest corner. It is still owned and operated by Billy Jones, who originally opened it under the name ForReal Coffee. At the time he was partnering with a realtor, but the partnership dissolved and he changed the name of the coffee shop. It's one of the most visibly successful enterprises at GFS.



StevenBe with his beloved Mama Christa, who passed away last year

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catering The company Chopped and Served across the other street from Unity Foods, on the southeast corner, seems successful but is more opaque. The signage has not changed, but the catering business has an active web presence listing that address as its location. Chopped and Served offers an interesting mix which the owner, Imani Jackson, calls "Blewish" food, with influences from soul food, Creole, and Jewish-American delicatessens.

Halfway up the block from the ntersection of 38th and Chicago is another successful venture you really should try (if you haven't already) - Just Turkey Restaurant. Like the name says, they serve all things turkey - never pork or beef - with menu items like BBQ turkey ribs and rib tips, turkey burgers in a variety of flavors, a Chicago-style turkey Polish, turkey wraps, turkey tacos ... the list goes on. Sides include fries, corn on the cob, or mixed greens. Check out the glowing reviews on Just Turkey's website or Facebook page. Plus, you can order online for convenient pickup or delivery.



Nonprofits, volunteers, and spontaneity at GFS

Brass Solidarity started playing at GFS before it was even founded officially. Now that they're doing gigs and appearances at many other movement spaces, and even in other states, they are probably more organized. But the whole thing start-



Chris, a barista at Onyx Coffeehouse at GFS, from a June 2023 Facebook post by Mary L Cohen

ed as impromptu jam sessions, with various unrelated musicians trying to share their own gifts with the movement. They have a Facebook page, a great website, a Linktree, and even a booking form on their website. (Check it out at brasssolidarity.com and check out the YouTube video of their performance at the Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association MLK Jr. Day Celebration at youtu.be/T5V3G9u6VkQ.)



George Floyd Square in June 2023, from a Facebook post by Mary L Cohen

MPR did a great piece on Brass Solidarity. Search for "Local Brass Band Transforms George Floyd Square With Music" published July 19 on mprnews.org.

Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en Lucha (CTUL) at 3715 Chicago Ave. pre-dates George Floyd

Square by many years. Space does not permit me to delve into the many organizing campaigns they run currently - BDR - Building Dignity and Respect - for non-union construction workers; Defensores (Rights Defenders) program; the Future Fighters program; and the Rise Up campaign - so check out their website (ctul.net) for more infor-

Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center (CAFAC) at 3749 Chicago Ave. is an arts organization right in the heart of GFS and aligned with the movement. Open (Hot) House is a biannual open house with demos, displays, and do-itvourself, and it's coming up on Sept. 20 at 6:30 p.m. This year's

celebration will include a fire Beyond George Floyd Square performance called Fire Jam by Lil C and the opening for a new gallery exhibit celebrating women in blacksmithing, "Forging Women," created by Carla Hall and co-curated by Jhyle Rinker. See the Facebook event Open (Hot)House for more details and to RSVP.

Full Cycle, at 3515 Chicago mation and opportunities to get Ave., is a youth program and a nonprofit bike shop. They sell used, reconditioned bikes and bike parts, and connect with and support young people experiencing homelessness through several interconnected strategies. These include employment and job training in the shop, free bikes and street outreach ser-

At 2840 Chicago Ave., on the southern edge of the Allina hospital campus, you'll find anoth-

er interesting new coffee shop, Black Bean Coffee. They are open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and

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Some band members of Brass Solidarity, which formed in GFS

Chicago, from page 3

have coffee and tea drinks, plus snacks and light breakfast fare. An old neighborhood stalwart is Modern Times, at 3200 Chicago Ave., one of my favorite places for breakfast. Try the Hashbrown Rancheros for an all-day meal. Jakeeno's, 3555 Chicago Ave., is an even older neighborhood icon. (It was one of the first places I ate at when I arrived in Minneapolis in the summer of 1984!) It's open seven days a week, has all your favorite Italian goodies, and has takeout and delivery as well as table service.

StevenBe at 3448 Chicago Ave. is another Powderhorn institution. An excerpt from the website explains: "StevenBe Studio is a



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Pillsbury House + Theatre

is another movement-adjacent

arts organization. In addition to

education and youth programs, they put on award-winning live

theater and other types of per-

forming arts. Coming up Sept. 20 through Oct. 15 is "Passage."

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What is it about the George Floyd Square?

BY MARQUISE BOWIE

It's the George Floyd Square to the world. Known as 38th and Chicago to us locals. The most highly publicized murder scene in recent years. Ground zero of a national movement.

To visitors in Minneapolis, that's all they know about the area. To us, it's home. A home that we've been sharing with the world. A place that's hurting like many other cities from systemic racism. And yet, not many have brought much to alleviate our pain. I say this believing that the majority of people that are run over there to "pay their recoming are doing so with good spects" and take pictures. I don't intentions. But what do good intentions do for people that have been neglected, struggling from Interrupter of the George Floyd substance abuse, homelessness and gang activity? Nothing. Some say "awareness." I've met people born and raised in the state of Minnesota that were heal, or thrive. At least not in the scared to walk the block of 38th ways that the community would and Chicago. And with good reallike. I must say that there's no son. But a murder took place, wrong reason for people to come



Marquise Bowie

understand that.

I've been named the Tourist Square. Which is trying to rub the tourist part out of this murder scene. Seeing that it's not helping the community grow, and now these same people there. People grieve differently,

but the core of the community that's been there in survival mode for decades feels invisible.

murder of George Floyd was at the height of the COVID-19 epidemic. The world was shut down and the way it happened forced everyone to watch it over and over again. That's why I think it still resonates in everyone's mind. I have people coming from other states where a highly publicized police killing has taken place, and most people don't go pay their respects in their home states like they do here in Minneapolis. And yet, not many google the area to know anything more about the neighborhood.

Again, Black people's pain is on display. And is beneficial to everyone else but Black people. That's where the Tourist Interrupter comes into play. I plant seeds in people's hearts and minds to make it more meaning-

If people are really coming here to be helpful allies to this

with the intention of building relationships. Sit down in the coffee shop and talk to people or get to know the business owners, patronize their businesses, advertise them by word of mouth after the visit is over. Be thinking about ways to solve homelessness, for example.

Be conscious that this is plenty of conversations with a hurting community. You wouldn't go visit a homeless encampment without taking water or sandwiches. Come here and be willing to share the pain. People do bring flowers and just the other day a young autistic boy brought a painting he made that he wanted to go to someone in George Floyd's family. Since I know George Floyd's aunt Angela Harrelson, we decided it should go to her. The point is, don't just come and take a fly-by picture.

> der scene without more details younger, energetic people want seems like a wasted opportunity. Most don't know that they could be walking into a tired, find a healthy balance.

> community I suggest they come hurting, aggressive community. Three hundred Minneapolis police officers had just quit for the most part, and avoided the area all together. They're claiming "post-traumatic stress disorder." And getting paid for it. Meanwhile the community doesn't get the services they pay for with their taxes, if they need them. The first year after the murder, we barely saw police or firefighters or paramedics and not always when we needed them. It's true people don't want to call the police, even now, three years later. I believe we need alternatives to police in certain cases.

There is a love-hate relationship with the murder of George Floyd and the neighborhood. The elders want things to be "opened," which is having full access to transit and mobility down 38th and Chicago and the Because just looking at a mur-surrounding side streets. The it permanently closed, where there is no traffic. We have to

Birds, from page 1

Jan. 11, 2019, left a huge hole in the community, as well as in the character of Southside Pride, where his column provided the ongoing reassurance that no matter how dire the machinations of the human world, the birds were still singing.

