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new ideas in the community

Improving Community Health

BY JERRY ROTHSTEIN

One of the seemingly perpetual questions in a community like ours is whether there's communication, connection and collaboration among individuals and groups concerned about specific issues. A common alternative is for there to be a lot of concern without the power that working together can bring.

A recent initiative by United Family Medicine's (UFM) Family Practice Residency Program is leading to some efforts to gain

Each Resident physician has been involved over their three-year residency in a community oriented primary care project (COPC). Until this year it was the residents' responsibility to design a project and then see whether they could gather community interest and participation.

This year, with the class of 2022, the process has been reversed. UFM spread the word among community nonprofits and agencies that they were invited to submit ideas to involve the Residents in projects that the community developed, on topics that concern them the most — ones that would benefit, of course, from a doctor's involvement.

Many good responses were received, and UFM is in the process of connecting Residents with projects so that things can proceed.

One of the proposals came in from a group of seniors in the community — a group that meets regularly once or twice a week for coffee and discussion. They decided to offer a proposal that would address a topic of great interest and concern — the question of social isolation among seniors. A member of the group, Pat Tupper, describes the project's ideas here:

Social Isolation and its Effects in the West End Neighborhoods of St. Paul.

'Have you realized that life expectancy varies according to the area of St. Paul that you live in? Did you know that parts of the West End area have shorter life expectancy rates than the city as a whole? As families become more and more spread out, as churches close or drop services, as community organizations struggle to meet the constant demand for more services and to link isolated persons, services, and community health efforts, there is a growing need for a closer look at our neighborhoods

"A study group of West End seniors, led by a resident physician from United Family Medicine, is in the process of forming to attempt to identify seniors in the community who are socially isolated due to age, mobility problems, lack of transportation, income, The project will explore the linkage among services currently available, the community health issues involved, the interface between doctors and seniors and whether or not recommendations for changes should be made for medical or community health practices.

'While details remain to be worked out, the project is a demonstration of the vitality of our neighborhood. Its success or lack of success will be determined by the willingness of community residents to speak up about their needs to ensure that seniors are not forgotten as the medical communities and the city grow. Contact information for the project will be supplied later as details are worked out about confidentially, timelines, coordination with existing services, etc. Watch for future developments, and to receive a direct notification by e-mail write to editor@ communityreporter.org."

In future issues, Community Reporter will present information on the other projects being launched under this initiative. Any time you are interested in becoming involved you can contact Editor Jerry Rothstein, 651-587-8859 or editor@communityreporter.org.

United Family Medicine Annual Free Community Block Party August 8

Community Block Party Thursday, August 8, 5-8pm

The Language Banc presents United Family Medicine's West 7th Street Community Block Party, also sponsored by our friends at Jazz88. Listen to live music from local bands. Walk through a giant super colon. Eat food from delicious food trucks or free tastings from local vendors. Witness fire fighters rappel off the roof in an emergency evacuation demo, free face painting and wacky hair, bounce house obstacle course races, and plenty of other family friendly activities. Dunk your favorite UFM provider or staff member in the Dunk-A-Doc Dunk Tank. Blood pressure and glucose checks will be offered free! Learn bike safety at the bike rodeo and win a new bike helmet.

Nearly 40 nonprofits, health organizations and West 7th businesses are participating. We are celebrating our unique West 7th community and wanting people to know United Family Medicine is here for them and offers a breadth of services all in one place for their healthcare needs.

Reaching the People through Economic Development

BY JOHN HOTTINGER

Dr. Bruce Corrie, the City of St. Paul's Planning and Economic Development Director, brings a rich and varied background which fits with Mayor Melvin Carter's outlined agenda for economic development. His work on ethnic entrepreneurship has helped the development of policies and programs to tap this rapidly growing base to bring jobs and economic revitalization across Minnesota. He has a doctorate in economics from the University of Notre Dame. The Mayor has highlighted goals of increasing the number of jobs in St. Paul and increasing access to jobs and opportunity for residents; growing St. Paul's tax base to maintain and expand City services, amenities and infrastructure; and lowering unemployment among the City's diverse populations with disproportionately high unemployment rates.

Teacher, Dean and administrator at Concordia University, he worked to build community and governmental relationships for the university and helped develop its international programs.

His research on the economic contributions of immigrants and minorities has been featured in national and local media and fits closely with his recognition of the opportunities of those assets for St. Paul's future.

Dr. Corrie said he was "excited" to be appointed by the Mayor to serve the City, especially since the Mayor's policy vision is to "deepen the impact of our economic development efforts such as to reach people at very low-income levels and at the same time to widen the impacts so it includes everybody. In everything we do, how deep can we go, how wide can we get."

Dr. Corrie points out that the mission is "to build community wealth through jobs, business, housing, planning, cultural assets and financial assets." Much of his research and work has featured an approach using verified data to highlight the "ethnic capital" of immigrant and Native American communities with a focus on what assets they bring in terms of workers, additional



Dr. Bruce Corrie

cultural perspectives and artistry, consumers, entrepreneurs, trade networks, politics, volunteers, and tax base growth.

His Planning and Economic Development Department has plans to evolve existing strategies that focus on improved, affordable housing, making St. Paul more responsive to business licensing and attraction and focusing on cultural centers.

