

RESOLUTE

Res-o-lute: means admirably purposeful, determined, and unwavering. **Synonyms for resolute are:** *determined · purposeful · resolved · decided · adamant · firm · unswerving · unwavering · undaunted · fixed · set · intent · insistent · steadfast · staunch.* These adjectives describe our community and its resolve to consistently move through difficult situations, live in an uncertain world, and take action to improve a situation.

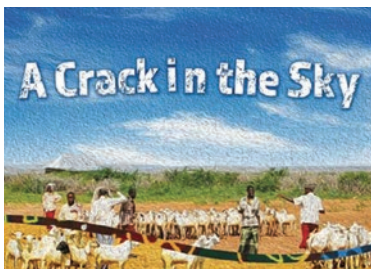
Shepherd boy learned how to be admirably purposeful, determined, and unwavering

By LEON OMAN and
[HTTP://WWW.EXPLOREMINNESOTA.COM/
EVENTS/35332/A-CRACK-IN-THE-SKY](http://www.exploreminnesota.com/events/35332/a-crack-in-the-sky)

Ahmed Yusuf, a Phillips resident, is Co-Author of “A Crack in the Sky” performed at the History Theatre until March 4, 2018. It is a World Premiere Drama by Harrison David Rivers and Ahmed Ismail Yusuf.

Directed by Faye Price it portrays the journey from Somalia to the U.S.A. in 1984. A young shepherd boy stands in front of his mother to tell her of the decision he has made in the night. He has had enough of the nomadic life, of herding goats and sheep, and is leaving to seek out a better life. With that, he sets off on an adventure that takes him on the road less traveled from Somalia to Minnesota. It’s the

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epic tale of Ahmed Ismail Yusuf who, inspired by Maya Angelou, discovers the power of the written word. <http://www.historytheatre.com/2017-2018/crack-in-the-sky>

Ahmed has been a proud East Phillips resident since 1997 when he came to Minnesota. Living in Phillips worked well from the beginning as he could walk to the Community University Health Care Clinic where he worked and so many other neighborhood places. He loves living in the “heart

Abbott Northwestern adds \$29.2 M unit in 2019 and Panera Bread March 2018

By HARVEY WINJE

McDonalds restaurant, formerly within Abbott Northwestern (A/N) Hospital at 27th and Chicago Av, closed in May 2016 ending 28 years serving high sugar and fat content fast food in a hospital that often treated some of the results of regularly consuming such foods. Their exodus was a part of A/N’s parent non-profit conglomerate, Allina Health’s (at nearby Midtown Exchange), push to promote healthier food choices for employees and visitors. Panera Bread Bakery/Cafe, based in St. Louis Park, opened Feb. 28th in the same 6,000 square foot space McDonalds occupied and will offer reduced portions and do not sell highly sugared beverages and fried foods. The A/N Community Advisory Committee raised these exact contradictions when McDonalds first opened and advised they not be located there.

That advice wasn’t heeded. A/N CAC also requested that there be no exterior McDonald’s signage. This was honored by A/N and McDonald’s in an attempt to subdue street traffic to the location.

Meanwhile, plans and construction will occur in 2019 for the addition of a \$29.2 M neuroscience unit for inpatients with strokes, brain tumors, and other maladies requiring neuroscience treatments. It is significant to the surrounding neighbors that this development will occur within the existing 42,000 square feet of empty space on the sixth floor of the newer heart specialty center. Thus, no clearance of land will result that would expand the Hospital’s sprawl. This helps to secure the understanding that is governed by the 12 Block Agreement with the Phillips Community.

Get in the Swim! Because... Phillips Community has been admirably purposeful, determined, and unwavering

The Phillips Aquatics Center opens in early spring.

By JULIE CONAGLIA

The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) is on track to open its first year-round, indoor aquatics center in the heart of the Phillips Community.

Construction is wrapping up and facility preparations are underway inside the Phillips Community Center, where the Phillips Aquatics Center will have its own check-in desk. A grand-opening date will be announced soon for early spring – likely just about a year following the 2017 groundbreaking.

The project includes renovation of a six-lane competition pool and spectator area, originally part of Phillips Junior High School, demolished in the 1980s. It also adds a new four-lane teaching



HARVEY WINJE /ALLEYNEWS

New, enlarged Entrance with canopy to the Phillips Community Center main entrance to enlarged, remodeled, Phillips Aquatic Center, Gymnasiums, and rented offices at 2323 11th Avenue.

pool, locker rooms and community room.

Dual pools will allow for a wide range of aquatics programs. “This is a one-of-a-kind facility

in the park system, so we have many goals for programming,” says Tyrize Cox, assistant superintendent for MPRB’s recreation division. “First and foremost is

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Become admirably purposeful, determined, and unwavering at Best Buy Teen Tech Center

By INFO@HOPE-COMMUNITYIN.ORG

Hope Community, 611 E Franklin Av, celebrated its 40th anniversary with the grand opening of Best Buy Teen Tech Center: state-of-the-art technology to engage teens 13–18 in using technology for learning, creativity, & career-path development.

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Mueller Knighted, Laundromat Demolished, and Sauna on The Av.