When I was proofreading and copy editing at Southside Pride, I often consulted with John's partner, Bonnie Rae, about commas, compound words and sometimes too many "buts," as she was the person typing and submitting John's columns to the newspaper. By the time of John's memorial service, Bonnie had already decided she wanted to make a book of John's columns. She asked if I would help and she also enlisted her friend Shari Albers, painter, graphic designer and longtime Powderhorn activist. I had never met Shari but was captivated immediately with her competence and inspired outlook.

We three became a team with the goal of finishing the project by 2020. Then 2020 arrived. Bonnie suffered irreversible health issues and had to drop out. Shari suffered a personal family tragedy. COVID-19 showed up. George Floyd was murdered. Lake Street burned. Shari, who lives on the east edge of Powderhorn Park, saw the park fill up with unhoused people longing for refuge, some of whom were people involved in drug addiction and alcoholism. That whole year was very difficult. Over in Longfellow, I hid in my house where I wrote some music and a book about my life.

book had clearly become Shari and me. Since we had spent months and months working on it, we felt we had to continue photos from talented neighborhood photographers had already been placed and Shari had made charming drawings. Also, we both had a vision of how beautiful it could be. It had become a labor of love.

The hardest task was selecting which columns to use and which ones to omit, because the book would have been a foot thick if we'd used them all. We also considered condensing each column, but aesthetically that absolutely did not work. Karrigan had a very distinct voice, word usage, sentence construction,

By 2021 the team for John's humor and way of using details, which meant each column was

> Next, we were slowed down over a disagreement and miscommunication about how much we wanted to change John's original words and his distinct voice. That snafu added a few months to the process and had the potential to become "too many cooks spoil the broth," but I think we averted that outcome.

> In spite of everything, Shari and I again decided to finish because it was something we had started and felt was really worthwhile. The best thing about all that extra work was that it led to some wonderful pizza and beer dinners - and an index.

When we thought the book was as perfect as it could be, Bonnie's good friend and health administrator, Sandy, offered her services with marketing and promotion. But life's ups and downs got in the way for Sandy too. More than a year passed. By that time, the project was starting to fade in the midst of Shari's and my family weddings, family illnesses, new grandchildren, major travel adventures, Shari's first solo art right than wrong. exhibit, and just life.

Thankfully, in June of 2023, Shari sent the document to the p.m.

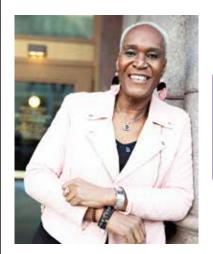
printer. The minute I knew the first proof was back, I ran over to look at it. Imagine! After such a long and winding road, it was finally done - except my last name was spelled incorrectly in one place, and I saw "denouement' spelled without the middle "e." How could that happen? Shari fixed everything and ordered another proof. There are probably many errors, but there will definitely be more things

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Questions Jack Smith should have asked

BY ED FELIEN

wackos in to disrupt the government, then send in the military to restore order, then promise new elections.

Trump got the first part right, but he couldn't follow through. Once his loonies established chaos in Congress, Trump should have sent in the military.

He probably had a plan.

He had just organized (with founder of Blackwater) the Pacific Northwest Violent Offender Task Force, a group made up of people from the U.S. Marshals Service, the Lakewood Police of Corrections, to protect the civilians in Nisour Square, Bagh- up the mess caused by violent

federal courthouse in Portland. They marched around the court-How to stage a coup: send house in a show of force, and then, when Michael Reinoehl shot and killed Aaron Danielson, a member of the violent rightwing group Patriot Prayer, they went after him. They followed him to his home in Lacey, Washington, and killed him.

> Trump bragged about it in his first debate with Biden. He called it "retribution."

He thought he had a good the help of Erik Prince, the thing going. He threatened to use federal force to put down Erik Prince's sister, had an articdemonstrations in other major cities that resulted from the George Floyd killing.

In December of 2020, as a spe-Department, the Pierce County cial favor to Erik Prince, he par-Sheriff's Department and the doned four Blackwater employ-Washington State Department ees who had killed 17 unarmed

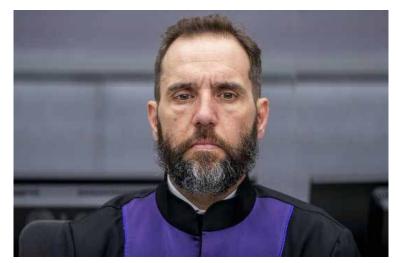
Did Trump ask Prince to organize a military group loyal to Trump to go into the Capitol on Jan. 6 and restore order?

Did Erik Prince refuse because of loyalty to the Constitution or because it was a dumb and doomed idea?

It's a shame Jack Smith didn't call on Erik Prince to talk about whether he was offered an important role in the Jan. 6 insur-

It is curious that Betsy DeVos, ulate resignation letter ready to send to Trump on Jan. 7:

"We should be highlighting and celebrating your Administration's many accomplishments on behalf of the American people. Instead, we are left to clean



Jack Smith

protestors overrunning the U.S. for our country. There is no mis-Capitol in an attempt to under- taking the impact your rhetoric mine the people's business. That had on the situation, and it is the behavior was unconscionable inflection point for me."

Some small drops in the bucket

BY ELINA KOLSTAD

On Aug. 10, the city of Minneapolis agreed to send \$5 mil-

olis Public Housing Authority cy has a \$229 million backlog in There are encouraging signs (MPHA), a fivefold increase of needs that will be difficult to stadium, with the understanding on the affordable housing front. the current funding level, for address even with the increased the preservation and production funding. Meanwhile, in June, the of affordable housing units. This state of Minnesota paid off the forward.

lion annually to the Minneap- is wonderful news, but the agen- \$377 million bond debt for the completely necessary U.S. Bank that there will still be millions of dollars in operating costs going

Two new affordable housing units are under construction in Seward that are part of a push to build scattered site four- and six-plexes throughout the city. When I wrote about this plan in November of 2021, the expectation was that these units would be built in 2022, but better late than never.

And we still have a serious crisis of the unhoused. We are still years away from being able to provide enough public housing even at the increased rate of funding, if we are able to catch up to our backlog created by years of underfunding and inaction. We need solutions for those in need of shelter now. The city has instead focused on a policy of traumatic encampment demolitions and fencing off large swaths of green spaces, because nothing says successful, toptier city like a bunch of tall chain link fences.

There is, admittedly, an ugliness to the encampments. But it's not the ugliness of the people, the makeshift shelters, the increased litter and drug paraphernalia, or the crime and drug use that follows in their wake. The ugliness is our own selfishness reflected back at us. It is a physical manifestation of the ugliness of a culture that cannot see the humanity in the people suffering in front of us.

Perhaps we could use that stadium our tax dollars funded, and just fully paid off, as an emergency shelter until we can get enough housing built.

CORRECTION

Due to an editing error, Ember Rasmussen of Our Streets Minneapolis was misgendered in the article "Open Streets Cedar-Riverside will feature entertainment and food from around the Twin Cities and the world" (Aug. 1, 2023). Rasmussen uses they/them pronouns. *We regret the error.*







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Little Free Library for young Native American readers opens in Minneapolis

BY STEPHANIE FOX

In a Franklin Avenue strip mall devoted to serving members of the Minnesota Native American community is a quiet, shaded patio with a new addition - a Little Free Library. This particular library is unique to Minneapolis, filled with books written by Native American authors or with themes about ture. The idea behind this little library is to give mostly younger Native readers a chance to see themselves in stories.