Existing Cultural Centers: He believes that working with the already-existing cultural assets and ethnic communities in the City will help the creation of destination places that can spur tourism and the infrastructure of a global city with diverse attractions. He believes the approach can grow jobs, income and wealth in those communities.

Local Business Nodes: Locally-centered economies with new and existing businesses are the way to start one of the business nodes, according to Dr. Corrie. Even with such driving large-scale developments like Keg-and-Case on Seventh Street, which is off to a very strong start, he contends that there should be a way to grow

the adjacent areas with additional retail and other local shops to help drive the community success and wealth from the attraction.

Growing Tech-based Sector: Another initiative of the City is to seek a more tech-based manufacturing sector. It is headed by a "harnessing a task force of collected-talent to build the vision of a tech-based cluster in downtown St. Paul and in the City." They are actively helping in "marketing, promoting and building out that vision." At the same time, the city continues to urge small business and new business through improving services and putting the City on the map as seeking technology businesses. The effort is co-chaired by Mayor Carter and Securian CEO Chris Hilger and includes City Councilmember Chris Tolbert.

Affordable Housing: Another key goal is the establishment and funding of the Mayor's proposed Housing Trust Fund for production, preservation and protection of affordable housing.

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COUNCIL **PERSPECTIVES**



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On the Right Track

As we continue to enjoy the sunshine and all the great festivals and events happening throughout our City this summer, we're also seeing our youth out and about throughout our neighborhoods enjoying the same. Many are also participating in activities at our Rec Centers and libraries, and are working in our community businesses.

For some students, summer presents an opportunity, often

their first, to explore meaningful training and career exploration. Summer internships are a chance for our youth to obtain employment in a meaningful way that helps prepare them for the workforce as adults. Similarly, it allows businesses to train youth to become future adult employees in sectors that need skilled workers.

Not all students have traditionally been able to access and benefit from such meaningful internship opportunities, however, which is why I worked with the Council and administration on the creation of Right Track, a public-private partnership that brings together the City, the St. Paul Public Schools, local businesses, and community-based organizations to provide professional internships and skills training for youth in our City.

Right Track has proven to be a successful endeavor to provide youth with meaningful work and training to succeed in the workplace. Last year alone youth were placed in more than 100 different organizations for summer employment and work readiness training. Over 800 youth were matched with jobs and earned over a million dollars in wages. Additionally, over 200 youth had professional internships and earned Northstar Digital Literacy Certificates.

The training Right Track youth receive includes things such as resumé-building, interviewing skills, explanation of payroll process (such as filling out a W-4), digital literacy, public speaking, budgeting, and professional networking. These are skills our youth will benefit from as they enter the workforce as adults.

The success of Right Track wouldn't happen without our partnerships with community-based organizations and east metro businesses. If you're interested in hosting a Right Track summer employee, reach out to us at 651-266-6363 or RightTrack@ci.stpaul.mn.us

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For more info/discussion, **CONTACT JERRY ROTHSTEIN** Managing Editor, 651-587-8859

heard an update from Bill Smith of Biko

once the study is finalized this summer..

STOP FOR ME MEETING

Associates on the parking study of Area 1

(from downtown to St. Clair Ave.). The Board

Use Committee prepare priority action items

One **Stop for Me** event is planned for August:

West 7th and Toronto on Saturday, August 10,

recommended that its Transportation and Land

Editorials & Opinions

Your involvement is requested

As a nonprofit organization we are governed by a Board of Directors, and we have openings for community members to join.

We encourage your involvement in the creative side of things. We have correspondents, reporters, reviewers and general writ**ers involved**. You can write a letter to the editor on a topic we have written about, or in response to one of our columnists, or a longer "Neighbors Speak Out" piece.

You can also contribute story ideas: We aim to cover a wide range of interesting areas in the neighborhood. Your ideas for **stories and topics are always welcome**. Discuss the many possibilities with the Editor. Leave a voice message at 651-665-0068, or e-mail editor@communityreporter.org.

-- Jerry Rothstein, Editor, Community Reporter

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West End HEALTHLINE

The Last Part of the Journey

BY ANNA FUGLESTAD, MD, **UNITED FAMILY MEDICINE**

I held his hand with tears slowly and continuously flowing down my cheeks. "Why now? Please not yet..." I pleaded. My heart was heavy. Yet I was comforted when I looked around the small room in this memory care unit. The question I had just asked was answered. My grandfather was dying. There was no stopping this part of the journey. As I continued to look around, I thought: "Who could want more?" I felt peace as I saw my grandfather surrounded by family all telling stories of his legacy with laughter and tears. He held my hand, his breathing shallow but unlabored, just as he had done when I was growing up. I knew that this honored my grandfather's wishes.

The environment during his passing was not just happenstance. Peace and dignity such as this at the end of life started with a conversation long before that day. For my grandfather, this conversation started eight years before when he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. This news came shortly after his wife died from complications of the same

slowly progressive disease. He had lived his life as a husband, father, and pastor. He wanted those stories of his life to be his legacy no matter what the future held for him with this diagnosis. My father took up the task of how to make my grandfather's wishes a reality. He helped my grandfather fill out an advanced directive: a document that allowed my grandfather to speak clearly about his wishes for care in the years to come.

