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What's Up at the Franklin Community Library

1314 E. Franklin Avenue | 612-543-6925 | www.fclib.org
M, F, Sat 9am–9pm, T, Th, W: 9am–8pm, Sat: 12–5pm

ALL AGES
MN Spinn Live Spotlight: Larry McDonald
Tues., Oct. 2, 10-11am
Last Dec. BN Library launched Mn Spinn, an on-going mp3 form featuring a curated selection of music by local Minnesota artists. Hear one of those artists, the Larry McDonald Quintet and as they share their unique brand of jazz. With: Friends of Library. Funded: MN Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.

Family Storytime
Fridays, 10:30–11am
All ages & their caregivers. Talk, sing, read, write & play together.

YOUTH PROGRAMS
Coloring in Heights
Tues., Oct. 2, 4:30–6pm at Cedar Riverside Opportunity Center (505 19th Ave S)
Registration Required. Grades 1-6, How & why do the hues of leaves change with the seasons? Explore the science of these colorful questions while you create an artist book with hand-crafted pages & a built-in print plant. Your book cover will have you experimenting with composition as you decorate it with a collage of pressed fall leaves. Materials provided. With: Three Rivers Park District. Funded: MN Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.

Let Your Imagination soar

TEEN PROGRAMS
Afro-Modern Dance
Thurs. Oct. 11, 6–7pm

Design a Skateboard
Thurs., Oct. 18, 2–4pm

Urban 4-H Club
Tues. 5-7pm
Urban gardening to digital photo/ video to theater. Partner: U of M. Morris, MN

Teen Tech Workshop
Wednesdays, 5–6:30pm
Make music, videos, animation & other projects using both high- & low-tech tools, everything from iPods 3D printers to synthesizers & sewing machines. Led by the library’s Teen Tech Squad.

Franklin Teen Center: Young Achievers / Dhalinta Horumar
Tuesdays, 4:30–6pm
U dalabdaah Dhaqanqa Soomaalida, samadda Soomaaliga aan u qacay, leh inaad tahay hadliya badan qayb galayaasha waxey waqti u heli, laama: WellShare International. 

Teen Anime Club
Saturdays, 3–4pm
Discuss & create anime artwork! Different every time!

ADULT PROGRAMS
Faisal farun oo ka Saabsan Barahaan Teknolojiyada Maktabadda / Library
Thursdays, Nov. 1, 10 & 17, 10:30–12pm
Registration Required
Kashaaladda waxaa uu ku bilaabo doonan Open-lab ku dhow rajo ah ugu caan ugu caan, waxaa uu ku dhow waan ku qab tirmahay waxaan kala caawin la xidhiidh ah. Mowduucyada laga hadli doon waa ka mid ah: sidii uu uga baneysid waxaana ku yeeraa badan, waxaad ku yaabo neeg ka hadli doon waxaana kala caawin la xidhiidh ah, markaad mowduuciyada ah ugu caan. Qeyb galayaasha waxay ka qab tirmaan, barashada ah ee naabo ay u la xiriira. Sidaas oo uu u qab tirmaan, qayb galayaasha waxay ku jirta qayb galayaasha, barashada ah ee naabo ay u la xiriira. 

Library Membership – $25
Register here for the library’s Adult Membership Program – $25. Library membership gives you access to library resources and services. You will be able to check out materials, use computers, and more.

Metro Transit
New fare-boxes for old
By JOHN CHARLES WILSON
The story of “Aladdin’s Lamp” contains the phrase, “New lamps for old!” Well, two of my bus-riding experiences this month make me think of “New fare-boxes for old!”

The first one was on Route 16, Central Avenue Northeast. The bus had a new, very sophisticated fare-box. There was even a smart card reader integrated with the fare-box; however, it wasn’t in use. There was a regular Go-To Card reader front the door, as usual. I have one who did my bit for continuing education, I think of “New fare-boxes for old!”

The second one was on Route 70, East Side and Saint Paul. It was one of the old buses from the 1980s, a type rarely seen anymore.

Community Partners for updates from Local City Government & Minneapolis Police. Meeting will take place at the Center for Changing Lives Building in Room 182 (2400 Park Avenue). Free parking is available in the lot of building off of Oakland Avenue. Free Jakeeno’s Pizza Dinner will be provided! If you would like more information and would like to get involved in the neighborhood please contact Crystal at 612-879-5833 or email her at pwno2065@yahoo.com.