The library is part of the Little Free Library's Indigenous Library Program, which is part of the national Reach Out and Read program. The long view of this Program, made this a reality. project is that by giving easy ac-

American communities.

For years, staff members from the Native American Community Clinic (NACC) just steps from the new library provided books to young kids ages birth to five years old during well-child visits. But for older kids and adults, the new little library will expand that access.

"Sometimes, there are barri-American Indians and their cul- ers for a lot of people to get access to quality books, especially culturally relevant books," said NACC Operations Manager Ashlee Jallen, who organized the Aug. 10 installation celebration and who, with Talia Miracle, program manager at Little Free Library's Indigenous Library

"My job is to seek out potencess to books, especially for chil- tial recipients," said Miracle. dren, literacy rates will improve, "We know that there are a lot of

strengthening Minnesota Native book access needs in many communities. I got connected to Ashlee a couple of months ago and asked her to apply."

> "We had a lot of donated books, so I jumped at the opportunity," Jallen said.

> They contacted Natchez Beaulieu, a local community artist and a member of the White Earth Nation of Ojibwe, who decorated it with traditional Ojibwe and Dakota floral designs.

> People are encouraged to sit on the nearby patio benches and read, or even take a book home. Then, kids (and their adults) can later return to share a book they've read and enjoyed. While there is a public library across the street from the mall, this will allow readers, some of whom have few books at home. to have books they can call their very own.



"Books have been flying off the shelf. We even had one child come take a book right after our opening," said Miracle.

The Little Free Library organization provided the first 50 books, but they are hoping that members of the local and larger community will bring more books to share. "I hope it encourages more families to read. We also want to give Native authors a chance to get their books into the community," said Jallen. "Sometimes there are barriers

in getting access to books, especially culturally relevant books like these."

The library seems to be popular. Just a week after the installation celebration, the little library was almost empty. The hope is that more people will soon come and donate more books.

While books about American Indian culture and by Native authors are preferred, anyone can donate. Books of all kinds, especially books for young readers, will be welcome. If you want to donate, bring new and used books to the strip mall at 12th and Franklin Avenues. Look for the patio near the west end of the mall, by the large wolf statue. Just leave books and if a book catches your eye, feel free to take one home.

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County District Court, domestic abuse-related family cases were the most frequent type of filing from 2018-2022.

This is not a new problem in likely. Minneapolis. In 2017, an earlier study on the police response to domestic violence cases in Minneapolis found that police officers wrote reports or made tic violence cases. "It is very arrests in only 20% of the over 43,000 domestic violence calls that came in from 2014-2016.

'That's far below the national said Thomas. average," said Cheryl Thomas, founder and executive director of Global Rights for Women. "When I saw that statistic, I was alarmed because in so many developing countries that we work of no-contact orders and aswith, the police response is similar or even better."

The current study used survivor interviews, domestic violence calls and text records, a review of existing regulations and police procedures, consultations with police personnel, ridealongs with patrolling officers, a review of training materials, and feedback from local advocacy groups to uncover specific problems with city practices.

police response to domestic vi- the damaging message that olence," said Thomas. "They are there will be no consequences if serious gaps and we have talked to the chief about these gaps."

Officers sometimes responded to gender, class, race/ethnicity, disability, or sexual orientation," according to the report. department policies and procedures did not provide adequate guidance on expected behavior or disciplinary measures when calls for policy changes, better needed. They found that victims accountability measures and imgot discouraged from calling 911 proved risk assessment. after receiving police responses that were described as impatient, biased, or adhering to neg-

ative stereotypes.

They also identified problems it receives. And in Hennepin with investigations that included not interviewing witnesses and not collecting contact information, which made follow-up investigations difficult and un-

> Victims and responders were also not aware of the seriousness of assaults to the head, which are common in domescommon for victims of domestic violence to have their heads slammed into walls and floors,"

The most serious risks to victim safety, however, were the failures to follow up when suspects were gone on arrival (GOA), as well as on violations sessing the high risk this poses. The report concluded that victims are vulnerable to repeated violence by abusers who have learned if they leave the scene before police arrive, no consequences will result, even if they had clearly violated no-contact court orders. Police also failed to prioritize the most dangerous offenders, and survivors experienced escalating danger by repeat GOA abusers. The report "We found seven gaps in the concluded that abusers "receive they are gone-on-arrival or violate no-contact orders."

"It's a very dangerous situato victims in "ways that exhibit tion for women," or other vicexplicit or implicit bias related tims, said Thomas, "when abusers flee the scene before the officers are there. We learned that police officers do not at-The researchers also found that tempt to locate that abuser, someone who may have actually been a felony level criminal."

Moving forward, the plan

Past efforts point to future solutions

In 2014, a GOA Response Team was created to improve the response of the Minneapolis City Attorney's Office and MPD to domestic violence cases where the suspect has fled prior to being arrested. The team consisted of a specially assigned police investigator to focus only on misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor GOA cases, advocates to provide increased support for victims, and a centralized prosecutor to review and charge all such cases. Following the creation of the team, the City Attorney's Office was able to increase the charging rate for GOA cases by 400% while simultaneously decreasing the time from case review to resolution by over 36%. That team was disbanded prior to the current report's study period.

In a response to a survey question asking for officer suggestions to improve the response to domestic violence, one MPD officer wrote, "MPD acts like domestic violence is important with all the stuff we are required to do on these cases. In reality, we focus more on robbers, drug dealers, and gangsters, when in fact ... these are the same people committing domestic violence. Maybe our fo- ments on this article, and the recus should be on abusers, and it would have a trickle-down effect to other violent crimes."

The report notes that "everyone interviewed expressed concern about a staffing shortage in MPD," and it was seen as the cause of many of the issues identified. They also found that there was a "lack of clear policy directive for patrol officers, and discouraging messages from other parts of the criminal justice system that de-prioritize domestic violence cases."

Rhonda Martinson, a consultant with Global Rights for

Women, said that she is hopeful port does not appear to be going because of the "overlap" with this report and the federal department of justice and state human rights department reports. She noted that 2018 was the last time the city provided officers with training in responding to domestic violence calls and believes that training and supervision will be critically important to addressing the gaps found in the report. She said that of the 73 officers who completed the survey almost all of them "wanted more supervision, mentoring and training."

Thomas said that they have met with the police chief, city attorney, county attorney and City Council president, all of whom expressed interest in using the report to make improvements.

"We of course take the report seriously," said Minneapolis city attorney Kristyn Anderson. "The City Attorney's Office has a strong commitment to our longtime and ongoing work on issues of domestic violence."

Some members of the Community Commission on Police Oversight were clearly impressed and concerned about the report, which they voted to receive and file. Still, no one appears to be leading the effort in City Hall. The mayor and council members port's recommendations." did not return a request for com-

to any council committee for a formal review.

Thomas expressed a desire to continue the work but said that additional funding would be needed if her nonprofit is to stay involved.

The size of the problem and the number of agencies and organizations involved may be both a blessing and a curse, as it means that although a lot of groups and people care about the issue, none seem to feel the responsibility to lead the search for solutions.

'We follow the coordinated community response model," said Anderson. "This means that we work in close collaboration with our justice and community partners to determine how to best address the issues of domestic violence."