By NORWAYHOUSE.ORG

Norway House, the Nat’l Norwegian Ctr. in Am., is proud to announce that King Harald V of Norway, conferred upon Jeff Mueller, Director of Adm. & Fin., the rank of Knight First Class in the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit for over 40 years of service to Norway as past pres. and now board member of the

Norwegian American Chamber of Commerce, active in the Syttende Mai Committee, the troop exchange program with the MN Nat’l Guard & the Norwegian Home Guard (NOREX), Torske Klubben, & other organizations. Jeff is a graduate of Augsburg Univ. with a degree in political science.



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(L to R) Norwegian Ambassador to the U.S. Kåre R. Aas. and Jeff Mueller

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ELECTION NOTICE

MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBES Primary Election

Tuesday, April 3, 2018, 8:00am—8:00pm See Pg. 2



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**April Deadline
March 15th**

What's Up at the Franklin Community Library

March 2018
1314 E. Franklin Avenue | 612- 543-6925 | www.hclib.org
Mon, Fri & Sat: 9am–5pm Tue, Wed & Thurs: 9am –8pm
Sun: 12-5pm

By ERIN THOMASSON

K-12 Homework Help

Tues, Wed, & Thurs, 3:30-7:30

pm Free in-person tutoring for K-12 students. No advance sign-up needed. Info: www.hclib.org/homework. Sponsor: Friends of the Hennepin County Library.

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MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBES Primary Election — TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2018, 8:00 am – 8:00 pm

The six Ojibwe bands comprising the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (MCT) will hold a Primary Election on April 3, 2018. Each Reservation will vote for three of the five elected positions in the 2018 election cycle. See the MCT website for exact details on poll locations and candidates. https://www.mnchippewatribe.org/election_info.html

Voters who want to receive absentee ballots for the Primary Election may do so by contacting their tribal office to request a ballot. Be sure to allow sufficient time for the ballot to be mailed out and returned by the deadline.

For additional information, voters may contact the MCT Administrative Office at (218) 335-8581, or jbruce@mnchippewatribe.org.

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Nett Lake, MN 55772
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83 Steven Road
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Grand Portage, MN 55605
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320-532-4181

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Cass Lake, MN 56633
218-335-8200

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P.O. Box 418
White Earth, MN 56591
218-983-3285

Metro Transit

ABRT "D" Line to travel faster, less stops on Chicago Av



By JOHN CHARLES WILSON

Do you, like so many other Phillips residents, ever have occasion to ride Metro Transit's "legendary 5", the Chicago Ave. bus? If so, do you dread the long, slow

ride with stops every single block, the overcrowding, the likelihood of having to listen to yet another belligerent commuter who may or may not happen to be drunk or high?

Well, the Met Council has a proposal for you! It's called the D Line and it promises a 20-25 percent faster ride using all articulated buses with three doors each for more comfort and easier boarding and alighting. Fare payments will work like they do on light rail; you will tap your GoTo Card or buy a ticket before you get on the bus. That means less having to listen to someone argue with the driver about the fare. If they don't pay, any confrontation will be with the Transit Police, who usually take the person off the bus or train to deal with them.



By CRYSTAL WINSCHITL

Phillips West Neighborhood

Upcoming Events:

Check out the Phillips West

Website: www.phillipswest.info

March 1 (Thurs.) 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

PWNO Meeting!

Join your neighbors and other Community Partners for updates from Local City Government, 3rd Precinct Police. Wells Fargo will be present to discuss their plans for a new parking ramp. Met Transit will also be present to discuss locations for the new D Line (Rapid Bus Transit along Chicago Avenue). This meeting will take place at the Center for Changing Lives in the Centrum Room (2400 Park Avenue). Free parking is available in the rear

of building off Oakland Avenue. Free Delivery Pizza & Beverages will be provided! If you would like more information or would like to get involved with the neighborhood please contact Crystal at 612-879-5383 or email her at pwno2005@yahoo.com

April 5 (Thurs.) 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

PWNO Meeting!



Feb. 24, 1942-Jan 22, 2018

Martha 'Annie' Young

"Annie" Young, a woman who lived life her way, giving more than she took and making the world a better place for all. She was so proud of the people and parks in the country's #1 Park system. Survived by her son and daughter in-law Shawn & Jessica Young and her three grandchildren Shawn, Sophia and Charlie Young.

Memorial services to be held outdoors on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 10:00 am at Riverside Park in Mpls.

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of the city," including being close to downtown and to South High School where he has been a teacher of Somali for the last four years.

Raised in a nomadic upbringing, Ahmed Ismail Yusuf is the author of three books: "Gorgorkii Yimi" a collection of short stories in Somali, "Lion's Binding Oath," by Catalyst Press, a collection of short stories in English due to be released in June 2018 can now be pre-ordered at Amazon.com and many other book outlets) and "Somalis in Minnesota" by Minnesota Historical Society. His short stories appeared in Bildhaan: an International Journal of Somali studies, Mizna: an Arab-American

literary magazine. His play "A CRACK IN THE SKY" will be in full production at the History Theatre in Saint Paul in February 2018. His other plays were performed at Pangea as well as Mixed Blood theatre. His mental health publications appeared in Journal of Muslim Mental Health; Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology; International Society for Traumatic-stress Studies, Psychiatry times. He has a B.S. in creative writing and psychology from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut; and an MPA (Master of Public Affairs) from the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs of the University of Minnesota.

even the "slow" bus is faster and less crowded than it used to be, because many of its passengers have switched to the faster one.