It has the padded seats and the windows that actually opened so you could feel the breeze on your face, not just the vents up above your head. Of course it was a high-floor model, so you had to climb three steps to get to enter or exit. On the other hand, there were more seats than on modern buses, and there were actually seats close enough to the driver that you could actually have a conversation with her. As a transit fanatic, I loved the opportunity to talk to bus drivers about the industry. Unfortunately, that space on today’s buses is often taken up by the wheel wells. This puts the kibosh on chat-chatting with driv- ers, but does provide a flat surface to place extra packages on. Change often brings both takes and bring away good things.

Franklin Avenue Follies
My roommate and I went to the last Alley transition meeting on Route 22. Because there was construction on the bridge over I-35W, we waited 25 minutes for a bus that was supposed to come every 13 minutes, and on the way back we had to endure parent-child dysfunction at the bus stop. As one who did my bit for continuing the human species 25 years ago, I understand what it’s like to have to use public transit with small chil- dren. I have experienced the paratheria of the “entourage”. Perhaps buses, taxis, emergency and gov- ernment vehicles, and construction equipment should get priority when construction slows down traffic.
Hennepin County elections

Questions answered by candidates for County Commissioner & Sheriff

By John Charles Wilson

1. Housing for low income persons, senior citizens, and persons vulnerable due to mental illness: We need to rethink housing as a basic human right and make strong investments in solutions to end homelessness. Housing is expensive and in short supply. I should know—my house is multi-generational and rented. A growing proportion of the homeless population are seniors and those with mental illness. Phillips residents need opportunity when it comes to housing, especially seniors who can’t just go out and get another job. I will pursue creative solutions like the cooperative housing programs seen in other parts of Minneapolis. We, too, can have an apartment building where rent is below market to ensure long-term investment in a more equitable community. I will be leading efforts to be included in new developments in our district.

2. Mentally ill people being held in the County jail: Working with our partners at the county attorney’s office and the city, I will be a restorative justice lead to increase trust and perceptions of our community. Ending the practice of cash bail would help diminish disparities within our jail. We know that mental illness is an issue across races and income levels, but it’s easy for these conditions to go untreated when a person lacks wealth. By eliminating a system that penalizes the poor and decreases the overall jail population (particularly for low-level offenses), we can alleviate the problem of people with mental illness being held in the county jail.

Peter McLaughlin

1. Housing for low income persons, senior citizens, and persons vulnerable due to mental illness: Lack of decent affordable housing is eating up household budgets, particularly for low-level offenses), we can alleviate the problem of people with mental illness being held in the county jail.

October’s Really Free Market

East Phillips Park, 2399 17th Av. So., Saturday, October 6, from 1-3 PM

By Kim Hayden

A great time to share Halloween costumes and supplies, and cold weather gear. Everything is FREE—offer what you’d like to give and take what you would like to receive. Food, music, and company are as welcome as objects. Enjoy an afternoon in the gift economy! Please treat everything as a gift, and please take back with you any things that you have brought that nobody has taken. Please also make sure the items you bring are clean and dry. Not everyone who needs items is able to wash and dry items and might need to use them immediately. Thank you.

If you are on Facebook, find the group Twin Cities Really, Free Market to be invited to the events.

Hutch Hutchinson

2. Deployment of Sheriff’s deputies outside the boundaries of Hennepin County and/or Minnesota: The duties of the Sheriff’s Office is to protect the people of Hennepin County. Currently, there are no deputies outside of Hennepin County in extremely limited circumstances, such as assisting with a natural disaster relief effort.

On the other hand, the current sheriff has deployed deputies to break up protests and the Standing Rock reservation against the Dakota Access Pipeline. I will never send deputies to break up peaceful protests or those outside of the county. The Hennepin County Sheriff’s Office is here to protect people, not large companies. The right to peaceful assembly is guaranteed by our Constitution, and I will never work to constrain that right.

4. Cooperation between the Sheriff’s Office and the County Board of Commissioners: The Hennepin County Commissioners recently released a memo about cooperation to create a policy around ICE behaviors in Hennepin County properties. This policy would require ICE agents to identify themselves as County officials and inform them if arrests are being made on the property. I completely support this policy and it is a great opportunity for the Sheriff’s Department to work hand in hand with the County Commissioners. It is not the duty of the Sheriff’s Office to enforce immigration policy. Undocumented individuals shouldn’t need to worry about being stopped by an immigration officer. As Sheriff, this will become the department’s official policy. By working with our partners at the County, we can strengthen Hennepin County’s protections of all people, regardless of how they came here.

