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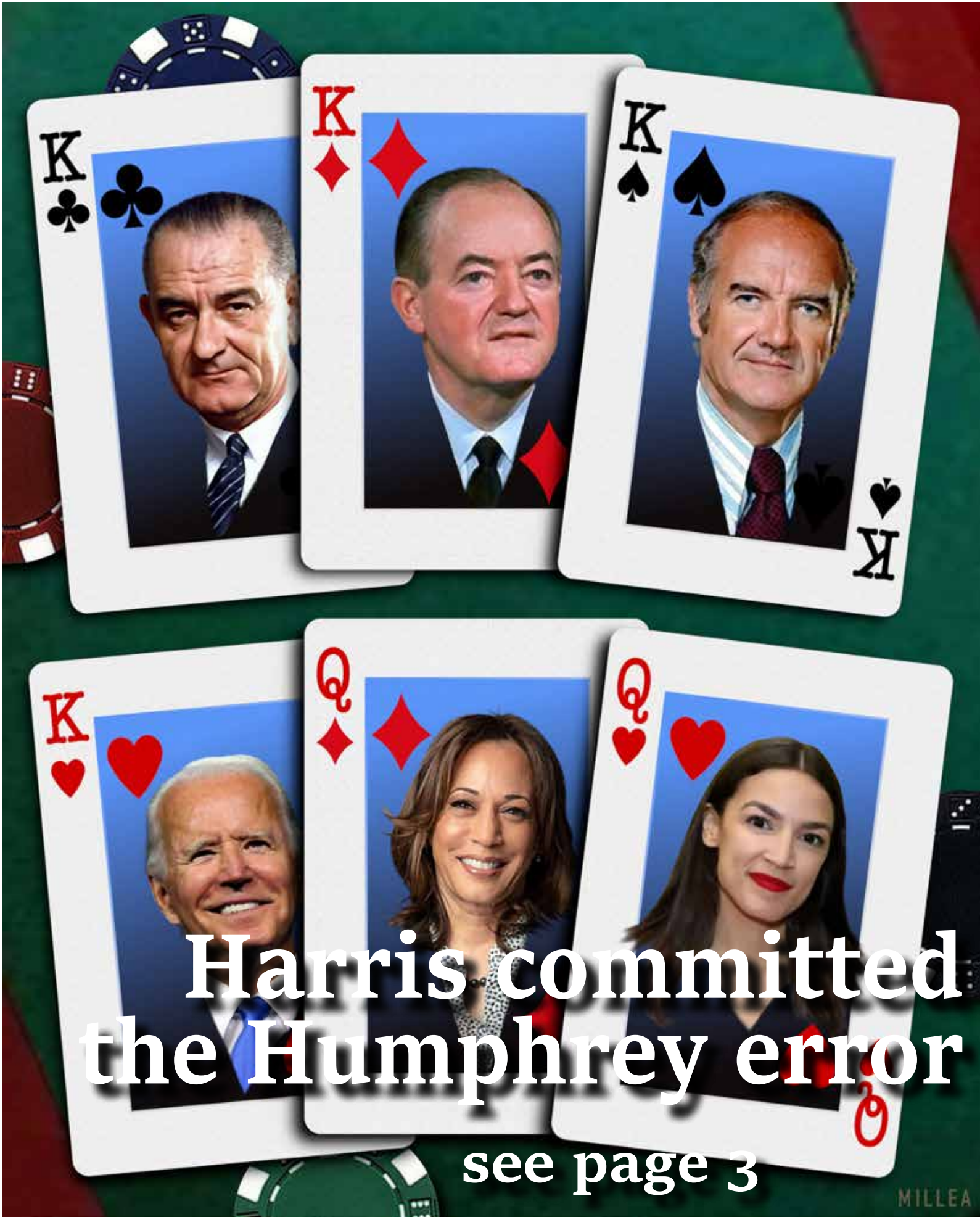
On May 6, Mayor Jacob Frey delivered the annual state of the city speech. During an election year, like this one, when a mayor is running for reelection, like Frey is, the speech is often used not only as a time to reflect and set the stage for the upcoming city budget, but also as a campaign opportunity.

In his 4,308-word speech, Frey outlined progress he believes that the city has made in the areas of safety, housing, the local economy, governance, climate, and public health. He also included sections on improvement efforts on the Northside, Downtown, and Uptown in particular.

The speech was given in Uptown near Lake and Lyndale at the Abyssinia Event Center, and geographic priorities were reflected in his word choices. In the speech Frey said "Uptown" 10 times, "Northside" 10, "Downtown" 12, "Southside" 3, "Northeast" 1, and "Southeast" and "Southwest" 0.

As for the Southside, Frey used the response to "a three-alarm fire in a vacant Southside building" as an example of firefighters' effectiveness and the opening next year of the South-

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Harris committed the Humphrey error

BY ED FELIEN

In 1968 Hubert Humphrey thought he had it in the bag. LBJ had signed the Civil Rights Bill, started the Great Society and began a War on Poverty. It looked like Happy Days were going to be here all over again. LBJ decided to not run for



V.P. Kamala Harris, 2021



V.P. Hubert Humphrey, 1965

re-election after Gene McCarthy beat him in the Democratic Primary in New Hampshire, and Bobby Kennedy got assassinated in California. Those were some of the bumps along the way, but everything seemed to work in Humphrey's favor. It should have been a sweet coronation in Chicago, but hippies ruined the Democratic Convention by protesting and Humphrey couldn't bring himself to condemn the war in Vietnam.

Kamala Harris had a shorter sprint than Humphrey, and she believed she had the wind behind her sails, a pocket full of cash and solid legislative accomplishments. She thought by campaigning with Liz Cheney she could appeal to the high-brow liberal Republicans offended by the lowest common denominator appeal of Donald Trump. But she sadly underestimated the appeal of racism and misogyny. She was a Black woman. And, to top it off, she seemed aloof and patronizing. She graduated from Howard University, the Black Harvard, so she seemed (like Obama and the Clintons) part of the gang of elitist intellectuals who were out of touch with ordinary Americans. Although she called for a cease fire and a Two-State Solution. She couldn't bring herself to condemn Netanyahu's genocide in Gaza. She campaigned in Michigan with Liz Cheney and not Palestinian Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib. Tlaib won her district with 69.7% of



Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

the vote, almost 150,000 votes more than her other three opponents. Harris lost Michigan by 80,000 votes. Campaigning with Tlaib would've helped. Bernie campaigned for Harris, though she didn't acknowledge it. Finally, in the last weeks of the campaign she campaigned with AOC in Philadelphia. But it was not enough to win back left progressives.

Nixon said that Republicans move to the right for the primaries and to the center for the general, and Democrats move to the left for the primaries and to the center for the general. Har-

ris never moved to the left to secure that essential part of her base, and she couldn't condemn Netanyahu's genocide.

After the 1968 defeat, Democrats finally realized they had to move to the left. They had to renounce support for the war in Vietnam. To appease the left, they nominated George McGovern.

It is very possible that the Democratic Party will try to win back their progressive base in 2028 by nominating AOC. She and Bernie have already been out campaigning against the menacing fascism of the Trump

administration. They have been drawing astonishing crowds. She has an unblemished progressive record in Congress, and she has an uncontaminated record of support for Palestine. From 1990 to 2024, Joe Biden got \$4,229,598 from pro-Israel lobbyists, and that undoubtedly compromised his ability to see clearly the horror of the genocide being committed.

It's still quite a way to 2028, but a Puerto Rican bartender from the Bronx seems like our best hope for sunshine to sustain us through our long winter of discontent.

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BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

A perilous time for immigrants

I am proud, I am proud
I am proud of my forefathers
and I say
They built this country
They came from far away
To a land they didn't know
The same way you did, my friend
- from "Welcome Welcome Emigrantes" by Buffy Ste.-Marie

One of many horrendous stories from the first few months of the second Trump administration is the high-profile case concerning Kilmar Abrego Garcia, a Salvadoran refugee who was a sheet metal apprentice with a US-citizen wife and child. Abrego Garcia is often reported as having been "deported illegally," which is certainly true but inadequate. "Kidnapped," "disappeared," or "a victim of human trafficking" are all more apt descriptions of what happened to him than the neutral



Abrego Garcias talks with MD Senator Chris Van Hollen

term "deported." Abrego Garcia's case is high profile because his family, friends, and union made it so, and because Senator Chris Van Hollen of his home state of Maryland actually flew to El Salvador and demanded to see him. However this and similar gross infringements of constitutional rights are happening daily and affecting thousands of people and their families

and communities. All of this is underpinned by grotesque lies about where immigrants come from, who they are, and what they mean to our communities, our state and our nation. It has never been more important to know the truth and to fight for justice.

Here in MN, only a small number of all the cases in this jurisdiction have "made the news" as far as individual cases. Sahan Journal (sahanjournal.com) has had ongoing coverage of the cases of three Minnesota international students or former stu-

Mankato business major from Bangladesh, released May 6 and Aditya Harsono, an Indonesian environmental studies and business major at SW MN State University in Marshall was released on May 15. Court hearings indicated that Hoque and Harsono were likely targeted for protesting Trump administration policies. In all of these cases, student visas were re-

or TPS from Afghans given the status due to their collaboration with the US in its lost war against the Taliban. This has Afghans fearing for their lives. Another fear hanging in the air is Trump's threats to "punish" sanctuary cities. Minneapolis is a sanctuary city, and has been threatened by Trump for other reasons as well, so everyone who cares about immigrants



More than 500 people gather in protest outside the El Salvador consulate

voked without notice. More common is coverage of how the Trump administration's ruthless and sometimes lawless attempts to selectively

has been uneasy since, well, November, to be honest. See the article "In First 100 Days, Trump 2.0 Has Dramatically Reshaped the U.S. Immigration System, but Is Not Meeting Mass Deportation Aims" and other articles at migrationpolicy.org for some deep analysis of the current situation.

Why we welcome immigrants

We welcome immigrants because they're fellow humans. It turns out that the right thing to do is right for our society too. Contrary to the right-wing xenophobe characterizations of immigrants, they are a group that includes professionals who work in our hospitals, clinics and schools; knowledgeable farmers who add to our food supply chains; and entrepreneurs who open restaurants, shops and art studios. They enrich our country and our culture. I consulted mncompass.org and similar data sources to find details on exactly who our immigrant population is. According to Compass, there are about



Turkish graduate student Doğukan Günaydın released from ICE custody

dents who were detained by ICE in March. Doğukan Günaydın, a UMN STEM graduate student from the Republic of Türkiye (Turkey) was released May 22. Mohammed Hoque, a MN State

remove immigrants from the country have affected sections of the local immigrant community. For example, a recent order from Trump removed "temporary protected status"

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CAPI table at Brooklyn Center

495,000 foreign-born Minnesotans, comprising temporary and permanent residents, naturalized US citizens, and the undocumented. Foreign-born residents comprise 9% of the state population, while nationally

ing that many of the remaining 25% are either children or adult college students on study visas, it means they are mostly lawfully employed. A significant number have vital jobs in agriculture, health care, academia,



A U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemaster III safely transported 823 Afghan citizen refugees from Hamid Karzai International Airport following the fall of Kabul, Aug. 15, 2021. (Photo/U.S. Air Force)

they account for close to 15% of all US residents.

The largest group of immigrants are Mexican, and, if you include other Spanish-speaking nationalities, Spanish is overwhelmingly the language other than English with the largest number of native speakers. Other significant national groups in the current immigrant population in Minnesota include those from Somalia, India, Ethiopia, Laos, Thailand, Kenya, Vietnam, China, and Liberia. See tinyurl.com/DKRatSSP-immigrants for all the details.

Compass says that about 75% of Minnesota's foreign born population has jobs. Consider-

and the hospitality industry, or they own and operate small businesses.



How we welcome immigrants

Here is a list of just some of the many cultural and welfare organizations active in Minnesota and providing support of all kinds to immigrant populations.

- Arrive Ministries arriveministries.org
- International Institute of MN iimn.org
- Immigrant Law Center of MN ilcm.org
- CAPI capiusa.org
- COPAL copalmn.org
- CLUES clues.org
- Confederation of Somali Community in MN (no website)
- SE Asian Refugee Community Home (SEARCH) facebook.com/SEARCH.MN.org
- Isuroon isuroon.org
- Oromo Community of MN oromocommunitymn.org
- MCC Refugee Services mnchurches.org
- Unidos <https://unidos-mn.org>
- MIRAC miracmn.com/resources

Additionally, the Twin Cities has many cultural centers oriented to various immigrant communities, such as Soomal House of Art, the Somali Museum, the Afghan Cultural Society of MN, the Ukrainian-American Community Center, Centro Cultural Chicano, and the BORIKEN Cultural Center.