You can read more about this project, and about ABRT in general, at <https://www.metrotransit.org/d-line-project>. Unfortunately, you have to wait until 2021 to enjoy this new service in your neighborhood. However, like many good things, this one will probably be worth the wait. Anticipation, just like the old Heinz ketchup commercial!

If you like this column, you should know that I am starting a similar one at Southside Pride this month. That column will be longer and different from this one, so please read both if you can.

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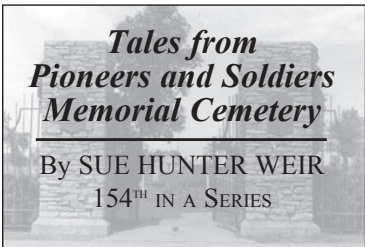
Preservation group pressures City and State rescue

After 7,000 bodies were exhumed and moved from disheveled cemetery

In April 1919, the Minneapolis City Council voted to close Layman’s Cemetery to future burials. What followed was the most chaotic period in the cemetery’s history. It was a time when tall tales and extravagant claims were picked up and repeated in the newspapers. It was a time when the editorial pages of the local newspapers published dozens of letters from citizens arguing in favor of protecting the cemetery and from those who argued that the land should be cleared for commercial development or for recreational uses.

There is little doubt that the cemetery had fallen on hard times and that local business owners and homeowners had cause to be concerned. Markers had fallen over, weeds and grass were knee deep; there was no fence so the cemetery was open to trespass.

The Layman Land Company, descendants of the cemetery’s original owners, offered to disinter the bodies of those whose families wished to have them moved and, under certain conditions, to pay



estimates are that approximately 7,000 people were removed, and slightly fewer than 22,000 remain so the percentage of removals is closer to 24% than 40% as reported.)

Initially, arguments about who was responsible for having let the cemetery wind up in such a sorry state resulted in a lot of finger pointing but little action. Members of the Minneapolis Cemetery Protection Association, a preservation group founded in 1925, argued that cemetery maintenance was the responsibility of the Layman Land Company and proposed taking legal action to force them to maintain the cemetery properly. Martin G. Layman, the cemetery’s superintendent and the grandson of Martin & Elizabeth Layman, the cemetery’s original owners, rightly pointed out that his relatives had made

sion about what the city council’s action in 1919 meant; the distinction between the cemetery’s being closed versus it’s having been condemned (which would have required the removal of bodies) was one that many people did not understand and was further muddled by Mr. Layman’s claim that no one knew what the future held for the cemetery.

In 1925, the state legislature passed the Enabling Act which would have given title to a 175-foot-wide strip along Lake Street to the Layman Land Company, and which would have given the Minneapolis Park Board the authority to condemn the cemetery. Once condemned, the Park Board would own, at no cost, all of the land except the 175-foot-wide strip fronting Lake Street. Oddly enough, no one had asked the Park Board whether they wanted additional land and it turned out that they did not.

The proposal to convert part of the cemetery into a park came after several other ideas had been proposed (or at least rumored) but failed to materialize. Among them were a new Milwaukee Road Railroad Depot, a proposal for the Ford automotive plant, a market, an auditorium, and a tourist camp. Of all of the proposals, the park proposal sparked the greatest controversy. It pitted those who insisted that the city’s Founding Fathers would not have wanted children to be deprived of their right for a place to play against those who argued that the cemetery was sacred ground and that the removal of the cemetery was disrespectful and an act of desecration.

Politicians who introduced the Enabling Act or supported its passage had seriously underestimated the fury and political power of the descendants of those buried in the cemetery. Many of the “Pioneers’ Children,” as one paper named



COURTESY OF THE MINNESOTA STREETCAR MUSEUM

In background about 1947, P & S Memorial Cemetery’s eastward proximity to the Twin City Rapid Transit Co. streetcar storage and maintenance yard impacted it’s aesthetic and vulnerability to future development as the imminent demise of streetcars preceded its final transition to buses by decades. Exceptionally large (compared to other cities) TCRT streetcars were built at the Yard at Nicollet and Lake St. History reveals a frequent relationship between street car transit, amusement parks, and ball parks; e.g. the area north of the Nicollet Yard became Nicollet Baseball Stadium, MN United Soccer \$150 M stadium currently being built on the former Snelling Streetcar Yard, conversion to more mobile, rubber-tired buses – led to personal profiteering during the transition as officials were stripping TCRT of its assets to fill the pockets of owners and investors. Major owner, Fred Ossanna, was convicted in 1960 of illegally taking personal profit from the company during the transition period. He was imprisoned along with other accomplices. Carl Pohlad, who became the owner of the Minnesota Twins in 1984, was the eventual successor of Ossanna as head of Twin City Lines in the 1960s. He ultimately sold the company in 1970. Architecturally renderings of a new shopping center indicate the incentive for Layman descendants to exhume approximately 7,000 bodies.