"These issues are not something that can be addressed by just one agency," Anderson said. "Rather, it takes several agencies to make sure the victim survivors are safe and that the offenders get the resources and support they need to create safety in their families and in the community. We are well-placed to work with our community and justice partners on the re-



43 students

BY JOHNNY HAZARD

army or on the side of the truth." Parent of one of the disappeared students

Sept. 26 marks the ninth anniversary of the forced disappearance of 43 education students of the Escuela Normal Raúl Burgos in the pueblo of Ayotzinapa in Tizt, Guerrero, in the south of Mexico. These nine years represent the majority of the terms and agencies that were investiof two presidents: Enrique Peña Nieto and Andrés Manuel López Obrador (AMLO), whose relationship with the "institution"

of the department of defense has led him to perpetuate the "The government needs to lack of transparency. López Obdecide if it's on the side of the rador will leave office in a year, just before the tenth anniversary of the atrocity. What will he have to show for it? Two months after the atrocity, the Organization of American States (OAS) formed the Grupo Interdisciplinario de Expertas y Expertos Independientes (GIEI) to provide assistance to the families of the students and to organizations gating. The GIEI consisted originally of five people: Latin American lawyers, psychologists and human rights experts who had

worked on cases of forced disappearance, torture and other political crimes. As the years wore on and government cooperation was not forthcoming, three members abandoned the work and denounced that there were no conditions for continuing. The last two members, Angela Buitrago and Carlos Beristain, issued their final report on July 25 and said they were leaving Mexico but not abandoning the effort. Buitrago said in an interview with Blanche Petrich of the newspaper La Jornada that after having investigated military crimes in Colombia, she was surprised to find in Mexico a taboo

against giving prosecutors access to military records. "Let us remember that at the beginning local police, mayors, and organized crime were blamed for everything, but ... we realized that there were other actors," Buitrago said. "We began to see that what the department of defense affirmed was different from forensically-demonstrated reality." Beristain and Buitrago summed up the problem for their work: "The GIEI was the object of a fierce campaign of violence and defamation in various media. When the truth was uncomfortable, the order of the day became to shoot the messengers and silence us."

On July 28, a few days after the GIEI issued its final report, a reporter said that "taking advantage of the presence of the secretaries of the army and the navy" at the daily presidential press conference, he wanted to "ask their position in the face of these allegations." When López Obrador himself began to answer, the reporter repeated that he wanted the response of the secretaries. "No, no," responded the president. "I'm going to give it because I'm the commander in chief" and because the allegations "are not true. It's a campaign to debilitate the armed forces. ... There is a tendency to blame the institutions, in this case the army, without proof."

Proof is not lacking, and there would be more if military authorities cooperated.

In the immediate aftermath of the disappearances, students and supporters commandeered a Coca-Cola truck and crashed through the door of Military Camp #35, where some of the disappeared students' phones had last indicated their location. This was obviously an attempt to find the students before much time had elapsed and in the face of zero interest on the part of any government agency in resolving the case. Last year during the week of the anniversary of the incident, students again used a Coca-Cola truck to crash the gate and to drive home what has been their slogan during all of this time: "Fue el estado" ("it was the state"). AMLO has often repeated the myth that the Mexican army emanates from the revolution and is therefore above reproach. In fact, the army of dictator Porfirio Díaz was not disbanded by Francisco Madero, the first (moderately) revolutionary president and AMLO's hero. Madero, in fact, did not even remove the dictator's top officers, which partly explains why he was ousted in a coup, tortured and murdered by those officers. Of course, AMLO thinks that having the army

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Fall on Chicago Avenue at 48th Street

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

grocery stores in the Twin Cities (and this was partly why alski's, the one on Chicago Av- another recent poll, it came able hours. enue they call the Parkview in first for rotisserie chickstore, after a long absence. In ens, ranked on a combination those occasional rankings of of tastiness and affordabili- ly, but first, let's look at some local grocery stories, Kowal- ty. Kowalski's whole chicken ski's comes out as a paradox. costs only a dollar more than When considering prices, it is a half chicken from my regular

So besides Kowalski's being a fun place to shop, it's also I found myself visiting Kow- I stopped going there). But in unionized and is open reason-

We'll get back to food shortof the fun places around Chicago Avenue and 48th Street, for shopping, for pursuing the most expensive chain of co-op, and yeah, it was good. hobbies, or for pure entertain-



The grab-and-go counter at Heather's Restaurant

• Monday, Sept. 11, 7 p.m. "The





Potato latkes for brunch at the Creekside Supper Club

Queen tribute band, plays a Nathan Stocker of Hippo Camwith hearing loss.

• Sunday, Sept. 10, 7 p.m. "Do team. Stocker did the musical Re #MeToo - Sexist Songs Re-

benefit for Northern Voices, pus. "The Cartographer" is an a charity for young children eco-comedy, shot in Wales and led by a Minnesota creative

claimed by Righteous Fem- See 48th & Chicago, page 10

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score.

- Thursday, Sept. 14, 7 p.m. "The Breakfast Club" (1985), the second film in the John Hughes month series, with pre-film music by DJ Jake Rudh.
- Wednesday, Sept. 20, 7 p.m. "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" (1986), the third film in the John Hughes month series, with prefilm music by The Silverteens.
- Saturday, Sept. 23, 8 p.m. The screening followed by Spider Shabby Road Orchestra per-

forms Abbey Road.

- Sunday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m. Paradox (a band from the 1970s) - a reunion of Washburn High School's greatest ever band in a single performance.
- Monday, Sept. 25, 7 p.m. "Not Forever, But For Now," by Chuck Palahniuk, a book release celebration.
- Wednesday, Sept. 27, 7 p.m. "The Secret of Sleep" (1969 film by Spider John Koerner), John Appreciation Night featur-

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BACK PATIO

THIS FALL



Inside the 14 Hill gift shop

ing a band of Charlie Parr and four other talented and dedicated Spider John fans.

be such delights as a Dan Sav- Judy Collins, who has produced age-curated erotic film selec- a staggering 55 albums in her tion; a screening of the silent career. classic "Nosferatu" with live accompanying music by Dream- type of fun, one possibility is to

bum release on two consecutive nights (one already sold out); a two-night run of jeremy messersmith and friends for All Hal-In future months, there will low's Eve; and a concert with

If you prefer a more active land Faces; a Martin Zellar al- take up "blade arts," i.e., fenc-

ing, or a less European version of swordcraft. The Center for Blade Arts (CBA) at 4744 Chicago Ave. offers classes in two Japanese types of swordplay, Kendo and Tameshigiri. Kendo uses bamboo blunt swords and padded armor and is a full-contact martial art. Tameshigiri, which is Japanese for "test cut-



Paradox, the most famous '70s bar reunites for one night only on Sep

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ting," derives from the samurai methods of testing the sharpness and handling of a katana, or sword. In this form, actual

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katanas are used, which are razor sharp, and cuts are made on targets, usually tatami mats.

CBA also offers classes in two very different sword styles with European roots. One is the more familiar Olympic fencing. The other is Historical European Martial Arts, or HEMA. Their website (centerforbladearts.



nd from Washburn High School, t. 24 at the Parkway.

recorded by Johannes Liecht- with two or three unplanned

phasizing the German school of local 14 Hill. Every time I go in fighting. The main focus is on there, I intend to buy nothing. the traditions rediscovered and About half the time, I emerge



The Parkway Theater's classic interior

master, as he traveled around Europe researching the techcultures." Very interesting.

