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Cam's Corner



After critical findings from DOJ, what should come next?

BY CAM GORDON

On June 16, a quiet Friday afternoon before a three-day weekend, with little advance notice, U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland and other United States Justice Department staff held a press conference with city officials to announce the results of their two-year investigation into Minneapolis police and an agreement to negotiate a formal consent decree.

While government officials sounded hopeful that a mutually agreed-on list of changes as part of a court-monitored consent decree would lead to needed reforms, others outside the press conference called for prosecution and deeper accountability.

The report covers a wide range of practices that federal investigators found to be unlawful and unconstitutional. They concluded that "there is reasonable cause to believe that the city engaged in a pattern or practice of excessive force, unlawful discrimination against Black and Native American people, unlawful responses to protected First Amend-

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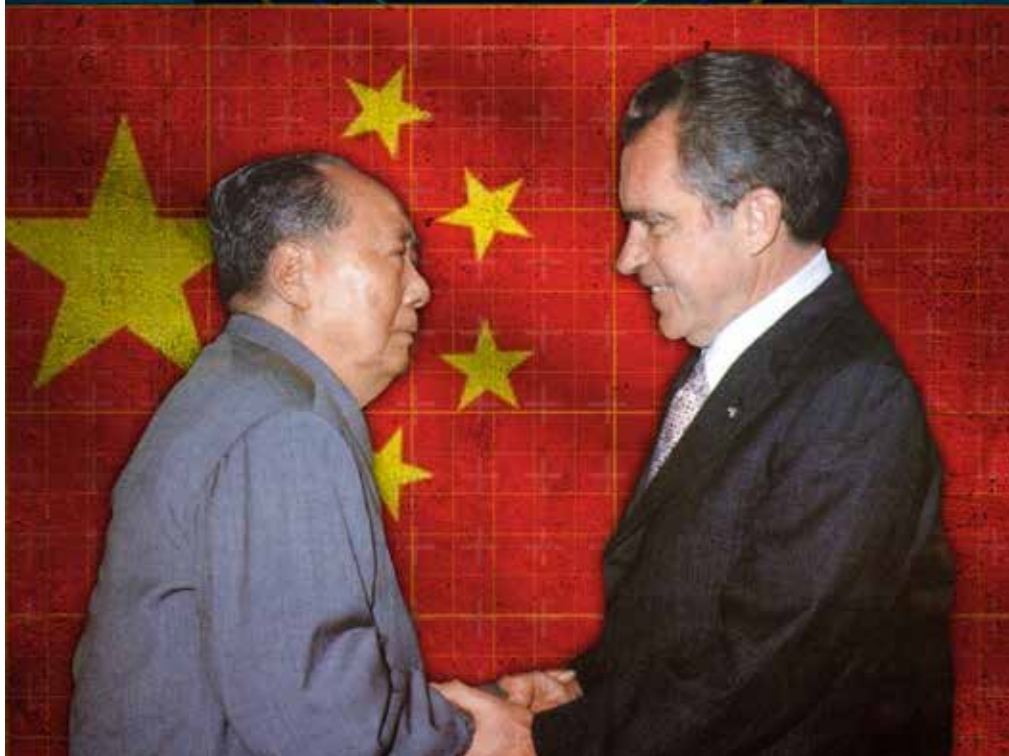


Illustration by Bob Millea

Why are we so mad at China?

BY ED FELIEN

Secretary of State Blinken just got back from his visit with Xi Jinping and Chinese diplomats. He says the only issue dividing the two countries is that the U.S. wants closer military contacts to avoid a mistake that could lead to a catastrophe.

That sounds so sensi-

ble, so reasonable, such a peace-loving gesture.

That is probably not how the Chinese see the situation.

They see U.S. warplanes violating Chinese territory. They see U.S. destroyers invading Chinese waters. They consider these actions an attack on Chinese sovereignty.

They point to the Shang-

hai Communique of 1972:

"The U.S. side declared: The United States acknowledges that all Chinese on either side of the Taiwan Strait maintain there is but one China and that Taiwan is a part of China. The United States Government does not challenge that position. It reaffirms its interest in a peaceful settlement of the

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What about the homeless?

BY DOMINICK BOUZA

On Nov. 19, 2022, I was video recording the encampment under the I-35W bridge on 31st Street while driving. Twelve tents or so lined both sidewalks. Lacking water or any amenity, the wind howling through the underpass, this encampment was destined for disaster should a kerosene heater go awry. The city of Minneapolis removed the tents before the deep freeze set in, erecting concrete barriers every four feet, diagonal to the sidewalk. "Windbreakers!" was my thought.

On May 30, 2023, I recorded under the same bridge as a new encampment began to gather. Tarps hang over two concrete barriers to house some residents. The activity here mirrors the worst elements of a very public encampment.

Attracting more homeless people, others have taken to the boulevard (as has been done many times before in our city). Tents, tarps and makeshift structures stand just beyond the front yards of homes. A mere two weeks after staking the property, garbage is mounting, and other health hazards are becoming apparent.

There's a guy holding up a sign around the corner on 2nd Avenue. My experience has been that he will collect enough donations - from the outstretched hands of guilt - to purchase a large bottle of vodka. That bottle is shared within a subgroup of six or seven within the encampment, who empty the bottle. Inebriation of this sort leads to many other challenges the homeless face.



Pills requiring micro-precision to manufacture, replacing a legal narcotic with fentanyl, may initiate a deadly overdose. Heroin is just as accessible, with the same risks. All of the above mask mental health issues plaguing many of the campers.

Police support outreach workers, making contact with squatters. Therein lies the rub. The cops respond to assaults and effect arrests on abusers. They respond to overdoses with a shot of Narcan, bringing a young life back from the brink. They respond to thefts, disturbanc-

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Culture on the West Bank, political victory in East Phillips, and the small business scene on Cedar Avenue

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

Stuffed full of culture - Minneapolis's Cedar-Riverside (the West Bank)

With numerous theaters, music venues and more, Cedar Avenue's northern stretch from Washington Avenue to Franklin Avenue is a cultural corridor like no other.

There's Minneapolis's oldest community theater, Theatre in the Round, at 245 Cedar Ave. By the time you read this, the 71st season will have concluded with the last performance of "Sherwood" on July 2. Season tickets are on sale and auditions will begin soon for the 72nd season which runs eight plays in 10 months, from Sept. 9, 2023, to July 14, 2024. With a mix including the usual combo of light and dark, funny and tragic, classic and new, the season includes "She Kills Monsters"

by Qui Nguyen, co-produced with FAIR School for Arts (a Minneapolis public school) and featuring a cast of students from the school. Another theater on the West Bank is Mixed Blood Theatre, at 1501 S. 4th St. They have a performance festival coming up on Aug. 19 and 20. Check their respective websites for details and tickets.

At 301 Cedar Ave., in the space vacated by the bike co-op in 2020, is the Afghan Cultural Society, a newcomer to the West Bank. They have a very exciting summer program for youth 12 to 20 years old that includes things like tours of science labs with hands-on experiences, a kayak expedition, a play at the Guthrie, a field trip to Como Zoo, and exploratory tours of five local colleges, including the U.

For music offerings, two near neighbors on Cedar Avenue are the most popular. One is the Cedar Cul-



Little Earth elders outside Mayor Frey's office in February

tural Center. Notable performances in the coming weeks are the Minnesota Orchestra's International Day of Music on July 15 and "An Evening with Holly Near" on July 19. The other is Palmer's Bar, with its weekly occurrence of The Church of Cornbread featuring Cornbread Harris. (In case you didn't know, Harris is a singer, songwriter and pianist who co-wrote and performed on the first

rock and roll record produced in Minnesota, and also plays blues and jazz. Father to Jimmy Jam and mentor to Cadillac Kolstad, he is 96 years young.)

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On Sunday, June 18, the mood was celebratory at Cedar Field Park.



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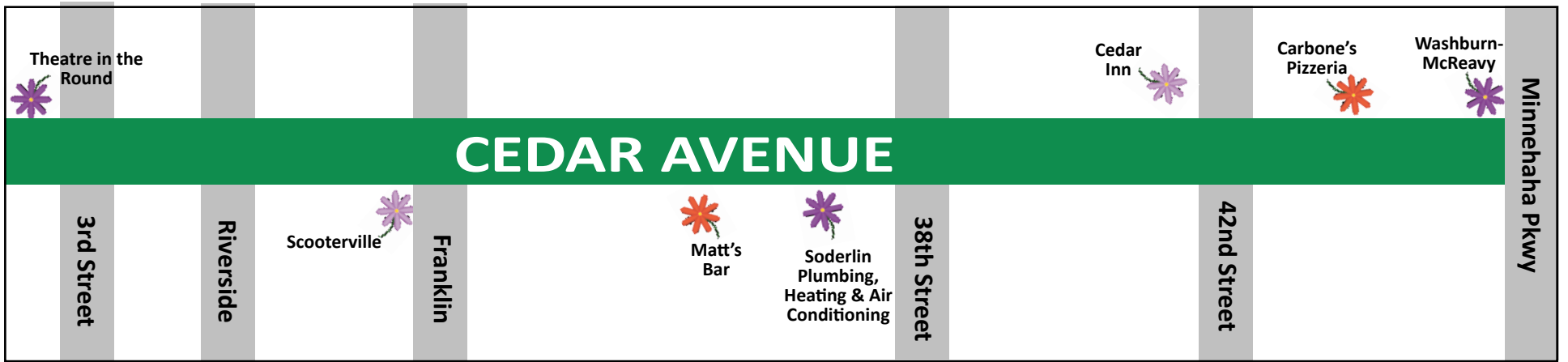


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Colorful art and craft wares for sale at Southside Vintage

The day-long festival was planned by collaborating groups to celebrate their recent win in what came to be known as the Roof Depot struggle. Although the coalition was headed by the East Phillips Neighborhood Institute (EPNI), another key player in the last year of the struggle has been the Little Earth Housing Association, one of the only all-Native American, multi-tribal public housing projects in the U.S.

Just six weeks earlier, activists were relying on an injunction to prevent the planned demolition of the Roof Depot building, just a few blocks from Little Earth, an action

anjournal.com) from May 22 for details on how the coalition won.

42nd Street redesign negatively affects small businesses

The Neighborhood Chat – Standish-Ericsson Group on Facebook had a sad testimony from Susan Calvit, who, with her husband, owns Southside Vintage, near the corner of Cedar Avenue and 42nd Street. Speaking on behalf of her store and other small businesses as well as neighbors, Calvit had this to

say about the recent major upgrade of 42nd Street: “There was a very minimal effort made to inform us in fall 2020 about a construction plan slated to start 2+ years later. Unfortunately for all of the businesses at 42nd and Cedar the plans did not mention or factor in the resulting loss of 60-70 parking spaces for the customers and delivery vehicles that need access to our businesses and the alarming effect it would have on us all. In addition many residents are now not able to park in front of their own homes.”

It appears that a lot of great businesses in the area are struggling now, and it would help if neighbors made a special effort to patronize the Cedar Inn, Southside Vintage, Groovy’s, Northern Fires Pizza, Hamburguesas El Gordo, and Hilda’s Hair Hut, among other businesses in the area affected. They have formed a group and met with city and county officials to seek a solution.