COURTESY MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The fence in the background is the fence surrounding the old trolley barns on 21st and Lake. Notice the dirt roads for maintenance carts and, in their day, the old horse-drawn hearses.

for new “boxes.” The cemetery’s superintendent reported that 40% of the lots had been cleared, but he only counted lots with multiple graves and not the many thousands of single graves. (Current

no provision for perpetual care of the graves other than charging an \$1 or \$2 annual maintenance fee. He said that in 1924 only seven families had paid the fee which may have been the result of confu-

them, stood ready to take the battle to court. They were joined in their struggle by a variety of veterans groups, the Odd Fellows, Territorial Pioneers, and Boy Scouts. Hundreds of interested people attended meetings of the Minneapolis Cemetery Protective Association.

In 1927, under significant political pressure, the Minnesota Legislature rescinded the Enabling Act and approved a request for the city to sell \$50,000 in bonds. Of that, \$35,000 was used to buy out the Layman heirs and the remaining money was used for improvements to the cemetery grounds. The city assumed responsibility for maintaining the cemetery’s structures and grounds but families of those who were not moved retained ownership of their graves.

The cemetery was recognized as a memorial to the veterans and city’s early residents and was renamed Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers Memorial Cemetery with emphasis on the word “Memorial.”


HHH Class uses “Jumper Cables” to boost The Alley Transition



By **SUSAN ANN GUST**

The Alley Newspaper’s key volunteers/leadership are elated to have spent Saturday, Feb. 3 with 13 amazing graduate students from the U of M Humphrey Institute in a class called “Stakeholders Skills for Policymakers and Planners”. The Public Affairs class is taught by Wendy Wustenberg and Lee Munnich. We learned a lot and

received a lot of terrific ideas for planning for the transition of the editorship, exploring new ideas for organizational models, financial sustainability while staying true to the idea of lifting the voices of the Phillips Community. Look for updates in the April issue and/or get involved in helping to keep The Alley going!



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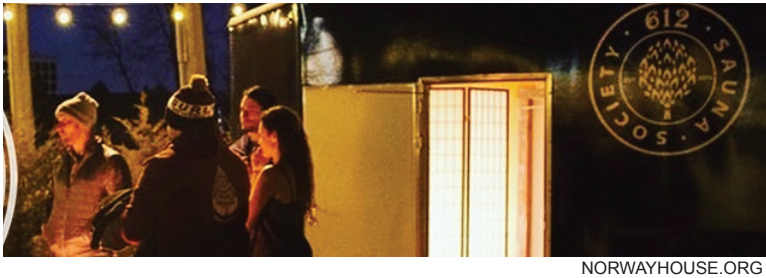
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Open House in his honor. House; from Feb 8th-25th
Thursday, March 22 4:00pm - 7:00pm at Norway House **Laundromat Demo for new Building**

Norway House has demolished the Laundromat at corner of Elliot and Franklin for an additional building for their activities.

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For Your Calendar:

*To get involved in EPIC and East Phillips,
Join us on the 2nd Thursday of the month.*

EPIC Board of Directors meets on the FIRST Saturday of the month – Next Meetings; Saturday, 3/3/2018, 4/7/2018 & 5/5/2018 at 10:00 A.M. at 2433 Bloomington Ave. S.

EPIC Community Meetings are on the SECOND Thursday – Next Meetings; Thursday, 3/8/18, 4/12/2018 & 5/10/18 at 6:30 PM
Agenda includes Neighborhood Industrial Pollution, Crime Initiatives, and EPIC project updates.

The East Phillips Park Programming Partnership meets on the LAST Tuesday – Next Meetings; Tuesday 3/27/18, 4/24/18 & 5/29/18 at 11:30 AM. Lunch is served.

EPIC Annual Meeting is on Saturday April 28th starting at 9:30 A.M.

The East Phillips Community 17th Ave. Gardeners meet on the SECOND Saturday – Next Mtng; Saturday, 3/10/18 & 4/14/18 & 5 at 9:00 A.M.

* **East Phillips Residents wanting a 2018 Garden Plot, contact Brad Pass at 612-916-8478**

Meeting Locations: Unless noted, meetings and events are held at the fully accessible East Phillips Park Cultural & Community Center located at 2307 17th Ave. S.

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BOARD MEETING AGENDA:

Held every second Tuesday in Stewart Park

Tuesday, March 13, 6:30-8pm

@ Stewart Park (Arts & Crafts Room)

2700 12th Ave. S., Minneapolis

- I. Introductions
- II. Review and Approve February Minutes
- III. Financial Report
- IV. Overview/Evaluation of the Annual Meeting
- V. Strategic Event Brainstorming
- VI. Community Announcements and Public Comment

COMMUNITY MEETING AGENDA:

Held every fourth Tuesday at different location each month.

Check our website for locations: www.midtownphillips.org

Tuesday, March 27, 6:30-8pm

@ Waite House

2323 11th Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55404

- I. Introductions
- II. Review and Approve February Minutes
- III. Presentation on Phillips Aquatic Center/Tour
- IV. Community Announcements and Public Comment

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HOUSING LOAN & GRANT PROGRAM for residents of Midtown Phillips!

MPNAI will be unveiling a new housing loan and grant program, administered through CEE (Center for Energy and Environment).

This loan program offers loans for mainly exterior home improvements, with a 0% interest rate. The maximum loan amount is \$7,500. In addition, MPNAI will be awarding home improvement grants.