For shopping, Chicago Avenue has the quirky and hyper-

enauer, a 14th-century fencing birthday presents, a little treat for myself, and a pair of irresistible socks. A new shop just niques of various countries and soft-opened in the space previously held by the hair salon Rue

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HEMA program focuses on swordsmanship from the 14th through the 19th century, em-

com) describes it thus: "CBA's

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48 (in fact, the awning still says that). It's called Canna-JoyMN, a cannabis dispensary.

com) describes their business: "CannaJoyMN provides premium seeds, Minnesota hemp products, and a collaborative

Their website (cannajoymn. community for cannabis enthusiasts. We look forward to meeting you where you're at on your weed and seed jour-

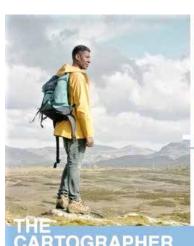
Fun food places abound in the Chicago and 48th Street area. Two of them have made the Eater's August piece "Hottest Brunches in the Twin Cities Right Now." The Creekside Supper Club, 4820 Chicago Ave., has branched out beyond supper to add brunch. Highlights include both old breakfast classics like coffee cake, a Denver omelet, buttermilk pancakes, and a bacon-andegg sandwich on Texas toast, but also modern twists such as a breakfast salad, a smashburger, smoked salmon hash, and avocado toast. And of course, breakfast cocktails.

The other hot brunch spot is Heather's at 5201 Chicago Ave. Their menu changes weekly, and you can find such delights as quinoa breakfast bowls, open-face egg sandwiches with fancy trimmings, pineapple upside-down pancakes, crepes, and lemon-blueberry French toast.

Finally, a nod to my favorite ice cream place, Pumphouse Creamery, which just turned 20 years old this year. Apart



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ly use and prominently label fair trade (child slavery-free) chocolate. (The other is the much more expensive Sweet Science.) This month Pumphouse will celebrate its own birthday by showcasing the 20 top-selling flavors of the past 20 years.

vor of ice cream I've ever had (lemon-infused olive oil and

sea salt), they are one of only

two creameries in Minnesota that I know of to exclusive-



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Thursday thru Saturday, Sept. 14-16 Minnehaha United Methodist Church 3701 E. 50th St., Mpls.

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Thursday, Sept. 14-9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15-9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16-9 a.m. to noon (Bag Sale!)

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.

9th Annual Lantern Lighting Celebration

Sept. 22-23, 5 to 8:30 p.m.

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floating, candlelit lanterns onto Lakewood's Jo Pond. This event is open to
the public.

At the event, people can decorate a paper lantern sleeve with favorite pictures, messages and personal sayings, poems and other symbols of remembrance. At dusk, in a beautiful ceremony, attendees gather to release their lanterns onto Lakewood's 10-acre lake, as the names of loved ones are read aloud accompanied by the stirring sound of bagpipes. The

effect of the candlelit lanterns floating on the lake is breathtaking and magical, connecting people to their loved ones and to others who are remembering and grieving. Throughout the event, guests can enjoy live music, food and refreshments from local food vendors, and the beauty of Lakewood's scenic grounds. Self-guided tour brochures of the cemetery will also be available.

will also be available.
Lanterns are \$10 in advance, \$15
day of event. Admission is free. For
more information, see https://www.
lakewoodcemetery.org/event/lantern-lighting-celebration-2023/.

Organ Recital: Nils Halker Sunday, Sept. 24, 2:30 p.m.

St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral 519 Oak Grove St., Mpls. Organ Recital by Nils Halker, Parish Organist, Saint Clement's Episcopal Church, St. Paul. Free admission.

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(Enter from Nicollet Ave. side near 19th St.)

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3rd Sunday: Sept. 17, 5-6 p.m. Plymouth Congregational Church (Enter from Nicollet Ave. side near 19th St.)

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Dave Gutknecht chronicles

BY ED FELIEN

What follows is a discussion/ debate between Dave Gutknecht and me about the Ukraine war. Dave was one of the first martyrs of the draft resistance movement in the 1970s in reaction to the war in Vietnam. He served two years in federal prison as a conscientious objector for refusing to be drafted. He is passionately anti-war. I am passionately anti-imperialist. We have been on the same side for more than half a century because the U.S. has been the principal imperialist aggressor for most of our lives.

Dave:

To the editor: "We are obviously living in different uni- point. verses," Editor Ed Felien told

me. That's because my political Dave: universe does not rely solely on the pro-war narratives in the mainstream: NYT and Washington Post, MSNBC and CNN, NPR and Politico, Atlantic and New Yorker. That media universe overlaps with mine to the extent you can read between the lines for propaganda, and also read elsewhere. I had sent comments on how Ukraine is losing badly and Russia is winning. Ed wanted more substantiation and suggested we wait until the October edition. But why? The slaughter continues. By October, I'll be crying even more in the vein of "I told you so."

Ed:

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The summary in the August edition needs radical updating, since the counteroffensive is failing and now aims at best for a "stalemate." This is now admitted by some of the above media outlets as well as many others. I'll recommend a few sources, allowing for homework by anyone to find substantiation or contradiction of official claims. Just this week I found more interviews by informed U.S./European commenters that reference new reports in the NYT and Washington Post citing Pentagon and administration officials now admitting that Ukraine cannot win. Read on: Politico quotes federal officials OK, we disagree. Get to the to say that Gen. Milley "had a point" with his earlier suggestion of negotiations with Russia,

which were roundly rejected. er-offensive is failing. The report notes complete disappointment within the administration at the failed Ukraine counteroffensive. Another official said, "If we acknowledge that we're not going to do this forever, then what are we going do?" https://www.politico. com/newsletters/national-security-daily/2023/08/18/milleyhad-a-pointoo111878

You don't prove this: "since the counteroffensive is failing and now aims at best for a 'stalemate.'" I agree the Ukraine war is an escalating horror show. Now, Ukraine is sending drones into Russia. The horror has crossed borders. But you offer no convincing proof that Ukraine is losing and the count-

Dave:

The Aug. 18 NYT reports on casualties with much obfuscation but admits to at least a half million total on both sides. Its suggestion that casualties have been greater on the Russian side is typical but ridiculous, given Russian superiority in the air and artillery, the sources of huge numbers of casualties (see more links below): https://www. nytimes.com/2023/08/18/us/ politics/ukraine-russia-warcasualties.html?searchResult-Position=1 - the latter report, alluding to massive Ukrainian losses and failed frontline assaults, includes this disgusting statement: "American officials

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Consent, from page 1

are 50%.

Why won't they hold meetings and talk to people in the communities that are going to be affected-those communities that will lose half the street in front of their homes to bicycles?

And some planners are outright liars. Michael Schroeder, a tice Model. Minneapolis Park Board planner elevated to assistant superintendent, has convinced Superintendent Al Bangoura and a majority of the Park Board commissioners that we can't possibly remove all the barriers blocking water leaving Lake Hiawatha, because there are "16 to 20 natural and introduced features in the creek, any one of which or all in combination have the ability to control the elevation of Lake Hiawatha." Aside from the dam at 27th Aveings. nue, the unused gas line at 28th Avenue and the rock weir/dam at 30th Avenue, the only introduced features that cross the creek are city and Metropolitan sanitary sewer lines. City sanitary sewer lines have to be 9 to 11 feet below ground level to prevent freezing, and the sharing. 10-foot-wide Metropolitan sewer line has to be buried below that. They do not "control the elevation of Lake Hiawatha," and Michael Schroeder knows that.

It gets worse.

The City of Minneapolis planning department has just pub- in the development of the collablished a 143-page action plan that presents us with a dystopian nightmare worthy of "1984" and "Brave New World." The "Minneapolis Safe and Thriving Communities Report: A Vision and Action Plan for the Future of Community Safety and Wellbeing" describes how an increasingly bloated bureaucracy can create Big Brothers from the Ministry of Truth that will protect the established social order. If you have neither the time nor inclination to wade through the tedious arguments for more staff, for more studies, for new departments and more meetings, then go to the conclu- Communications Plan.

sion and read their recommenof Action Steps Toward Safe and Thriving Communities" beginning on page 115.

They want:

Phase One: Near-Term Recommendations Governance and Leadership.

Create a Collaborative Prac-

Develop a practice model that will govern the collaborative work of the Offices of Public Services and Community Safety.