When it comes to end of life planning, terms such as DNR, DNI, Advanced Care Directive, and POLST seem to be thrown around in the healthcare system, news, and media. What do they all mean? Are they not all the same thing? Why is it important? What do I mean if I say "do everything you can to keep me alive?" What does a healthcare provider hear if I say this?

TERMS & DEFINITIONS (reference: American Academy of Family Physicians) Do everything you can to keep me alive:

Everything: Chest compressions, breathing tubes and machines, surgeries, medications to keep your blood pressure and heart rate stable, antibiotics if necessary, prolonged hospital stays. Alive: heart beating fast enough and strong enough to get oxygen to the brain.

Do Not Resuscitate (DNR): Do not perform chest compressions or electric shocks to try and restart my heart if it cannot beat on its own.

Do Not Intubate (DNI): Do not put a breathing tube down my throat if I have difficulty breathing without help or am unable to keep my airway open.

Advanced Directive: "State specific. documents and other patient centered, end of life care resources." This document needs to be notarized. Valuable for anyone to designate preferences but particularly who should speak for them medically if they are unable to speak for themselves. This can be helpful in unexpected medical crises. You can update these documents as situations change, and should be available to family and the medical team caring for you.

POLST: (Physician's Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment): "This form accompanies the patient to different care settings and stipulates appropriate medical interventions." Intended for use when you have more advanced illness.

Values History: "Useful [document] for clarifying the person's values, may be attached to the advanced directive." This can be a statement of what your beliefs are in relationship to the end of your life, and what you most value. This serves to educate those who care for you about what is most important to you.

If any recommendation can be made, it would be to talk now with your loved ones — give them the gift of knowing what you desire if something expected or unexpected should happen. The conversation may feel uncomfortable and unnecessary when all is well and you are in good health. However, none of us know what each day will bring. We all know of people young and old who are suddenly in an accident or other health crisis. At a minimum, designating who you trust to represent your wishes in this situation can be invaluable. Talking before the hurricane of emotions and questions that happens in crisis can allow more detailed conversations and be a way to be sure that your values are clear, and understood by those dear to you. They may be comforted and relieved to know that their difficult decisions are guided by your wishes.

If you have questions or would like to learn more, the West End Community will be holding an event on August 15 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the West 7th Community Center in order to provide an opportunity to continue this conversation as well as provide you with resources for next steps. A documentary, Being Mortal, will be shown as well as having a panel of professionals in the field to answer questions. Light snacks and beverages will be provided. This is an event for all adults of any age. Bring family members and loved ones as we dive into an essential discussion.

Dr Anna Fuglestad is a member of the UFM Residency Program."



WHOLE WIDE WORLD **WEST 7TH PUBLIC LIBRARY**

BY LESLIE SPRING, LIBRARY MANAGER

Summer Spark, the library's summer learning program, runs through August 31. Along with reading and activity challenges and special family programs, children ages 7-11 are invited to drop-in at free **Spark! Camps**. They can explore art projects at Rondo and Merriam Park and STEM hands-on building activities at Highland Park. For more information, visit sppl.org/summer-spark or stop by the library for a Summer Spark brochure with the full calendar of events.

The library also offers creative outlets for adults. George Latimer Central Library is home to SPPL's **Innovation Lab**, where adults can sign up for a free membership. Membership includes access to a variety of equipment and software including a laser engraver, vinyl cutter, digitization tools (transfer from VHS to DVD, etc.), 3D printers, MacBooks, sewing machines, a recording studio, and more. New Member Orientation is required before use of Lab equipment. Learn more at sppl. org/innovation-lab.

West 7th is hosting on Tuesday August 6 & 20 from 11:30-1:30 p.m. Call to make a 30-minute appointment with us for help with your personal device or a library computer. We can also provide an introduction to the library's website and features including tracking what you have read and placing and pausing holds.

WEST 7TH LIBRARY HOURS

Mon 12:30-8pm. Tue 11:30am-5:30pm. Wed 10am-5:30pm. **Thu** 12:30-8pm. **Fri** 10am-5:30pm. Closed weekends, holidays. Info: 651-298-5516

At the Federation's July 8 meeting, the Board

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Noon to 1 p.m. To participate, simply show up at the intersection and follow instructions from police leading the event. NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is Tuesday, August 6. It's a fun and easy way to meet your neighbors.

You can host a block party, or find one near you. **NEXT MEETING:** September 9 at 7pm at 882 West 7th Street. No Board meeting will be held in August.

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CONTACT: Emily Northey, FRF executive director + community organizer emily@fortroadfederation. org; office: 651-298-5599.

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"We are going to be paying a lot of attention to that because the need is great." He notes that building new housing won't be enough because of the many low-income people seeking it. Instead, the wealth-building envisioned under the Mayor's variety of proposals is a necessary part of the solution leading to access and family stability

The changes in these approaches impact established neighborhoods. They will create "cultural anxiety and economic anxiety. We can address those through our actions by showing people we are a welcoming community", Dr. Corrie said. "The Mayor talks in terms of 'place-making,' which means people coming together to discover each other. We tell each other our stories and around those stories commercial activity can happen, entertainment can happen, social activity can happen, but as we do that we start to discover that the 'other' is not an enemy, the 'other' might be different but there is a way we can work together and build something together."