Cedar and 48th – a nice little hub

In case you might forget that it’s there, let me remind you of the corner of East 48th Street and Cedar Avenue. There is a really nice Lunds & Byerlys there with its own sheltered free parking. There is a small but well-curated wine shop, Cork Dork. There’s Carbone’s Pizza and Pub, a neighborhood favorite with a lovely, large patio for outdoor dining and weekly live music, as well as trivia nights and other fun events. Carbone’s offers old-school Italian-American food, including pizza, pasta, hoagies, salads, burgers and more. Across the street, there’s the Italian Eatery, with a menu “stirred by Italian dining traditions” that includes dishes like bucatini, baked garganelli (wild boar meatballs), and Calabrian cauliflower. The Cedar-48th Street hub also offers ice cream and sorbet at Grand Ole Creamery, popcorn at Tom’s Popcorn, and your choice of corpo-

rate coffee drinks at Caribou or Starbucks. There’s even a pretty decent nail bar called Nailish, which I have tried out, and a dentist called Lakeshore Dental, which I have not, yet. I recommend it as your local go-to shopping and dining hub.

New eatery at Lake Nokomis

The new lakeside eatery, The Painted Turtle, has been open for its first season since June 12, in the pavilion near Lake Nokomis. There has been a little hiccup about the beer and wine license, which has resulted

in The Painted Turtle’s service being alcohol-free for now. They may be able to get by with a series of temporary permits until they can build the requisite structure of “three walls and a roof” in time for the 2024 season.

Meanwhile, come for the food, and drink LaCroix or a milkshake. Among the yummy-sounding food offerings are a vegan picnic board, chipotle duck wings, a beer-battered walleye basket, and scoops, sun-daes, root beer floats, and the aforementioned shakes, featuring La La Homemade Ice Cream.



Little Earth and EPNI activists celebrate victory in the Roof Depot struggle

which would have spelled the end of their hopes to build an indoor urban farm in the building and prevent the tract of land’s use by the city of Minneapolis as a “water yard” and maintenance equipment depot. Now, thanks partly to intervention by the Minnesota Legislature, the city has walked away from its plans and is set to sell the property to EPNI, and the state has made a grant of the earnest money for the transaction. See the piece in Sahan Journal (sah-

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Socializing Carol Becker

BY ED FELIEN

To socialize: “to make someone behave in a way that is acceptable to their society.”

Carol Becker was a member of the Minneapolis Board of Estimate and Taxation from 2006 until Dec. 31, 2021. She is a respected conservative voice in Minneapolis politics. She wrote a very long and complicated letter to Southside Pride raising serious questions about the prospect of the Democratic Socialists of America gaining a majority on the Minneapolis City Council in the coming November general election. It would require volumes to answer all of her objections, but perhaps we can try to begin to answer her central criticism of how “the far left use the machinery of the Democratic Socialists of America to take over the DFL instead of creating their own party.”

First, to state the obvious: Minnesota does not have a Democratic Party. It has a Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party. The Min-

nesota Democratic Party in 1944 merged with the Farmer-Labor Party to present a United Front Against Fascism during World War II and created the DFL. The Farmer-Labor Party enjoyed tremendous success in the thirties, electing a majority to the Minnesota Legislature and re-electing the popular Floyd B. Olson as governor. The 1934 Farmer-Labor Party convention declared: “Capitalism has failed and should be abolished. We mean to establish a Cooperative Commonwealth.” Radical populism is baked into the DNA of the DFL.

Second, there has been a profound change in the national Democratic Party beginning with the student protests against the Vietnam War in 1968. The first “shot heard round the world” was when young people went “Clean for Gene” and campaigned successfully for Gene McCarthy to defeat LBJ in the New Hampshire Democratic primary and force a sitting president out of the race. The SDS Days of Rage that fol-

lowed the Chicago Democratic National Convention told party bosses that continued support for the Vietnam War was not acceptable.

In 1972, as a gift to the anti-war left, the Democratic Party nominated George McGovern, but this time the bourgeois liberals sat on their hands and McGovern lost mightily.

Jimmy Carter was a kind of compromise between the two factions. He was from the South, fairly conservative, but he quoted a lot of Bob Dylan.

Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush were able to dominate national elections for the next 12 years, but “Slick Willie” Clinton was able to fool the left into thinking he was on their side, and they enthusiastically worked for him to end 12 years of conservatism.

Al Gore made a fateful and foolish decision in the 2000 election in ignoring Ralph Nader and the legitimate programs of the left. The left leaked to Nader and that (along with the mach-



Carol Becker

inations of Roger Stone) cost Gore the state of Florida and the election.

Barack Obama rode “Hope and Change” into the sunset, and he took everyone along for the ride. The left loved him for what his candidacy said about racism, and the Norwegian Parliament was so thrilled they gave him

the Nobel Peace Prize.

Trump was the racist’s revenge. Hillary ignored Bernie and the left in 2016 and that cost her. Biden publicly respected Bernie’s campaign and the two campaigns got together, hammering out a program that both could agree to, and that working coalition between the liberal and the progressive/socialist factions continues.

What do socialists believe?

They believe in things like public education, parks, good roads and bridges. Those public amenities that we now take for granted are the result of struggles by progressives who believed in socializing some part of private wealth (through taxation) to provide for the common good. Carol Becker spent 16 years approving the selling of bonds for such projects. She approved the transfer of wealth from property owners to the commonwealth of parks and roads and bridges.

Is Carol Becker a secret socialist?

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ment activities and unlawful discrimination against people with behavioral health disabilities.”

“We reviewed MPD’s 19 police shootings and one in-custody death from Jan. 1, 2016, to Aug. 16, 2022,” said Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke. “Many of these incidents were unconstitutional uses of deadly force. We found that officers used deadly force without probable cause to believe that there was an immediate threat of serious physical harm to the officer or another person. In one example, an off-duty officer fired his gun at a car containing six people within three seconds of getting out of his squad car.”

After reviewing over 180,000 police stops made between 2016 and 2022, they found that police disproportionately stopped Black and Native American people. They also performed searches more frequently and used force more frequently than during stops involving white people.

“We also found that the MPD violates people’s First Amendment rights by retaliating with force against people engaged in protests and engaged in demon-

strations,” Clarke said. “We found that the police department retaliates against people who challenge or question them during stops and calls for service. The Constitution protects the right to criticize officers, even with profanity. We also found that MPD officers retaliate against people who observe and record them, even though they have a right to do so. All of this violates the law.”

The city’s mayor and chief of police stood with Garland and also spoke at the press conference. Both city and federal officials complimented each other on their collaboration so far, took time to praise the work of Minneapolis police more generally, and shared their expectations that reform would result from the forthcoming consent decree process.

In the agreement to enter that process signed by the mayor, city attorney, public safety commissioner and chief of police, the city made it clear, however, that it “does not concede that there is a pattern or practice of unlawful behavior.” Not admitting guilt was also a key element of an earlier settlement with the state human rights department that is yet to be accepted by the state court.

In addition to the more than 60 pages of investigation results, the report includes 20 pages covering contributing factors, but fewer than three pages listing possible remedial measures that could form the basis for a negotiated decree. None of those measures suggest any substantial change to the structure or oversight of the department or exclusive policy and disciplinary authority over it that is now vested in the mayor.

Following the report, Sherral Schmidt, president of the Police Officers Federation of Minneapolis, also put out a statement. She referred to findings and the examples of likely unlawful behavior as “mistakes” and shared hope that the report could be used to improve police services.

“Clearly, we can always strive to be better, to try to minimize our mistakes, and when mistakes occur to take appropriate measures toward accountability and prevention to avoid repeating them,” wrote Schmidt. “We can use the DOJ report, not to further divide our community in the unhealthy ‘us versus them’ debate, but rather to move toward more trust and respect by the community towards its officers and by the officers toward the public they serve.”

While the federation, federal officials and the mayor are hopeful that the consent decree will result in improved conduct and fairer practices from the police, others are not, including some with experience working for the city and with police.

One of those is the outgoing director of Minneapolis’ Performance Management and Innovation department, Brian Smith, who led the work that created the city’s relatively new behavioral crisis response team program that was highlighted in

the report as one thing the city has done well.

“The DOJ and consent decree will lead to more of the status quo,” Smith said. “The cavalry has not arrived. This was for pacification and votes.”

Smith remembers the last time the DOJ intervened to help address concerns raised about racist and violent police practices and lack of knowledge about mental health issues. He served as an alternate on a Police Community Relations Council, after the department provided a mediator who helped negotiate a 2003 five-year Federal Mediation Agreement. It did not result in the systemic change some hoped it would.

“Where is the prosecution?” Smith asked after the latest report was released. “The DOJ or Mary Moriarty [the county attorney] needs to prosecute,” he said. “The evidence is right there.”

“So, if it’s unjustified deadly force and violation of human rights,” said Keith McCarron, a former 911 dispatcher, “there should be a reopening of all the cases, there should be criminal charges. There should be very real consequences and the perpetrators of these crimes against humanity don’t get a say.”

“After excoriating extensive reports by both the Minnesota Department of Human Rights and the Department of Justice to believe that a court enforceable agreement and a consent decree are a solution to the severe problems is a slap in the face,” said McCarron, who worked for the city from 1999 to 2016. “MPD has been shown to use unreasonable deadly force. This fact alone demands that the cases be reopened, and police criminally charged and prosecuted.”

McCarron recalls the death of Christopher Burns, who was killed by MPD Officer Lucas Peterson. “I took the call and all parties were calm when the police arrived,” he said. “That didn’t stop them from breaking Mr. Burns’ neck in front of his family.”

McCarron believes that there is a “litany of cases that need to be reopened,” and notes that the DOJ didn’t even get to the problem with involuntary ketamine use, a practice that he said was “brushed aside by the current mayor.”

While the mayor and the City Council are unwilling to admit and apologize for a pattern or practice of unlawful behavior, Smith, McCarron and others question how consequences for human rights violations and the illegal use of deadly force can be negotiated.

“The idea that the parties that have inflicted violence, brutality, death and suffering can negotiate their own way forward is not just,” said McCarron.

It seems unlikely that these steps would be agreed to as part of any consent agreement. McCarron is calling not just for prosecutions, but for reconciliation and reparations as well.

“There should be truth and reconciliation hearings with public participation and reparations for those who have been denied rights for decades at the hands of MPD and the city of Minneapolis,” McCarron said. “The city needs to learn that you cannot just buy your way out of gross systemic white supremacy and violence. The families of George Floyd, Travis Jordan, Jamar Clark, Terrance Franklin, and so many others deserve more than blood money.”

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Kieran Knutson takes Medea Benjamin's phone

What happened to me at the Medea melee

BY CRAIG WOOD

On May 19, author/activist and cofounder of the anti-war group Code Pink, Medea Benjamin, had her phone knocked out of her hand by an angry protester she was videotaping at a South Minneapolis event where she'd been invited to speak. When she told me, "They've got my phone," I got involved. After all, I was not only a member of one of the groups that invited her to town – she was our house guest.