Rich Stanek

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Angela Conley

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October 8th is International Day of Solidarity with the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas

BY JOHN CHARLES WILSON

October 8th is International Day of Solidarity with the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas. This holiday celebrates the resilience and achievements of indigenous people worldwide. The day serves as a reminder of the ongoing struggles faced by indigenous communities and the importance of respecting their rights and cultures.

The indigenous peoples of the Americas have a rich history and culture that predate European colonization. Despite facing colonization, displacement, and discrimination, these communities have continued to thrive and maintain their traditions. The holiday offers an opportunity to acknowledge their contributions and to support their efforts towards self-determination and sovereignty.

Indigenous communities face numerous challenges, including land rights, access to resources, and protection of traditional knowledge. By recognizing International Day of Solidarity with the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas, we can raise awareness about these issues and support initiatives that empower these communities.

The holiday is marked by various events, including ceremonies, cultural performances, and educational activities. Many indigenous organizations and advocacy groups use this day to highlight their achievements and the importance of their cultural heritage.

In conclusion, October 8th serves as a poignant reminder of the resilience of indigenous peoples and the ongoing need for support and recognition of their rights and contributions. Let us honor their legacy and work towards a future that respects and protects the diversity and dignity of all peoples.

In light of the holiday, we encourage everyone to learn more about the history and current struggles of indigenous communities and to engage in meaningful actions that support their sovereignty and well-being.
The East Phillips Community
17th Ave. Gardeners
Welcome you to the Annual
FALL HARVEST PARTY

WHEN: Saturday, October 20th
TIME: 4:30 PM to ..........
WHERE: 2428 17th Ave. S.
BRING: Food or drink to share
BRING: Musical instruments

ENJOY: The Grilled and Pot Luck Feast,
The Warmth of a Crackling Camp Fire,
The annual Pumpkin Carving Contest,
Hot Spiced Apple Cider
S’mores and more by the Fire
Music by your Neighbors.
The comradery of this outdoor fall event
AND Sign up for a Garden Plot for 2019
(Plots will be available for East Phillips Residents)

For your Calendar:

The EPIC Board of Directors meets on the FIRST Saturday of the month – Next Meetings;
Saturday, 10/6/2018 and 11/3/2018 at 10:00 AM. Meetings are at 2433 Bloomington Ave. S.
The EPIC General Membership meets on the SECOND Thursday – Next Meetings;
Thursday, 10/11/18 and 11/8/18 At 6:30 PM. Meetings are at the Community Center.
Agenda includes Neighborhood Industrial Pollution, Crime Initiatives, and EPIC project updates.

The East Phillips Community 17th Ave. Gardeners meet on the second Saturday of Each Month
during the gardening season, normally from April through September. Next meetings are Year
Saturday, 4/13/2019 & 5/11/2019 at 9:00 AM in the Community Center at 2307 17th Ave. S.
Subsequent meetings will be held in the Garden. NOTE: The October Garden meeting is replaced
with the Garden Fall Harvest Party on October 26th. See above.

Meeting Locations: East Phillips Park Cultural & Community Center is located at 2307 17th Ave. S., Mpls., MN
2433 Bloomington Ave. S is directly across the street from Welna Ace Hardware.
EPIC’s East Phillips Community 17th Ave. Garden is located at 2428 17th Ave. S., Mpls., MN

SAVE THESE DATES:
Phillips Community Clean Sweep: October 13th 2018 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Garden Fall Harvest Party: October 20th 2018 from 4:30 PM until the fire goes out.
* Watch this space for additional or changed meetings

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PHILLIPS CLEAN SCAWEP

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a Litter be GONE event

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018
9am-10am
Enjoy a Free Breakfast and Pick-Up Free Supplies
Plus, get a FREE 2018 Clean Sweep T-Shirt

CHECK IN AT EITHER OF THESE LOCATIONS:
• Welna Ace Hardware Parking Lot – 2438 Bloomington Ave S
• Lutheran Social Services – 2400 Park Ave S (entrance on 24th St)

9am-12pm Phillips Clean Sweep!
Meet your neighbors, help pick up litter, and clean up your neighborhood! Organize your neighborhood!