For more information:

**contact Maggie Moran, Neighborhood Coordinator,
at midtownphillips@gmail.com or 612.232.0018**





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Current and upcoming job opportunities at Phillips Aquatics Center



Minneapolis Park Board is hiring 6 full-time employees & several part-time positions

With construction of the Phillips Aquatics Center project in its final phase, the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) is getting ready to open the first and only indoor swimming facility in the Minneapolis park system.

Preparations include recruiting, hiring and training five full-time lifeguards and a full-time aquatics specialist to work at the center's two pools: a renovated six-lane competitive pool with a spectator area and a new, four-lane teaching pool. For detailed job descriptions and information about applying, you can go to the www.minneapolis-parks.org/jobs website. Several part-time employment opportunities at the aquatics center will be listed in the weeks before the grand opening, anticipated for early spring, 2018.

In addition to staffing the aquatics center, MPRB is developing and implementing an operations and maintenance program to make sure the aquatics center runs smoothly and efficiently. Finally, it has been working with partners, including Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) to develop a full slate of public programming, including swim lessons, which will be announced in mid-February.

Stay tuned for updates and for your invitation to grand opening of the Phillips Aquatics Center!

Hope's Clubhouse To College/Career Program



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- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14TH: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: 6:00 PM
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14TH: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 7:00 PM
- TUESDAY, MARCH 25TH: WELLNESS, GARDENING & GREENING: Not scheduled
- TUESDAY, MARCH 27TH: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE: 6:00 PM
- THURSDAY, MARCH 29TH: HOUSING & LAND COMMITTEE: 5:30 PM
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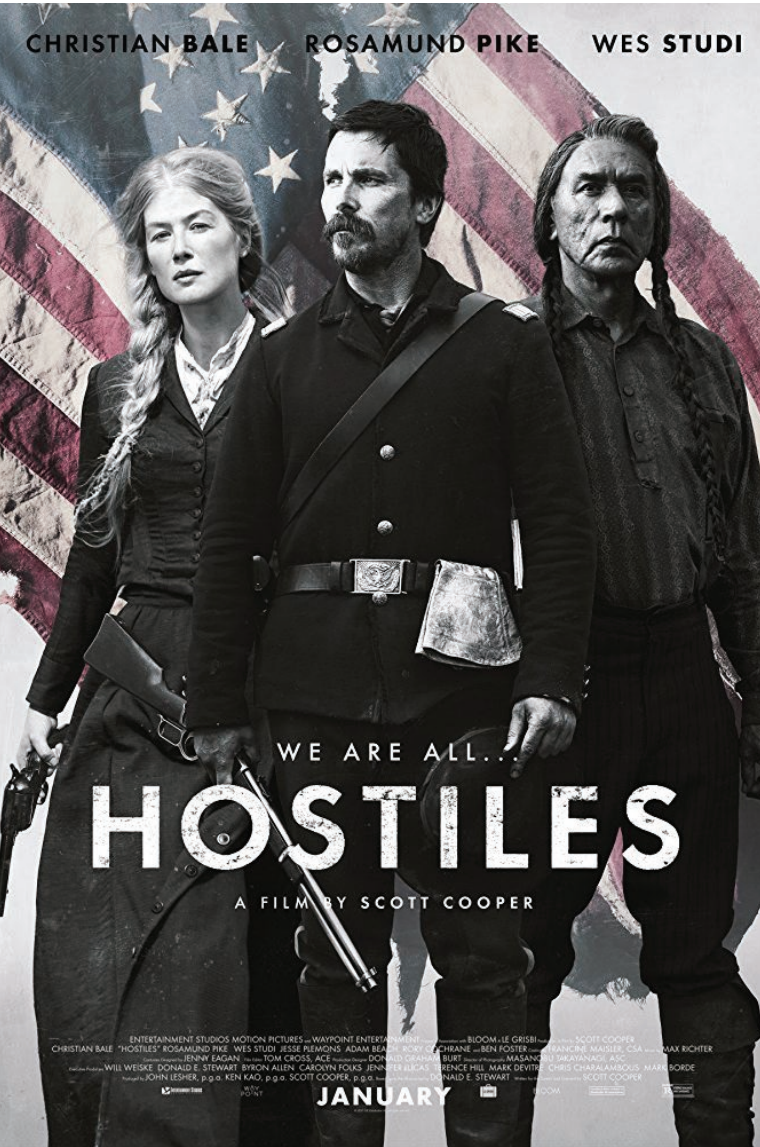
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Movie Corner

By HOWARD MCQUITTER II

“Hostiles”
(2018) Western/Adventure/Drama/Action
Entertainment Studio Motion Pictures
★★★★☆

The western genre is rare nowadays, director Scott Cooper’s (“Crazy Horse”, “ Black Mass”, Out of the Furnace”) puts more a little meat into this western/adventure story. The film is served well by the cast -- Christian Bale (Joseph J. Blocker), Wes Studi (Chief Yellow Hawk), Adam Beach Black Hawk), Rory Cochrane Metz) and Rosamund Pike (Rosalie Quaid). Set in 1892, during the presidency of Benjamin Harrison (the 23rd president of the United States), Captain J. Blocker reluctantly agrees to escort a dying Cheyenne war chief and his family back to tribal lands from Fort Berringer, an Army outpost in New Mexico, to the land in Montana. However, the journey has many dangers. In some ways, “Hostiles” is similar to Clint Eastwood’s “The Outlaw Josey Wales” (1976). Running times for “Hostiles” is 135 minutes.