MN schools have excellent programs for immigrant children or the American children of immigrant parents. There are many Spanish Immersion programs from pre-K to the university level, and also instruction in languages such as Somali, Hmong, and Karen (the only one in the nation.) Minnesotans welcome immigrants!



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Love Letter to MPD Police Chief, Brian O'Hara

BY ED FELIEN

I confess to a mild case of transference. My best friend, until his death last year, was Tony Bouza. He was Chief of Police for Minneapolis from 1980 to 1988. He was tough on cops and would not tolerate racist and inappropriate behavior from any of his officers. Keeping racist, redneck officers in line was not always easy. But Tony loved it.

I see the same zeal for an anti-racist and a "Protect and Serve" ethic in your administration of the MPD. It is a welcome change from business as usual.

I was distressed to read that you told the New York Post, "Here it's very, very ideological and a lot of times it's like reality and facts can't get through the filter. It's a very detached, bourgeois liberal mentality... It's bizarre."

Some of the City Council Members objected to your categorization. They seemed to feel you were painting them as far-left.

I, also, disagree with your categorization, but I think you were painting them as far-right and conservative by calling them bourgeois liberals.

A working majority on the Minneapolis City Council is aligned with Democratic Socialists of America. This is not a bourgeois liberal organization. This is a radical organization. It is radical in the Minnesota

sense of Governor Floyd B. Olson, who said at the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Association Convention in 1934, "I am what I want to be. I am a radical. I am not a liberal. I believe we need a definite change in the system."

That's the split that most people see.

The mayor is a bourgeois liberal—charming, sweet, eloquent and gorgeous, a tireless defender of the business-interests in Minneapolis—and the City Council DSA members are radicals—idealistic young people fumbling their way to their vision of a better world.

There's no reason why liberals and radicals can't work together. Bernie and Biden got along. Bernie supported Biden in the 2020 election, and Biden supported Bernie's ambitious legislative program in Congress. They had a solid working relationship.

A big fight between the Mayor and the City Council is on what's to be done with 38th and Chicago. The Mayor wants a dignified memorial and a return to normal traffic patterns. The radicals on the City Council want a pedestrian mall two blocks long and two blocks wide to commemorate the murder of George Floyd. They feel we're not doing enough to eliminate racism in the MPD, and we need a big permanent reminder of the work that still needs to be done.

That's where you could help. If you could demonstrate that you are actively working to eliminate racism in the MPD, then the City Council might accept that as the new normal and scale back their monumental resistance to normalizing traffic on Chicago Avenue and 38th Street.

As I'm sure you know, the City recently paid out more than a million dollars for the Wrongful Death of Terrance Franklin by officers in the MPD. A jury believed the evidence that proved Officers Durand and Lucas Peterson murdered Terrance Franklin in cold blood. The officers lied in their report of the incident. You need to set that record straight, correct that police report and, since there is no statutory limit on capital crimes, report that murder in a criminal complaint to the County Attorney.

You can prove to a skeptical City Council that you're very serious about eliminating racism in the MPD by acting to correct the racist cover-ups of past administrations.

You are the arm of justice for our city. You can help end the struggle over the proper symbolism to commemorate the murder of George Floyd by showing us that real actions are more significant than symbols. Symbols are thoughts and prayers, necessary as a prelude to action. But without action the prayers go unanswered. You have the power to make our prayers come true.

You could be our hero. And, then, we would love you forever.



Governor Floyd B Olson, "I am what I want to be. I am a radical. I am not a liberal."

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11th Ward race: Park Board up for election this November

BY ED FELIEN

The Mayor's race is the big one. After that, people notice candidates for City Council, and only after that, and only if they follow local government very closely, do they pay attention to Park Board candidates and candidates for the Board of Estimate and Taxation.

So far, it looks like there are only two candidates vying for the two seats on the BET, the incumbents, Steve Brandt and Samantha Gonzalez Pree-Stinson. Since there are no challengers, there's not much to talk about there.

I asked candidates for the Park Board the following question:

"The Nokomis-Hiawatha Regional Park Master Plan calls for reduced pumping of water from the golf course which will eventually flood most of the area and cause flooded basements in the surrounding neighborhood. The Director of Planning for the Park Board claims a reduction in pumping will allow the area to return to its natural state. But flooding in the area is a relatively recent phenomenon. In 1964, to impress his boss, Vice President Hubert Humphrey had the U S Corps of Army Engineers build a dam with a detachable weir that could be removed on Minnehaha Creek.

"It was a summer of drought. The creek had dried. But Hum-

phrey, the former Mayor of Minneapolis, had the fire hydrants opened in the neighborhoods that drained through the storm sewers into Lake Hiawatha. This raised the water level of Lake Hiawatha by more than five feet. When LBJ's plane landed he had the top portions of the weir removed and, in the midst of a drought, water gushed over Minnehaha Falls. There is a plaque at the bridge over the Falls to commemorate the Humphrey miracle.



"After the 'Humphrey miracle,' my parents had a continuing flooded basement in their home at 4213 29th Avenue and eventually had to replace their foundation as a direct result of the consequent increase in the water table.

"Would you support removal of the Humphrey Dam at 27th



Kedar Deshpande

Avenue?"

We received the following answers:

Kedar Deshpande:

"Dams reduce flooding, generate power and can benefit urban environments. Dams also alter ecosystems and can have negative effects on plants, wildlife and cities. If removing a dam could restore habitat and improve water quality without harming people and infrastructure, I would be supportive, but multiple agencies must also approve."

Dan Engelhart:

"I am generally opposed to Dams, Removal of this Dam seems to me the be the most logical path forward to stop the pumping and keep the golf course as the legacy golf course it is- so that's a tentative yes!"

Justin Cermak

"I think a new water solution is needed for the Hiawatha Golf Course and the Minneapolis watershed in general. Current proposals fail to meet any sort of clean water or groundwater solutions. I don't even let my dog swim in the lakes or Minnehaha Creek."

Meg Forney:

"YES, if the Minnehaha Watershed Creek District does. The dam is not within the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board system's purview. It is doubtful the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District will support



Adam Schneider

the dam's removal since both they as well as I support the Hiawatha Links Project."

Adam Schneider:

"Yes. I definitely support removal of the dam on Minnehaha Creek that is blocking water from leaving Lake Hiawatha."

Michael Wilson, candidate At Large:

"The middle of the dam is already gone. Removing what is left of the dam would not change the creekbed highpoint at the outflow and would have no impact on the overall water level. I support the long-term plan for Hiawatha Golf Course, but this warrants more discussion with staff."

I responded:

Thank you, Michael, for your response.

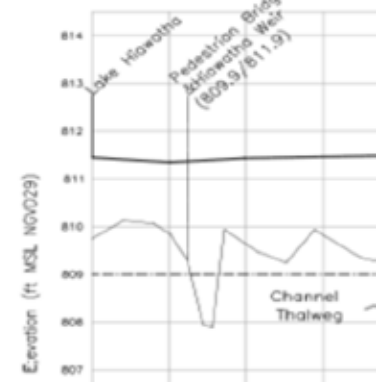
If, as you say, you believe removal of the dam would have no



Dan Engelhart (with Isis)

effect on the water level of the lake or on the water table for surrounding homes, then you would not be opposed to removing it, would you?

My reading of the Barr Engineering map suggests there would be at least a two-foot drop in the water level.



This profile seems to suggest there is at least a two foot high structure holding back water from Lake Hiawatha



You can see the post holes in the dam that held back five feet of water from Lake Hiawatha from the pedestrian bridges over Minnehaha Creek at 27th Avenue

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Sparks fly at DFL Ward Conventions

BY ED FELIEN

Where I grew up, around Roosevelt High School, folks in our corner of the City were considered very conservative, and folks around Kenwood and Loring Park were considered very liberal.

That's changed.

The 12th Ward DFL Convention rejected a challenge from a middle-of-the-road, law and order liberal in favor of an idealistic, we're going to change the world for the better, radical.

I have a special affection for Park Commissioner Becca Thompson. She was one of the minority on the Park Board to vote against the Hiawatha Plan that will flood neighborhoods around Lake Hiawatha. I have, for years, written about the dams on Minnehaha Creek blocking water from leaving Lake Hiawatha, thereby raising the water level of the lake and the water table for the surrounding community, but the Park Board staff refuse to listen. They dream of creating a new swamp, a bigger and better swamp than the Mud Lake that Theodore Wirth dredged in 1933. Wirth created a park, a swimming beach, a golf course and a lake with fish in it. Park Board staff think a mud hole will be much more attractive, and they've already spent more than a million dollars just talking about it.

The only time I asked for a meeting with a Twelfth Ward Council Member was when Andrew Johnson was in office. I wanted to talk to him about dredging Lake Hiawatha to remove the tons of sand that had accumulated there. Every winter the city spreads sand on the streets to give traction to cars. That sand washes into the storm sewers and eventually quite a bit of it ends up in Lake Hiawatha. This has reduced the depth of Lake Hiawatha from Wirth's 33 feet to a sandbar in

many places. Johnson brought in a couple of staff people who told me in no uncertain terms that they were returning the lake to its natural state—a mud hole.

The new Council Member for the Twelfth Ward, Aurin Chowdhury, had office hours once in a coffee shop last year. I stopped by and asked her about removing the sand from Lake Hiawatha. She smiled (a little too much, perhaps) and said, "I'll ask staff about it."

Clearly, she had been forewarned and armed against my pleading.

I know of two people, supporting opposing candidates, who submitted the same question to candidates at the DFL Twelfth Ward endorsing convention: "Would you get the Public Works Department to remove the sand and restore water quality to Lake Hiawatha?" The question never came up at the Convention, but it is a worthwhile question to pose here to the candidates aiming to represent the community surrounding Lake Hiawatha and I hope for an answer by June 20 for our July edition.

Chowdhury easily won the DFL endorsement, but Becca Thompson is challenging her in the November election.

Over in the Seventh Ward, by Lake of the Isles and Loring Park, things turned out quite differently.

There, Park Board Commissioner, Elizabeth Shaffer, another of the sane minority on the Park Board to vote against the flooding of South Minneapolis, was able to win 60.49% of the vote and the DFL endorsement for City Council against incumbent Katie Cashman. The landlord lobby, We Love Mpls, spent heavily to turn out their people for the caucuses and the ward convention in support of Shaffer. Cashman has a record of defending renters; she was also the author of an ordinance that



Aurin Chowdhury



Becca Thompson



Elizabeth Shaffe



Katie Cashman

makes it easier to convert empty office space downtown into apartments.

There were unusual fireworks in the Second Ward DFL Convention. Robin Wonsley, unquestionably the most eloquent and consistent defender of progressive causes on the City Council, didn't want the DFL endorsement, but she (or her supporters) didn't want anyone else to have it either. Some of the more conservative DFLers in the Second Ward sought a court order to delay the convention to a date when classes at the U would be over and students would have left. Thanks in part to the legal work of attorney Erin Emory, the convention was held as originally

scheduled, and supporters of Wonsley were able to block an endorsement of any challenger.

The Second Ward DFL has a history of not endorsing a candidate to run against a progressive incumbent. Cam Gordon, running as a Green Party candidate, represented the Second Ward for years. He says, "After I won against an endorsed DFL candidate they didn't endorse anyone the next four elections. They didn't even run anyone for the next three, which I won. I can't really take the credit, but I had some big fans within that party who definitely worked at it. One year they even passed a resolution supporting not running anyone against me at their convention."



Robin Wonsley

IN TRANSIT: Trump's birthday present

BY JOHN CHARLES WILSON

President Trump plans to have a military parade in Washington, DC on his birthday, June 14, which also is Flag Day. While he is giving himself this grandiose present, Metro Transit is giving the Twin Cities, especially South Minneapolis, the present of better bus service starting the same day.



This most important improvement is replacing the slow Route 21 on Lake Street with a new, faster METRO B Line, a Bus Rapid Transit line similar to the D Line on Chicago Avenue. Speed improvements come from several differences between Bus Rapid Transit and a local bus route. For example, you will never again have to wait in a long line at the front of the bus while people fish out change from their pockets to pay the fare. Instead, vending machines at the stops sell tickets, like they do for the Light Rail. You buy your ticket or tap your Go-To Card before you get on the bus. The

B Line will stop less often than Route 21, only at major intersections. There is a bus-only lane for westbound buses. While it would probably have been better to put bus-only lanes on both sides of the street, there was only room for one, and traffic congestion was worse in the westbound direction, so that's where they put it. Transit Signal Priority ensures that B Line buses don't get stuck at red lights as often. Combined, these changes should make riding the bus on Lake Street a less tedious experience.

Routes 23 (38th Street) and 612 (Hopkins) are being combined as new Route 38. This means people from the 38th Street area can now go to and

from Excelsior Boulevard, Hopkins, and the Opus 2 area of Minnetonka on one bus without transferring.