Nobody said anything when I walked up to the group of about a dozen protesters and told them to give the phone back. The crowd who didn't agree with Benjamin's idea of starting a negotiated settlement now between warring Russia and Ukraine instead of waiting for things to get worse was becoming increasingly edgy.

I didn't "bullrush" the crowd as one protester later wrote. I

entered the group slowly to look for the stolen phone. Yes, there was some back-and-forth jostling, and I tore a couple of paper scraps off signs that were pushed toward me, but I didn't push anybody to the ground or hit anyone, as was alleged by a few.

From there things got ugly quick. I found myself flat on my face, wondering if I tripped or was pushed. Steve McKeown of Veterans For Peace, who was protesting on the side of those in solidarity with Ukraine said, "You went down hard." He was in the catbird seat and later mentioned, along with many others, that he saw two protesters jump on me. I knew there were at least two because I felt repeated punches from four fists while trying to protect my head and ribs with my hands and arms. Luckily, Benjamin spotted her phone and said she pulled it out of Kieran Knutson's pocket while he was pummeling me.

Soon after that, I was driven to the ER with a dislocated shoulder and black eye. I learned later that Knutson called the decidedly non-violent Benjamin a coward.

Other remarks from pro-Ukrainian supporters have been less than objective and some have been defamatory. Emmett Doyle wrote in this newspaper's online comment section, "Mr. Craig Wood did not attempt to retrieve the phone and then fall into the street." Excuse me, Mr. Doyle, but how would you know what I was attempting to do? You never asked.

Doyle went on to accuse me of assaulting Knutson: "He then threw himself onto Mr. Knutson and began throwing punches at him. When I pulled Mr. Wood off of Mr. Knutson (during which I did not 'pummel' him, as this article slanderously states), I held out my hands to Mr. Wood and said, 'Are you done?' He then grabbed me by the coat, tore

my coat, punched me, and then lunged at me."

Doyle's claim of the assault on Knutson and me punching him and/or missing a swing directed at him are distorted exaggerations at best. It's true Doyle said, "Have you had enough?" when I was getting up, but he said it in a snarky tone. Suffice to say I wasn't in a good mood having just had my butt handed to me by a couple of goons. That's why I motioned to him with the arm that wasn't dislocated to scam. We don't consider an arm motion that signals, "Go away," to be a punch or missed swing where I come from. And he didn't pull me off Knutson – I was never on top. It was Mike McDonald from Veterans For Peace who helped get Knutson off me.

Terry Burke, who is part of the leadership team of the Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers (MAP), used five paragraphs in the online comments to denounce Benjamin with no men-

tion of the May 19 assault on her. You can see Burke standing right behind Knutson with the other protesters while he was knocking the phone out of Benjamin's hand in the link below or on my Facebook page. I guess she didn't think this was important enough to mention.

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Perhaps more damning, though, is what every one of the commentators above didn't say – which was nothing about how a 51-year-old, 200-plus-pound man assaulted a 70-year-old, five-foot tall woman who came to town to talk about a book.

And if those people are OK with that – well, I guess there's really nothing else I can say.

Writers create community

BY ELAINE KLAASSEN

I've started going to two writing groups that have sprung up in our neighborhood.

I go every time because I love words, language and people and that's what these groups are about. I consider myself quite limited when it comes to imagination and since I wrote factual stories for so many years for this newspaper I am now trying to delve into another part of my psyche that has to do with lyricism, imagination, fun, feeling, etc.

If you stick with something, as I have since Agape started its writing group at 38th and Chicago in the beginning of March, the rewards will be great. I have committed – cast my lot, as it were.

In the Agape group, Marquise Bowie is the leader and organizer. It is for members of the community, mainly around 38th

and Chicago, but not necessarily. Many are friends of Marquise. He works as a security monitor at Roosevelt High School, and one evening six students he had invited from Roosevelt were there. One of the writing prompts was



Agape writers group meeting

"love" and a student asked the elders to give them our wisdom. I was touched.

In the beginning, Carolyn Holbrook, a well-known, accomplished writer in the Twin Cities, was the facilitator. She brought poems and exercises,

which were wonderful, but then she got COVID and didn't come back. I know she has all kinds of other astounding projects going on because I see her on Facebook. So now, the group is more haphazard and we all volunteer writing prompts and share and talk to each other. It's a work in progress. Marquise is a quasi-facilitator, but he kind of hangs back and lets the group find its way. He is definitely on top of the food. There's always food.

One evening, Nate Johnson, who started FreeWriters, came to Agape and introduced himself and met people, engaged people in conversations, and told us about FreeWriters, an organization he started to create an opportunity in correctional facilities for writing and healing. He holds classes for men and women in lockup 10 times per week, specifically in county jails. He invited us to his group at Plym-

outh Congregational Church, which is for members of the community around the church (and others), plus community members who have been incarcerated.

In both groups, during the two-hour sessions about four writing prompts are agreed

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Immigrant spaghetti, food and restaurant news, and two mini-reviews

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

Openings and closings

Most of the interesting new openings right now are in St. Paul. There are three that catch my eye, although some have been in the news for a couple of months already. The first one is Juche, a newish Korean restaurant and bar on Payne Avenue. It has both classic and innovative fusion Korean favorites, and the



Indigenous Food Lab healthy lunch and dip to take home

bar serves makgeolli, a Korean rice wine that's hard to find anywhere in the Midwest. The second is yet another branch of the wildly popular Centro, this one being Centro Highland Park on Cleveland Avenue. And finally, Justin Sutherland's promised egg sandwich restaurant has opened on Grand Avenue. Named Big E (after Biggie Smalls), it also pays homage to other favorite musicians of Sutherland's, such as having a sandwich on the menu called "When Doves Cry."

A significant opening in Minneapolis, right in our front yard, is the Indigenous Food Lab at Midtown Global Market. See the mini-review below for my take on it and some details. Another Minneapolis item is the re-opening of Jasmine 26 as Jasmine 26 Hot Pot Restaurant and Bar, at its old Eat Street location.

News bits galore from the food and drink world

The James Beard awards finally dropped on June 5, and as expected, Minnesota got bupkis. We had only one finalist in the running - Shawn McKenzie (of Ceres) for baker and/or pastry-maker, a nationwide award - but she lost out to Margarita Manzke of Los Angeles.

One of my favorite online magazines these days is Bitter Southerner. I cannot rave enough about this lo-o-o-ong but totally worth it piece about the nostalgia for spaghetti interpretations by U.S.-resident Indians, Filipinos, Ethiopians, Jamaicans, and dozens more immigrant communities and families. I learned from this piece

that mosques have potlucks, or at least 20 years ago in a college town in North Carolina they did, and the congregants included immigrants from scores of countries, plus native-born Americans of all races. Talk about a food trip! Read it! bittersoutherner.com/feature/2023/immigrant-spaghetti

A similar, and equally good article, though not as long or as intimate, is local critic Dara Moskowitz Grumdahl's piece on the new generation of Vietnamese chefs ("The New Vietnamese Scene," Mpls.St.Paul Magazine, June 11, 2023).

The food world, both nationally and locally, is heaving with labor discontent right now. You know whose side I am on. In the week of writing this, Unfair Labor Practices (ULP) are causing it, but the scene may well change in the week before we print. UFCW Local 663 may decide to stage brief ULP strikes in order to get a contract renewal from Lunds & Byerlys and Kowalski's that doesn't axe their health care benefit. Also staging a cascade of short strikes across the country is Starbucks Workers United, in their case to get initial contracts in unionized stores and to stop and remedy



Immigrant spaghetti Somali-style

retaliatory firings, discipline and withholding of benefits.

Mini-review #1 - lunch and shopping at Indigenous Food Lab

In early June, I went to Midtown Global Market to get my chin threaded and check out some things, one of which was the Indigenous Food Lab (IFL) whose food market had recently opened. I ended up having lunch there, which consisted of a bottled healthy drink, my first ACV tonic, though it was thankfully more fruit-forward than vinegar, and tepary bean chili with pulled turkey as my add-on protein selection. It was an excellent value at under \$10 for the meal. The one thing that would have made it perfect was a little corn cake on the side, or some kind of bread, cracker-ish thing

to go with the chili.

I also bought some stuff from the market. I got a liter carton of chocolate oat milk, the chocolate being a product of a single-source grower in Peru, some loose-leaf herbal tea from Anahata Herbals of Duluth, and an educational card game that teaches you Ojibwe. All of the



Tepary beans from Indigenous Food Labs Market

products in the market are from Indigenous producers.

From the drinks refrigerator, I also got a half pint of a sauce



Indigenous Food Lab Market shelves at MGM

or dip that I am still eating on everything and it's so good. This was IFL's own brand of salsa verde, and it's pale green and creamy, with tomatillos, cilantro, serrano peppers and blend-

rous Butcher sibling-owners. I was expecting it to be as good as ever, and I was not disappointed. I decided to go for a full-on carnivore's challenge this time (even though that's not my fa-



J. Selby's steak sandwich

ed pumpkin seeds being the major ingredients, plus hints of sour, pungent and sweet.

Mini-review #2 - revisiting J. Selby's under its new ownership

In late June, I visited J. Selby's for the first time since it has been operated by the Herbivo-

vorite kind of vegan food; I generally prefer vegan food that disrupts rather than imitates old foodways, but I am flexible about it). So I had a steak sandwich, with seasoned soy curls, aioli, bok choy, sautéed peppers and onions on a toasted hoagie bun. It was huge and the side of fries was even huger. It was phenomenal.

Writers, from page 5

upon and everyone writes spontaneously for five minutes. Then, those who wish to share what they've written, do so. Sometimes there is discussion about people's writing and sometimes not.

It is all very informal. Nate always brings food to the Plymouth group from Smoke in the Pit at 38th and Chicago.

What's so interesting is the range of writing experience and talent. There are people who've never written a word in their lives. One evening, such a person surprised everyone by writing little stories with dialogue and characters! Then there are writers like me who've been writing informational paragraphs forever. And there are spoken word performers and novel-

ists. In the past two sessions I've heard writing from Native people about their connection to nature and community that gave me goosebumps, and a spoken word artist whose rhythm washed over me and moved my heart with its harsh and tender beauty. You never know what profound words you will hear. Nate and Marquise, of course, are splendidly talented.

The variety of people from many vocations and many cultures who write about their experiences and viewpoints can really change your world.

FreeWriters is like Agape in that there is a lot of turnover. Every time, there are a few regulars (I am one of them) and then always new faces. And some people attend every third or fourth time.

If you go, you can write fun-

ny stories, made up stories, sad anecdotes, personal insights, nonsense, admonitions, advice, regrets, tall tales, beliefs and manifestos. It's endless. You can share as much or as little about yourself as you like, but the whole exercise contributes to an examination of your own life.

The Agape group meets on Tuesday of the first week of the month at Agape's office at 38th and Chicago. Then, the second week on Thursday, it's the Free Writers group at Plymouth Congregational Church at Nicollet and Franklin. The next week it starts over. So each group meets every other week, one on Tuesdays, one on Thursdays. The exact dates for the two coming up are Thursday, July 6, and Tuesday, July 11.