The practice model should define the following, amongst oth-

- A vision for the future and integration of services, as discussed below in the Defining the Vision for the Future Action Step of Rules of engagement.
- · A regular cadence for meet-
- · How disputes are resolved and escalated (as needed).
- Coordination with external partners (including the county and community-based organizations and recruiting members from BIPOC communities).
- A template for resource
- Collaborative training.
- Accountability and continuous improvement processes, as described below.
- · Investments in trust build-
- Engage departmental heads orative practice model.

create a "Collaborative Practice" ply to receive a portion of the Model," their idea of the ideal citizen, and they will bring all the power of the city and the county to force those of us who live in the inner city to conform to that model.

Coordination with external partners (including the county and community-based organizations and recruiting members from BIPOC communities).

Engage departmental heads in the development of the collaborative practice model.

• Implement a Community

- Develop a multi-year comdations: "Comprehensive List munity engagement plan which supports co-creation of ecosystem services with communities most affected.
 - · Hire community ambassadors who are tasked with actively engaging with the community to gain ideas and insights on service design and delivery.

All power and all wisdom springs from the brow of the planning department. Of course, they will hire BIPOC as collaborators.

Whose idea was this? Whose Great Plan is this?

The mayor, Jacob Frey, has to take credit for it. It must be his plan on how to spend the blank check we just got.

According to Katie Topinka, Director of Intergovernmental Relations: "The Tax Bill passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor included \$300 million statewide in Public Safety Aid to counties and cities. Minneapolis will receive \$19 million in public safety aid out of the tax bill.

"In addition to that direct aid, there are a number of competitive grant programs that were included in the Public Safety package. Specifically, there is \$70 million in violence prevention grant funding, \$10 million in criminal investigation/crisis response funding and \$7 million for youth intervention programs. These funds will all be made available statewide and It's all top-down. They will the City of Minneapolis can apfunds."

> So that's Frey's plan—to spend the money to create more bureaucracy downtown, to hire more suburban planners to monitor and guide us poor lost souls in the inner city.

We know that the greatest cause of crime is poverty. It is a shame that those millions couldn't find their way to those people who need it most.

Why can't that money be used to hire block captains in the most troubled neighborhoods? Someone who could act as a

nosy aunt or uncle to people on The MPD and me their block. Does someone need a job, help with homework, connections to health care? They could be a resource person for their block, and the first person to call in case of trouble.

Why can't some of that money be used for scholarships for kids in the inner city to study law enforcement? Why can't we have people from our community protecting and serving our community?

We need to stop listening to trickle-down ideas from the top of the mountain and begin to listen to bottom-up ideas from the grasslands below.

Many people believe the greatest threat to American democracy is the racist and misogynistic fascism of Donald Trump. I would argue there is an equally dangerous kind of fascism developing in the upper echelons of government bureaucracy. Those enlightened liberals will decide which inner-city neighborhoods will survive. They will take away our roads. They will flood our golf courses to create artificial swamps. They will create a new government bureaucracy to monitor our social behavior. This is the kind of dystopian nightmare George Orwell understood when he said: "If you pretend that it is merely an aberration which will presently pass off of its own accord, you are dreaming a dream from which you will awake when somebody coshes you with a rubber truncheon." They are busy creating recognize that "we are all comtheir special world, and they believe they don't have to ask for our permission.

Whatever happened to "consent of the governed"?

We need to stop and rethink this. We need to get a lot more people around the table. The only way to ensure genuine consent is to guarantee the active participation of those most affected by government policy.

Let's find out what the people want before we decide what they need.

On Saturday, Aug. 19, my oldest daughter's birthday, I went to a community engagement session sponsored by the MPD.

Their promise was irresistible: "This is your opportunity to shape the Minneapolis Police Department that you want! Implement police policies and procedures that meet community needs. Improve MPD oversight and accountability. Facilitate an improved relationship and trust between MPD and community."

There must have been 60 or 70 people who showed up. There was free pizza, and there were a lot of city staff running around trying to make you feel comfort-

Chief O'Hara took charge. He admitted right off that this was a requirement of the consent decree between the city and the Department of Justice. The MPD was ordered to explain its policy on the use of force in a series of community meetings in all parts of the city. But he assured us that this was just the beginning: 'Be patient."

Their handout talked about glittering generalities like "professionalism," "duty to intervene," "objective reasonableness," and the "sanctity of life," but O'Hara explicitly told us that the chokehold Derek Chauvin used to kill George Floyd was not an MPD-approved use of force.

The commander took over the meeting and she urged us to munity," which was reassuring coming from a Black woman until you remembered that 95% of MPD officers live in the suburbs.

They told us they wanted to be accountable to the community.

They had a handout with a comments section, so I wrote, "What about holding the officers responsible for killing Terrance Franklin accountable? What about the protocol in the tackling and killing of Jamar Clark?"

I left early. I had to get back to the party.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR •

Southside Pride / NEIGHBORHOOD EDITION

EVENTS

'The Chinese Lady' Sept. 7-24 Open Eye Theatre

506 E. 24th St., Mpls.

In 1834, Afong Moy was brought from Beijing to America and put on display as the "Chinese Lady." Over the next several decades, she performed in a side show that both defined and challenged her own view of herself as she witnessed stunning transformation in the U.S. Inspired by the true story of America's first female Chinese immigrant, playwright Lloyd Suh unearths hidden history and questions the way we look at ourselves and others. "The Chinese Lady," by Lloyd Suh, directed by Eric Sharp, and featuring Katie Bradley and Michale Sung Ho. Open Eye strives to make our theatre and productions accessible and enjoyable for all patrons. If you have questions, need an accommodation, or would like to share any feedback about accessibility, please contact us at boxoffice@openeyetheatre.org or 612-874-6338. Park for free in the Lutheran Social Services lot at 24th and Portland.

Sabathani Energy Day: A Career **Resource Fair & Community** Celebration

Saturday, Sept. 9, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sabathani Community Center 310 E. 38th St., Mpls.

Parking lot (or gym in case of rain) Sabathani Energy Day is an event designed to unite the community for a day of career exploration, connection and festivity. With the aim of fostering a prosperous community, Sabathani Energy Day serves as a platform for job growth, aligning with Sabathani Community Center's core mission to provide essential resources that inspire people of all ages and cultures to enhance their lives and build a thriving community. The Career Resource Fair will empower attendees with insights and connections for discovering livable-wage jobs and training opportunities. There will also be music, food and family-friendly activities, along with exhibitors offering information about a diverse array of community resources. Presented as part of Xcel Energy's annual Day of Service, Sabathani Energy Day is a collaborative effort between Sabathani Community Center and Xcel Energy, both dedicated to community empowerment. Preregister for exclusive benefits: The event welcomes all members of the community, and while registration is not mandatory, it's encouraged for those seeking job support. The first 50 registrants will even receive a complimentary meal from the food truck at the event. A registration link is available at sabathani.org/ener-

Greenway Glow Bike Ride + Arts

Saturday, Sept. 9, 4 to 10 p.m. Midtown Greenway

Join us for the Greenway Glow Bike Ride + Arts Festival, featuring dozens of local artists set up along the trail. Bike, walk or roll along the Greenway to experience live music, art installations, puppets, a catapult and more! Don't miss the Beer Garden in the Ivy Arts Building and Praxis Gallery parking lot at 2637 27th Ave. S., just off the Greenway. Plus TWO stages at the Ivv!

Visit the ARTS HUBS in Midtown across from Venture Bikes in the Midtown Bike Center; in East Phillips near the Roof Depot on 28th Street; and in Seward at the Ivy Arts Building on 27th Avenue.