Route 7 (Minnehaha Avenue) is being streamlined to run faster, and frequency is being improved on weekends to once every half hour.

Route 27 (26th/28th Streets) is coming back after being suspended for COVID-19, but will be slightly different. It will run on Lake Street between 4th Avenue South and Uptown, and between Cedar Avenue and 27th Avenue South by the Wendy's and Aldi, while providing service to 26th and 28th Streets between Portland and Cedar Avenue. The purpose of this is to make up for the Lake Street

stops that the B Line will skip. I'm not sure how useful it will be, though, considering that it will run only once an hour.

Other routes which will have frequency improvements include the A Line (46th Street Light Rail station to Snelling Avenue in Saint Paul), Route 2 (Franklin Avenue), Route 10 (Central Avenue Northeast), and Route 11 (4th Avenue South).

Frustrated by the Green Line's slow service to Saint Paul? Good news: Route 94 is restoring its night and weekend service!

So, who gets the better deal? Washington, DC with its military parade, or the Twin Cities with better mobility for its residents? You decide.

Equity struggles not new at MPS

BY CLINT COMBS

Years before Donald Trump returned to the White House and began dismantling federal diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives, Minneapolis Public Schools was already chipping away at its own racial

Their work followed mounting complaints of mistreatment and inequity at the school, including reports from a social worker who said they were leaving due to discriminatory treatment.

But according to sources close to the situation, tensions escalated when Fitzgerald claimed

Despite that, the team was told they were no longer welcome at Anderson. “These were ongoing issues Tara was having before we ever came into the building,” said a source. “She tried to blame it on us.”

According to internal emails and staff accounts, the conflict grew more heated after Miller allegedly directed the ABAR team to meet with her and then-Superintendent Rochelle Cox without union representation. The team refused, citing their right to union support and the need for clarity on their roles. In their written response, they stated, “We will not be meeting with Rochelle and Alicia without MFT Union Representatives. There are moves being made that cannot occur without union approval.”

Miller, in turn, insisted that the meeting was mandatory and said it would lead to disciplinary action. “Barring an approved absence, you are to be in attendance at this meeting—sans union representation,” she wrote.

Derek Francis, Executive Director of Equity and School Climate, pushed back in a follow-up email, criticizing both the tone of Miller’s communications and the decision to exclude union reps. “It is hurtful, deflating and appalling that discipline and potential termi-

nation was even referenced to my teammates,” Francis wrote. “The team is all staff of color and includes staff members with upwards of 30+ years in MPS that we should push to retain.”

Witnesses later said Miller confronted Francis in a public setting, allegedly yelling at him in front of colleagues. In a joint statement, the ABAR team expressed concern over what they described as intimidation by district leadership. “How can

we retain, let alone recruit, staff of color when they are subjected to this type of harassment and intimidation from a Senior Human Resources Director?” they wrote. “She has caused irreparable harm to our team as well as our supervisors with the wielding of her power in an irresponsible, unethical manner.”

The internal controversy played out against a broader backdrop of community un-

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equity work. One flashpoint came during a storm of unrest at Anderson United Middle School, where efforts to address systemic racism clashed with district politics and leadership turmoil.

An investigation by the district’s Anti-Bias Anti-Racism (ABAR) team into reports of discrimination and school climate concerns was abruptly halted after then-Principal Tara Fitzgerald accused the team of violating data privacy laws, according to four sources familiar with the matter. The fallout, those sources said, prompted top district officials—including Human Resources Director Alicia Miller—to attempt to remove the ABAR team from the school, a move they characterized as an effort to silence work addressing systemic racism and supporting staff of color.

The ABAR team had been conducting surveys and meetings at Anderson United Middle School in an effort to assess school climate and address concerns raised by staff and students.

the ABAR team had violated the Tennessen Agreement, a legal requirement that individuals be notified when certain data is collected about them. The team denied any wrongdoing. “They tried to say we had violated the Tennessen agreement, which we didn’t,” one source said. “The district attorney agreed that we had not violated it. They pulled the survey results and found nothing that supported her claims.”



Maria Solanos speak to MPS Board on Jan. 9th demanding the removal of then Anderson Middle School Principal Tara Fitzgerald. (Photo/Clint Combs Southside Pride)

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BY DEBRA KEEFER RAM-AGE

The Avenue is great for coffee or breakfast

If you want to go out for breakfast or a coffee and snacks, Franklin Avenue will spoil you with choices. Norway House, 913 E. Franklin Ave., now has a full-service cafe with Scandinavian type coffee drinks, bakery items, and small plates. It's called the Kaffebar, and it serves things like a Norwegian charcuterie plate, cheese plate, hot dogs

in lefse, and skoleboller. On Thursdays there is a "hygge hour" with BOGO wine and beer and live music.

Maria's Cafe, 1113 E. Franklin, is a local favorite for breakfast and lunch. Find American style diner food, and also a Colombian breakfast featuring arepas in owner Maria Hoyos's Colombian style. See mariascafe.com for the interesting history of Maria's. Pow Wow Grounds at 1414 E. Franklin is a Native American run and themed coffee shop adjacent to All My Relations Art Gallery. It

features a chill vibe, art on the walls, and reasonable prices.

Gatherings Cafe has been the "food hall" of the Minneapolis American Indian Center since the beginning, but if you have not been there since their recent renovation, you're in for a pleasant surprise. Gatherings is in a whole new space with big windows open to the Avenue and a new menu, decolonized even more than before, but still very affordable. (See a mini-review in The Dish here tinyurl.com/yck4f7h7.)

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Services on the Avenue

Easily overlooked at the busy corner of Nicollet and Franklin, (but don't pass it by!) is one of the best veterinary practices in town, Pet Doctors. Dr. Bobbi Soule and her terrific staff have hundreds of glowing Google reviews. They also have an online store for pet health products.

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The Franklin Library, 1314 E. Franklin, is a historic place, being one of thirteen branch libraries established under the leadership of Gratia Countryman, the



Franklin Branch Library is on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places

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it hosts community events. On July 19 there will be live

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African drumming at 1 p.m., with dancing by performers wearing authentic costumes. The audience is invited to participate.

Art, books, and culture on the Avenue

All My Relations Arts (AMRA) is a project of the Native American Community Development Institute (NACDI), an art gallery specializing in Native American art. Their current exhibit is Creation.story, a group touring

show, co-curated by Keith Braveheart and David Meyer. The show features works by thirteen artists around the theme of Očhéthi Šakówiŋ creation stories, and runs through July 26. See allmyrelationsarts.org for more details.

Boneshaker Books is a collective-owned, volunteer-led, politically radical bookstore. Besides selling books, the store is a major repository for zines and has a consignment system. They also have a medium-sized meeting room available for free on a signup basis, and



The Playwrights' Center supports playwrights and promotes plays. (Photo/pwcenter.org)

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Northern Clay Center has been at 2424 E. Franklin Avenue since 1990. It is now a highly respected and stable arts organization in this arty town. They offer group and private classes in ceramics and related areas to people of all ages over five, including "clay camp" in the summer. They have open studio for trained adults and also offer assistance with grants and scholarships.



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Retail shopping on the Avenue

Bench Pressed is a relatively new business located just off of Franklin at 2010 26th Avenue. It presents itself as a gift shop and stationery store. That “gift shop” part can cover a lot of ground, but Bench Pressed is wild. You will see things there you won’t see most other places and you will want them. Their stationery

and other printed products are made onsite, as it is also a letterpress print shop.

Electric Fetus, 2000 4th Avenue South, is one of the grand old Twin Cities shops for vinyl and other recorded music. They sell new and used records and CDs, and

they pay top dollar for used vinyl, CDs and DVDs. Plus an extra 50% more than cash if you choose store credit. I don’t know for sure, but I think they may be the only record store that has a happy hour (\$5 worth of used vinyl with every \$20 of new vinyl purchased during the HH.) They have a lot more, including a high-functioning website, a Prince section and, of course, merch.

We mentioned All My Relations and Pow Wow Grounds above. These two institutions on Franklin share an address with Four Sisters Farmers’ Market, which is held in the adjacent parking lot on Thursdays from June to the end of October, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Four Sisters is associated with both a small farm and an urban growers co-op of the same name, and with the youth food self-sufficiency program Dream of Wild Health. There are also many other vendors involved with information, crafts, herbal products, and other wares to sell.



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Near the northern end of Nicollet Avenue there stands a beautiful old building that embodies some of the best values of Minnesotans - religion-based but nondoctrinaire, justice-oriented but also with attention to the arts and personal growth, liberal in the best sense of that oft-abused word.

This is Plymouth Congregational Church, an entity of which you may have heard more than usual lately because its lead minister, Rev. Dr. DeWayne Davis, is running for mayor of Minneapolis. Plymouth Congregational, which was founded by 18 members in 1857, now resides in a beautiful stone edifice built in 1909 located at 1900 Nicollet Avenue. It houses one of the most famous organs in the world, and its organist and internationally acclaimed music director is Philip Brunelle, founder of Vocal Essence. The congregation founded Groveland Food Shelf, Beacon Inter-

faith Housing, and other notable nonprofits; it also houses the Conn Theater, a performing arts venue that has hosted the Gilbert and Sullivan Very Light Opera and St. Paul's Youth Performance Company.

Across the street from the church is Old School by Steeple People, a thrift store that is the mission of another large old liberal Protestant church, Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church. This store, which City Pages chose as the Cities' best in 2018, dates back to 1979, but moved to its current location of 1901 Nicollet Avenue in 2018.

Simpson Housing Services (Simpson HS) Shelter is now temporarily located a few blocks away from where it used to be. The current location of the shelter is 128 W 33rd Street in a Lutheran church building. The Simpson UMC congregation, located in a 100+ year old building on 28th Street just east of Nicollet, went inactive a few years ago and transferred the building to Simpson HS, the nonprofit it had created earlier. As a shelter, the building had ceased to be adequate. Their

website reports that Simpson HS is rebuilding a new shelter along with affordable housing on the church site. It will include 72 shelter beds, 42 supportive homes, a health clinic,

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One of the many wellness sites on Nicollet Avenue

Wellness Paradigm, at 4450 Nicollet Avenue, is an incubator and setting for various kinds of natural healing. It was founded by multidisciplinary healer Kinshasha Kambui and business development and administration expert Sindiswa Georgiades. If Kambui’s name sounds familiar to you, it’s because she hosted a natural health show on KFAI radio for decades.

In addition, the site also holds a collective of other natural healers, offering services such as affordable massage, naturopathy, cranio-sacral therapy, Quantum Neuro Reset (QNRT), Reiki, physical therapy and counseling. You can see a list of current therapists at paradigmofwellness.com/practitioners.

Places to eat and drink on Nicollet Avenue - Eat Street and beyond

Ichiddo Ramen, 2710 Nicollet, is a nationwide chain, but unlike most chains, they make almost everything on the menu from scratch, including ramen and other types of noodles and

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Sen Reed, Khue Pham, Charles Truong, Heather Mandanas, and Ann Mcroy (not pictured) are the siblings running Quang Restaurant (Photo/Rebecca Slater/Eater Twin Cities)



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complex broths to go with them. The menu goes far beyond ramen: go to minneapolis.ichiddo.com to see the options.

Quang Restaurant, 2719 Nicollet, is one of Minneapolis's favorite Vietnamese restaurants. You don't have to know its origin story to enjoy the delights of its food offerings, but the story is a delight in itself. A brief history of founder Lung Tran is told on the website (quang-restaurant.com) but also read this great piece in the Star Tribune, tinyurl.com/DKRatSSP-chefmoms, for the follow-up story of Tran's daughter, Khue Pham, and Pham's son, chef Eric Pham of Khue's Kitchen (along with three other

pairs of chefs and their moms with similar stories.)

Tammy Wong's farm-supporting, award-winning Rainbow Chinese, 2739 Nicollet, is also one of the popular old stalwarts of Eat Street (Nicollet Avenue from Franklin to the Midtown Greenway.) Their bar is open Wednesday through Sunday, 4 - 9 p.m., and they're open for dining Thursday through Sunday, the same hours.

Hola Arepa, 3501 Nicollet Avenue, was originally a food truck. In fact it was one of the earliest Minneapolis food trucks, launched in 2011 by a self-trained chef, Christina Nguyen and her fiancé, now spouse, Birk Grudem. The restaurant opened in 2014, and the couple went on to open a



Icehouse is a live music venue

branch in NE Minneapolis, and then Hai Hai, a fine dining (but funky) restaurant featuring

Nguyen's Vietnamese cuisine as well as other SE Asian street foods. Nguyen won the James Beard award Best Chef, Midwest in 2024.