12pm-2pm Free Lunch and Entertainment
Plus Neighborhood Information & Fun at Stewart Park (2700 12th Ave S)

Bring out your trash!
The Phillips neighborhoods have raised funds to provide free pick up for residents during Clean Sweep.
They will pick up extra household trash, old furniture, carpet, household construction and trees.
Materials should be out the night before and no later than 9am October 13th.
(No hazardous wastes are picked up and any appliances or recyclables are picked up
on the next city recycling pick up day.)
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY CELEBRATION
Monday, October 8th
American Indian Corridor

All My Relations Arts (AMRA), and Native American Community Development Institute - NACDI is hosting an Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration to raise awareness, and provide education of Native American Arts. The festival's focus is to provide the people of the Twin Cities, greater Minnesota, and beyond consistently high-quality exposure to Native American Arts. The festival will provide the public with education about American Indian history, culture, and contemporary experiences through the arts. Workshops will encourage artists to interact with attendees to create a broader understanding of Native communities.

The festival will take place on the American Indian Corridor on Franklin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55404. For more information: https://www.nacdi.org/indigenous-peoples-day-festival

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MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE OCTOBER 10, 2018 VENTURA VILLAGE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The following Motion will be on the agenda for the October 10, 2018 General Membership Meetings. This motion will clean up all the old Neighborhood Revitalization Plan (NRP) balances and bring the Ventura Village Neighborhood Priority Plan (NPP) up to date. Please attend the General Membership Meeting on October 10, 2018 at the Phillips Community Center Dining Room at 7:00 pm.

MOVE to approve the reallocation of the following FROM Ventura Village NRP funds:
1. $3,289.90 from Multi-Cultural Arts Center (Phase I, Arts/Culture/Ethnicity 3.2.1.1)
2. $0.04 from The Management Team (Phase I, Administrative Support 1.1.1.1)
3. $9,313.41 from Homeowner Fix-up Grant Program (Phase II, Housing 1.2.1.1) ($4,137.08 of this is Program income)
4. $4,500.00 from Educate Property Managers, Owners and Renters (Phase II, Housing 1.3.1.1)
and move the following from Ventura Village CPP funds
5. $82,896.65 from CPP ($18,370.37 is in the CPP Reserve; $64,526.28 is in CPP contract)
   TO the Ventura Village NPP Plan
1. $17,103.35 to Peavey Park Improvements (Phase II, Parks and Open Spaces 1.1.2.1)
2. $82,896.65 to Park Improvements NPP
   AND further, move to rescind all previous reallocation motions for these funds.

UPCOMING VENTURA VILLAGE MONTHLY MEETINGS:

WEDNESDAY, OCT 10TH: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: 6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, OCT 10TH: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 7:00 PM
THURSDAY, OCT 25TH: HOUSING & LAND COMMITTEE: 5:30 PM
THURSDAY, OCT 25TH: CRIME & SAFETY COMMITTEE: 6:30 PM
TUESDAY, OCT 30TH: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE: 6:00 PM
TUESDAY, OCT 30TH: WELLNESS, GARDENING & GREENING: 7:00 PM
All Residents Are Welcome to Participate: Visitors Welcome to Attend!
Still here! From page 1

Franklin/Hiawatha Encampment
Still here!

Minneapolis. Housing shortages, rigid landlords, policies that create lifetime bans based on survival behaviors; these are just some of the things that create overwhelming barriers for many of our relatives and have created the environment for the Encampment.

In response, a broad coalition of government, nonprofit, and community partners and supporters are coming together to address the short-term, mid-term and long-term barriers to housing for the residents of this camp, as well as those in other camps not so visible. Working together, we hope to find solutions to address the short-term, mid-term and long-term barriers to housing for the residents of this camp, as well as those in other camps not so visible.

Karen Clark will be leaving the legislature at the end of 2018 there is still much work to be done. She will continue to advocate for progressive legislation and to help push forward innovative ideas and solutions. Among the unfinished legislative issues she feels most passionate about include: State Reparations to African American and Native American Minnesotans; Renters and School Children’s Right to Know Toxic Lead Exposure; Free College Tuition; Single-Payer Health Care; MN Cancer Registry expanded to include Occupational, Residential, and Military History; Somali women and African American women’s health; and the overtime pay for state employees.

Karen Clark from page 1

Representative Karen Clark, Dist. 62A: 38 years! A job well done

Award; Runaway and Homeless Advocate Award; MN YouthBuild’s Advocacy Award; Legislative Champion of Minority Economic Development Association; MN Indian Coalition for Affordable Housing’s Community Hero Award; and the Job’s New Coalition Award.