Rent control canceled by a minority on the City Council

BY JOE HESLA, TC-DSA RENT CONTROL WORK GROUP CO-CHAIR

In a sneak attack, the conservative minority on the City Council killed the scheduled public hearing on rent control scheduled for Tuesday, July 25. While three of the Muslim council members were observing a religious holiday, the conservative minority had enough votes to keep the measure off the ballot for this year.

The average rent in Minneapolis is \$1,660 per month for an average size of 777 square feet. (<https://www.rentcafe.com/average-rent-market-trends/us/mn/minneapolis/>)

Two years ago, in the spring

of 2021, CURA (the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs) delivered a report to the City Council. It weighed the issues and benefits of a potential rent control policy in Minneapolis. This report was requested by the mayor, and CURA was specifically asked to do it. The study was 119 pages long and strongly stated that renters in Minneapolis would be greatly helped by a rent control policy.

In the summer of 2021, Mayor Frey unfortunately vetoed a 7-6 council vote for a charter amendment that would have allowed a renter-crafted policy, passed by a ballot initiative by voters. Instead, the council only empowered themselves to pass rent control.

Last summer, the mayor and the conservative majority City Council appointed a group of people to form the Rent Stabilization Working Group to study the issue further. Although there were many members of this group who represented big real estate, huge developers and rental property owners, the working group, after 12 weeks of meetings, recommended a 3% cap on annual rent increases with almost no exceptions. Two and half years later, it seems like there should have been other chances for the public to voice their opinions about rent control. Unfortunately, there have not been.

TC-DSA (Twin Cities Democratic Socialists of America) is

supporting a strong rent control policy 3% annual cap and no exceptions that weaken the policy. DSA is holding an event to help us all prepare for the next steps on Sunday, July 16, at Boneshaker Books on Franklin Avenue – a drop-in event from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

You can also sign our petition here: [https:// bit.ly/rent-control-petition](https://bit.ly/rent-control-petition). This is an issue that faces opposition from a powerful real estate and development industry. It's an industry with huge pockets and the money to spread disinformation.

And on the other side is us!

Please show up on July 16.

Let's win strong rent control for Minneapolis!



Warren Hanson retirement

There was a lovely retirement party on Wednesday, June 28, for Warren Hanson, president and CEO of the Greater Minnesota Housing Fund. He began the GMHF in 1996.



For the last 27 years, Hanson has led GMHF and worked closely with state and local governments, philanthropic organizations, institutional investors and community leaders to assemble resources and design strategies to meet affordable housing needs across the state. To date, the nonprofit has provided direct financing of nearly \$1 billion and mobilized another \$3.1 billion in investments in housing, resulting in the financing of more than 20,000 affordable homes throughout Minnesota.

“Everyone deserves a safe, decent, affordable place to call home,” said Hanson. “We started Greater Minnesota Housing Fund in the hopes that we would move the needle on access to affordable housing and I am so grateful for the support and partnerships that have allowed us to finance, create and preserve affordable housing across Minnesota. I’m confident we are in a place of momentum to find solutions to homelessness, and I’m eager to pass this work on to the next passionate leader.”

GMHF is mission-driven and raises low-cost, high-impact affordable housing investment capital to deploy throughout Minnesota. Hanson founded GMHF in 1996 through a unique collaboration with the Blandin Foundation and the McKnight Foundation. With his leadership, the organization’s partnerships with philanthropy, Minnesota Housing, local government and affordable housing organizations throughout Minnesota remain strong today.

“Communities throughout Minnesota have benefited greatly from Greater Minnesota Housing Fund’s nimble abilities and flexible resources for solving housing challenges, from fostering workforce housing in areas of job growth, to supporting

new developers of color to enter the housing field, to investing in permanent supportive housing for those at risk of homelessness,” said Minnesota Housing Commissioner Jennifer Ho. “I am so proud to have worked alongside Warren for over 23 years on behalf of individuals experiencing all forms of housing insecurity, and I’m thrilled his bold vision will continue to be a resource and provide greater investments in safe homes and healthy communities.”

Hanson’s passion for social justice, affordable housing and community development has driven his dedication to leading and partnering with a diverse range of Minnesota nonprofit, philanthropic and government organizations. Prior to founding GMHF, he was the director of riverfront and neighborhood development for the city of St. Paul, economic development director of West Bank Community Development Corporation, and a co-founder of Community Reinvestment Fund USA (CRF-USA). He also co-founded the public radio station Fresh Air Radio KFAI-FM and was an organizer of Minnesota’s early food co-op



Ed Felien and Warren Hanson (along with Dickie Dworkin, not pictured) started Hundred Flowers, the first weekly alternative newspaper in Minneapolis in 1970.

movement.

“Warren’s vision and dedication to secure financial resources and create innovative programs and initiatives that support the creation of safe, decent and affordable housing in Minnesota is inspirational,” said Nancy Vyskocil, board chair of Greater Minnesota Housing Fund. “He has been a passionate

leader on housing issues across the state, and has built meaningful relationships with community leaders, lawmakers and funders that benefit the affordable housing movement and are embedded in the organization. We are so grateful for his vision, leadership and dedication over the past 27 years.”



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'Jersey Boys,' a cautionary tale

BY ED FELIEN

The music just carries you away.

"Can't Take My Eyes off of You," "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Walk Like a Man," "My Eyes Adored You," "Oh, What a Night," "Working My Way Back to You, Babe," "Dawn, Go Away

I'm No Good for You" – those bittersweet songs stay with you forever.

They all tell a similar story of the loss of youthful innocence to harsh realities – hopes dashed, dreams betrayed, ideals shattered.

It's the story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons – the story

of how street punks from Jersey dreamed about becoming stars, of how they became stars, and how, finally, they wanted to go home.

All of us are grateful for youthful promise, and we all go back to that well of hope to nourish our souls from time to time.

"Jersey Boys" at the Chanhas-

sen Dinner Theatre is a deep dive into the hopes and despairs of that post-adolescent angst. Michael Brindisi does a consummate job in directing our passions. Just when we want a moment to go on for just a little longer, he takes it away and brings us back down to earth. The cast is superb. Will Dusek,

as Frankie Valli, will bend your heart around his finger with his stumbling maturity, and David Darrow's tough-guy Tommy will make you hate him and love him at the same moment. And Andy Kust's tight musical direction gives us just the right amount of the juice of rock and roll.

The production was especially poignant for my wife and me. Our grandson plays bass in a country-western band that began playing together at South High School almost 10 years ago. He tells us about a band on the road, couch-surfing and cheap hotels, all that driving, waiting, and, finally, the joy of moments making music with his buddies that comforts anxious souls. Tommy Goodroad and the Highway Birds have played at the Cedar Inn, the Cedar Cultural Center and the Turf Club in St. Paul. This is their first video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i-hsNeFGcA2I>.

Tommy Goodroad and the Highway Birds should go see "Jersey Boys." They could learn a lot about what brought them together, what could possibly tear them apart, and where they might end up. It would be a great dinner, a wonderful show and a postgraduate guide to their hopes and dreams.

For the rest of us, Chanhasen's "Jersey Boys" is a charming evening of nostalgia and the sweet hope of youthful innocence.

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Summer in Richfield on East 66th Street



Cattails at Wood Lake Nature Center

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

Summer is for parks and nature

Summer in Richfield is a time to get out and about in your city. Richfield has a lot of options for outdoor activities. The two largest city parks, Veterans Memorial Park, at 6335 Portland Ave., and Wood Lake Nature Center, at 6710 Lakeshore Dr., offer a choice of highly developed and structured areas with sports activities ranging from ice hockey to pickleball, or a very natural setting with trails, a mostly undeveloped lake, and urban wildlife.

Wood Lake was once a recreational lake surrounded by homes. Most of the lake's water drained during the 1950s, due in part to the effects of the construction of nearby I-35W. The city of Richfield founded the Wood Lake Nature Center in 1971.

Wood Lake Nature Center today is a 150-acre park and nature preserve with paved trails and nature trails, boardwalks around the lake, observation shelters, and picnic and other nature-centered recreation areas. It has an indoor, fully staffed interpretive center that offers educational activities and resources to children and

families.

Wood Lake Nature Center comprises three distinct types of habitat - cattail marsh, mixed lowland forest, and restored prairie. In order to preserve the natural habitats in the Nature Center, pets, bicycles, skates and skateboards, and picking plants or foraging are all banned on the premises. There is a supportive nonprofit, founded in the early 1990s, called Friends of Wood Lake (FOWL) which raises money and awareness to keep the Nature Center going.

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Richfield's rich history - 1812 to the 1890s

Richfield has a very interesting history. The 1851 Traverse des Sioux treaty, Fort Snelling, "immigrants" from Maine, a flour

gun decades earlier in 1812.

From the blog Minnesota Historian we learn that "early in Minnesota's Euro-American history, the first industry of power was flour milling ... From before the state's conception until about 1897, six flour mills were in operation along Minnehaha Creek's

mill. Minneapolis locals Philander Prescott, Willis Moffett and Eli Pettijohn built this mill in 1855 near the spot where Lyndale Avenue crosses Minnehaha Creek (which is today in Minneapolis, but at that time, the city limits ended at Lake Street). Postmaster James Dunmoore, one of those "Maine immigrants," had opened a post office in 1854 in the same area, and called it Harmony, after his hometown back east.

In 1858 the farmers and businessmen of the area, variously called Richland Mills or Harmony, met to form an official township. At that meeting they rejected both names in favor of Richfield, and the mill also decided to change



Aerial view of Wood Lake Nature Center

its name to Richfield Mill. For the full story (including the amazing life of Philander Prescott) read

"The Rise and Fall of Minnehaha Creek's Milling Industry" at minnesotahistory.org/post/the-rise-and-fall-of-minnehaha-creek-s-milling-industry.

Another person who was key to Richfield's future also settled there around the same time. Riley Lucas Bartholomew, a retired general from the Ohio Militia, claimed a large tract of land on the eastern shore of Wood Lake and built a beautiful home there in 1852. When it was complete, he sent for his wife and children, and settled down to become a major civic leader in Minnesota. He built the first church and first school in the area, served as a Hennepin County justice of the peace, was a delegate to the state founding convention, was briefly a state senator, and served in a volunteer company during the



Richfield Historical Society's Bartholomew House

mill on Minnehaha Creek, 19th and early 20th century farmers markets, and World War II were the main historical forces that shaped Richfield.

The adoption of the treaty, allowing settlement of European-Americans west of the Mississippi in what was then the territory of Minnesota, spurred the completion of Fort Snelling, be-

banks. These mills proved to be important historical forces that drove development and further settlement up Minnehaha Creek, thus creating the seedlings of the suburbs of Minneapolis."

Farmers began moving into the area near Fort Snelling and Minnehaha Creek, and unofficially they began to call the place "Richland Mills," after a nearby



An 1876 house on 66th Street in Richfield

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Dakota War in 1862. Bartholomew's house is still there today, owned and preserved by the Richfield Historical Society and part of its Richfield History Center. The Richfield Historical Society also has a presence at the Richfield Community Center and provides historical exhibits to schools and libraries.