In the end, Dr. Corrie said in order for these visions to come true, "We've got to act; we've got to be intentional in our focus on outcomes, to start slowly showing outcomes that progress is occurring, and that people are benefiting.

Community News & Events



IRISH FAIR CELEBRATES 40TH YEAR

The 40th annual Irish Fair of Minnesota, a threeday outdoor celebration of Irish heritage and culture, will be held Friday, Aug. 9 through Sunday, Aug. 11, 2019 on Harriet Island Regional Park in St. Paul.

Each year, more than 650 volunteers come together to make the Irish Fair of Minnesota possible. Event organizers are seeking volunteers for a variety of responsibilities throughout the weekend, including in the following areas: set up/tear down, welcome booth, children's area, hospitality, and dance tent. Of greatest need is assistance at the food and beverage ticket booths.

One lucky volunteer will win two round-trip tickets to Ireland via Aer Lingus. For each four-hour shift worked, a volunteer will receive one entry into a drawing for the tickets. Volunteers will also receive an Irish Fair t-shirt, beverage tickets, and an invitation to the Volunteer Appreciation Party.

All volunteers must attend one training session: Aug 4, 2pm; Aug 5, 6:30pm; and Aug 6, 6:30pm at the Harriet Island Pavilion (200 Dr Justus Ohage Blvd, St. Paul). Email volunteer coordinator at volunteer@irishfair.com. For information, visit IrishFair.com, email info@irishfair.com, or call 651-

DEVELOPING FUTURE WORKERS AT CERENITY HUMBOLDT

Employees and student volunteers at Cerenity Senior Care-Humboldt can earn while they learn thanks to a Minnesota Pipeline Program included in the governor's budget. The Humboldt Campus Care Center is one of 17 metro-area companies to receive a dual training grant.

Nearly \$2.9 million in state grants will fund employment-based dual training in four industries with in-demand, high-growth occupations: advanced manufacturing, agriculture, health care services and information technology.

Denise Rene Hannah, Volunteer & Foundation Director at Cerenity, pointed out that there is a huge need for healthcare workers now and in the foreseeable future. The program allows young people to enter the field and get a great start to a real career. Cerenity has partnered with Right Track and schools to expose young people to careers in health care, offering a debt-free college degree, while they work and learn on the job.

Cerenity Humboldt and White Bear Lake co-applied for the grant and have been awarded \$132,000 for education of employees — 18 employees to take the two-year LPN program at St. Paul College or Dakota Technical College and four employees to take the Senior Living Culinary Managers course.

Cerenity is also offering tuition payment programs that will cover the cost of trainee's prerequisite courses to get into the program, and any pre-testing needed.

For information contact Denise Rene Hannah at Cerenity Senior Care-Humboldt: 651-220-1789.

DODGE NATURE CENTER

Universe in the Park: 8/2, 8:30-10 p.m. at Farm Entrance 3, 1701 Charlton St. in West St. Paul Free. Looking for an astronomy fix? Universe in the Park starts with a 20-30-minute presentation at 8:30 p.m. and then, weather permitting, an opportunity to view the sky through telescopes until 10 or 11 p.m. Participants can learn how to use a star map and go home with a free one. A summer outreach program hosted by the Minnesota Institute for Astrophysics and area state and local parks.

Women in the Woods: Bee-youtiful: 8/13 & 14, 7-9 p.m.at Farm Entrance 3. Honey bees have a female dominated society. Join Dodge Naturalist, Pam Welisevich to learn about the myths that buzz around bee life and about bee impostors. 'Tis the season to harvest honey and this golden treat has many health benefits. Taste a sample during your visit, courtesy of the nature center honey bees. Start with a glass of wine and social time before going to the woods to fine tune your survival skills. Adult women ages 21+. Pre-registration required. \$20 per person. 651-455-4531, DodgeNatureCenter.org.

Mixed Precipitation's Picnic Operetta: 8/15, 7-8:30 p.m. at Farm Entrance 3. Mixed Precipitation will present a lively and fun musical adaptation of an operetta with edible delights throughout the performance. Bring a blanket or lawn chair for this family friendly musical evening. Donations appreciated. 651-455-4531. Check show description and RSVP at brownpapertickets.com/ event/4263154

BRAKE BREAK EVENTS

Brake Bread is a neighborhood bakery using bread and bikes to build community. They specialize



in naturally leavened bread and traditional pastries made with organic grains and delivered by bike.

On the second Saturday through October there's a special pizza, story time, and slow roll bike rides event at Brake Bread's retail outlet/bakery, 1174 West Seventh. The dates are Aug. 10, Sept. 14 and Oct. 12. Slow Roll at 10am is an all age/ability bike ride, 8-10 miles and no one gets left behind. With kids and breaks these usually take about 2 hours.

Story Time at 10:30 a.m. is with Jeremiah Gamble of Bucket Brigade. Bring your favorite book and watch it come to life! Pizza Pop Up at11:30 a.m. offers hot sourdough pizzas until they're gone!