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At 1333 Nicollet Mall you can go to Roxy's Cabaret and Nicollet Diner, for entertainment ranging from Drag Show Sunday Brunch to one of the Twin Cities' favorite Karaoke nights. A big draw of Nicollet Diner is that it's open 24 hours with 24 hour breakfast and a full bar from 8 - 2 a.m., a true rarity in this city of early birds and health nuts.

Icehouse, in the middle of Eat Street at 2528 Nicollet Avenue, is a more traditional venue with quite traditional food, but it still can get pretty wild, showcasing a very diverse group of musicians and performers. You can go to Icehouse just for dinner (starting at 6 p.m.) or just for a show without dinner, or for brunch on Saturday and Sunday (10 a.m. - 3 p.m.). There are also dance parties and other musical treats without food service. Ticket sales will tell you what will be available.

A list of random June events shows the breadth and variety:

- Sunday, June 8, "Dead on the Block" brunch show at 2 p.m. with full food and drink available. Features Grateful Dead tributes from Dosh, Grateful Gals, Eddie Christmas, and more.

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Nicollet Avenue's diverse retail offerings

Marigold NA Bottle Shop is a unique store operated by the owner of Honeycomb Salon next door. They have a huge array of zero proof spirits, nonalcoholic wine and beer, mixers, bitters, functional drinks, and THC drinks. They also sell beauty products and merch.

Hot Comics and Collectibles is a favorite source for the serious connoisseur of comics and related collectibles. They are located in the Hub shopping center in Richfield at 26 W. 66th Street. They are part of a small local chain, with other stores in North Minneapolis and Jordan.

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small businesses and agencies that dot Eat Street and other stretches of Nicollet Avenue. Tang has been with Farmer's for over a decade, keeps office hours to 7:30 p.m., and speaks Chinese, English, Hmong, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

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EVENTS

Queermunity Pride Season

June 1 - July 13

3036 Hennepin Ave., Mpls

A series of unique and inclusive events designed to center LGBTQ+ individuals and allies—particularly those often marginalized in main-stream Pride celebrations—the six-week programming series is expected to serve over 2,500 people. All events are open to the public, with no membership required. The lineup highlights Queermunity's commitment to accessibility, intergenerational connection, and cultural relevance for diverse queer and trans communities, including Deaf, disabled, neurodivergent, BIPOC, and elder populations. Unless noted, all events are intergenerational and open to LGBTQ+ individuals and allies.

For details, go to queermunitymn.com

Sabbath Queen

June 3, 7 to 9:15 p.m.

The Main Cinema

115 SE Main St., Mpls

Sabbath Queen, a feature documentary filmed over 21 years, follows Rabbi Amichai Lau-Lavie's epic journey as the dynastic heir of

38 generations of Orthodox rabbis including the Chief Rabbis of Israel. He is torn between rejecting and embracing his destiny and becomes a drag-queen rebel, a queer bio-dad and the founder of Lab/Shul — an everybody-friendly, God-optional, artist-driven, pop-up experimental congregation.

Sabbath Queen joins Amichai on a lifelong quest to creatively and radically reinvent religion and ritual, challenge patriarchy and supremacy, champion interfaith love, and stand up for peace, ceasefire, and an end to the Occupation in Israel/Palestine. The film interrogates what Jewish survival means in a difficult rapidly changing 21st century. Post-screening Q&A with Director Sandi Du-Bowski. Event Link: mspfilm.org/show/sabbath-queen/

The Gold Experience

June 4, 7:30 to 11:59 p.m.

The Woman's Club Of Minneapolis

410 Oak Grove St., Mpls

Get ready to experience the magic, the mystery, and the music of Prince! Join us for The Gold Experience, our fifth and final party with a purpose, as we celebrate the legacy of the one and only Purple Genius. This year, we're turning up the energy with the glitz, the glam, and a whole lot of

Gold vibes!

In the spirit of Prince's philosophy, we're honoring his commitment to giving back. A portion of the proceeds will benefit The Purple Playground, continuing our tradition of supporting causes close to Prince's heart.

Before Chicago Avenue:

A Celebration of Native Artists

June 7, 1 to 4 p.m.

4054 Chicago Ave. Mpls

Z Puppets Rosenschnoz presents a free festival of family-friendly fun by local Native American artists. Outdoors and indoors, people of all ages can come by the corner of 41st Street & Chicago Ave. to enjoy live music, performance and video screenings, hands-on puppet making and screen printing stations, and visual art by Twin Cities' Indigenous artists. For more information, go to zpuppets.org

Six McKnight Artists Exhibition

June 7 - Aug 17, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Northern Clay Center

2424 Franklin Avenue E Mpls

NCC's annual Six McKnight Artists exhibition will provide the unique opportunity to view works by the 2024 recipients of the McKnight Artist Fellowship for Ceramic Artists. The McKnight Foundation, a Minnesota-based family foundation, advances a more just, creative, and abundant future where people and planet thrive. Established in 1953, the McKnight Foundation is deeply committed to advancing climate solutions in the Midwest; building an equitable and inclusive Minnesota; and supporting the arts and culture in Minnesota, neuroscience, and global food systems.

ROOTS, ROCK, & DEEP BLUES XII - Music & Arts Festival

June 7, 2 p.m.

The Hook and Ladder Theater & Lounge

3010 Minnehaha Ave, Mpls

Award winning music, food and arts festival features an eclectic mix of the best local, regional and national entertainment across seven stages, and a wide variety of local craft food and beverages.

History on Two Wheels:

Inside Historic Fort Snelling and to the Upper Post

Jun 12, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Historic Fort Snelling

200 Tower Ave, Saint Paul

Bring your bike to Historic Fort Snelling and embark on a captivating tour between two great rivers. Pedal through time and picturesque landscapes, touring the land to learn about the site's significance. You'll be led to several stops in and around the historic fort as well as to the newly renovated Upper Post for a unique peek into Minnesota's role in world conflicts. Join us for a remarkable 90-minute, 3-mile journey into the past over easy, mostly level terrain. Complete information at mnhs.org/events

Glitter & Be Gay – in the USA

June 13 and 14, 7 p.m.

Bryant Lake Bowl

810 W. Lake St. Mpls

With maestro Franco Holder at the piano, Broadway and Pride collide in a dazzling cabaret celebration. Ginger ransacks the musical theatre repertoire for its most liberating, camp-tastic, and fabulously queer

treasures – stoking your hope, melting your butter, and leaving you glowing in the joy of being perfectly, Mistress Ginger is a Juilliard-trained performer based in the Twin Cities. With a passion for storytelling through song, she has brought her cabaret magic to stages across the Twin Cities. And she can cook, too! Her cookbook, Mistress Ginger Cooks: Everyday Vegan Food for Everyone, was published in 2014. To learn more, visit mistressginger.com. Tickets are \$18 in Advance / \$22 at the Door. Doors open at 6 p.m. Online ticket sales end at 5pm.

Stone Arch Bridge Festival

June 14, 10 a.m. tp 7 p.m.

June 15, 10 a.m. tp 5 p.m.

124 West River Pkwy, Mpls

The festival grounds will span the riverfront area on W. River Parkway from 11th Ave S to N. 4th Avenue. The Stone Arch Bridge is committed to providing a platform for artists to sell their work, and the community to gather safely. More than 200 artists and culinary artists will participate with a broad spectrum of artistic mediums.

No Kings Day of Defiance Twin Cities

June 14, 11 a.m.

Gather at Saint Paul College

The Hands Off Coalition of Women's March MN, Indivisible Twin Cities, MN 50501 and the AFL-CIO MN want to invite you to attend the Twin Cities metro area No Kings Day of Defiance event on June 14!

- 11 a.m. - Gather at Saint Paul College (235 Marshall Ave, St Paul)
- Noon - March from Saint Paul College to the MN State Capitol
- 1 p.m. - Rally at the MN State Capitol Mall and Rotunda for

inspiring speakers and performers, to bands and activities for all ages NO KINGS is a national day of action and mass mobilization in response to increasing authoritarian excesses and corruption from Trump and his allies. We've watched as they've cracked down on free speech, detained people for their political views, threatened to deport American citizens, and defied the courts. They've done this all while continuing to serve and enrich their billionaire allies. We hope you will join us

ABBA Drag Brunch with

Sasha Cassadine & Friends

Jun 15, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

American Swedish Institute

2600 Park Ave. S, Mpls

Celebrate Pride in style at ASI's first-ever ABBA Drag Brunch! Don't miss this special event celebrating Queer culture featuring Sasha Cassadine and her crew. Tickets admit you to FIKA Café's fabulous brunch buffet (including vegan options). Coffee, mimosas, and more are available for purchase. Come in your most iconic outfit and bring dollar bills to tip the queens!

Heatbox Father's Day Festival

June 15, 4 p.m.

Hook and Ladder Theater and Lounge

3010 Minnehaha Av., Mpls

A special family friendly Heatbox Father's Day Festival with special guests and lots of surprises! Heatbox, aka The One Man Entertainment System, is a Minneapolis based funky beatboxing loop artist, video game show host, voice over

actor, and computer programmer. He has performed with or in front of many of the world's biggest musical acts, and wowed crowds on some of the biggest stages and talent shows.

Juneteenth with the Minnesota Orchestra

June 19, 7p.m.

Orchestra Hall

1111 Nicollet Mall, Mpls

At Orchestra Hall this Juneteenth, hear stirring pieces written and performed by Black artists alongside the Minnesota Orchestra. Guests are also invited to explore a vibrant curated vendor space in the lobby, featuring ten African American-owned businesses. Support local Black entrepreneurs and experience the powerful intersection of music, culture and community.

Minnesota Street Rod Association's Back To The Fifties Weekend

June 20-22

Fri and Sat: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sun: 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Minnesota State Fairgrounds

See nearly 10,000+ street rods, customs, classics, and restored vehicles, all dating from 1964 and earlier. NEW for 2025: MSRA is thrilled to serve as the Official Start location of the 2025 Hemmings Great Race presented by Coker Tire. The Great Race is a competitive, controlled-speed endurance road rally on public highways. MSRA Back to the Fifties will welcome 130 teams of antique, vintage, and collector cars as they begin to arrive at the Fairgrounds on Saturday morning. A ceremony will take place at 11:45 a.m., leading into the Official Start of The Great Race. The teams will then embark on the nine-day, 2,300+ mile race, finishing in Irmo, South Carolina.

A Monarch's Journey: Making art for climate resilience

June 21, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Midtown Farmers Market

2225 E Lake Street, Mpls

Join Curiosity Studio for free art activations for climate resiliency! Materials for all will be provided. Participation is free and appropriate for all ages. Instructions and information will be provided in English and Spanish. No advance registration required!

The People I See Are A Part Of Me

June 21, 10 to 11 a.m.

Minnehaha Falls Park Pavilion

4825 Minnehaha Ave., Mpls

Get ready for FREE, interactive dance and poetry! DanceCo presents "The People I See Are A Part Of Me," a captivating dance adventure for all ages. Join Alra on a journey of friendship, compassion, and courage through dynamic dance theater created by choreographer Karla Nweje. Before the 45-minute performance, kids can learn interactive movements that are part of the show, with exciting opportunities to join the dancers on stage! Free.

Steps & Sips, Choreography Workshop & Showcase

June 21, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Minnesota Dance Theatre

528 Hennepin Ave. Mpls

Hosted by internationally-acclaimed choreographer Gemma Bond, from American Ballet Theatre (ABT) and The Royal Ballet. Gemma has choreographed for dance companies around the world, including American Ballet Theatre, Sarasota

La Penultima (With A Rose In Its Eye) Book Reading by Elaine Klaassen



On Tuesday evening, June 10, at 6 p.m., Elaine Klaassen will read from her surrealistic auto-biography, "La Penultima (With A Rose In Its Eye)" at Boneshaker Books in South Minneapolis.

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Ballet, Atlanta Ballet, Ballet National de Cuba, The Royal Ballet, and The Washington Ballet. mndance.org

5th Annual Poetry and Jazz in the Sacred Ground
June 21, 2 p.m.
Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery
2945 Cedar Avenue S., Mpls

This year's event brings together award-winning poets Donna Isaac (author of "In the Tilling"), Dralandra Larkins (author of "Before I Lie") and Patrick Cabello Hanse (author of "Breathing in Minneapolis," among other collections). Local poets who've written a poem about ancestors are welcome to sign up for an open mic. Music will be provided by Larry McDonough on keyboard and Richard Terrill on saxophone. There is free parking in the cemetery and refreshments will be served.

Opera Under the Stars with Overdressed
June 21, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

425 West River Pkwy, Mpls
Come see our super popular variety show filled with opera, musical theater, and more! The show runs 1.5 hours with a 10 minute intermission. Bring you lawn chair and a picnic. See you there!

FIGHT! For Your Civil Rights!
June 22, 2 p.m.
The Hook and Ladder Theater & Lounge

3010 Minnehaha Ave, Mpls
The Minnesota Music Resistance presents our inaugural awareness and fundraising event - Fight for YOUR Civil Rights The Minnesota Music Resistance uses music, good trouble and grassroots, collective activism to raise resources and to support and connect communities.