Recommended 2017 Films by Women Directors

By HOWARD MCQUITTER II
“Detroit”

Director: Kathryn Bigelow.
Country: USA.
Language: English.
Running time: 143 minutes.
Genre: Drama/Biography. (R)

“Wonder Woman”

Director: Patty Jenkins.
Country: USA.
Languages: English/German/
Dutch/French/Spanish/Chinese/
Greek.
Running time: 141 minutes.
Genre: Fantasy/Adventure.
(PG-13)

“Lady Bird”

Director: Greta Gerwig.
Country: USA.
Languages: English/French/Latin.
Running time: 94 minutes.
Genre: Drama/Comedy. (R)

“Maudie”

Director: Aisling Walsh.
Country: Ireland/ Canada.
Languages: English.
Genre: Biography/Drama/
Romance. (PG-13)
Running time: 115 minutes.

“Wakefield”

Director: Robin Swicord.
Country: USA.
Running time:106 minutes.
Genre: Drama. (R)

“The Breadwinner”

Director: Nora Twomey.
Country: Ireland/Canada/
zLuxembourg.
Running time: 94 minutes.
Genre: Animation. (PG-13)

“Professor Marston and the Wonder Woman”

Director: Angela Robinson.
Country: USA.
Language: English.
Running time: 108 minutes.
Genre: Biography/Drama. (R)

Recommended Women Directors from 36th Annual Mpls/St. Paul Film Festival

By HOWARD MCQUITTER II
“Everything Else”

Director: Natalia Almada.
Country: Mexico, USA, France.
Languages: Spanish in English
subtitles.
Running time:90 minutes.
Genre: Drama.

“The Truth Beneath”

Country: South Korea.
Languages: Korean in English
subtitles.
Running time: 102 minutes.
Genre: Drama/Crime/ Mystery.

“Lipstick Under My Burkha”

Director: Alankrita Shrivastava.
Country: India.
Languages: Hindi in English
subtitles.
Running time: 132 minutes.
Genre: Drama/ Crime/Romance.

“Whose Streets”

Directors: Sabaah Folayan, Da-
mon Davis. *
Country: USA.
Language: English.
Running time: 103 minutes.
Genre: Documentary.

“Godless”

Director: Ralitz Petrova.
Country: Bulgaria/Denmark/
France.
Languages: Bulgarian in English
subtitles.
Genre: Drama / Crime.

“The Nest”

Director: Klaudia Reynicke.
Country: Switzerland/Italy.
Languages: Italian in English
subtitles.
Genre: Mystery/Crime/ Drama/
Religious.
Running time:105 minutes(?).

“Beach Rats”

Director: Eliza Hittman.
Country: USA.
Language: English.
Running time:95 minutes.
Genre: Drama.

“King of the Belgians”

Directors: Jessica Woodworth and
Peter Brosens. *
Country: Belgium/ Netherlands/
Bulgaria.
Languages: English/Flemish/
French/Bulgarian.
Running time:94 minutes.
Genre: Comedy/ Adventure.

* Co- director a man.

Films at the 36th Minneapolis-
St.Paul Festival not necessarily
rated.

All from 2017. I saw 25 films,
in all, at the 36th Mpls./St. Paul
Festival.

St. Patricks Fire

By PATRICK CABELLO HANSEL

Would you willingly go back to the land where you were enslaved? That’s what St. Patrick did, in 432 C.E. He was a Roman citizen of Britain, and captured by slave traders when he was 16. He spent years herding sheep in County Antrim, escaped after a dream back to his family and then after another dream, decided to go back to Ireland to preach. According to legend, on the night before Easter, he lit a fire on the Hill of Tara in County Meath, which was the seat of the high king of Ireland, Laoghaire. That was the province of the high king to decide when and where the sacred fire was lit, but—again, according to legend—Laoghaire was so impressed with Patrick that he gave him permis- sion to go throughout the whole land.

On the journey to the Hill of Tara, St. Patrick and his followers are said to have sung the song he com- posed, which came to be known as “St. Patrick’s Breastplate”. One verse goes like this:



PATRICK CABELLO HANSEL/SEMILLA CENTER FOR ARTS AND HEALING

Marchers on Palm Sunday 2017 at corner of Bloomington and Lake Street in front of Semilla whole wall ceramic mural.

I bind unto myself today
the virtues of the starlit heaven,
the glorious sun’s life-giving ray,
the whiteness of the moon at even,
the flashing of the lightning free,
the whirling wind’s tempestuous shocks,
the stable earth, the deep salt sea
around the old eternal rocks.

I don’t know how much of the legend is true, and being Patrick myself, I don’t care! I do know that the Semilla Center for Healing and the Arts @St. Paul’s Lutheran is hosting a St. Patrick’s Day Bonfire on the 2800 block of 15th Ave S. It will start when the sun goes down, which three days before the vernal equinox is at 7:21 pm. We can’t prom- ise flashing lightning or whirling

wind, but St. Paul’s is but a half block away, in case the weather is anything but clement. Catholics, Protestants, Druids and all other manner of humans are welcome! For more info, check out our Face Book page: Semilla Center.