SAFE SUMMER NIGHTS

The Safe Summer Nights program is designed to provide opportunities for police officers to become acquainted with residents of the neighborhoods they serve over a meal rather than during times of trouble. Safe Summer Nights helps bridge the gap between police and the people they serve. The events are free, and feature community barbecue and family activities. Thursday August 15, 5pm-7pm at Palace Community Center.

WORLD WITHOUT GENOCIDE EVENTS

The annual Summer Institute for High School and College Students will study Incitement, Hate, and Genocide through three topic areas: The Holocaust, Bosnia, and Rwanda. The Institute will



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be held Tuesday through Thursday, Aug. 6-8, 10 am-9 pm at Mitchell Hamline School of Law, 875

Genocide does not happen overnight. Widespread hate speech often precedes and accompanies mass atrocities. Leaders spread hatred to incite people to target innocent victims. The most expansive and horrific instances of mass violence begin with the buildup of hateful rhetoric.

The Summer Institute will explore how hate speech and incitement were used during the genocides in Rwanda, Bosnia and in the Holocaust, as well as in today's genocides of the Rohingya in Myanmar and the Uyghurs in China. Through a series of talks, films, and activities, students will learn how to combat incitement and to advocate for local, state, and national human rights policies.

Three free programs open to the public will accompany the Institute. Aug. 6, film, The **Uncondemn**ed This documentary follows courageous Rwandan women who survived rape and other acts of sexual violence and came forward to testify in the trial of Jean Paul Akayesu. Aug. 7, 7-9 p.m., film, *Denial*. This biographical drama depicts a historic court case between Holocaust Deborah Lipstadt, and a Holocaust denier suing her for libel. The film stars Rachel Weisz, Tom Wilkenson, and Timothy Spall

Aug. 8, 7-9 p.m., speakers, Genocide **Yesterday and Today: From The Holocaust** to The Uyghurs. Holocaust survivor Fred Amran and Uyghur community member and activist Hoernisa Cohen will talk about standing up against incitement and genocide today. Info: worldwithoutgenocide.org/events-and-programs or 651-695-7621.

CITY AND XCEL ENERGY OFFER FREE HOME **ENERGY SQUAD VISITS**

The City of Saint Paul's Energize Saint Paul program and Xcel Energy are joining to offer free Home Energy Squad® visits for income-qualifying St. Paul households. The visits help provide smart fixes to households like swapping out old light bulbs for new energy-efficient LEDs, upgrading showerheads, installing programmable thermostats, weather-stripping doors and checking for air leaks all to help save energy and money.

Energize Saint Paul provides resources for property owners and residents to increase their energy and water efficiency. As a partnership between the City and public, commercial and residential buildings, Energize Saint Paul aims to make the City the first place that existing buildings can go to make their buildings more efficient, reducing utility costs and greenhouse gas emissions, while making our city more vibrant and resilient. Learn more at stpaul.gov/energize.

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The Minneapolis Institute of Art (Mia) has curated the first major thematic exhibition to explore the artistic achievements of Native women. The exhibition, which will travel nationally, includes more than 115 works dating from ancient times to the present and made in a variety of media, including sculpture, video and digital arts, photography, textiles, and decorative arts. Drawn from Mia's permanent collection and loans from more than 30 institutions and private collections, the works are from communities representing all regions of Native North America. The major sponsor is the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, and the exhibition is organized by Jill Ahlberg Yohe, PhD, associate curator of Native American Art at Mia, and Teri Greeves, an independent curator and member of

the Kiowa Nation. An advisory panel of Native women artists and Native and non-Native scholars has provided insights from a range of nations.

Hearts of Our People elucidates the traditional role of Native women artists in serving the cultural, economic, diplomatic, and domestic needs of their communities, while also going beyond the longstanding convention of treating these artworks as unattributed representations of entire cultures. The contemporary works on view, in particular, will highlight the intentionality of the individual artist and demonstrate how the artist has been influenced by the preceding generations.

The exhibition continues through August 18 at Minneapolis Institute of Art, 2400 Third Ave S, Minneapolis. Call 1-888 642 2787 or visit@artsmia.org.



Nancy Derby

Acme Scenic Arts goes Hollywood

Acme Scenic Arts has been producing sets, drops and props for 30 years. Its well-known projects include Dayton's/Macy's Christmas Shows, Bachmann's Flower Shows, Prime videos and many feature films shot locally.

After devoting herself for five years to Artista Bottega — the center for wonderfully curated art and craft work — owner Nance Derby is refocusing on Acme and has landed a highly demanding contract with Plantscape, Inc. to produce 1,238 branches with 18 leaves on each delicately spraypainted on both sides in 11 colors — all for a new Universal Studios California theme park ride based on *The Secret Life of Pets*.

Ironically, the maple branches come from China, but the job is too demanding for Chinese companies to take it on.

More on Acme at acmescenicarts.com.









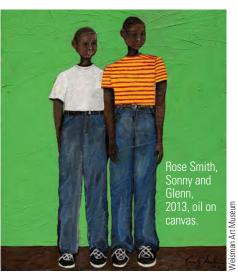
Remembering Rondo at WAM

Rose and Melvin Smith: Remembering Rondo (through September 8). Currently living in Eagan, Minnesota, Rose and Melvin Smith were residents of St. Paul's Rondo neighborhood for many years. The Smiths' art consists of urban scenes and portraits that present realist, expressionist, and at times allegorical takes on Black life in America. The works in this exhibition are drawn

from their Rondo series — a sprawling body of work that stands as an elegiac anthem for that lost neighborhood and the enduring community that lives on in its wake.