We are committed to human rights, inclusion and the fight against authoritarianism that threatens all of our livelihoods and existence.

Leading Ladies: Divas of Broadway
June 22, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Ordway Center for the Performing Arts

345 Washington St, St. Paul
She's back! Join TCGMC and Broadway star, Britney Coleman, at the Ordway Concert Hall for Leading Ladies! A little bit beauty and a little bit beast, this concert explodes with the music of Broadway sung by the biggest divas to grace the stage. "Let us entertain you" with songs from Gypsy, Into the Woods, Chicago, Wicked, Shucked!, Big Fish, Sound of Music, and more! We dare you not to sing along. To purchase tickets, please visit tcgmc.org. Founded in 1981, Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus (TCGMC) is an award-winning chorus that has built a solid reputation for musical excellence and dynamic programming.

Free Train Day
June 28, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

James J. Hill House
240 Summit Avenue, St. Paul
All aboard for FREE all-ages fun! Celebrate railroad history in the impressive mansion of railway tycoon James J. Hill, with an all-day slate of activities, exhibits, and musical performances. Food trucks - Kids train tables - Train-themed crafts and activities - Live music - Selfie station - Victorian lawn games - So much more! The house will be open 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday. No guided tours will be available during Train Day; however, the home will be available for self-guided exploration. Free.

American Craft Fest St. Paul
June 28, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
June 29, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Union Depot

214 4th St. E., St. Paul
American Craft Fest St. Paul is the summer's best opportunity to discover craft from across the region! Participate in fun, hands-on activities for all ages led by local arts organizations, shop handmade work by more than 50 early career artists, and enjoy food and beverages from local vendors. This event is free and open to the public. Advance registration is suggested.

Soul Food Festival
June 28, 4 to 8 p.m.
Farmers Market Annex of Minneapolis

200 E Lyndale Ave N., Mpls
Celebrate community, culture, and the rich flavors of soul food at this can't-miss event. Come hungry and bring your family and friends for a day full of good vibes and unforgettable tastes from around the World! What to Expect:
- Delicious variety of foods from local chefs and vendors
- Live music and entertainment
- Family-friendly fun and activities
- Community connection and celebration

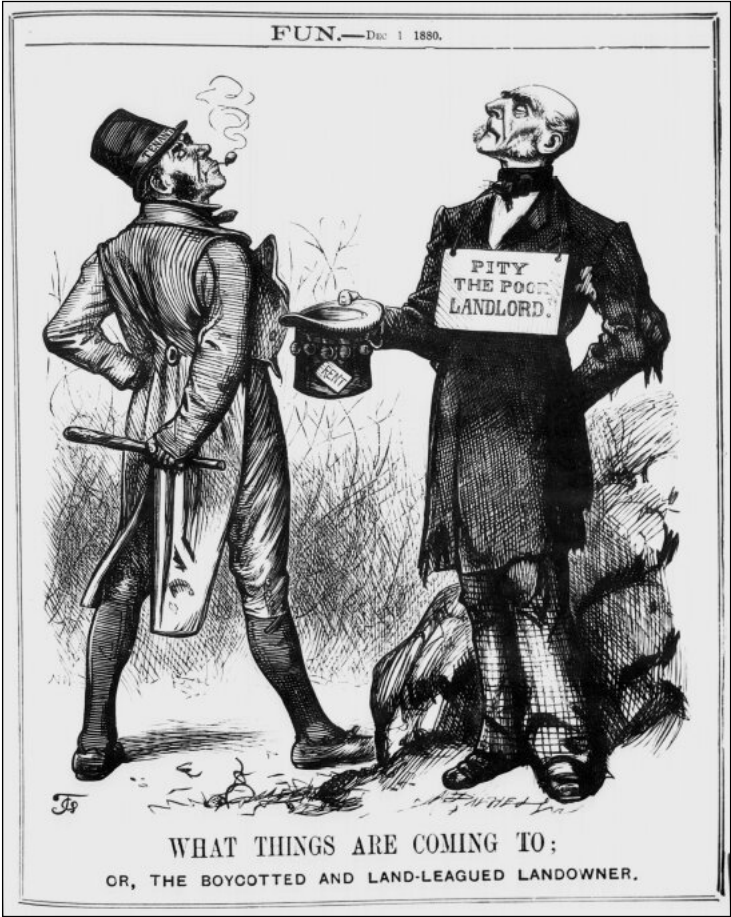
Cult Cinema Classics Presents: Romy and Michelle's High School Reunion
June 29, 7 to 10 p.m.

Roxy's Cabaret
1333 Nicollet Mall, Mpls
Two dim-witted friends head to their ten-year high school reunion, spinning an elaborate lie to impress their classmates. Every Sunday, we gather at Roxy's Cabaret to enjoy a classic

cult cinema film with free entry and popcorn.

AMER-I-CAN Drop Dead Dead Gorgeous Drag Brunch
July 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Roxy's Cabaret
1333 Nicollet Mall Mpls
Welcome to the AMER-I-CAN Drop Dead Dead Gorgeous Drag Brunch

Get ready for a fabulous time filled with glamour, entertainment, and delicious food. This event is all about celebrating diversity, beauty, and self-expression. Whether you're a seasoned drag enthusiast or a newcomer to the scene, you're sure to have a blast at the AMER-I-CAN Drop Dead Dead Gorgeous Drag Brunch.



'Pity the poor landlord' — British cartoon (1 December, 1880) showing a landlord in shabby clothes begging for rent from an Irish tenant. See more thoughts about landlords on page 25,



NEIGHBORHOOD EDITION

Southside Pride is a monthly community newspaper delivered on the first Tuesday of each month to convenient locations in and around our Southside communities. We are proud of the racial and cultural diversity of the Southside, and we oppose racism and other efforts to keep us apart as a community.

If you want to share some news of your church, school or organization, please write us at:

Southside Pride

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EVENTS

Diamond Lake Lutheran
5760 Portland Ave. S., Mpls.
612-866-2579/dllc.org
South Minneapolis Day Camp
June 16-20
Diamond Lake Lutheran is the host congregation for this long-standing south Minneapolis multi-church day camp, sponsored by more than a dozen congregations. These days of faith formation are fun, safe, and Christ-centered with worship, crafts, music, and games. Day Camp is for children and youth entering kindergarten through high school, with a separate middle school track and opportunities for high school leadership with the younger kids. The registration fee is on a sliding scale, allowing you to choose an amount that works best for your family. To learn more please visit: <https://www.smplsdaycamp.org>

Living Spirit
4501 Bloomington Ave. S., Mpls.
612-721-5025
livingspiritumc.org
Read Banned Books:
You're invited to join a small group reading selections from Read These Banned Books! This group meets at the [Hosmer branch library](#) in room 103 or 104. If you're coming directly from another commitment, we do have permission to eat and drink in the room, so bring what you need and join us! Talk to Carol Jorgenson or Stephanie Richardson for more details.

Lakewood Cemetary
3600 Hennepin Ave., Mpls.
612-822-2171

Lakewoodcemetery.org
Music in the Chapel Series LAAMAR
For full schedule and Ticket information go to; lakewoodcemetery.org/events-calendar/music-in-chapel/
Music in the Chapel: Cantus
June 5, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Historic Memorial Chapel
\$40. in advance, \$50 at the door.
Yoga
June 7, 8 a.m. - 9 a.m.
Welcome Center
Free, no registration
Lakewood Trolley Tour
June 12, 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Lakewood Cemetery \$20
Lakewood Cemetery is launching its first ever Artist in Residence program with 4 amazing artists! To learn more about the program and see upcoming artists' projects, visit Lakewood's website at: <https://www.lakewoodcemetery.org>

Minnesota Council of Churches
mcc@mncchurches.org
612-870-3600
Clueless Addiction: Disengaging from Racism in White and Black Churches
June 16, noon - 1 p.m., online
Addiction to white supremacy is present in not only white but also Black churches. Rev. Pamela Ngunjiri will present research and analysis from her D.Min on this addiction, our cluelessness, and how the bodies of Christ can overcome it. Register to receive the Zoom link.
Faith communities, noncooperation and civil disobedience
Protect Democracy regularly publishes toolkits for faith communities to defend the pluralist democracy that allows faith to flourish in the United States, highlighting our history of prosocial activism and providing a roadmap for continued engagement in the civic sphere. Find

the Faithful Fight toolkit on noncooperation and civil disobedience, as well as other topics.

St. Albert the Great E.
29 St. and 32 Ave. S. Mpls.
612-724-3643
saintalbertthegreat.org
Our annual rummage sale returns
June 5 - 7 in our Social Hall
Thurs - Fri: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat: 9:00am - 1:00pm (Bag Day)
• Our cafe will be open, including a \$5 hot dog meal deal during lunch.
• We will not have furniture or large items this year.
• Cash or check ONLY.
• Bag Day is Saturday - we provide the bags! Some exclusions apply.
Summer Music Series
Vocalist Maud Hixson & Pianist Rick Carlson perform the Pillars of the Great American Songbook in the gorgeous acoustics of our church.
June 22: 1:30. Irving Berlin
\$20 at the door: cash or check

Saint Joan of Arc Catholic Community
4537 3rd Ave. S. Mpls.
612-823-8205
2024-2025 Concert Series
Information at <https://www.saintjoanofarc.org/concert-series>

Plymouth Congregation Church,
1900 Nicolett Ave.S. Mpls.
612-871-7400

Book Study: The Serviceberry
June 3, 24, July 8 – 6:30 p.m.
Full-day, off-site, TBD by participants
This is a group inquiry into the concepts of gift economies offered in the ServiceBerry book. We will use intentional curiosity to help us understand and consider this economic structure, which has been used for over 200,000 years.
www.plymouth.org

Minnehaha United Methodist Church
3701 E. 50th St., Mpls
Taizé Service
With all that is going on around us, it is important to slow down and make sure we are feeding our souls and listening for God periodically. Take an opportunity for renewal through prayer, song and silence at our monthly Taizé services. We will be live-streaming our services, so you can catch Taizé from your home (or cabin or wherever you are) in real time, or anytime you want.
www.minnehaha.org

Welcome refugees by donating household supplies!
The Minnesota Council of Churches has welcomed hundreds of new arrivals to Minnesota. We're looking for your support in creating welcome kits to greet them. One easy way to support us is by donating hygiene and household products. We have set up gift registries with Amazon and Target with items included in every welcome kit. If you already have supplies that you are looking to donate, feel free to bring them by our offices, located at 122 Franklin Ave. W., Ste. 100, Mpls. Donation guidelines and links to our wish-lists are available at <https://mncchurches.org/ways-help/give-items>.

Central Lutheran's Free Store needs donations!
Restoration Center at Central Lutheran Church
333 S. 12th St., Mpls.
The Free Store is a critical community resource that allows guests to shop for what they need at no cost. Items especially needed: blankets, towels, sheets, kitchenware and

clothing. Donations accepted from 4th Ave. loading dock, Sunday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Press the call button and someone will come to help you. All donated items should be clean and in good condition. Questions? Call 612-870-4416.

Messiah Lutheran Church
2400 Park Ave. S. Mpls.
messiahlutheranmpls.org
We have found yet another use for the Messiah Church Van—providing transportation for shopping to anyone needing it! This van service is by reservation—so if you are in need of transportation for shopping, please contact the Messiah Church office at 612-871-8831.

SHARING FOOD

Soup for You! Café
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
2730 E. 31st St. Mpls. 612-978-7974
Monday - Friday
noon to 1 p.m. – Lunch
Wednesday
noon to 1 p.m. – Groceries
More information on our Facebook page or at <https://soupforyou.info/>.

Calvary Emergency Food Shelf
3901 Chicago Ave., Mpls.
612-827-2504, ext. 3
The Calvary Food Shelf has returned to 3901 Chicago Ave. now that the building renovations are completed. The Food Shelf will continue its mission of providing access to fresh, nutritious food for the community. Call 612-827-2504, ext. 3 for more information.

See Sharing Food page 23

The Southside Religious Community Welcomes You

[Bahá'í](#)
BAHÁ'Í CENTER OF MINNEAPOLIS
3644 Chicago Ave. S., 612-823-3494
Assembly@minneapolisbahai.org
Devotions at the Bahá'í Center and via Zoom, Sundays 10 a.m., and Tuesdays via Zoom 6:30 pm
See www.minneapolisbahai.org
So powerful is the light of unity that it can illuminate the whole earth.
-Baha'u'llah

[Christian](#)
CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
3901 Chicago Ave. S.
612-827-2504 or
www.clchurch.org
Sunday Worship at 10 a.m.
Pastor Jenny Sung
A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

DIAMOND LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH
5760 Portland Ave. S.
612.866-2579
dllc.org
Regular Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m., followed by Congregational Fellowship Hour 10:45 a.m.
Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf
Vibrant, progressive, multigenerational congregation of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America). The congregation is one focused on justice and joy, in relationship and connection to the wider community.
Ice Cream on the Lawn
Wednesday, June 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
The community is invited for frozen

treats on the lawn of Diamond Lake Lutheran Church. Free and all are welcome!

FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
3430 E. 51st St.
612-729-5463
www.faithlutheranmpls.org
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. and online on Facebook
www.facebook.com/felcmpls/
Blind ministry
June 21, noon to 2 p.m.
AA group - Mondays 6:30 p.m.
Senior Exercise Class - Mondays 10 a.m.
NA groups - Tuesdays 7 p.m. and Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)
1720 E. Minnehaha Pkwy.
holycrossmpls.org
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m.
An inclusive community encouraging lives of service.

LIVING SPIRIT
4501 Bloomington Ave.
612-721-5025
Multicultural/United Methodist Justice — Generosity — Faith
Worship Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
Anytime: livingspiritumc.org/watch

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
The Center for Changing Lives
2400 Park Ave. S., 612-871-8831

www.messiahlutheranmpls.org
Sunday 9 a.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday 11 a.m. Praise Worship (Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sunday)
Sunday 12:30 p.m. Fellowship

MINNEHAHA COMMUNION LUTHERAN
4101 37th Ave. S. • 612-722-9527
www.minnehahacommunion.org
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. in person & online
12-step groups Tuesday through Friday evenings (see website for more info)
Pastor Kyle Anderson
Reconciling in Christ Congregation Handicapped Accessible

NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH – ELCA
5300 10th Ave. S.
612-825-6846
www.nokomisheights.org
Bilingual (English/Spanish) Sunday worship, 10 a.m. in sanctuary. Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays.
Adult Forum and Sunday School at 9 a.m.
Sunday worship is recorded live for viewing on Monday mornings on Facebook and YouTube.
Loaves & Fishes free meals-to-go, every Wednesday evening, 5 to 6 p.m. Pick up from the 53rd Street door at Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church, 5300 10th Ave S.

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612-724-3643
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Weekend Masses
Saturday 5 p.m.
Sunday 9:30 a.m.
(also live-streamed on Facebook)
Sunday 12 noon
Weekday Masses M, T, TH, F at 8:15 am in the Chapel
Pastor: Fr. Joe Gillespie, O.P.

SAINT JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
www.stjoan.com,
4537 Third Ave. Mpls.
(612) 823-8205
Saturday, 5 p.m. in the Church
Sunday, 7:45 a.m. in the Church, 9 & 11 a.m. in the gym
Video available on our website and Facebook page

TRINITY LUTHERAN CONGREGATION
Augsburg College, Hoversten Chapel, Riverside & 22nd Aves.
Office: 2001 Riverside Ave. Mpls.
612-333-2561
trinitylutherancongregation.org
Sunday, Adult Forum 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Pastor: Jane Buckley-Farlee

SECOND CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, MINNEAPOLIS
1822 Hennepin Avenue
612-377-5668
Secondchurchminneapolis.com

Join us in-person or online for Sunday and Wednesday church services.
Sunday Service and Sunday School for ages 3 to 20, 10 a.m.
Wednesday's Service with testimonies of healing through prayer, 7:30 p.m.
Child care is provided for small children at all services.
The Christian Science Reading Room and bookstore is open 7 days a week. To learn more about Christian Science, online services, events, and Reading Room hours, please visit our website.

[International Society for Krishna Consciousness](#)
ISKCON MINNESOTA TEMPLE
4000 Minnehaha Avenue
Minneapolis MN 55406
www.iskconminnesota.org
Monday through Friday - Open 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Sunday Temple Service 4:30 to 7 p.m. (Kirtan, Dharma talk, free vegetarian feast)
Wednesday Night Wisdom Talk 7 to 8 p.m.
All are welcome; we practice Bhakti Yoga, devotional service to God, stop by and see what it's all about.



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Saint Joan Of Arc Catholic Church

BY KAY SCHROVEN

St. Joan of Arc is one of the largest congregations in Minneapolis with over 3,000 household members representing more than 200 zip codes. Some drive long distances every Sunday to experience the uplifting, joyful celebration that takes place there. In addition to masses, St. Joan's offers a wide variety of services, programs and events in response to community needs. Are you interested in gardening? Would you like to hear speakers on current topics?

Maybe join a youth trivia event? Join the LGBT+ book club? Attend a family oriented party? Get away on a retreat? Join a musical group? Find support in a grief group? St Joan's offers these and many other options.

The 1947 midnight mass was the first service held in the church at 4537 3rd Ave. S. Minneapolis. Later the school and gymnasium were added. In 1968 Father Harvey Egan closed the school and transformed the gym into a non-traditional space for mass, welcoming ALL

and bringing in outside speakers for homilies (sermons) including Gloria Steinem (1978)! This was a turning point for St. Joan's, bringing them into a more modern world, with an expanded mission.

Today, with priests Father James DeBruycker and Father James Cassidy, St. Joan's is committed to social justice, youth, families and community. They are involved in numerous ministries working with mental health, peace and justice matters, family and children, youth ministry, adult learning, parish

life and pastoral care. The ministries often work in conjunction with other churches and groups such as 12-step groups, Women Against Military Madness (WAMM), Feed My Starving Children, grief coalitions and organizations working with immigrants.

St. Joan's has a rich musical tradition with George Maurer as current Music Director and Mary Brussman as Choir Director. Together they bring an abundance of talent and joy to the congregation. "Our goal is to bring together the elements of worship, word, ritual and prayer." Maurer and the musicians of St. Joan's cover a wide range of styles; folk, jazz, blues and more. You may hear a traditional folk song calling for peace, a favorite Beatles tune or a traditional hymn made new again. Maurer has shared the stage with high profile musicians such as Eric Clapton and Bruno Mars. Keyboard musician Tommy Barbarella worked with Prince (from 1991-1996) and the

New Power Generation on their "Breakout" album. It's been said that the nontraditional Sunday worship services (9 a.m. and 11 a.m. in the gym) raise the roof! The traditional mass takes place Sundays at 7:45 a.m. In addition to the adult choir there is a children's choir and a concert series where the music of such artists as Patsy Cline and the Eagles are honored (stjoan-tickets.com) From June 19-22 St. Joan's will present the musical Godspell (Tkts. \$20, children, \$10.00)

Dennis Heaney has been associated with St. Joan's since 1979 and is their Administrator. He describes the St. Joan's staff of twenty as "the very best of the best" and the St. Joan's community as dynamic, dedicated, progressive and inclusive with the guiding motto, "We Welcome You Wherever You are on Your Journey."

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Lakewood-not just a cemetery

BY KAY SCHROVEN

A haven in the heart of the city

You've probably noticed that expansive 250 acres of green behind the large iron gates along 36th St. near Hennepin Ave. (Uptown.) But have you explored it? There is much to explore, including events and programs beyond the traditional burial and cremation services. Maybe you'd like to take a yoga class, attend a gallery show or the annual lighting of the lanterns in memory of loved ones?

Lakewood is known as a "garden cemetery" or what was once called a "rural cemetery" by the founding fathers. There are upward of one hundred such cemeteries in the U.S. Lakewood, founded in 1871, was the first garden cemetery in Minnesota, and remains the only garden cemetery in the state today.

Lakewood is beautiful, and for many a sacred place of healing. On a walking tour you will see sculpture and monuments in the Classical, Egyptian and Medieval revival style as well as natural, rugged images of trees and rocks. It is home to one of the largest green houses in MN, producing and planting 95,000 bulbs and flowers each season. An expanse of green lawn dotted with Lakewood's Living Memory Trees, a grove of Japanese Lilacs, greets you as you enter. Everyone is invited to decorate and tie a free ribbon to the trees in memory of a loved one.

There are four community structures; a modern Welcome Center, a Garden Mausoleum, a Memorial Community Mausoleum and an extraordinary chapel. This Memorial Chapel is the centerpiece of the cemetery and a priceless architectural treasure—one of the most perfect examples of Byzantine mosaic art in the United States. Designed by prominent Minneapolis architect Harry Wild Jones



R.J. Kern is one of Lakewood's Artists in Residence

and modeled after the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul, Turkey, it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Notable individuals interred at Lake wood include Hubert Humphrey (Vice-President and U.S. Senator) and Paul Wellstone (U.S. Senator). Lena Olive Smith, the first Black woman lawyer in MN and a prominent civil rights leader, is memorialized at Lakewood, along with Cecil Newman, the founder of the influential black newspaper, Minneapolis Spokesman. As a non-profit, non sectarian organization everyone is welcome, not just those who have purchased end of life services. Amanda Luke, Community Engagement Manager and her assistant, Teagan Londo are responsible for creating outreach to clients and the community. They oversee 75 tours (including free walking tours) and events annually. Current offerings include yoga classes, date-night, walking tours (including tree and bird tours) a concert series in the chapel and a newly created Artist in Residence Program. Most events are free.

The Artist in Residence program, sponsored by the Lakewood Heritage Foundation, engages local artists to create and share new original artwork. The resident artists create art drawn from their own experiences of the cemetery, using their creative practices to bring new perspectives on Lakewood

and engage visitors.

There were 75 applications (no fee required to enter) for the Artist in Residence program. A small jury of Lakewood staff and board selected four artists whose work is in line with Lakewood's mission and focus on nature and remembrance; R.J. Kern, Diana Eicher, Andrew Grum Carr and Sarah M. Greer.

To learn more about Lakewood's Artists in Residence, visit <https://www.lakewoodcemetery.org/artist-in-residence/>
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side Community Safety Center and “bringing multiple safety services under one roof” as part of progress being made in reforming public safety.

“So, to those who’ve called for police reform, those who’ve protested, testified, organized, and demanded better, thank you,” Frey said. “Your advocacy is being translated into action.”

Some words were used more than others. “Safe” and “safety” were used 40 times, “housing” and “home” 31 times, and “business” or “businesses” 15. “Community” was used 13 times, “neighborhood” 16, “police” 8

takes strategic action to address climate change, dismantle institutional injustice and close disparities in health, housing, public safety and economic opportunities.”

Yet “race,” “racism,” “racial” and “disparities” were not mentioned at all in the speech.

Equity is the first of the seven city adopted values, and environmental justice is the fifth of the city’s eight goals.

The words “justice” or “injustice” were not used at all in the speech. “Truth” was used 0 times, “reconciliation” 0, “equity” 0, “Black” 0, “Indigenous” 0, “reparations” 0, and “people of color” 0.

cial city-recognized groups that help organize and serve them.

Despite all the talk about safety, one of the newer and likely most successful efforts, the behavioral crisis emergency response (BCR), was also not mentioned. BCR is now available 24/7 throughout the city.

We live in a divided city. Its history has resulted in persistent geographic, racial, and economic divisions and, for those who look closely, these are playing out in this year’s election.

In his speech the mayor clearly tried to unite people from across the city and show how things are improving, but by focusing so intentionally on some areas and ignoring others, he likely reassured some listeners and alienated others.

Many of his wealthy, pro-business, and homeowners supporters in Downtown, Uptown and on the Northside, especially in ward 4, were likely pleased.

The landlord-funded group We Love Mpls and big business dominated All of Mpls were also likely reassured.

For the many Southsiders who have been waiting for follow up to the 2020 resolutions passed by the council and signed by the mayor declaring racism a public health emergency and establishing a truth and reconciliation process for the city, it is likely a different story.

Naming the racism and injustices that still plague us today could have done more to bridge the divide, repair the damage, and include more people in a shared vision of a stronger city.

Cam asked DeWayne Davis and Omar Fateh to respond to Frey’s speech.

Omar Fateh answered:

Mayor Frey misses the mark in “State of the City” address

BY OMAR FATEH

While the residents of Minneapolis are strong, dedicated, and compassionate, the state of executive leadership in City Hall is truly wanting. Our communities want to see our local governments do a lot more for those who have the least before they’ll believe that the state of our city is truly strong. We know the city cannot be strong when it continues to leave people behind: that approach to governing isn’t strength, it’s cowardice.

Our communities and our people are ready to fight back in this political moment where there is an unprecedented level of hate, xenophobia, and rollback we are seeing waged by the Trump Administration. I hear from voters that they want to see local government really work for them, and to have their backs in a time of uncertainty. Unfortunately, what we have seen from the current administration is dysfunction,



Omar Fateh

and a Mayor who has consistently shown how unwilling he is to work with the progressive legislative body to bring more transformative policies to our communities, or protect the progress we’ve made.