What can you say about Representative Karen Clark’s legislative record as she has passed over 150 significant legislative bills into law while in the legislature? It would be impossible to do justice to a list of a few of these as the most memorable, but she said the following would be Included:

1. MN’s Worker Right-to-Know Exposure to Toxic Substances; MN Dislocated Workers Act; Sexual Harassment protections; Cancer Registry; Early Childhood Care and Education; Sexual Orientation added to the MN Human Rights Act; Dakota and Ojibwe Language Preservation; Domestic Violence Shelters for Asian, Native American, Latina and East African Women; Housing for Homeless Youth, Families and Mentally Ill; Environmental Justice protections such as the Cumulative Health Impact Analysis for East Phillips Neighborhood; State Bonding to finance the Minneapolis American Indian Center Renovation, to save and expand the Phillips Swimming Pool and creating the East Phillips Park Community Cultural Center; outlawing BPA in baby bottles; stronger Renter’s Rights and Responsibilities; Childhood Lead Poisoning; and Be Da Daka Leadership in Home Ownership. And this is just the tip of the iceberg. One cannot forget also the strong battle Karen fought to help defeat the MN Same-Sex Marriage Constitutional Amendment in 2012 and her success in 2013 to chief author and pass the Marriage Equality Act signed into law by Governor Dayton.

Karen would not be fading into the sunset. Karen will continue her passion for equality, justice and disadvantaged communities. She has her passion for the Women’s Environmental Institute (WEI) non-profit to look forward to as its volunteer Executive Director and one of its founders, along with her spouse Jacquelyn Zita. WEI’s mission is to be a “place for women and allies to renew, learn and organize for environmental justice” using agricultural, racial and food justice strategies to promote social and economic change and opportunities. Another big priority for Karen will be spending more time with Jacquelyn and coalescing of thousands of people since original construction in 1972 and hundreds of people in the last decade. Karen’s support and work at the MN Legislature and in the community for this project as with scores of others has been incredible for 38 years.

I have known Karen for over 40 years and have been her campaign treasurer for 31 years. She has always kept the hearts, souls and minds of her constituents as part of her legislative work. I can speak to the tireless hours she has put into her work. In asking Karen about her legislative journey she said, “It has been an honor to represent this wonderful district of people who I’ve grown with over the years. They kept their promise to ‘stay with me’ that was made when I accepted their invitation to serve them in the legislature in 1980, and I’ve loved keeping my promise to build bridges to their real empowerment for economic and social justice every day. I am grateful.” If you happen to run into Karen on the street be sure to stop and thank her for her tireless work for all of us in this community. Karen has been a faithful and trusted servant who has served us well.

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What’s next for The Alley?

...TIME begins for the next phase of Alley Communications. Look for the Who, What, How, and Where in the November issue. Where will the Alley cat land next?

WANTED!

Want to see the The Alley continue? Volunteer your time to help guide the future of your community’s local newspaper.

The Alley is seeking 5 Interim Board Members willing to serve a 6-month term to steer the organization’s transition.

Also seeking volunteers in:
- Editing
- Coordination
- Ad Sales
- Grantwriting
- Mailing
- Social media management
- Website management
- Archiving
- Event planning
- Bookkeeping

For more information email Cathy at cstrobel11@gmail.com

TIME runs out on October 31, 2018 for Harvey Winje as the “Interim Editor” (since 2004), of The Alley Newspaper. The November issue, #164 for him, will be his last!
Indigenous Peoples Day Events

Indigenous Peoples Day Festival
October 6 – 7
All My Relations Gallery (AMRA), and Native American Community Development Corporation (NACDC) is hosting an Indigenous Peoples Day Festival to raise awareness, and provide education of Native American Art.

Augsburg University Native American Film Series 2018 Presents “The Apotheosis of the Condor — From Standing Rock with Love”
October 8, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Free event. A film telling about how and why Indigenous people are struggling against a violent extraction-culture. Come to share your experiences at Standing Rock! Reception starts at 6pm and screening at 6:30 pm. Sateren Auditorium 715 22nd Ave So.

First Declaration of Indigenous Peoples Day at the 1977 Geneva UN Conference

The Native nations from the USA sent a delegation of thirteen members plus staff and observers. In addition, the Iroquois (Haudenosaunee) delegation was composed of twelve, plus several observers. Five of the US delegates were affiliated with ITC: Russell Means (Lakota), Ernest Philpott (Mohawk), Adaílunda (Sioux), Marie Helene Laraque (Taino), Joe Lefferty (Sioux), and Marie-Helene Laraque (Taino). The Iroquois delegation included Leon Shamandash, Oren Lyons, and Audrey Shamandash (Onondaga). Four of the seven Canadian delegates were affiliated with AIM Canada, including Ed Burnstick (Cree) and Art Solomon (Ojibwe).