Weisman Art Museum, 333 E River Pkwy, Minneapolis. Hours: Mon Closed; Tues 10-5; Wed 10-8; Thurs 10-8 Fri 10-5; Sat & Sun, 11-5; 612-625-9494.







IN SUPPORT OF UNITED FAMILY MEDICINE'S ANNUAL

Community Block Party

Thursday, August 8 5:00-8:00 pm | FREE 1026 West Seventh Info: 651-241-1103

Join W8BA members, bring your family for food, fun, exhibits, music, games, food trucks and health education.

Meet organizations "building a healthy community together."





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In the Community

Cerenity Senior Care – Upgrades TCU, Memory Care Units

Over the past few months, Cerenity Care Center - Humboldt, 512 Humboldt Avenue, has been getting a make-over with fresh paint and carpets in resident rooms and hallways.

Because those with memory issues live more comfortably with smaller groups of people, Cerenity has created two smaller Memory Care units that cater to different levels of residents' needs. A new staffing model also enhances the care provided to all

Cerenity – Humboldt has also made changes to its transitional care services to better meet the community's need for transitional care. Transitional care is designed to help older adults to transition from hospital to home with rehabilitation.

"Over the past few years, we've seen a growing need for transitional care services that can serve those who are most vulnerable in our community,' said Todd Carsen, administrator/CEO. "Our current transitional care unit, located in the Cerenity -Residence building, is unable to accept individuals whose care is paid for by medical assistance (Medicaid). To address this need, we've moved walls and created new spaces to establish a new 22-bed transitional care unit (TCU) on the fourth floor of the Cerenity Care Center with physical and occupational therapy conveniently located down the hall."

This newly renovated unit will provide the same high quality transitional and rehabilitative care currently offered in the Cerenity Residence – Humboldt, 514 Humboldt Avenue, while being able to serve people covered by Medicare, private insurance or medical assistance. In light of the pressure of high



medical costs for many seniors, these changes will have a significant effect.

As a result of this change, Cerenity - Humboldt will be closing its current TCU located in the Cerenity – Residence early in August when current residents have been relocated. "We have shared this information with all current residents. We are meeting with them and offering them the opportunity to move into the new unit," Carsen explained.

Stacy Watson, Cerenity's Marketing Coordinator, commented, "The most exciting thing is with the Transitional Care Unit moving to the Care Center we are now able to better serve those in our community

that are on Medicaid and Medical Assistance. This is a population that we have always served, and now we can say we are doing it in a much better way. We are proud of what we do, and looking forward to these exciting changes."

Cerenity Senior Care – Humboldt offers assisted living, memory care, skilled nursing, rehabilitation, and hospice care services. Cerenity Senior Care is a faith-guided provider offering compassionate, state-of-the-art services and care to seniors through the region. For more information, see cerenityseniorcare.org.

Suicide prevention experts contend that while it's normal to think about death as we age, suicidal ideation is a sign that people need help. They argue that all suicides should be avoided by addressing

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DEB SAYS

The Guest House (Excerpted)

This being human is a guest house. Every morning a new arrival. A joy, a depression, a meanness, some momentary awareness comes as an unexpected visitor. Welcome and entertain them all! Even if they are a crowd of sorrows... still, treat each guest honorably. He may be clearing you out for some new delight. The dark thought, the shame, the malice. meet them at the door laughing and invite them in. Be grateful for whatever comes...Jellaludin Rumi

Rumi's words resound loudly for my contemporaries as we age and find it essential to manage both welcome and unwelcome circumstances. A June 23 Washington Post article by Melissa Bailey discusses some seniors entering their twilight years privately mulling "rational suicide." She quotes Yeates Conwell, a psychiatrist specializing in geriatrics at the University of Rochester and a leading expert in elderly suicide. Dr. Conwell says, "The concern that I

have at a social level is if we all agree that killing yourself is an acceptable, appropriate way to go, then there becomes a social norm around that, and it becomes easier to

do, more common. That's particularly dangerous with older adults because of widespread ageist attitudes. As a society, we have a responsibility to care for people as they age. Promoting rational suicide "creates the risk of a sense of obligation for older people to use that method rather than advocate for better care that addresses their concerns in other ways.

DEBORAH PADGETT

columnist

A Kaiser Health News article(khn.org/news/ suicide-seniors) in April found that older Americans — a few hundred per year, at least — are killing themselves while living in or transitioning to long-term care. "Many cases KHN reviewed involved depression or mental illness. What's not clear is how many of these suicides involve clear-minded people exercising what Davis would call a rational choice.

mental health and helping seniors live a rich and What would make living into advanced old age with a need for care and support an option more appealing than dying? With my mother's recent death, I DEB SAYS, PG 7



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VIEWS FROM THE GARDEN

Weeds UGH!?

BY KENT PETTERSON

August is crucial for your garden. The easy days of hoeing and minor weed seedlings can change quickly. We're talking about the inflection point for your garden. Will you suppress the rampant growth of unwanted weeds or will you throw in the hoe so

After all that energy of spring planting, the start of harvest, and flush of flower bloom, now is when you can make your garden shine in the August sun.