Then, on Sunday, March 25, St. Paul’s will host its annual Palm Sunday Procession for Peace, starting at 11 am. We will walk through the neighborhood, stop- ping to pray for peace at vari- ous sites of hope and pain. It will be followed by a pot-luck lunch. Again, all manner of beings are welcome. For more informa- tion, call 612-724-3862 or e-mail: stpaulscreate@gmail.com.

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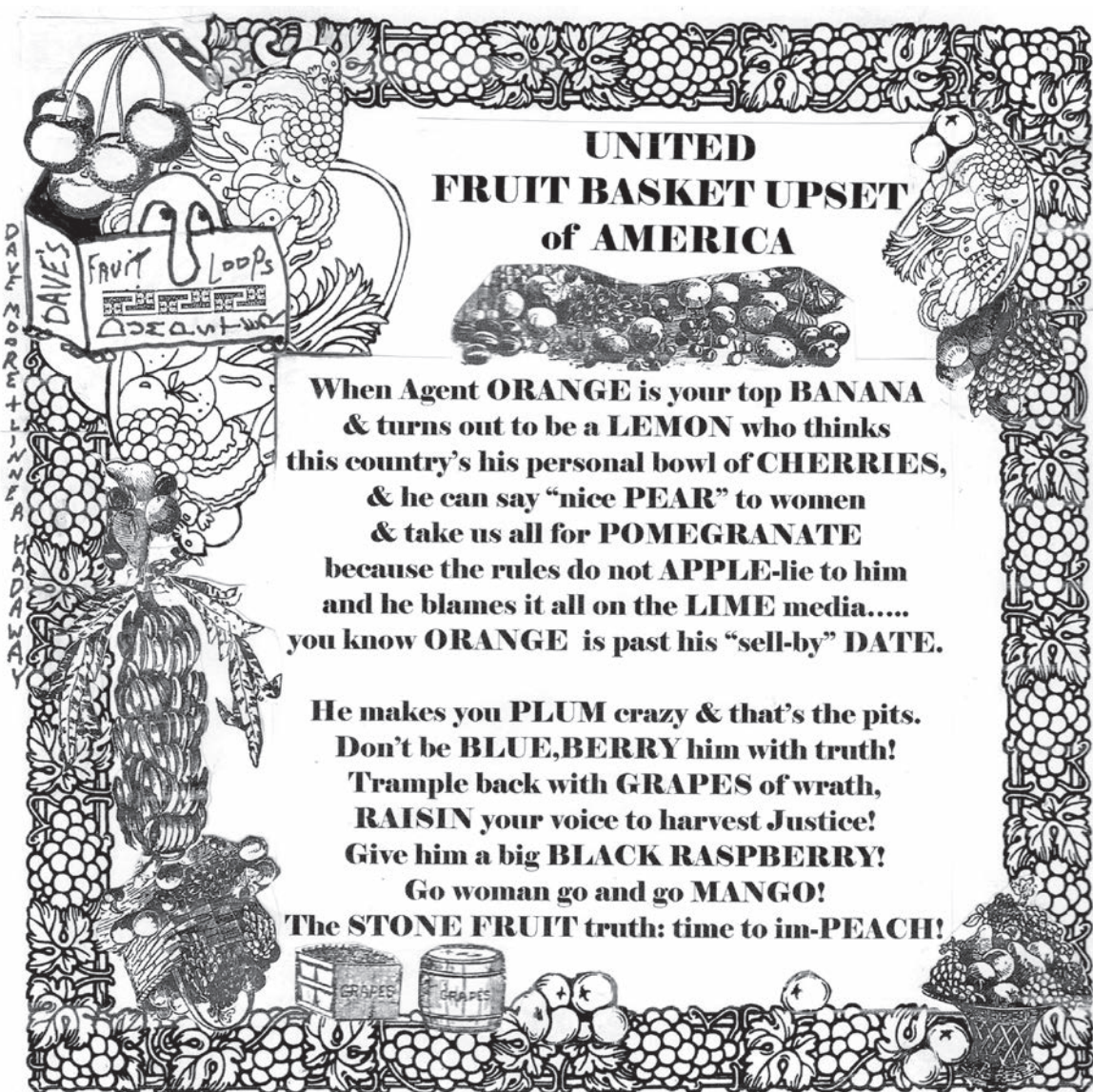
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44th MayDay! Theme Decision Time!!

By MEG WALSH

Welcome to two **brainstorm community meetings** for the 44th MayDay Parade Theme.

MayDay Parade, Ceremony, and Festival process begins in Feb. & Mar. Neighbors and Artists: have a conversation about our community: hopes, concerns, & images that resonate & inspire as we look towards this new year.

1st Mtg. Feb. 27th 6-9:30pm;

brainstorm to speak of concerns & joys with how the community and individuals participate in these issues.

2nd Mtg. Mar. 20 6-9:30pm;

MayDay staff presents their

Theme ideas garnered from 1st Mtg. Participants give feedback—asking questions, offering ideas, and helping network possibilities for furthering the theme.