“One of the most important things to come out of the Geneva Conference did not get much attention at the time, even though it was the first item of the program of action in the final resolutions. It reads: ‘...to observe October 12, the day of so-called ‘discovery’ of America, as an international day of solidarity with the indigenous peoples of the Americas.’ Why is that so important? It means that we have made a very large part of the world recognize who we are and even to talk with us in solidarity in our long fight. From now on, children all over the world will learn all over the world the true story of American Indian Grassroots, Survival School Family, a non-profit organization established in 1973, a member of the Run for Freedom Movement, American Indian Grassroots, Survival School Family, and David Spotted Horse (Hunkapapa). The Iroquois delegation included Leon Shamandash, Oren Lyons, and Audrey Shamandash (Onondaga).

The photographs with this article show the excitement Dick felt as he squeezed off shots. For him, it was a world of difference from suing and ties and the quiet determination he had witnessed in his father’s business conference rooms.

Dick told me, “In those days, I didn’t use zoom lenses but I do now and so I had to change lenses from a 55mm to a 80mm and you had to click them off and on. It was a lot of work. I carried four lenses and two cameras: two telephoto lenses and a 50mm and a 55mm wide angle.”

“Kangi Bloka”: From Pine Ridge Reservation, SD; to the 1977 Geneva Conference. Pine Ridge is 2.1 million acres, with 1.7 million acres held in trust by the U.S. government. Established 1989 in the southwestern corner of South Dakota on the Nebraska border, larger than Delaware and Rhode Island combined.

Dick Bancroft: Champion with a Camera at First Declaration of International Indigenous Day

Dick and I collaborated on the text and photos with pretty much him doing the photos and me doing the text. His photos are brilliant and provide education of Native American Art.

Ted Means, Pat Bellanger, and Bill Wahpepah standing at the podiums with speeches and over a hundred testimonies of abuse and exploitation were given at the 1977 UN Geneva Conference.

In preparing for the book Dick said, “I wasn’t prepared of what occurred two years prior to that
October 8th is International Day of Solidarity with the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas

Horse Nation of the Očhéthi Šakówiŋ

Exhibitions at All My Relations Gallery, the Minneapolis Institute of Art, Two Rivers Gallery

Horse Nation exhibition explores how horses shaped the history, spirituality, and culture of the Dakota, Nakota, and Lakota people, collectively known as the Očhéthi Šakówiŋ or the Seven Council Fires.

Horses serve as allies in hunting, battle, and are revered for more than their utility. Horses were, and still are, recognized as relatives and are vital members of the community.

This exhibition is part of a larger look at Horse Nation, including exhibitions at the Minneapolis Institute of Art, All My Relations Minneapolis Arts, and Two Rivers Gallery.

Organized by The Heritage Center at Red Cloud Indian School with support from Red Cloud Indian School, Inc., The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, South Dakota Humanities Council, Black Hills Community Foundation, Joyce Dobbert, Center for American Indian Sunday Research and Native Studies, and Racing Maggie LLC.


Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, activist, writer, educator extraordinaire

Roxanne was born in San Antonio, Texas, in 1939 and grew up in Central Oklahoma, daughter of a sharecropper and a mother that Dunbar believes to have been part Native American. Dunbar's paternal grandfather, a settler of Scots-Irish ancestry, was a land farmer, veterinarian, a labor activist and a member in Socialist Party and Industrial Workers of the World, "Wobblies." Her father was named after the leaders of the Industrial Workers of the World—Moyer Haywood Pettibone Scarlett Dunbar. Her father's stories of her grandfather inspired her to lifelong commitment to indigenous peoples' right to self-determination and to international human rights.


In her work An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States, Dunbar-Ortiz condemns the discovery Doctrine and the colonialism that devastated Native American populations in the United States. She compares this form of religious bigotry to the modern-day conquests of al-Qaeda. She states that much of the wealth within the United States was taken by aggression and oppression, "Native peoples have vast claims to return, restitution, and restoration," yet "monetary amount can compensate for lands illegally seized, particularly sacred lands for indigenous peoples to retain social coherency."

In 1981, Dunbar-Ortiz was issued in a new edition by University of Nebraska Press in 2013. It was followed by two other books: Roots of Resistance: A History of Land Tenure in New Mexico (1980) and Indians of the Americas: Human Rights and Self-Determination (1984). She also edited two anthologies on Native American economic development, while heading the Institute for Native American Development at the University of New Mexico.