Richfield's rich history - 1897 to 1950

After statehood and the Dakota War, the township of Richfield grew into a village and eventually a city. The original township and later city of Richfield comprised 63 square miles, as opposed to seven square miles today. Around the turn of the century, the vast majority of this land was in small farms, growing either wheat or other grain for milling in St. Paul, or produce truck farming for the growing urban center of Minneapolis. According to Wikipedia, "Minneapolis became a favorite trading point for market gardeners in 1897 with the building of the modern, covered Second Street Market just two blocks west of Hennepin Avenue and Bridge Square. The market featured a massive platform for



Former Richfield Mayor Maria Regan Gonzalez, now director of equity initiatives at M Health Fairview

gardeners, including Richfield's sizable contingent, to unload and display produce."

Today the tide has turned, and Richfield itself has an excellent farmers market at Veterans Memorial Park.

The years from 1886, when the first partition ceded parts of Richfield township to form St. Louis Park (an early annexation by Minneapolis in 1867 was the first and biggest loss of acreage) to 1907, when Richfield became a village, saw a shift from farming to being a bedroom community with strong ties to Minneapolis. Further partitions and annexations in 1887, 1889 and 1927 pared off more land, until by the late 1940s the last remaining farm of any size was sold to be developed for housing. Even though there are no more farms in Richfield, here and there an old 19th-century

house still stands, such as the one at 1406 W. 66th St., featured on a website called HouseNovel.com, that was built in 1876.

After World War II, returning veterans flooded into Richfield, and developers could barely build houses fast enough. Even today, Richfield abounds in single-family detached housing, although



Restoration prairie at Wood Lake Nature Center

today's density-driven building boom may change that.

Richfield today and prospects for the future

Up until the early 2000s, Richfield remained a suburban, and not very diverse, small city. The population peaked at nearly 50,000 in 1970, then began to slowly decline, leveling off at

around 35,000. Around the late 20th century, other forces created demographic changes in race, ethnicity, age, household size and income levels. For instance, the population percentage identified as "white" in the 2000 census was 79%. This declined to 63% in 2010, and again to 59% in 2020. The largest growing ethnic demo-

graphic was "Hispanic, all races," which grew from 6% to 18% in the same 20-year period.

Richfield is a hospitable home to Hispanic residents, with many successful small businesses under Hispanic ownership, and one of four public K-5 schools being a dual language (English-Spanish) school. In 2018, Richfield elected Ward 3 Council Member Maria Regan Gonzalez as mayor, making



Richfield Farmers Market

her the first Latina mayor in the state of Minnesota. She served a four-year term, being succeeded by the current Mayor Mary Supple, a retired public-school teach-

er. In the U.S. Congress, Richfield is represented by Ilhan Omar, a Somali immigrant, who is widely and enthusiastically supported by Richfield voters.

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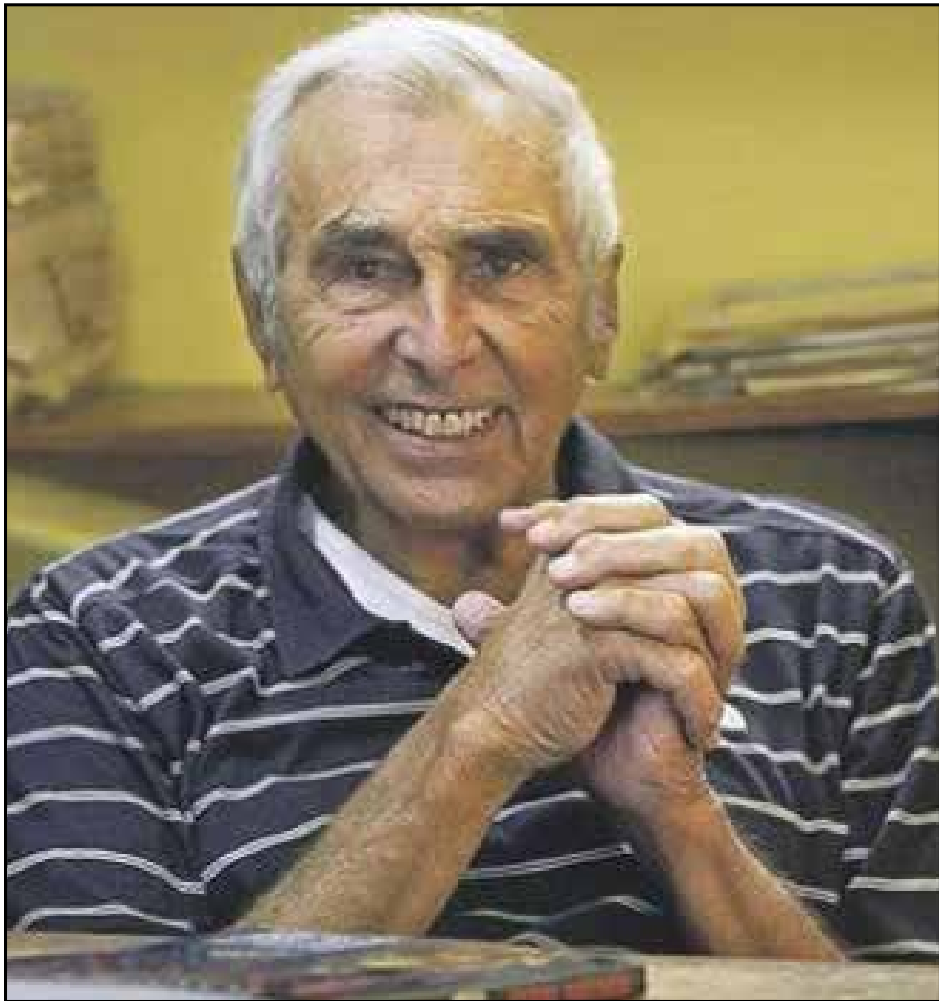
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Tony Bouza

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A remembrance

BY ED FELIEN

I went to see him just before he died. He said, “The problem with dying is it takes too long. And it’s boring.”

The first time I met Tony Bouza, he was chief of police. It was at a demonstration against Honeywell anti-personnel bombs used in Vietnam. He was busy arresting demonstrators, busing them downtown for booking, and then treating them to coffee and donuts. His friendly mood was quite a contrast to Mayor Stenvig’s previous deployments of the tactical squad

to bust up Honeywell demonstrations – they would arrive in buses that looked like armored personnel carriers, carrying bully sticks with their badge numbers taped over. I was running Modern Times restaurant, and we had advertised a breakfast special in honor of the demonstration. I felt outdone by Bouza’s hospitality, and I walked up to him and said, “I’m with Modern Times, and WE cater revolutions.” I wrote a short piece about it for the Twin Cities Reader, calling myself a member of the Erica Bouza Brigade. His wife was one of the first to be

arrested.

He was a strict, no-nonsense chief of police. He vigorously fought street crime and enforced traffic laws. He made profound changes to the MPD during his nine years as chief. He gave no promotions: “There’s already too much brass.” He instituted one-cop patrols. This doubled the number of squad cars on the street. Of course, the cops didn’t like it; they didn’t have anyone to talk to. He said Minneapolis doesn’t really have a gang problem; it has a youth problem. And he made it clear he would not tolerate police misconduct. Subsequent chiefs, promoted mostly from within the department, undid all those reforms.

I interviewed him when he ran for governor in 1994: “Tony Bouza shoots from the hip; hits sacred cows.” We fell deeply in love with Tony and Erica, and my wife, Carol Hogard, was the only Tony Bouza delegate to the Minnesota DFL State Convention. Someone from the press asked Tony, “What’s your position on handguns?” Tony said, “Confiscate ‘em!” That was it. The campaign was over. But what a way to go out.

Soon after, Tony started writing for Southside Pride. He had this wonderful affection for the English language. Like Joseph Conrad and Nabokov, he could get drunk on adjectives and adverbs. There was always one word in his pieces that you couldn’t understand. You had to think hard about it. Maybe you had to look it up. I would complain to him, “Tony, we’re trying to write a newspaper that can be read by everyone.” He would answer, “I’m not writing down

to my readers.” So, of course, he wrote, and I transcribed faithfully his almost indecipherable script on yellow legal pads without changing a word.

We would go on vacation together. One time in Key West, Polly Mann joined Tony and Erica, and the five of us lived together for a week. It was great fun with lively banter over dinner. At one point Tony said to Polly, “That’s it. I’m cutting you

off.” Polly shot back, “That’s OK, you were never that good anyway.”

But, Polly, putting aside your joke about a sexual intimacy that never happened – he was that good. He was great.

And so were you.

Good night, dear comrades.

You will always be a part of my fondest dreams.

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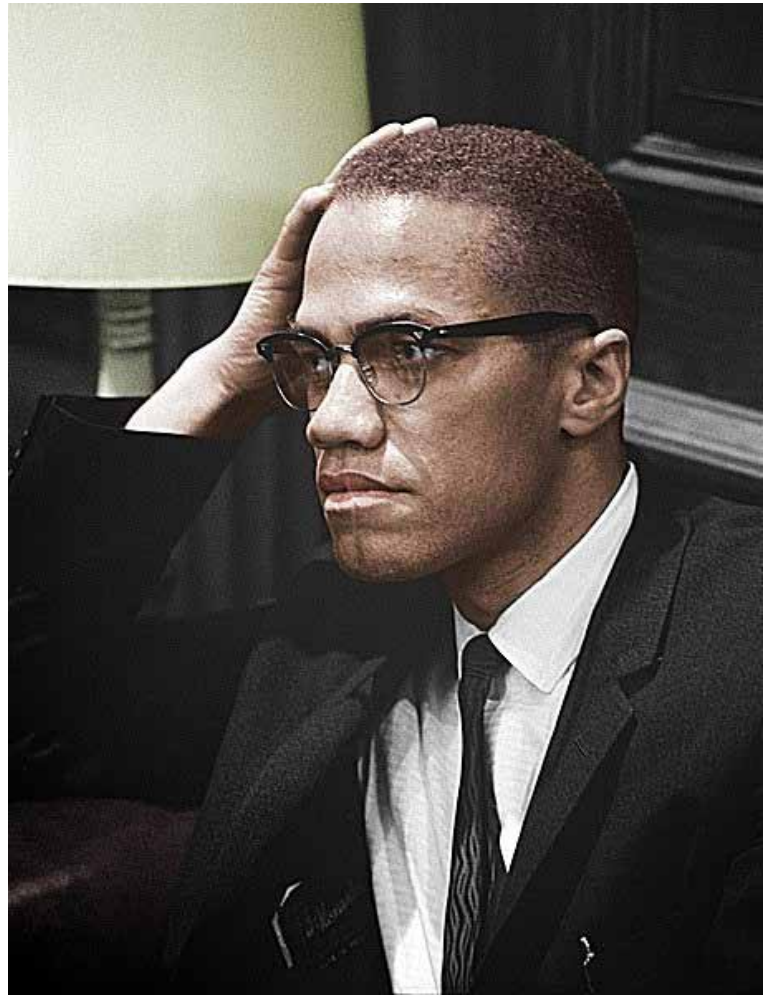
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The young Tony Bouza (in tie) doing security for Fidel Castro in New York City



Malcolm X

Malcolm X

BY TONY BOUZA

A TV crew traveled all the way from Paris, France, to interview me for over an hour about Malcolm X, who was killed in February 1965.