ALL ARE WELCOME! at Avalon theatre: 1500 E Lake St., Mpls, Mn 55407 Phone: 612-721-2535 info@hobt.org

MayDay Green Team

By LUCINDA ANDERSON

MD Green Team needs volunteers for planning team. MayDay 2018 is our 5th year helping reduce waste at this large community event. MayDay presents a fantastic opportunity to learn about planning and doing Public Event waste reduction. You'll join

an awesome group of fellow volunteers to boot.

Volunteers needed on the day of the event too; mark May 6th on your calendars!

Interested, or have questions? Lucinda Anderson at luroympls@yahoo.com. Thanks!

A Comprehensive Review: **Christina Kieltyka's 40+ years as an artist.**

March 3, 12-3.

Gandhi Mahal Community Room, 3009 27th Ave. S., Minneapolis.

"While there is grief in no longer being able to paint, this is a time of celebrating the world as I have seen it."

Raise Your Voice

By PETER MOLENAAR

CITYPAGES, 2018 People issue:

Kate and Carly have renamed Lake Calhoun. We will no longer honor a defender of human bondage. Say over and over: Bde Maka Ska, be-DAY mah-KAH-skah, be-DAY mah-KAH-skah. We might now begin to comprehend the Dakota spirit, once reflected in the Milky Way of the night sky.

...SUPERBOWL...

Friday, February 2, 8:00 p.m.

Picked up Al Neal, St. Louis bureau chief for the People's World online news, at the Union Depot train station.

Saturday, 6:00 a.m.

I struggled to liberate my spinning tires from the back alley's frozen berm. Al would make his own way to CTUL, the low wage worker's center at 3715 Chicago

Ave. A hundred would converge outside the Hilton Hotel to call out greedy corporations.

Saturday, 11:30 a.m.

Took Al to 2104 Stevens Ave. for a MN350 orientation. Our water protectors then rallied downtown against U.S. Bank's association with nasty fossil fuel projects. Note: My worn ankles were not up to the task.

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Fetches Al from the Nicollet Diner, proceeded east on Franklin Ave., no, no, no, bridge down... damn, Lyndale to I-94 east all the way to the St. Paul Labor Federation hall. The banquet heard testimony from Franklin Street Bakery workers, who in turn received solidarity greetings from the National Football League Players Association.

Sunday, 3:00 p.m.

Took Al north on Chicago Ave.

to 22nd St., turned right to avoid the barricade. (The streets surrounding Peavey Park were occupied by anti-racists.) Alas, the Village Market zone was congested beyond belief by detoured traffic. Al hopped out to join the demonstration. Eventually, I escaped south on Elliot Ave.

Halftime

Found Al at the Subway sandwich shop on Washington Ave. Finished the game on my TV with lukewarm cheers for Philadelphia.

Meanwhile

Donald Trump seeks to uplift his arsenal with nuclear tipped cruise missiles. But in the villages of hunter-gatherers, women made the rules and bad men were banished... and thank you, Gisele, for taming Tom Brady.

Hope for the revolution remains.

Letter to the Editor

Progress and Vigilance

[EDITOR'S NOTE: The Alley Newspaper asked Lindsey Fenner, East Phillips resident, HN County Library worker and AFSME Local 2822 for any updates within the library system since she wrote an article in the FEBRUARY 2018 issue of The Alley. Here is what Linsey offered.]

There are plans developing for overdose training (not Narcan administration, but more general) for staff at three of the most impacted libraries (including Franklin). Franklin and two more libraries will be added to the pilot sharps container list.

We have a labor/management meeting the end of February to discuss what training would look like, and hopefully get the answers to the questions we had asked at the last meeting about what the actual policy, procedures, and training are for sharps and bloodborne pathogens for all of the workers in the library. (Apparently there is often a lot of blood in the bathrooms from injection accidents. On their own initiative, front-line library workers have been educating janitorial staff on the importance of wearing gloves and being cautious when changing the trash."

So some progress! I don't know if it was the article or the increase in incidents or both. It sounds like there is starting to be more proactive movement in the county as a whole. Vigilance around this issue will still be important.

It is complicated. And it's one of those problems that's too big to neatly fix. I wish we had better drug policy and support in this county. I wish we had safe injection sites. I know it's terrible for library staff, but I wish people would inject drugs at Franklin library instead of behind my garage because they would probably have a better chance of surviving an overdose. I can't control most of these things, but I'll use what little bit of power I have where I can.

Native American Community Clinic went to Franklin Library in February and gave a training to library staff.

As Wendell Phillips said, "We came into this world to give truth a little jog onward and to help our neighbor's rights."

LINDSEY FENNER

Get in the Swim! from page 1

promoting water safety and teaching people of all ages and skill levels to swim. Other opportunities are a response to community needs and desires, such as women-only swim times. Adding to that are citywide programs for recreational, fitness and competitive swimming, including school athletics and swim clubs."

In other words, the Phillips Aquatics Center will soon be bustling with activity. If you want to be a part of it, part-time jobs for customer service/aquatics attendants and lifeguards are available: Get details at minneapolisparks.org/jobs. And get ready to make a splash this spring!



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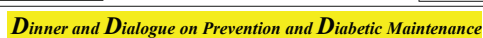
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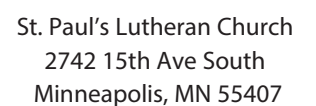
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