The festival is FREE, but you can support the Midtown Greenway and get free food and drinks by purchasing a VIP ticket. Current Donors get a \$10 discount, which includes two drink tickets for Eastlake Craft Brewery beer; an appetizer from Krishna's Delight; a snack from the Venture Bikes Cafe, glow lights, and more! For a festival map, VIP tickets, and more information, go to https://midtowngreenway.org/news-and-developments/join-us-for-the-greenwayglow-on-sept-9/.

Minneapolis Monarch Festival Festival de la Monarca Saturday, Sept. 9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lake Nokomis Park, Mpls.

Join us for the 15th annual Minneapolis Monarch Festival/Festival de la Monarca! The Festival celebrates the monarch butterfly's amazing 2,300-mile migration from Minnesota to Mexico with music, food, dance, hands-on art, native plant sales and plenty of opportunities to get up close with monarch butterflies, learn about their habitats, and what you

can do to make a difference. The Festival will be held just east of

the Lake Nokomis Community Center in the area bounded by East Minnehaha Parkway, Woodlawn Boulevard, and East Nokomis Parkway. https:// monarchfestival.org/

Middle East Peace Now September Forum 'U.S. Policy Toward Israel at a Turning Point'

Mitchell Plitnick, President, ReThinking Foreign Policy

Saturday, Sept. 16, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Online via Zoom

The perception of Israel in the United States, in virtually every corner except the halls of Congress, has undergone a radical transformation in 2023. Ongoing and escalating violence by settlers, while not new, has reached unprecedented heights and the involvement of Israeli military and security forces in those attacks has gotten more exposure than ever before. Israel's own radically right-wing government has escalated military attacks as well, with the attack on Jenin in June highlighting a growing understanding that Israel is, at best, disregarding Palestinian lives. Yet despite Israel's escalating violence and its de facto annexation of much of the West Bank, mainstream congressional Democrats have doubled down on their support for Israel while the Biden administration has accelerated efforts to broker a normalization agreement between Israel and Saudi Arabia. Plitnick will discuss the implications of all of these factors and how they are connected. Learn more and register at https:// mepn.org/events/september-forum-with-mitchell-plitnick/.

Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors Social Security: An Overview Tuesday, Sept. 19, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 2730 E. 31st St., Mpls.

Learn the basics about Social Security, including eligibility, enrollment, the difference between Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Retirement (SSA), as well as Social Security-related fraud and scams. Presented by Gordon Solo from Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid's Senior Law Project.

Senior Social and Health Talks occur

on the third Tuesday of each month and feature guest speakers on health/ wellness issues, birthday celebrations and time to socialize. Refreshments are provided! A Nurse is In/Blood Pressure Clinic is also offered. No registration required. www.lshealthyseniors.org

Keith Ellison presents 'Break The Wheel: Ending the Cycle of Police Violence⁴

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m. Magers & Quinn

3038 Hennepin Ave. S., Mpls. "Break the Wheel" takes the reader through different solutions that will make way for a defining, generational moment of racial reckoning and social

pages of this important book, aims to find the best approaches to put an end to police brutality once and While it may seem like an unattainable goal, "Break the Wheel" demonstrates through Ellison's analysis of George Floyd's life, alongside rich historical context, that lasting change

At the center of the conflict, the

controversy and the trial, Keith Ellison

grappled with how to bring justice for

Floyd and his family, and now, in the

solutions. For more information and to register for this FREE, in-store event, go to https://www.magersandquinn.com/ event/Keith-Ellison-presents-Breakthe-Wheel-Ending-the-Cycle-of-Po-

can be achieved with informed



Serving as an AmeriCorps Promise Fellow can lead to a lifetime of impact for Minnesota students - and yourself

BY KAELA SCHWEISTHAL

25-year-old nonprofit program is looking students succeed. for at least 50 Minnesotans to work side-by-side with students during the 2023-24 school year, and trust me - it will change your life.

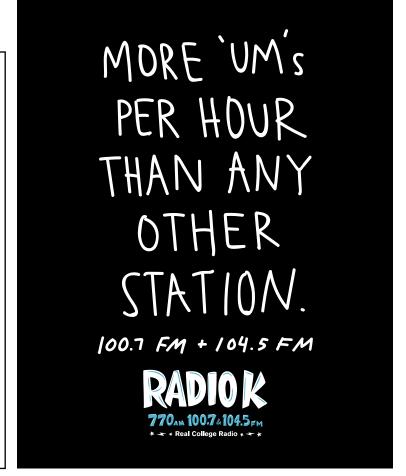
I speak from experience: I'm one of more than 2,200 people who have served in a Minnesota school or community-based organization as a Promise Fellow, an AmeriCorps program that addresses the dropout epidemic by working oneon-one with middle and high school students who show early warning signs of being at risk for not graduating on time. Since it was started in 1998, the program has supported more than 180,000 students across the state through more than 3 million hours of service.

all walks of life, from recent college graduates to retirees. While everybody has their own unique

story, we all share a passion for serving our communities and an interest in helping Minnesota

You won't get rich serving as a Promise Fellow - although you do receive a stipend, education award, student loan forbearance and other benefits - but the experience will be life-changing. The Promise Fellows program has a measurably positive effect on school attendance for students who participate. On average, students who participate in the program attend one more week, or roughly five more school days, compared to students who don't participate in the program. And just as important, the students we support benefit from having a caring, trusted adult in their corner as an ally and an advocate.

Applications are being accepted on a rolling The initiative is made up of Minnesotans from basis for Oct. 1 and Jan. 16 start dates. For more information or to apply, visit www.mnyouth.net.



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Gutknecht, from page 14

say they fear that Ukraine has become casualty averse..."

Ed:

Truth is the first casualty of war. Each side exaggerates the enemy's casualties and minimizes their own. And yes, I too am "casualty averse."

Heinz Gartner, a professor of political science and chair of the International Institute for Peace in Vienna, has a series of interviews with public figures, including a discussion with Robert Hunter, U.S. ambassador to NATO during the 1990s, former NSA staff, and a Cold Warrior active in Washington establishment think tanks: https://www. youtube.com/watch?v=KX2i-8Z1ns5g. Hunter says Ukraine will never be in NATO. Actually, Ukraine neutrality is the central

dating back to the 1990s. Hunter says a divided Ukraine will never become a member of NATO. What he doesn't say clearly is that Ukraine also will never recover its eastern territories, which are now part of the Rus- Ed: sian Federation.

You say, "Ukraine will never be in NATO" without citing any evidence in spite of assurances from everywhere that Ukraine will join NATO when there is no longer active conflict with Rus-

Judge Andrew Napolitano frequently posts interviews with many different figures, including former State Department veteran Matthew Hoh: https://www. youtube.com/watch?v=NgkoCb-

Hoh. a moderate, says Ukraine's military is threat-

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be a disaster for all sides, and that the Ukraine government is a house of cards being maintained, for who knows how long, by the U.S.

Do you have any concrete evidence for "Ukraine's military is threatened with collapse, which would be a disaster for all sides, and that the Ukraine government is a house of cards being maintained, for who knows how long, by the U.S." other than the opinion of Hoh?

Dave:

Napolitano (search "Judge Napolitano") also interviews Ray McGovern, former high-level national intelligence officer; Dennis Johnson, former CIA official; and Scott Ritter, former Marine and U.N. weapons inspector. Col. Douglas MacGregor provides another military voice pleading that we recognize the

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the promise of F-16 jet fighters won't make a difference-these latest headlines reflect just another ploy prolonging the agony of Ukraine on behalf of the real winners, the military-industrial manufacturers.