Huh?

How can this be relevant?

I'm not sure but it is somehow contemporaneously relevant. I struggled with the question and finally concluded to stick to the facts and hope that the meaning would emerge.

I knew Malcolm from my dealings with him in the '60s. I was a lieutenant in an NYPD unit that monitored subversive (yes, a pretty archaic word—but this is archeology of sorts) organizations.

Malcolm led three distinct

lives.

As Malcolm Little he was a thug going nowhere until, while in prison, he was proselytized into Elijah Muhammad's Nation of Islam (NOI)—an ersatz entity meant to organize Blacks into faithful, sober, contributing members of this separatist cult.

Intelligent and energetic—and very savvy about publicity—he climbed rapidly to the head of NOI's Harlem mosque. He shed his slave name (Elijah's usage) and became Malcolm X—his second iteration.

His rise and talent engendered the usual tensions, but he gave the hierarchy no excuse to derail him.

Then, in 1963, at the peak of his fame and power, he was overtaken by events that would

lead to his assassination at Harlem's Audubon Ballroom in February 1965.

Kennedy has been slaughtered. Malcolm X was, as usual, delivering a peroration. He knew how to generate attention and labeled the killing "the chickens coming home to roost." It captured the attention he sought and offered Elijah the excuse he needed. He suspended Malcolm X sine die.

Malcolm languished in exile. Confused and lost. When would he be restored?

Nothing.

Finally, he concluded it was a permanent expulsion and, since he was putatively a Muslim, he might as well do a Haj—an essential visit to Mecca for any Muslim.

While there, like Saul of Tarsus, he experienced an epiphany and returned a convinced acolyte.

He started a new organization and launched his third iteration, as Malcolm Shabbaz. The body he founded was named the Organization of Afro-American Unity. He was in business and his breach with NOI final.

Recriminations followed and escalated into violence and burnings.

Malcolm's house was fire-bombed. The mosque was torched. Tensions escalated.

Predictably, Malcolm responded with a very dangerous and provocative speech.

Elijah Muhammad had sired several children with his secretaries.

The ultimate no-no.

We all knew this was toxic and the NYPD even, at my urging, offered Malcolm protection, knowing he'd scorn it.

And so Malcolm was shot dead. The guy standing next to him was an undercover cop working for us.

The three shooters went to prison.

No real investigation every followed, and, since he was killed by Blacks, there was little appetite for outrage among American Blacks.

The case remains unsolved and officially neglected. Yet it lives, even in Paris, France.

Homeless, from page 1

es and calls by homesteading residents. 911 dispatchers send well-trained mental health crisis responders (with no police support) to de-escalate a despondent, most likely formerly abused, wayward soul.

The rub? Case managers, experienced in homeless outreach and service support, offer rides or directions to day services. Police refer non-offense (or minor offense) responses regarding homeless people to outreach workers. Employment opportunities abound. Educators are ready and eager. Food shelves are stretched, volunteers supporting the food crisis that began around 2020. They still serve all who show. The only amenity the homeless outreach case managers can't offer the homeless campers is immediate

housing or shelter.

The ongoing condition, since my entry into working for the homeless in 2000, is a decrease in the number of available shelter beds in Minneapolis. Instead of hidden encampments by the Mississippi River, light rail stations house the homeless in large numbers. From St. Paul to Bloomington's Mall of America, the homeless sleep in brightly lit (terrible for circadian rhythms) waiting rooms. They are rousted at 2 a.m. every night as the station closes for an hour.

"Micro homes" is an old idea seeing support by the city. Micro homes are basically a room the size of a bedroom with multiple housing amenities. The enclosed units are housed inside a warehouse. The leadership of this new attempt at short-term shelter in Minneapolis is having success with residents taking

ownership of their living area.

If we address homelessness as a community issue, much like Finland has done, we would see a significant reduction in the homeless sleeping in unhealthy environments or out in the elements of Minnesota.

Can't we find an architect who would design the property for a personal tax deduction from the government? Can't we find a builder to do the same thing? I know some union folks who would jump at the idea. Couldn't we have a beautiful sign, mural, or something the city wants to announce "Minneapolis" on that empty property just off I-35W entering downtown from the north, adorning a unique structure? What about this type of responsible shelter on top of retail stores, maybe even a Walmart, at Lake Street and Nicollet?

A responsible funding pro-

gram could be sought from the state senator that I sent the original video to last fall, in a fit of despair. Since then, certainly after reading the 2023 omnibus bill establishing about three quarters of a billion dollars to homelessness housing and programming already, I realized that my senator is there to give nonprofits money, not provide the solution to homelessness.

Homelessness is our problem.

Dominick Bouza served the homeless through housing programs supported by Catholic Charities, The Salvation Army and Project for Pride in Living (2000-2016). He currently serves (voluntarily) as a homeless advocate on the Minneapolis police chief's citizens' advisory council.

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The fantasy of 'progressive' U.S. militarism in Ukraine

BY WYATT MILLER

From Iraq, to Afghanistan, to Libya, to Vietnam, if there's one lesson to be drawn from modern-day U.S. wars and interventions, it's that they don't help! No matter how bipartisan the call, no matter how morally urgent intervention was portrayed as being, in retrospect we know these were disasters. U.S. military intervention only brought greater violence and exploitation to the countries in question.

Reminding us of that lesson is why the U.S. anti-war movement exists. So when it comes to the war in Ukraine, while there's space in the movement for disagreement and debate on the war's root causes, the political character of Russia or Ukraine, and other finer details, there can only be agreement about a role for the U.S. war industry in bringing about peace and justice: there isn't one.

That hard lesson is becoming clearer as the war drags on. U.S. corporate giants like BlackRock, Halliburton and ExxonMobil are using the war as an opportunity to wage "disaster capitalism," helping privatize Ukraine's as-

sets and natural resources while saddling it with debt. Much of the billions in U.S. "aid" has gone straight back to U.S. weapons companies. Meanwhile, U.S. and NATO leaders openly frame Ukraine as a proxy war between themselves and Russia, with Ukrainian conscripts serving as little more than politically convenient cannon fodder.

Calling out the destructive U.S. role in Ukraine has been the basis for a vibrant series of demonstrations in the Twin Cities over the past year and a half. Progressive in orientation, these have featured speakers and endorsements from the LGBTQ, immigrant rights, labor, and Black Lives Matter movements, among others. Though relatively small, the protests have provided an important show of dissent from the latest bipartisan war zeitgeist.

It's clearly ruffled some feathers. In the prior edition of Southside Pride, local activist Kieran Knutson argues that the anti-war movement instead should support U.S. weapons transfers to Ukraine as a supposedly progressive position that helps Ukrainians ("The left's

confusion harms the Ukrainian people," June 5, 2023).

Knutson does partially acknowledge the harm that U.S. involvement has brought to Ukraine, writing, "When Biden finally agreed to give Ukraine the advanced defensive Patriot missiles, the next week in what looked like a quid pro quo down payment, Zelensky signed an agreement for BlackRock, the huge American multinational investment firm, to run Ukraine's re-construction." But instead of connecting the dots, Knutson's proposed solution is that "aid to Ukraine should be with no strings attached."

That's precisely what the anti-war movement is here to remind us is impossible. The modern-day U.S. arms industry isn't some neutral tool that can be used for good in the right circumstances. It's part of the military-industrial complex, inseparable from larger political and economic institutions that seek to bring the world under the domination of U.S. corporations.

No one should take that lesson lightly. It's been written in the blood of millions of Iraqis, Afghans, Libyans and others

over the past quarter century. Knutson says we must "listen to Ukrainians," but if we don't also listen to the many victims of our country's deeply systemic imperialism and learn and grow from our own painful history, we'll hear nothing but our own hubris.

The world needs an anti-war movement that can stand strong against U.S. imperialism, even in the belly of the beast itself, even when it's hard, no matter which party is pushing it. Because when it comes to the U.S. war industry, strings are always attached. We have to dismantle the whole thing!

Wyatt Miller is an organizer with the Minneapolis-based Anti-War Committee, and a member of the administrative committee of the United National Antiwar Coalition (UNAC).

Editor's Note: Southside Pride supports Ukrainian resistance to the criminal aggression of Russia. We are mindful of the U.S. history of encirclement of Russia with NATO forces, but

we agree with the official Chinese statement on the war:

"Respecting the sovereignty of all countries. Universally recognized international law, including the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter, must be strictly observed. The sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of all countries must be effectively upheld. All countries, big or small, strong or weak, rich or poor, are equal members of the international community. All parties should jointly uphold the basic norms governing international relations and defend international fairness and justice. Equal and uniform application of international law should be promoted, while double standards must be rejected."



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Taiwan question by the Chinese themselves. With this prospect in mind, it affirms the ultimate objective of the withdrawal of all U.S. forces and military installations from Taiwan. In the meantime, it will progressively reduce its forces and military installations on Taiwan as the tension in the area diminishes."

The U.S. maintains the Tai-

wan Strait is international waters. The Chinese believe that the hundred miles of water between mainland China and Taiwan is part of the territory of China. They remind the U.S. of how John F. Kennedy forced nuclear missiles out of Cuba and restricted sea traffic in the 90-mile strait between Cuba and Florida, and no one except the Mafia was claiming that Cuba was part of the U.S..

More than 50 years ago in the Shanghai Communique the U.S. agreed to the "withdrawal of all U.S. forces and military installations from Taiwan." This year Congress authorized a billion dollars' worth of new weapons for Taiwan.

Why?

Why this sudden animosity to China?

Trade between the U.S. and China reached a record \$690.6 billion in 2022. We imported \$382.9 billion worth of goods and exported \$307.7 billion. Nobody seriously wants to change that.

China has long encouraged Taiwan to invest in the motherland, and by the end of 2021 Taiwan businesses had invested \$198.28 billion in mainland China. In 2021 trade between the two was \$273.06 billion. Nobody seriously wants to disturb that.

So, why are there now these serious acts of provocation against China by the U.S.?

The recent round probably started with Nancy Pelosi's trip to Taiwan. In an interview in The New Yorker in August of 2022, Shelley Rigger says, "The core thing that I take away from Pelosi's visit is that it was ultimately about U.S. domestic politics and P.R.C. domestic politics, and Taiwan was the pawn caught in the middle. Initially, Pelosi's goal was almost certainly to do a little cheerleading for Taiwan, show that the U.S. cares about it, that we're paying attention, and that it's an important friend and partner—that kind of thing. But,

once it became this test of wills between Pelosi and her team and Xi Jinping and his team, whether or not it was good for Taiwan fell away, and it strictly became something that people in the U.S. and China were talking about, saying we had to do this because we cannot back down. And I think that's very unfortunate. It does not benefit Taiwan, probably does harm to Taiwan's security, and it has insured that U.S.-China relations, which were already pretty bad, are worse than they were before. We may have a much more difficult time recovering than we thought three weeks ago."

Rigger concludes, "I don't think the Pelosi visit, all of this brouhaha, is about Taiwan at all. It's about American politicians thinking that this is the moment to poke Beijing or to stand up to Beijing or to prove how macho they are relative to Beijing. And, if Taiwan gets caught in the middle, well ..."