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In 1981, Dunbar-Ortiz was asked to visit Sandinista Nicaragua to appraise the land tenure situation of the Miskito Indians in the northeastern region of the country. Her two trips there that year coincided with the beginning of United States government’s sponsorship of a proxy war to overthrow the Sandinistas, with the northeastern region on the border with Honduras becoming a war zone and the basis for extensive propaganda carried out by the Reagan administration against the Sandinistas. In over a hundred trips to Nicaragua and Honduras from 1981 to 1989, she monitored what was called “the Contra War” (2001). Dennis White Thunder tells these years in Caught in the Crossfire: The Miskitu Indians of Nicaragua (1985) and Blood on the Border: A Memoir of the Contra War (2009).

She is featured in the feminist history film She’s Beautiful When She’s Angry. She is Professor Emerita of Ethnic Studies at California State University, Hayward. Since retiring from university teaching she has been lecturing widely and writes. See photo on page 8.
movies and television shows. One of his most memorable roles is playing a producer of “soft” pornography in the late 1970s and early 1980s in Thomas Anderson’s “Boogie Nights” (1997).

Here is one of the 186 movies and TV shows of Burt Reynolds’ career.

The End (1978 film)

The End is a 1978 black comedy directed by and starring Burt Reynolds, written by Jerry Belson, and with music composed by Paul Williams. Also stars Dom DeLuise along with Sally Field, Snother Martin, David Steinberg, Joanne Woodward, Norman Fell, Myrna Loy, Kristy McNichol, Pat O’Brien, Robby Benson and Carl Reiner.

Reynolds later said he “loved” the film. “Nobody wanted to do it. They all thought I should do The End if I did Hooper, which made a fortune for Warner Brothers. The End eventually made $40-million.”

Wendell “Sonny” Lawson (Reynolds), an unscrupulous real-estate promoter, learns that he has a fatal blood disease and decides to commit suicide rather than endure a slow, painful death. He then takes the time to meet with several friends and family members for one last time, while lying the fact that he plans to end his own life.

After a failed suicide attempt, Sonny ends up in a mental institution, where he quickly befriends fellow patient, Marlon Boranski (DeLuise), a deranged schizophrenic murderer and enlists Boranski’s help with his suicide.

Choosing safer cleaning products to improve air quality

BY EMILY WORMAN

This summer, 15 businesses and housing complexes in Minneapolis participated in a project to improve air quality and community health by switching to safer janitorial cleaning products. Eleven businesses have committed to switching to safer products, and they are improving local air quality by reducing the emissions of hazardous air pollutant (HAPs) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs). A total of 26 products were switched, which essentially means 3,250 pounds of cleaning product replaced with safer alternatives annually. Additionally, 105 pounds of HAPs, 155 pounds of VOCs, and 385 pounds of ground-level ozone will be removed each year.

Thank you to the following businesses and housing complexes for participating in this project: The Avenue apartments, Center for Changing Lives, Greenway Building, Hawthwa Tower Apartments, North Minneapolis Economic Development Center, Many Rivers East and West apartments, Midtown Global Market, Normandale House, St. Paul’s Apartments, Trujillo’s Tax Services, and Wells Fargo’s Aurora Bank Campus.

Emily Worman was a summer Intern at MnTAP, sponsor of this project.

An important dialogue between members of LGBTQ community and Minneapolis Police

BY KATHERINE SULLIVAN

Out In the Backyard (OIBY), All God’s Children Metropolitan Community Church, and Minneapolis South Rotary recently hosted an event to help reduce the gap of understanding between the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer-plus communities and the Mpls. police force. A special community event was organized with the showing of a documentary called STONEWALL UPRISING as a catalyst to raise awareness and conversation about the many complex issues with the police and policing system.

Jeff Hayes, the Minneapolis Police Department’s new LGBTQ community engagement liaison attended the event and dialogue. He is a civilian gay man recently hired by the police department for this position.

Many questions were asked and discussed. Some of it revolved around how to use the June LGBT+ Pride march as a time to protest the killing of people of color by police. After all, the history of Pride beginning in 1969 IS protest and uprising—protest against violence by police and against a social structure that trampled all right and dignity of LGBT+ individuals. How could the Pride organizers better communicate what was happening for those on the line-up route to the many hundreds in the parade who had no idea what the event was about? Should this protest have been expected by all, given that there was press leading up to the Pride parade about this? Or, as some have advanced last year groups perceived the “whitewashing” of the LGBTQ+ community at Pride, as well as the inclusion of police at Pride celebrations? Are frustrations waiting for the heat for the Parade to get under way equal to frustrations of the murder of loved ones by the police? When groups lack equal access to power, how can they be heard, and what are the costs and benefits of various approaches?