Mayor Frey missed the mark in really speaking directly to our most vulnerable communities who are not feeling like this city works for them, including our unhoused neighbors. He has continued to not show us a plan for a compassionate and resourced response to homelessness, while touting the reduction of established encampments in Minneapolis. Telling people to “move along” does not get us any closer to ending unsheltered homelessness. Frey’s policy only makes unsheltered residents more mobile, harder to track, and ultimately makes it harder to help. The most recent Point In Time (PIT) count from Hennepin County showed at least 240 homeless residents

in Minneapolis, which is 9 times what the Mayor claimed previously.

Frey also failed to speak directly to our undocumented neighbors in a meaningful way, those who are most scared of deportation and harassment as ICE expands operations in our neighborhoods. We need to work with immigrant rights organizations and support initiatives aimed at achieving full equality for immigrant residents, including right to legal counsel, and support for undocumented students and families in public schools. People are scared, and we need to show them we are here with them shoulder-to-shoulder to push back against a hostile federal government.

Our city is strong in many ways, and I have seen residents show up for one another over and over again. Now we just need a Mayor who shows up for us too—I am that Mayor.

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rest at Anderson. On January 9, 2024, parents confronted the Minneapolis School Board during a heated meeting, demanding Fitzgerald’s removal over concerns about safety and racism at the school.

“We send our children to school to learn, not to go to war,” said Maria Solano, the mother of an eighth-grade student. “If it takes changing the leadership of the school, do it.”

Mary Cisneros, another parent, criticized what she called

systemic inequities within the school and district. “It is not fair to have a system that is oppressing our families of color and our students,” she said. Cisneros also referenced the recent overdose of a student, saying it highlighted a dangerous lack of oversight and accountability.

Following the meeting and ongoing pressure from the community, Minneapolis Public Schools reassigned Fitzgerald. She was replaced by longtime MPS educator Ray Aponte in late January 2024.



Mary Cisneros telling board members to remove the leadership at Anderson Middle School (Photo/Clint Combs Southside Pride)



Mayor Jacob Frey (right) delivers his 2025 State of the City address at Abyssinia Event Center on Lake Street

and “health” 7. “Climate” was used 5 times and “environment” once.

“The state of our city is strong and growing stronger by the day,” said Frey, who used “strong” or “stronger” 9 times in the speech to help prove his point.

He used the word “partnership” 4 times, and “collaboration” twice and at one point appeared to be complementing two council members, Jason Chavez and Robin Wonsley, with whom he often disagrees.

“Council Member Robin Wonsley,” Frey said, “believes that strong cities protect the unheard. She’s been a powerful advocate for working people, fighting to make sure they’re not left behind.”

“Council Member Jason-Chavez knows that our immigrant neighbors are part of what makes our city beautiful, and he cares deeply about his ward, in which we have a number of shared projects that benefit our shared constituents.”

He didn’t, however, elaborate on how he and Wonsley or Chavez had collaborated.

Not surprisingly, some word choices appear to reflect the city’s adopted vision, mission, values or goals.

But some key words did not make it into the speech.

The city vision says that “Minneapolis is an intentionally compassionate city where each of us can reach our full potential while caring for one another, eliminating racial disparities, improving our environment and promoting social well-being.”

The mission statement says that “Our City government

In the wake of the growing understanding of the historic racism in our city, redlining, racial covenants, persistent racial disparities in employment, income, home ownership and more, as well as the findings at the state and federal levels of racist practices by police department and a public commitments by city government to engage in a truth and reconciliation process, the mayor didn’t mention race or reconciliation once.

Despite extensive work in recent years on renter protections, renter rights, and even a ballot initiative to allow rent control, this topic, and even the use of the word “renter,” was avoided.

Despite years of struggle to address environmental injustice degradation in Phillips, most recently at the Roof Depot site, and on the Northside, most recently with council action calling for the closure of the downtown garbage burner, the term was not used once.

While the word “student” was used in reference to a housing program, neither “children” nor “youth” were used at all.

Although the words “worker” and “labor” appeared a few times in the speech, there was no reference to increasing worker protections or reviving the vetoed labor standards board.

Frey mentioned neighborhoods a number of times and said, “We’re rebuilding neighborhoods—not just with concrete and lumber—but with trust and partnership,” but did not mention any additional funding support for the offi-

Israel/Palestine: what has been done?

BY ED FELIEN

Shir Tikvah, one of the more progressive synagogues in the Twin Cities, says,

“We represent a diversity of backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences regarding Israel/Palestine. We are dedicated to the value of B’tzelem Elohim (the sacredness of all human life). We lift our collective voice to support, advocate, and pray for an immediate ceasefire by all parties and the end to all hostilities in Israel/Palestine, including:

The immediate release of all hostages;

The unrestricted entry of humanitarian assistance into Gaza;

The restoration of food, water, electricity and medical supplies into Gaza;

The return of people displaced since October 7 to their homes, and assistance in rebuilding destroyed homes and infrastructure;

Respect for International Law and the Geneva conventions;

A negotiated resolution that honors justice, freedom, security, and self-determination for all innocent people.”

The Star Tribune reported, “Almost all faith leaders are working overtime to help their communities cope with news

of violence and death, while searching for the prayers and blessings that might give comfort.”

In March of last year, Sena-

States rose for the fourth consecutive year, reaching 9,354 total incidents—the highest level ever recorded in the 46-year history of ADL’s Audit of Antise-

350 pro-Palestine demonstrators rallied at Bryant Square Park in the Minneapolis Uptown neighborhood for the first large scale march initiated by the

a mass movement of Jews that can effectively interrupt the support of American Jewish Zionist institutions and the U.S. government in sustaining Israeli settler-colonialism, occupation, and apartheid.

“On Monday December 16th, 2024, Temple Israel in Minneapolis, the largest Jewish synagogue in Minnesota, was vandalized in an act of antisemitic hatred. Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) Twin Cities sends love, chizzuk (strength) and ruach (spirit) to the congregation of Temple Israel and all affected.

“Antisemitism – the hatred of Jews for simply being Jewish – is something that has a long history in Minnesota.

“JVP Twin Cities stands in solidarity with everyone impacted by racist violence and oppression. White supremacy and Christian nationalism hurt all of us. From Minneapolis to Palestine, nobody anywhere should ever have to wake up to symbols of hate, or acts of violence, in the places they worship and call home. We know that antisemitism, Islamophobia, and racism are intertwined and so our movements to stop them must be too.

“We are proud to be Jewish. Respect for our neighbors and treating others as we expect to be treated are core Jewish values.”



Students march for Palestine in Minneapolis, April 20, 2024. (Photo/Fight Back! News/Ashley Taylor- Gouge)

tors Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith signed a letter with 17 other Senators urging President Biden to recognize a nonmilitarized Palestinian state.

In April of last year, at Columbia University, Ilhan Omar said “all Jewish kids” should be kept safe, no matter which side they were on in the debate.

The Anti-Defamation League reported that in 2024 “antise-

mitic incidents.

“Hundreds of incidents emerged from white supremacist groups’ anti-Israel activity, with Patriot Front racking up the most mentions.”

Patriot Front defines itself as an organization of “American nationalists,” justifying its hate and intolerance under the guise of preserving America’s identity as a “Pan-European nation.”

Last year, on April 20, over

Minnesota chapter of Students for Justice in Palestine and the Arab Student Association at the U of MN.

About Jewish Voice for Peace: “Like generations of Jewish leftists before us, we fight for the liberation of all people. As the largest Jewish anti-Zionist organization in the world committed to Palestinian liberation, we work to answer the call of our Palestinian partners to build

Sharing Food, from page 20

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An attack on the offices of the Anti-War Committee

BY ED FELIEN

Early Saturday morning, May 24, someone smashed the front plate glass windows of the Minnesota Anti-War Committee at 4200 Cedar.

The AWC believes this to be a targeted, politically motivated attack.

At a press conference at the damaged office Monday, Meredith Aby said, "Our spirit can't be damaged because we have work to do."

Minneapolis City Council Vice President Aisha Chughtai said this building represents the best of the City of Minneapolis. "We stand in solidarity with people fighting for a free Palestine. An attack on one is an attack on all of us."

The Climate Justice Committee shares the space with the Anti-War Committee. A spokesperson said, "If we weren't effective, this wouldn't have happened. We should feel a little flattered. We will never be intimidated."

Jaylani Hussein, the Minnesota Director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, said, "This attack means we will do more. There have been 23 attacks on mosques in Minnesota, far more than any other state in the U.S. The second highest was California with 8. We are not going back. If they are coming for us, then they will be coming for you."



(L-R) Meredith Aby speaks at the AWC press conference (Photo/Kim DeFranco); Minneapolis City Council Member Aisha Chughtai; Volunteers repairing the damage Saturday morning

Below: A crowd of supporters gathers at the press conference (Photo/Kim DeFranco)



Trump of Arabia in a theater near you!

BY AHMED THARWAT

We all watched it in the movie theater as we consumed our popcorn and drank our favorite soft drinks and lost ourselves in the myth of the charismatic British Army officer T. E. Lawrence (played by Peter O'Toole). Lawrence spoke fluent Arabic, having worked as an archaeologist in Syria before the war. Lawrence thought of his mission as a private venture, a white man's burden, without British material support or orders. British officials were skeptical of Arab abilities and sympathies after the 1917 Russian Bolshevik revolution. Arab countries were divided up between the British and the French, but the Sykes-Picot secret treaty and betrayal was leaked to Arab leaders by Russian Bolsheviks.

The British had been trying to convince Arabs that the Muslim Ummah should be led by an Arab from the Qurayish tribe from the Arabian Peninsula. Sharif Hussein was promised a prestigious position and a wide Ummah once the Ottomans were kicked out of Arab lands; he received neither. In hindsight, if Sharif Hussein had sided with the Ottomans against the British, it would have been a different story and a different film. In 1916, the Ottoman forces at Gallipoli beat the British, and the British were beaten again in Mesopotamia. Had the Arab leaders sided with the Ot-

tomans, the British would have lost control of Egypt, the Suez Canal, the Red Sea, and with it access to India. Lawrence of Arabia glorifies the role of the civilized Western white man who was able to lead savages



Peter O'Toole as Lawrence of Arabia

and barbaric Arab tribes to organize and fight as soldiers. The scene that stood out to me is the battle of Aqaba where you can see Lawrence with his white robe riding on his camel, talking to Sharif Ali (Omar Sharif) and Auda Abu Tayi (Anthony Quinn) heads of the two tribes and representing irrational tribal leaders who are about to start a tribal fight after a member of one tribe was shot. "I didn't come here to watch a tribal blood bath," Lawrence told them, as he grabbed a gun and took justice in his own hands and killed the perpetrator, who happened to be his beloved Arab guide Qassim. He avoided the

tribal blood bath.

In the battle of the Aqaba, the Arab tribe's forces descended on the retreating Turkish forces and slaughtered them without mercy. After the victory, you see Lawrence watching the Arab forces' savagery and the barbarity of Arab troops, who seemed inherently bloodthirsty for violence. They were chanting, making noises common only in western films when the native Indians attacked the white settlers. Lawrence seemed to be the only one with emotional complexities. At the end you see Lawrence riding a camel alone looking at the Red Sea, the sun is breaking into the dawn, reflecting, contemplating the future of Arabia, whispering to himself, "God I love this country."

Lawrence told Sharif Ali that he is embarking on a secret trip, leaving for Cairo, a journey of 600 miles across the Sinai. "If those Bedouins went to Cairo and told the Generals that they took Aqaba, they would laugh," Lawrence explained, "The West only believes people who look and speak like them."

Trump of Arabia's first international visit was to Arabia, riding horses and dancing with leaders of Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and UAE. This time, he asked Arab leaders not to revolt but to surrender. As the Palestinians are still resisting the Zionist colonial project in the area, Arab leaders are spending billions



Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, Saudi King Salman, and Donald Trump

of dollars on new weapons not to fight the Zionist project and help the Palestinians, or to stop the genocide in Gaza, but for their own self-aggrandizement. Arab leaders are dancing with Trump, giving him a private jet and gifts as the Israelis bomb and massacre Palestinian children and women in hospitals and camps, and Israelis and Trump accuse the reporting of killing children as antisemitic. Western media is up in arms for the Qatar \$400M plane given to Trump, using language like "illegal," "bribe," "payback," "Qatar gaining political influence," and "Arab lobby." Qatar is a country the size of Connecticut that we have been defending for years, where we have the big-

gest military central command base in the Middle East. "Only a FOOL would not accept this gift on behalf of our Country," Trump explained on his Truth social media.

Trump seems to think we can negotiate directly with the Houthis and Hamas.