Maybe it is about U.S. domestic politics, about election-year posturing. Maybe Biden is being tempted to use the Yellow Peril racist fear to win back some of the white males he lost to Trump in 2020.

There are already frequent acts of violence committed against Asians by white nationalist terrorists. Further provocation by the U.S. will encourage more of the same.

There is an opportunity here for Biden to do something truly historic. He could recognize the validity and the hopes of

the Shanghai Communique. He could say Taiwan is a part of China, and we want to live in peace and harmony with all of the Chinese people.

The world is weary of war.

Tragically, there is a major industry that benefits handsomely from war and the threat of war. Our generals and admirals, our arms manufacturers, remind us that the price of liberty is eternal vigilance. Perhaps that's true.

The people who wrote the Constitution understood that. They had just won a significant military victory over the leading imperialist world power. They appreciated the value of armed resistance. But they also feared the power of a standing army. They intended that there would be no standing army, and no appropriations for an army would be for more than two years.

Today, we spend \$899 billion on defense. That's more than the next 10 countries (including China and Russia) combined.

Buffy Sainte-Marie said it best in 1964, in a song that should be broadcast loud and clear to Russian soldiers in Ukraine and to U.S. pilots and sailors in the Taiwan Strait:

He's the universal soldier and he really is to blame
His orders come from far away no more
They come from him, and you, and me
and brothers can't you see
this is not the way we put an end to war.

EVENTS

ACTION Project – A Commitment to Inclusion in our Neighborhoods

Good news! Registration for the 2023-2024 cohort for the ACTION Project is now open! We are excited to announce that in addition to congregational registration, individuals not connected to a participating faith community can now participate in the ACTION Project as well ... on their own! Whether you are a new participant signing up for Year A: History, or a returning community for Year B: Current Climate, registration for the 2023-2024 ACTION Project is open now through July 31.

To learn more, join us for one of the following ACTION Project info sessions:

Monday, July 10, 7 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, July 19, noon to 1 p.m.
www.mnchurches.org/what-we-do/action-project

Back to the Future Celebration

Sunday, July 16

10:30 a.m. Joint worship

11:45 a.m. Shared meal

1 p.m. Conclusion

Walker Community Church
3104 16th Ave. S., Mpls.

Join Walker Church and New City Church on July 16 to celebrate the building handover! Historic Walker Community UM Church will be gifting their building to New City UM Church. The 10:30 a.m. celebration will be followed by a shared meal and festivities. The two congregations and building tenants will continue to work for peace with justice and healing in the Powderhorn neighborhood. <https://www.facebook.com/walkerumc/>

Naloxone training at the Dignity Center

Wednesday, July 19, noon to 2 p.m.
The Dignity Center at HAUMC

425 Groveland Ave., Mpls. In March, the Hennepin Ave. United Methodist Church (HAUMC) confirmation class began brainstorming ways that HAUMC could help address the opioid crisis. One of the students shared what he had learned about Naloxone and how it is used to reverse an overdose and save lives. Their conversations have resulted in a partnership with the Steve Remler Hope Network, who will be joining the confirmation class at the Dignity Center on July 19 to conduct training on how to use Naloxone effectively and safely. They will also be supplying the Dignity Center with Naloxone, making it an official Naloxone Access Point in Minnesota. This training event is open to everyone to attend! If you plan to join us please sign up here so that we can coordinate with SRHN to have enough supplies for everyone: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e45a5a2ba7fcc34-naloxone>

Community BBQ

Saturday, July 29, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Living Spirit UMC

4501 Bloomington Ave., Mpls. Save the date! Living Spirit's annual community BBQ will be held on Saturday, July 29. More information will be posted on our website soon. www.livingspiritumc.org

Broke and Woke: The Police and the Church After George Floyd

Wednesday, Aug. 16, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Minnesota Church Center
122 W. Franklin Ave., Mpls. How do you advocate racial justice through law and faith? Join Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison and Rev. Dr. Curtiss Paul DeYoung of the Minnesota Council of Churches for a conversation on the connections between their leadership in different sectors in Minnesota after

the murder of George Floyd. Your donation of \$40 will provide you with a thank you gift: copies of AG Ellison's book, "Break the Wheel: Ending the Cycle of Police Violence," and Rev. DeYoung's book "The Risk of Being Woke: Sermonic Reflections for Activists."

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

Film Screening

Tuesday, August 22, 7 p.m.

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

Support refugees in Minnesota

From the Minnesota Council of Churches: You provide welcome to refugees in Minnesota by donating needed items to incoming households. Dish soap, laundry detergent, all-purpose cleaner, toilet paper, toilet bowl cleaner, mops, brooms, cleaning buckets, sponges, wastebaskets and laundry baskets are all needed. Additionally, there is a need for personal hygiene items (deodorant, shampoo, bar soap, razors, shaving cream, bath towel sets) as well as large pots, pans and frying pans. For questions or to schedule a drop-off, please contact RSVolunteers@mnchurches.org or call 612-230-3219. OR order online from our Amazon Wishlist at https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2144RAQ240DR9/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1?_encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist.

SHARING FOOD

Calvary Emergency Food Shelf

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

New Creation Baptist Church

1414 E. 48th St., Mpls. 612-825-6933
We're still here to serve you on the first through the fourth Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We have re-opened the food shelf to choice shopping. We do require mask, sanitizer and temp check. Be safe and God bless! <https://www.facebook.com/NCBCfoodshelf>. Saturdays (except 5th Saturdays) 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Brown door on the corner of 48th St. and 15th Ave.)

Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church

5300 10th Ave. S., Mpls. 612-825-6846
Serving Loaves and Fishes free community meals on Wednesdays from 5 to 6 p.m. The meals are all "to-go" meals, served from the northwest door on 53rd Street. These meals are free to anyone, no questions asked. You might have had a hard day and simply cannot cook dinner. Or maybe you've paid your last bill for the month and cannot buy groceries. Whatever your circumstance, you are welcome. You can simply drive or walk up to the church and receive a meal any Wednesday evening between 5 and 6 p.m.

First Nations Kitchen

3044 Longfellow Ave., Mpls. 612-791-1253
First Nations Kitchen, an outreach of All Saints Episcopal Indian Mission, welcomes all to our weekly To Go meals and Produce Give Away every Sunday from 4-5 p.m. outside our building. We cook fresh, organic, indigenous meals and give away organic produce rain or shine. This is a barrier-free food program. To donate or volunteer contact us at director@firstnationskitchen.org or go to our website: <https://firstnationskitchen.org>.

Community Meals at Walker Church

3104 16th Ave. S., Mpls. 612-722-6612
Free to-go meals and groceries are available for pick-up every Monday from noon to 2 p.m. All are welcome. Sisters' Camelot holds a separate food distribution out of Walker Church every third and fifth Tuesday of the month starting at 2:30 p.m. Follow Sisters' Camelot on Facebook or at <http://sisterscamelot.org/> for more.

Minnehaha United Methodist Church

3701 E. 50th St., Mpls. 612-721-6231
The Minnehaha Food Shelf serves food for the hungry on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We help distribute up to 30,000 pounds of food each month. In response to the COVID-19 virus, we have changed many things to protect both our guests and our volunteers – rigorous cleaning routines, streamlined procedures, moving outside, wearing face masks and following the 6-foot social distancing guideline. Please be patient as we continue to improve what we do. <https://www.facebook.com/MinnehahaFoodShelf/>

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The Center for Changing Lives
2400 Park Ave. S.,
612-871-8831
www.messiahlutheranmpls.org
Sunday 9 am Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday 11 am Praise Worship, with Holy Communion on July 16

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4101 37th Ave. S.,
612-722-9527

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9:45 am Sunday Worship in person & livestream
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12-step groups Tuesday through Friday evenings
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NEW CREATION BAPTIST CHURCH

1414 E. 48th St.
612-825-6933
In-person Sunday Worship 10:45 am
Also on Facebook at: www.Facebook.com/NewCreationBaptistChurch
<https://newcreationbaptist-churchmn.org/>
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Daniel B. McKizzie

NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH – ELCA

5300 10th Ave. S.
612-825-6846
www.nokomisheights.org
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EVENTS

Fence Construction Update from Community-University Health Care Center (CUHCC)

June 1 through July 31

CUHCC is currently building a fence around its north parking lot. During the eight-week project, CUHCC will lose eight parking spots, which may result in more patients and staff parking on Bloomington Avenue and 16th Avenue South. CUHCC is building the fence to improve safety for CUHCC staff, patients and community members. During and after its construction, CUHCC remains a welcoming clinic dedicated to serving the health needs of everyone.

'Groovin' in the Garden'

Free concert series

Wednesdays in July, 6 to 8 p.m.

Como Park Zoo & Conservatory 1225 Estabrook Dr., St. Paul
Como Park Zoo & Conservatory's free concert series "Groovin' In The Garden" returns, featuring some of the Twin Cities' finest musicians, rain or shine! Pack a picnic and dancing shoes, spread out a blanket and join us for these FREE outdoor concerts and activities in front of the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory every Wednesday from June 7 to July 26 at 6 to 8 p.m. Hotdogs, ice cream treats, beer and wine will be available to purchase.

*If it rains, we'll move inside the Visitor Center Porch next to the Water Gardens!

July 12, The Mubbla Bugs – The Mubbla Buggs are a Minneapolis

alt pop fusion band established in 1986.

July 19, Eleganza – "One of the Twin Cities' best live bands, a rolling-and-tumbling rock unit that plays it loose and wild in concert."

– Chris Riemenschneider, Star Tribune

July 26, The Flamin' Oh's – The Flamin' Oh's have remained a fixture of the live music scene for decades, with Wilkinson as a prolific songwriter, and live shows hailed for their enduring audience appeal, deep rock and roll roots, and unwavering energy. More information at comozooconservatory.org.

Minnesota Sinfonia Summer Concerts

Classical Concert

Friday, July 14, 7:30 p.m.

Lake Harriet Band Shell 4135 W. Lake Harriet Pkwy., Mpls.

Youth Outreach Week Concert

Friday, July 28, 7:30 p.m.

Featuring violin soloist Cecilia O'Malley

Lake Harriet Band Shell 4135 W. Lake Harriet Pkwy., Mpls. Bring your family and friends and join us in the open air to hear wonderful music, with favorites such as the "William Tell Overture," "Showboat," "El Cholo Tango," and many more! With your generous support, all Sinfonia concerts remain free of admission charges. Of course, make sure to bring the kids! mnsinfonia.org

Dances at the Lake Festival

July 14-15, 7 p.m.

Lake Harriet Rose Garden 4125 E. Lake Harriet Pkwy., Mpls. The 21st annual Dances at the Lake Festival presents two FREE concerts on July 14-15 at the Lake Harriet Rose Garden. Fourteen different dance companies and individual dancers will perform, including Duniya Drum and Dance, Jawaahir Dance Company, Kinetic Evolutions, Anda Flamenco Company and School, Ashley Ballet Arts Academy and more.