It's going to be hot, so early in the day before work or the start of your day is the best time. Instead of daylong slogs that sometimes happen to me, just an hour a day will be enough. After a rain is the best as the offending plant roots will not hold on so firmly to the ground. Your back will thank you.

It is a time to get up close and personal with the ground. A good kneeling pad will be needed to save on your knees. This is a great time to check out the bloom and the harvest. Have the beets reached harvest size;

is the broccoli ready for cutting; did you salvage any of the last lettuce before it bolted to seed?

You also can check for insects and insect damage, and while you are weeding give a little praise and thanks for your bounty and do the work to protect this year's harvest by removing the weeds.

Most weeds are annual plants and they go to seed quickly this time of the summer. You want to prevent the addition of weed seeds to your soil. These plants are tough and their seeds are even tougher. They can last for years in the soil waiting for the year when soil disturbance brings the seed to the surface, where germination and the cycle begins again.

August is not an easy time to be outside in the heat, but with good strategies you can do it safely in a way that will pay off this fall and in coming years.



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HALLE O'FALVEY

BIRDS IN PARTICULAR

Tell Me About Your Yard Birds

Until recently, I had never seen crows in my yard. So, when I heard them squawking, I went out to see what was happening.

FOOD MATTERS

I saw two crows, one in the willow and the other in the spruce. So, I started looking around with Tina, the rescue kitty — (I let her go out a few times a day, but like a toddler who cannot be left alone, neither can Tina). She found the baby crow straight away in the bridal veil shrub. So, we watched it together. The parents were really squawking now, so I decided to take Tina inside for everyone's safety. When I came back outside the baby crow flew next door onto the manicured

lawn. Its stout and short tail, made it difficult to hop, wobble as the parents were encouraging it to fly up into a bush, it made a several vain attempts then disappeared out of view. The squawking went on for days. One of my neighbors three blocks over had great

viewing of birds and chicks this summer; watching downy woodpeckers, house wrens, and Cooper's

The downy woodpeckers are North America's smallest woodpecker, six to seven inches tall. The males differ from the black and white females only with a red nuchal. The downies tree-nested on the boulevard in a maple tree. As the wood chips appeared on the grass, my neighbor discovered an excavation was in process. A second downy flew in about 15 feet up the tree just below the nub of a broken branch. The pair took turns emptying out a cavity for days and days. Prime time for birding activity on the front porch was in the morning and late afternoon. After the nest was ready, the female laid her eggs, then both parents took turns incubating the eggs. There was a vocal ritual before each entry and departure into the nest. One in, one out. Once the two chicks hatched, a noisy beseech ensued that kept exhausted parents in search of insects all day long. They fledged a few

weeks later and stayed nearby.

The wrens are the only migrant of these three. They are tiny brown flecked birds with tails pointing up and back, constantly twittering, twittering, twittering. After checking out different real estate, (the males prepare several nesting options for the female) she chose the bird house near the garden shed, in a lush, colorful, charming pocket garden. This was only after several days of flirting, singing, and wooing by the male. There were four chicks. My neighbor said it was important to be telling the wrens no harm would come to them and also, thanking them for eating the bugs that were plaguing the garden. "Circle of life...and death in our little part of the hood."

The Cooper's hawks, also known as the chicken hawk, have red eyes. The juveniles have yellow eyes despite being very loud and noisy once these two chicks fledged. One nearly full-size Cooper was seen trying to walk a tightrope on the cyclone fence, a little clumsy, talon over talon. I've seen them sitting on cyclone fencing before but never walking. For many days the two young ones could be seen hanging on roof tops of neighboring houses expecting meals. The adult female was a perpetual food drop bomber. Rabbits and squirrels started to disappear, the neighborhood was quiet, and the house sparrows were nowhere to be seen. Can you image stepping outside hearing all this racket, looking up on your neighbor's roof to see two young hawks screeching and parents flying in with fresh kill. Or maybe you don't want to notice.



Five Questions: Jeannie KRISTIN HAMAKER Farrell

Here's the first in an ongoing series called Five Questions, where I shine a light on neighborhood folk and their unique relationships, traditions, and preferences around meaningful cooking and eating.

What does eating well look like for you? When I am eating well, I am baking and making good food for my family. A sweet potato, maple sausage and parmesan egg bake or blueberry muffins for breakfast. Trying a new vegetarian recipe or going with the old standby of meat and potatoes for dinner. Eating well for us is eating organic as much as possible and buying meat that is ethically raised either from our local co-op or directly from the farmer at the downtown St. Paul Farmers Market.

What is a favorite and reliable everyday dish for you and your family? We love tacos! Recently I discovered a vegetarian taco meat made with baked quinoa — it is so delicious! A homemade lentil soup with homemade bread always hits the spot for everyone on a cold winter day.