Ed:

ers won't make a difference"why? When you cite an opinion

issue in anticipation of this war ened with collapse, which would disaster. They all explain how that is contrary to generally accepted opinion, don't you think you have a responsibility to give some concrete evidence to support that opinion?

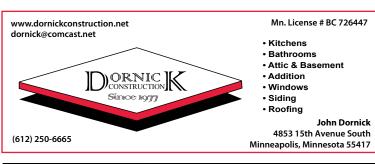
> I agree that war is hell, and we should do what we can to end it. But we don't want to achieve the "peace in our times" of Neville Chamberlain's Munich Agree-You say, "They all explain how ment with Hitler that rewarded the promise of F-16 jet fight- Hitler's aggression and set the stage for World War II.

Students, from page 8

on his side, whatever the price in terms of justice and human rights, is the best form of anti-coup insurance.

only two generals jailed for the least briefly.

atrocity, was released on bail by a judge who considered that the risk of his jumping bail was slight. Hernández was the commander of the military base in Iguala where the students are Gen. Rafael Hernández, one of believed to have been held at





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Fall on Selby Avenue in St. Paul

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

Cafes and coffee shops

I visited a couple of places on Selby Avenue but barely scraped the surface of the classic or quirky coffee shops, patisseries and breakfast cafes that dot the length of Selby. In a single day, a friend and I had lunch at Golden Thyme and dessert at Yellowbird Coffee Bar. There is a lot of buzz right now about BIPOC-owned coffee shops, but a lot of Twin Citians may not founded Golden Thyme in 2000, as well as founding the Selby Ave-Wright is handing over the reins of Golden Thyme. See twincities. com/2023/08/11/golden-thyme-

new-owner for the whole story. Golden Thyme's drinks are all named after famous jazz artists. They are top notch quality, and they have non-dairy milk options. The decor, too, reflects the jazz world, with old instruments used as light fixtures and occasional furniture. The walls are covered with art and photos reflecting Black history and local BIPOC culture. The menu is simple, cheap and accessible.

Yellowbird Coffee Bar shares a small storefront building with a have known that Mychael Wright hair salon. There is even a connecting door between the two businesses. The vibe there is that of a very nue JazzFest. Recently I heard that close-knit, proud, working-class neighborhood. My friend and I were the only ones in the place on a weekday afternoon who were

coffee-shop-in-st-paul-to-get-a- not solitary and with a laptop, and possibly the only ones from outside the neighborhood. They have great drinks, both hot and cold, and a pastry case with a wide selection.

> Some other coffee shops of note are Nina's Coffee Cafe at Selby and Western in the Blair Arcade building, and Wee Claddagh Coffee, which is the extension of a larger place on West Seventh. Another neighborhood favorite was Cahoots Coffee Bar, which has spent the summer changing its name and ownership and being refitted. It is now in the soft opening stage as Luminary Coffeehouse, open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, and to 1:30 p.m. on Mondays. Two more well-loved establishments grace the intersection of Selby and Snelling - Rose Street Patisserie, with both sweet



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and savory offerings, and Yum! Kitchen and Bakery, which besides selling bakery goods also offers a full breakfast, lunch and dinner menu. Other breakfast/lunch cafes along Selby Avenue include the New Louisiana Cafe, the Neighborhood Cafe and the French Hen

Some stellar nonprofits and radical innovators

In Black Ink is a nonprofit located next door to Golden Thyme. Their mission is promoting Black authors and publishers and preserving Black stories and histories. They have two major projects going on - producing the Rondo Children's Book Series and recording oral histories of Black elders in the Rondo and surrounding Black communities. If you want to know more, in addition to a Facebook page, the organization has a great website, with an online bookstore where you can buy a few of the books. inblackink.org/store

Closer to the cathedral, in the Blair Arcade, there are two women-centered nonprofits (not related to each other). The newer one is The Coven. This is part of the recent wave of co-working spaces, but it's more than just a hot desk office venue. In a 2018 article, the media arts nonprofit Pollen wrote: "The first of its kind ... The Coven is a new community and co-working space created 'by women, for women and those who identify as non-binary,' built on a system that values inclusion, mentorship, and abundance." Post-pandemic, The Coven has grown to three Twin Cities spaces, and has a platform where people can invest in it via a crowdfunding model, and also offer franchise opportunities to spread their witchy energy to other towns and states.

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ebrate Fall on Selby

Selby, from page 17

The older one is also a "first of its kind." Founded in 1989 by a merger of two nonprofits, the first such merger in the Twin Cities, WomenVenture is now massive in its scope. The services they offer are training, lending (offering U.S. Small Business Administration loans and micro-loans) and child care business services. They have backed hundreds of women-owned new businesses, and delivered training in leadership, entrepreneurship and more. Check out their

business directory of 414 clients www.womenventure.org/client-directory.

Restaurants, bars, small businesses ... and the coming B Line

J. Selby's is another landmark spot on Selby Avenue. It was part of the growing wave of vegan eateries back in 2017, its debut year. The cafe is now owned by the Herbivorous Butcher siblings, Aubry and Kale Walch, who bought the business from founder Matt Clavton and took over at the start of



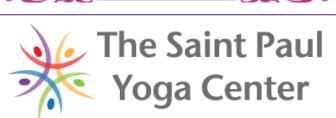
Mychael Wright, founder of Golden Thyme and the Selby Avenue JazzFest (Photo/John Autey, Pioneer Press)

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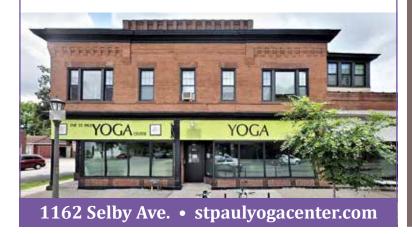


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The Walches had hoped to put a little parklet/patio outside the Selby frontage, but learned a few months into their tenancy that a) Selby Avenue would be closed in early summer for construction of the Metro Transit B Line, a rapid bus service (BRT), and b) one of the BRT stops would be located right at their door on Selby. They were not the only Selby Avenue business owners caught off guard by the poor stakeholder engagement by Metro Transit. Tameka Jones, owner of nearby beauty salon Lip Esteem, and brand-new business owner Aretta-Rie Johnson of the Tooth Fairy Candy Store both complained of inadequate warning and no public input on the timing of the construction.

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There are a lot of diverse small businesses on Selby Avenue as well as restaurants, bars and coffee shops. From Fairview Avenue's crossing down to Dale Street, there are around half a dozen antique stores or vintage stores. One notable example is Northwest Architectural Salvage at 981 Selby Ave., which sells items like light fixtures, doorknobs, bath fixtures, doors and built-ins recycled from older homes. A great new addition to the avenue is Betty's Antiques, which had its grand opening in June. Their lovely store is chockfull of classic, European-inspired items including elegant antique furniture, rugs, tableware, baskets, linens and much more.

In addition to J. Selby's there are lots of great restaurants and bars on Selby Avenue. Two of them have changed owners and names recently. The former Bon Vie Bistro is now The High Hat, opened in July by Michael Noyes, formerly of W. A. Frost. And the former home of The Naughty Greek is now occupied by Spicy Feta. Any of these excellent places would make a good night out on Selby Avenue. Finally, let's not forget everyone's favorite, Pizza Lucé, at 1183 Selby Ave. Besides their award-winning gourmet pizzas, Pizza Lucé offers a full menu of appetizers, salads, pastas, hoagies and desserts, with vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options across the board. They also have happy hour and late-night food and drink specials. And for those nights when you just feel like staying in, they also have efficient curbside pickup service or free home delivery from one of their eight neighborhood locations across the metro



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