Founded by the Christopher Watson Dance Company, the festival is now produced by the Ray Terrill Dance Group and funded by the Raymond D. Terrill Charitable Fund. Dancers hail from Minnesota, nearby states and occasionally international, to perform for the greater Twin Cities audience. This FREE outdoor event is a great way to introduce anyone to contemporary and other forms of dance. Arrive early, bring a blanket or portable lawn chair and picnic baskets welcome! <https://www.dancesatthelakefestival.com/>

Walker Art Center's Summer Film Series

Hanif Abdurraqib's Black VHS Experience

July 14 – Aug. 11

Walker Art Center 725 Vineland Pl., Mpls. New York Times bestselling author and poet Hanif Abdurraqib guest curates a series of films that look back at the 1990s as a particularly vibrant moment for the representation of Black music in film. Abdurraqib will introduce "The

Five Heartbeats" on July 14. Learn more at <https://walkerart.org/calendar/2023/series/hanif-abdurraqibs-black-vhs-experience>.

Spirit of Water: A Celebration with Mississippi River

Saturday, July 15, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

United Theological Seminary 767 N. Eustis St., St. Paul AND Hidden Falls Regional Park 1313 Hidden Falls Dr., St. Paul Join The Leadership Center for Social Justice and partners on July 15 for a celebration with Mississippi River! Come gather to connect, learn, pray, engage, play, celebrate and honor the spirit of water. This event is co-presented with our partners: Resilient Indigenous Sisters Engaging (R.I.S.E. Coalition), Rights of Mississippi River, Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light, and Friends of the Mississippi River. Arrive in the morning at United Campus for education about the importance of water, threats to water, and ways in which we can work to protect water. Then join others at Hidden Falls in the afternoon where there will be a community celebration with speakers, music, information booths, food, art and play areas for children. More information: <https://content.united-seminary.edu/spirit-of-water-lcsj>. Contact: Stella Pearce at spearce@unitedseminary.edu.

Free Workshops with Choreographer Sandy Silva

Sunday, July 16 and Saturday, July 22

Noon to 3:15 p.m.

The Cowles Center, Studio 2B 528 Hennepin Ave., Mpls. The Cowles Center will host two exciting dance workshops led by the 2023 McKnight International Choreographer Sandy Silva. As part of her residency this summer and fall, Sandy will be conducting two workshops at The Cowles Center that are free and open to the public. During these workshops, hosted by our residency partner Twin Cities Tap, Silva will introduce participants to new and unexplored ways of approaching collective walking, movement, rhythm, vocal expression and storytelling. Through her personal and cultural practices, she aims to ignite your imagination and foster a sense of personal and communal bodily connection. Join us for an inspiring and transformative dance experience that will leave you with a renewed sense of connection and imagination. Spaces are limited, so we encourage you to reserve your spot by visiting our website at www.thecowlescenter.org.

Open Eye Theater presents 'LOCH MESS! The World's Largest Freshwater Musical' Through July 16

The Bakken Museum 3537 Zenith Ave. S., Mpls. "Loch Mess!" is a hilarious all-ages musical spectacle set in the early 1900s on Lake Superior's shores. Join us for shipwrecks, a legendary lake monster, and uproarious entertainment. In our third exciting

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

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year of an emerging summer tradition on The Bakken Museum's rooftop lawn, we have amplification for maximum fun and drama! Get free admission to the museum an hour before the show – included in the price of your ticket. Bring your own chair or blanket! Written and composed by Josef Evans, directed by Joel Sass. Tickets at www.openeyetheatre.org/loch-mess.

Sudan: Climate, Conflict and State Collapse

Monday, July 17, 7 to 8 p.m. CT
Online via Zoom

Sudan's history has been plagued by violence and political instability. Today's crisis is a brutal struggle over gold, oil, land, and water. Russia and China are major players in this conflict. Speaker: Dr. Ellen J. Kennedy. Register by Monday, July 17, 6 p.m. CT. More information and registration link at worldwithoutgenocide.org.

Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors

Senior Social & Health Talks
July: Best Foot Forward

Tuesday, July 18, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
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Theater Mu presents 'The Kung Fu Zombies Saga: Shaman Warrior & Cannibals'

July 20 – Aug. 13

Opening night Saturday, July 22, 7:30 p.m.

Luminary Arts Center
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Theater Mu ends its 2022-23 season with the world premiere of "The Kung Fu Zombies Saga: Shaman Warrior & Cannibals," written by local playwright in residence Saymoukda Duangphouxay Vongsay. Join us for an epic saga that covers two stories during the zombie apocalypse in Laos. The first act follows Arun as she tries to rescue her sister with the help of the

Monkey King Hanuman; the second depicts Sika's journey to bring her parents' ashes from Minneapolis to her motherland.

From the 12-plus fight scenes, to the original hip hop soundtrack by DJ Kool Akiem, to the cadre of new and old Mu artists working to bring it all together, this world premiere will definitely add a thrill to your Minneapolis summer. More info and tickets at theatermu.org.

Street Voices of Change Fundraiser Tuesday July 25, 5 to 9 p.m.

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Street Voices of Change (SVoC) is a group of individuals who have current or past personal experiences with homelessness who come together to build community and make positive changes in the lives of people experiencing homelessness and the systems that contribute to and keep people in homelessness. This group is supported by Align Mpls. and their voices and priorities are foundational to the work we do to address homelessness together. Join us and a portion of the proceeds from sales that evening will go to support the important work of Street Voices of Change! www.alignmpls.org

Walker Art Center Friday Art-Making in the Garden Fridays through Aug. 25

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

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

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who are experiencing the same joys and challenges, and who can not only empathize, but offer valuable insights and suggestions. Held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. at our office located inside Bethel Church, 4120-17th Ave. S., Minneapolis. For more information, call the Nokomis Healthy Seniors office at 612-729-5499.

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CROSS OVER THE BRIDGE CELEBRATE SUMMER IN HIGHLAND PARK

Summer in Highland Park – update on Highland Bridge and more

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

Highland Bridge development

I made a couple of reconnaissance trips to Highland Bridge, the development in Highland Park headed by Ryan Companies. There are people living there and the parks are

mostly finished, but overall it still has an “under construction” feeling of raw newness. Here’s a summary of the State of the Place as far as I can determine.

Completed/open

Four new public parks are included as part of the High-

land Bridge development. Two of them, Gateway Park and Ujči Makhá Park, are now complete and fully open to the public, while a third one, Assembly Union Park is nearing completion, slated to fully open this summer. The fourth one, called Miča Park, will be constructed in 2024. The new parks currently open were being used by families, children, hikers and bikers, even on the gloomy, wet Sunday when I drove through.

The Lunds & Byerlys store at 2170 Ford Pkwy. and the apartment complex called The Collection that is adjacent to it on the same block of Cretin Avenue are both open for business and rentals respectively and have been for many months. The rapid completion of the apartments (thecollectionathighlandbridge.com) is particularly good news for fans of Highland Bridge, because a year ago that construction was on hold “due



The Mezz Taproom at Lunds & Byerlys Highland Bridge offers beer and wine on tap.



In-house movie theater at Marvella senior housing

to rent control.” Although that’s not great news for fans of rent control, because St. Paul added several developer-friendly carve-outs to the ordinance as passed. Lunds was one of the first things to open at Highland Bridge, and the one at Highland Village strip mall next

door simply closed and moved to its fancy new home.

Another major institution that moved a short distance within Highland Park was the Fairview Clinic, formerly at 2155 Ford Pkwy., and now in Highland Bridge at 2270, just a block west of Lunds. It looks like a much larger building, but maybe that’s just because it’s built up higher. Like the older site across the street, the clinic includes an urgent care facility and offers many specialty services.

Marvella, the Presbyterian-owned, market-rate senior housing complex that includes “continuum of care,” is not only complete but pretty full. It’s a lot bigger than I expected, with two very large multi-story buildings whose front entries face each other across the street. There is a huge patio/courtyard, many amenities such as a movie theater and salon, and skyways connecting the buildings to each other. See the gallery of pictures here: preshomes.org/our-communities/marvella/photo-gallery.

Not completed, but underway

The market-rate row houses are partially complete, and some are for sale now, with the affordable housing options lingering a bit behind the market-rate offerings. Out in front

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is Common Bond's affordable senior housing project, The Lumin. This is under construction and is currently taking applications with a fall 2023 completion date projected. The Lumin will have 60 units of 55+ apartments for rent at

the SOAR model. (SOAR, which stands for SSI/SSDI, Outreach, Access and Recovery, is a program designed to increase access to SSI. See samhsa.gov for more details.) Restoring Waters will not only be a new project residence, but it will

(ESC) in 1914. The two buildings are adjoining and share some community amenities, such as a wellness space and indoor bike storage. The complex is scheduled to open in early 2024.

Beyond Highland Bridge

About a half-mile east of Highland Bridge, at 2004 Ford Pkwy., is a new kind of primary care clinic designed solely for women over 64 years of age. Herself Health just opened in the past year. They use exciting new values to fill a gap that many older women experience. Specifically, they offer "female-focused, age-conscious services designed to lead to your best life yet, care that considers every part of health: physical, emotional, spiritual, sexual, and social, and doctors that are easy to get to and covered by Medicare, with extended office hours."

Highland Park is culturally rich but many of its cultural



Opening of Herself Health in Highland Park

a percentage of the tenant's income. There are two affordable housing projects under the direction of Project for Pride in Living (PPL), one of which is co-owned by Emma Norton, the venerable St. Paul nonprofit. It's called Restoring Waters and represents a major new addition to Emma Norton's service portfolio.

Emma Norton was founded in 1917 as the Methodist Home for Girls, based on a gift from Emma Norton to the United Methodist Women (UMW). In their current headquarters location on Robert Street in St. Paul, they have operated the Emma Norton Residence since 1967. Emma Norton also operates Emma's Place in Maplewood, as well. See emmanorton.org for more on their 106-year history. Their current focus is on unhoused people - women, families, and people with disabilities and/or substance use disorders. They also work with people outside their residences, often using

also be the new office headquarters for Emma Norton.

PPL and Emma Norton held a joint groundbreaking ceremony this past January. The PPL residential building for low-in-



Sally Wingert in 'A Pickle' at Six Points Theater in 2021

come working families and singles is called Nellie Francis Court. It's named after Nellie Griswold Francis, founder of the Everywoman Suffrage Club

institutions are located at the edges of the neighborhood. One great cultural asset right on Ford Parkway is Six Points Theater (SPT). SPT was founded in 1994 as the Minnesota Jewish Theatre Company. The reason behind the new name (since 2021) is twofold. Graphically, it suggests the six-pointed Star of David and reflects the theater's logo and Jewish heritage and lens on universal themes. Verbally, it refers to the organization's six guiding principles: integrity, artistic excellence, trust, innovation, stewardship and tikkun olam (repairing the world). SPT's main performance venue is within the Highland Park Community Center. SPT just held its annual benefit on June 26, and has yet to announce a 2023-



Tony Larkin as Abe (left) and Avi Aharoni as Schmuli in Six Points Theater's 'The Wanderers'

24 season. The last production of the previous season, "The Wanderers," closed in May of 2023. In November 2022, Robert Dorfman was appointed director of Wellsprings, the new

play development section of SPT. Wellsprings is currently reviewing script submissions, so watch for upcoming events soon.



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