Can you share a defining food memory? I was born in Melrose Park, Illinois, which at the time had a large Italian population. Most of my mother's family (her parents were from Sicily) lived there or in the suburbs surrounding. Every summer we would drive to Melrose Park and go to Aunt Millie's house for the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel at the church. There would be a procession honoring the Madonna in front of Aunt Mil's house. Inside her house I remember eating the best pizza! I recall it being cooked on a cookie sheet, so it was square and a bit salty (I am guessing anchovies) and did not have very much sauce, if any, on it. Oh, how good it was. After the parade we would walk to the carnival and eat Italian ice out of paper cups — as a little girl I looked forward to that Italian ice all day. I also loved going to visit my grandma's side of the family on Christmas Eve and eating cucidati (Italian fig cookies) and pizzelles. My mom passed away when I was nine, but those fig and almond flavors always make my heart feel warm and connected to her and

What topics around food are you most interested in, and why? I was never allowed to help in the kitchen as a kid, so I never learned how to cook. I met my partner, a chef, when I was 24 years old. At the time, my specialty was making a poached egg, and that was about it. Sean started helping me learn to cook and I am still amazed when I find things that I can do on my own or find a new way or process for making something in the kitchen. Years ago, I was thrilled when I found out I could make my own yogurt. Last year I took up kombucha and kvass

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believe she chose death, not because of an existing misery but because she feared the misery she believed she would have to face. She created a narrative of doom and didn't have the support and care necessary to overcome her fears. She feared death less than the realization of her imaginings. Why do so many elderly people say being hospitalized or living in a care facility or the very thought of leaving the home they love is a fate worse than death? Part of it is due to deeply held perceptions and biases that are not challenged or held up to scrutiny. I believe we will see a sea change of acceptance and even relishing of the opportunities we can plan for as we age that will make old age similar to any other age through which we live. Facilities, attitudes and understanding of skilled care need adjusting and our capacity to provide mental health services to those suffering from depression, anxiety, physical limitations and dementia require a significant upgrade.

Why do we insist on looking at the decline of old age as a horror? There are more stories of people living quite happily until they die than stories of being miserable every minute of every day of old age. What if I could dictate my desired circumstances in a variety of possible aging and dying scenarios? What

if I could put in place a plan that would support these various circumstances and make sure that plan is realistic? What if we quit viewing it as a tragedy that we can no longer do all that we did in our prime?

Mary Pipher's Women Rowing North, Navigating Life's Currents and Flourishing as We Age is a book for these times and these very concerns. While she specifically interviews and learns from women of my generation, all she says pertains too, to men. She doesn't waste time spinning genuine tragedy, loss, confusion, fear, physical and mental demise into a picnic on a summer's day. She speaks realistically and respectfully about this time in our lives. There is so much here to ponder and to embrace I haven't room to touch the surface in this column. The most important lesson I gleaned from Pipher's research and the conclusions she reaches are reflected, I think, in these words. "All life stages present us with joys and miseries. Fate and circumstance influence which stage is the hardest for any given individual. But attitude and intentionality are the governors of the process. This journey can be redemptive if we find ways to learn and grow from the struggles this stage offers us. Just as adolescents must find the North Stars to guide them, so must we elders maintain clarity about who and how we want to be."

FOOD MATTERS, PG 6

making. I also love learning about how food can be used in the healing process. During flu season I make Elderberry syrup for my family and homemade fire tonic for Sean and me. It feels so good to take care of myself and my family in this simple way.

I have to ask. What would you hope for as a last meal on this earth?

Such a tough question! I am sure my answer would ebb and flow depending on the day, week, year. Currently, if I had to choose it would be good bread with olive oil and salt, cut up grapefruit, cashews, hard salami, a nice white cheddar, fig jam and crackers and chocolate cake with chocolate frosting and raspberries on top served on a lovely table with candles and fresh greenery or flowers.

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HISTORY REVEALED: 8/8, 7:45pm at Waldmann Brewery & Wurstery, 445 Smith Ave. N. Presentation & Book Signing: F. Scott Fitzgerald in Minnesota: The Ones that Got Away. Author David Page will talk about the famous homes and iconic buildings associated with Fitzgerald and the neighborhood he lived, worked and played in, that have been torn down and didn't make it into his book, F. Scott Fitzgerald In Minnesota.

BEING MORTAL — Film and Panel Discussion: 8/15 from, 5:30-7:30pm at the West 7th Community Center. In order to provide an opportunity to continue the conversation introduced in this month's Healthline (page 2) as well as provide resources for next steps, a documentary will be shown and a panel of professionals in the field to answer questions. Light snacks and beverages. Bring family members and loved ones as we dive into an essential discussion.

WEST END WALKING TOUR: 8/10. 10am-noon at St. Stanislaus Church, 398 Superior. \$14 (MN Historical Society members save 20%). Discover hidden history of West 7th, St. Paul's first neighborhood. Includes moderately-paced walking on uneven surfaces.

HAND DRUMS FOR BEGINNERS: 8/13, 5:30-6:30pm: a women's beginning class in hand drums at the Women's Drum Center, 2242 University Ave W., St. Paul. Instruments provided. \$10. womensdrumcenter. org. No experience necessary.

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FOOD, MUSIC, AND FELLOWSHIP: Meet your Neighbors at National Night Out: Church of St. Mary, 261 East 8th St., Aug. 6, 5-7pm. Enjoy music of Yam Haus, reduce stress with a massage from Sister Rosalind, take a selfie with Pope Francis or just mingle with your Lowertown neighbors. Complimentary food. ice cream and soft drinks will be provided.

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