Americans used to spend 50-100 billion dollars to invade a country in the Middle East, Israel did that for much less, \$10B. Now Israel is failing miserably in Gaza, exposing the barbarity of the Western colonial settler project, giving America and the West a moral and political headache. If Trump of Arabia can stop the Arab revolt against the

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Election spending in Minneapolis

Dear Editor

Cam Gordon’s piece, “Follow the money: Landlords spend big in city election” misses important points. Gordon talks about the role of special interest money in Minneapolis but skips Minneapolis for the Many, the group supporting far-left and socialist candidates. In its 2024 Campaign Finance Board Report, Minneapolis for the Many reported 87% of its funding came from one organization, the Movement Voter PAC or MVP-PAC.

Who is the MVP-PAC? It is a national PAC out of Massachusetts (FEC ID# Coo728360). In the last two years, it raised \$52M. Only 1.2% of its donors were from Minnesota. It funds over 300 “grassroots” organizations. In its own words:

“The Movement Voter Project is a one-stop shop for investing in year-round organizing and movement building to shift culture, win elections, and transform policy.”

They say they are responsible both for the 2023 exorbitant spending from the Minnesota Legislature as well as the current far-left Minneapolis City Council. In their own words,

“In Minnesota, MVP partners reaped the fruits of over a decade of consistent, strategic organizing and electoral power-building, which enabled Democrats to pass a progressive agenda so bold that it has become a blueprint for state governance. We also helped elect progressive majorities on the Minneapolis and St. Paul City Councils.”

Yeah, they are responsible for our city government, not us folks that live here. According to them, we are just their sheep.

And what has been the mission of the local organization We Love Minneapolis? To turn out Democrats to caucuses and conventions. Hard to see that as nefarious as Gordon paints it.

Gordon also misses a big secret of how campaigns work today. In 2023, campaign money was **NEGATIVELY CORRELATED** with winning. In 2023, Minneapolis elected nine socialist or far-left Council Members. Clearly moderates lost. But what did spending look like? The moderate group, All of Minneapolis substantially outspent the far-left groups.

Organization	Spending		
All of Mpls (moderate)	\$700,000		
Mpls for the Many (far-left)	\$210,000		
Take Action MN (far-left)	\$100,000		
Faith in MN (far-left)	\$40,000		

	Ward 7	Ward 8	Ward 12
Moderate	\$130,000	\$150,000	\$120,000
Far-Left	\$70,000	\$65,000	\$60,000
% of Moderates	54%	43%	50%

In the three most contested wards, moderates spent about double that of the far-left, but lost in two wards. Ward 8 was decided by a mere 38 votes.

	Ward 7	Ward 8	Ward 12
Moderate	3,878	3,894	5,592
Progressive	4,055	3,856	6,525
Winning Margin	177	-38	933

In 2023, money was negatively correlated with winning.

What is more valuable than money? Attention. Attention is more valuable than money. Today voters are not activated by the things that money buys – phone calls, mailers, door knocks – but by social media influencers and online activist groups. Minneapolis has a massive online activist industrial complex pounding out emails and tweets and posts to influence voters. And none of this shows up on campaign finance reports. You have no idea who paid for that post you are reading. It is amusing that Gordon quotes Taylor Dahlin because she is trying to build herself as one of the leading social media influencers in Minneapolis. No one is asking who is funding her. But they should.

The most important thing to social media is bringing back your eyeballs. What does that? Respectful debate? Kindness? Understanding of one another? No. Drama. Extremism. Name calling. Anger. Popular lies. Destroying community is baked into the bones of how social media works. Social media influencers and organiza-

tions are the reason we have such an extreme, dysfunctional government, and you have no idea who is paying them.

I am going to end this with Gordon’s own quote: “In the months ahead voters might want to consider listening less to these groups, and more to friends and neighbors they respect and, most importantly, to the candidates themselves.”

Carol Becker

Editor’s Note:

In the column in question, which focused on the first quarter of 2025 and the new group calling themselves “We Love Mpls,” Minneapolis for the Many was not skipped. Gordon said, “Minneapolis for the Many did not file a first quarter report, which is not required if they did not spend or became obliged to spend more than \$200 to influence local elections between January 1 and March 31.” Minneapolis for the Many was also discussed at greater length in January’s column that looked at 2024 spending by the two independent expenditure committees working to impact city elections at the time.

Rebuttal

I strongly object to Carol Becker’s characterization of the landlord lobby (that is spending tons of money in this coming election) as Moderate, and her characterization of the opposition lobbying group as Far Left.

Webster defines moderate as “avoiding extremes of behavior or expression” but also as “mediocre.” In her mind the landlords are middle of the road and everyone else is speeding and driving all over the place. Carol’s argument reminds me of Jim Hightower’s book, “There’s Nothing in the Middle of the Road But Yellow Stripes and Dead Armadillos.”

And also, Dylan’s verse:

“Come mothers and fathers throughout the land
And don’t criticize what you can’t understand
Your sons and your daughters are beyond your command
Your old road is rapidly agin’
Please get out of the new one if you can’t lend your hand
For the times, they are a-changin’”

The great motivating factor for the landlord lobby is to try to stop the City Council from enacting rent control.

In 2021, Minneapolis voters approved a Charter Amendment for the City Council to regulate rents on private residential property in Minneapolis. Unfortunately, what happened next was the Council turned it over to the Planning Department, and staff studied the fiscal impacts and the effect on future development, and the study concluded (as Planning Department staff studies always do) that we need more studies.

Currently, they’re studying St. Paul’s experiment with rent control. St. Paul’s rent control ordinance went into effect in 2022 and was modified in 2023. It sets a 3% limit on annual rent increases for residential properties, but newly constructed units (within the last 20 years) and affordable housing are exempt from the cap, and a landlord can raise the rents up to 8% plus inflation for a new tenant.

Should the City try to control rents? Do we have a responsibility to try to protect the working poor from being priced out of their homes, or are we better off if we let the free market decide the price of housing?

Carol and the landlord lobby believe the public is best served by the free market deciding the price of rent, and anything else is far-left government interference.

The City Council and the voters who approved the Charter Amendment seemed to be saying the government does have a responsibility to care for renters being priced out of their homes. They seem to be saying that government must care for the less fortunate, that rich home-owners have some responsibility to take care of poor tenants. They seem to be saying, “From each according to their ability, to each according to their needs.”

“From each according to their ability, to each accord-



ing to their needs,” that sounds like communism.

Actually, there’s nothing like that in the Communist Manifesto. The closest Marx and Engels came to that notion was in favoring a graduated income tax, free public education and an end to child labor.

You’ll find almost that exact phrase, though, in the description of the early Christian communities in the Bible:

Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 4, Verses 32-35. “Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.”

That Christian ethic was the foundation upon which the first American government was built.

On the ship to America, Pilgrims wrote the Guilford Covenant: “We whose names are herein written, intending by God’s gracious permission, to plant ourselves in New England, we do faithfully promise each for ourselves and families and those that belong to us, that we will, the Lord assisting us, sit down and join ourselves together in one entire plantation and to be helpful to the other in any common work, according to every man’s ability and as need shall require, and we promise not to desert or leave each other on the plantation but with the consent of the rest, or the greater part of the company, who have entered into this engagement.

“As for our gathering together into a church way and the choice officers and members to be joined together in that way, we do refer ourselves until such time as it shall please God to settle us in our plantation.

“In witness whereof we subscribe our hands, this first day of June 1639.”

Loving your neighbor and caring for them, it turns out, is as American as apple pie.

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Public Lands and Big Oil

Dear Editor

Donald Trump is offering a massive public lands giveaway to the fossil fuel industry.

He’s ordered the U.S. to “drill baby drill” on public lands, and he’s fast-tracked new oil and gas projects, bypassing environmental and public review. His allies in Congress are even pushing to open Alaska’s Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling.

If they get their way, the fossil fuel industry will wreck our national landmarks for profit and pump millions more tons of planet-warming pollution into the atmosphere in the process.

So if we don’t want to see drilling rigs the next time we head outdoors, we need to send a clear message: Don’t sell off our public lands to Big Oil!

Lenore Healey Schultz



Food news and a mini-review of an old favorite

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

More closings than openings

I literally can't find any newly opened restaurants or food businesses beyond those I've already covered, or ones that opened months ago but are not relevant to us. Closings on the other hand...

Just before I sat down to write this in the penultimate week of May came the devastating news that Lagniappe and Du Nord Cocktail Room will close May 31. I have only had a chance to visit once (see the February 4 "Dish" for my mini-review.)

Oh, wait, there is one opening lurking in my links about closings. A May 14 piece in Minneapolis/St. Paul Biz Journal (archive.ph/Nqypf) noted that Chef Pedro Wolcott had recently closed Guayaca Bistreaux in the North Loop and was planning to replace it "in the next few weeks" with a sandwich shop in Kingfield. I have learned to take such hopeful pronouncements with a grain of salt, but just in case, I googled it and Hola! It looks like North Star Deli, his new place at 315 W. 46th Street, is already open.

The other closing news is also from Biz Journal and is a commercial food operation rather than a restaurant. Apple Valley Foods closed their large commercial bakery in Chaska with the loss of 95 jobs. (archive.ph/OtdpW)

News from the world of food and drink

Racket.com's Em Cassell covers the newest cottage foodie business to pop up with a backstory and plaudits and quotes from Shakespeare. This is Cauldron Bagels, a home-based business from Martha Durrett, a Carleton College tech graduate



Cauldron Bagels cacio e pepe bagel (Photo/Em Cassell via Racket)

who decided she liked making bagels more than working in tech. (Can't argue with that.) After learning the art of bagelry from an iconic Cambridge MA bakery called Bagelasaurus, she and her spouse moved back to the Twin Cities and she decided to infill the serious lack of great bagels in this part of the world. If you want to try them out, start here - cauldronbagels.com.

Big news in the field of gro-

cery store unions: UFCW 663 has been picketing Cub and Festival Foods all this week (late May) It is an informational picket about the employers' failure to bargain in good faith and they are fairly likely to go on strike. The stores appear to not understand how bargaining is supposed to work and keep making ludicrously bad offers. These contract negotiations affect about 9000 workers!

Even MORE grocery union news: on May Day Trader Joe's corporate fired Jamie Edwards, the first president of Trader Joe's United. Jamie was a crucial organizer at the very first store that voted to unionize in Hadley, MA, and has been a powerful voice at bargaining sessions in the years since, all while stocking shelves and working registers at Trader Joe's.

The union, Trader Joe's United, is fighting this unjust firing. They ask that supporters DO NOT boycott Trader Joe's, be-



Food meant for international famine relief is rotting in a warehouse, courtesy DOGE.

cause uncoordinated boycotts do not actually make an impression on large companies. A better way to help would be to donate whatever you can afford to the union.

Food opinions

"Did you know that \$100M in food aid is rotting in warehouse-



Pizza Luce's Focaccia Katerina

es that could feed the entire population of Gaza for a month and half, but a 28-year-old at DOGE is holding it hostage?"

This was the text of a "skeet" on BlueSky from local poster @muellershewrote.com. For the

ing, I am sure the runner-up is stuff from Pizza Luce. There are three reasons why I eat so much Pizza Luce food and none of them have to do with food.

1. In the early 2000s, my daughter decided to quit doing office work, which she was very good at, and became a pizza delivery guy. At the original Pizza Luce in the north loop she met a co-worker named Charlie and with him conceived her first child, my beloved granddaughter Savannah.

2. I hate ordering stuff online UNLESS the website and interface are excellent. Pizza Luce's is excellent. I can do it in my sleep, or sick with COVID, or in a rage due to the enshittification of the world, all of which I have done!

3. Delivery drivers have a very hard time finding my condo's front door and notifying me that the delivery has been made. Except Pizza Luce drivers, who are brilliant and never let me down.

That being said, and although their pizza is very good, I heartily love and recommend the Focaccia Katerina with goat cheese, the small Caesar salad, especially with salmon added, the artichoke dip (best in class), and a seasonal dessert of Lemon Pistachio Cheesecake. If you want to visit in person, there are weekend brunches with wine and beer, too.



Chef Pedro Wolcott in front of new deli in Kingfield



"Best Eyewear Shop in Minnesota"



Uptown, New Brighton, St. Paul and St. Louis Park

Trump, from page 24

Zionist project and make them submit to Israeli supremacy, then America can get billions of dollars from rich Arab countries without getting involved in wars in the area. That devil's bargain brings flags, frameworks, photo ops and deals. The new order demands normalisation with Israel, submission to its military might, and silence on Palestine. "Once-defiant slogans are replaced by fintech expos and staged smiles beside Is-

raeli ministers," wrote Soumaya Ghannoushi in Middle East Eye. In return, Trump of Arabia offers political protection and weapons. For Trump of Arabia, "It is a doctrine of immunity, bought with gold and soaked in Arab blood," Soumaya added. This week marks the 77th anniversary of the Nakba - The Catastrophe, replayed again through the ethnic cleansing of millions of Palestinian refugees, and this time not with an Arab revolt but with Arab complicity.



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