All of these questions continue to be important. Out In the Backyard’s documentary and dialogue event on Friday Sept 14, an attempt to increase awareness of the history that led to the first Pride march in NYC in 1970, was well-received. Organizers noted that this film, while extremely valuable, over-emphasized the voices of white individuals. Event attendees were referred to documentarians centered on people of color who were important leaders in the Stonewall Uprising in 1969 that led to Pride Parade as a form of protest in 1970. Two important names are Sylvia Rivera and Marsha P. Johnson. **A documentary was made called, The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson.** This recent dialog OIBY event was a step into new territory for OIBY and led to some experiential learning. Some perceived the event as moving to “solutions” without a shared perspective on the “problem.” Some questioned having MPD staff at the table at this stage if the goal was emotional safety and openness, particularly by LGBTQ+ people of color and allies.

Friday evening was a good start. Let’s continue the dialogue, hopefully with representation by those who were protesting, and continued excellent facilitation by community leaders and educators who can guide an exploration and increased understanding of these important and complex issues.


https://queerdeathofcolor.com/history/transgender-women-of-color-at-stonewall
Raise Your Voice

When patriots speak up

BY PETER MOLENAAR

September 8, 2018, was a nationwide day of action around the theme: RISE FOR CLIMATE, JOBS, AND JUSTICE. The Minnesota summit was venued at the East Phillips Park Cultural and Community Center. The prevailing millennial voices were heard, still fresh from the financial crisis of 2008, and they were not hesitant to link the climate crisis to capitalism. To which I will add: The drive for infinite growth upon a finite planet suggests that this system is unsustainable and hostile to Earth’s ecology.

Meanwhile...

In our country, the top 10% own 80% of the wealth. These are the lazy stockholders who live high and work low. The planet’s richest eight people own wealth equal to the poorest half of the world’s population. Capitalism, which exists to maximize profits, is incapable of reversing this accelerating process.

Call for a just transition...

The environmental/sustainability movement has issued the call for a just transition to a post-fossil fuel society. However, we have failed to convey the message to fossil fuel workers, the labor heroes whose redeployment must be fully supported by society.

There is work to be done...

• Vast expansion of renewable energy.
• Modernization of the electric grid.
• Protection of coastal areas from sea level rise and hurricanes.
• Reforestation, including buffer zones to absorb agricultural runoff.
• Replacing old pipes for water supply and waste treatment.
• Retrofitting buildings to conserve energy.
• Mass transit.
• Replacing old bridges and tunnels.

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“I was a young woman at Harvard in 1976 and I remember hearing this man talk to our school. His name was Jimmie Durham and he represented the International Indian Treaty Council. It was the first NGO at the UN that represented Indigenous people. They had a presentation by him and I thought, ‘Wow, that’s really right what he said.’ It changed my world view.”

Between taking care of her tykes and answering phone calls, the busy organizer reflected on being 18 again, learning to research being 18 again, learning to research. She had research experience but this was different. She had research experience but this was different.

We have offered a short wish list. Implementation will require a reversal of the Republican Party’s tax reform and the transfer of funds from the military. In addition, it might be wise to nationalize our banking system... and the pharmaceutical industry in conjunction with universal health care... free higher education... cancellation of student debt... a path to citizenship...

The list goes on, when patriots speak up!
Coming Soon!!!

Community Health Hub
based on the significant learnings over 10 years of the Backyard Initiative and key definitions:

CULTURE: Consists of practices that people create to give themselves continuity and cohesion across generations. Culture consists of a set of highly patterned, unspoken implicit rules, behaviors and thoughts which control everything that [we] do. A people, peoplehood is at the core of culture. – Cultural Wellness Center, 1996

COMMUNITY: We experience community as an emotion, as in sense of community; as a physical place such as a neighborhood or town; as a set of shared interests or pursuits; or as a common ethnic or cultural identity; We often think of community as something fixed—something that just is. In fact, from a leadership perspective, communities are made and maintained through human relationships. People create community. – Tom O’Connell, It’s Up To Us!: a brief guide to community leadership

HEALTH: *Health is a state of physical, mental, social, and spiritual well-being. It is not only the absence of infirmity and disease. * Health is the state of balance, harmony, and connectedness within and between many systems—the body, the family, the community, the environment, and culture. It cannot be seen only in an individual context. * Health is an active state of being; people must be active participants to be healthy. It cannot be achieved by being passive. – Backyard Initiative, 2009

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- We know the health practices of our people
- We belong to a community