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Racism, Runny Noses and the Myth of Freedom for All

by Tim Johnson

Rochester, Cherokee Park United Church

(Edited Note: This is the tenth article in Tim Johnson’s series on racism. Comments and insights are welcome: send to editor@communityreporter.org.)

Although my own memory of the incident is void, it was told often enough by adults I trusted that I believed it. The small-town church attended by my family was hosting its annual Christmas pageant when children acted out the story of Jesus’ birth. Joseph, Mary and the shepherds, the wise men, angels and the sheep were all assembled in the front of the church. Some had speaking parts, others of us, like the sheep, stood in quiet adoration. I was 6. My brother was 4. We were in the sheep. At the end of the solemn telling of the story, I noticed an unsightly stream running from my brother’s nose. Without further deviating from the script we had been given, I walked across the stage and, with a Kleenex, gently wiped the snot from my brother’s face. The runny nose story, as it came to be known, was retold in part for its cuteness factor, always a draw for children’s Christmas pageants. But I suspect the poignancy of the moment and others like it— that they bring the messiness and incompleteness of humanity squarely into this sacred story. For Christians, the Christmas story is a myth, which is not to say that it lacks historical truth, but rather that truth in the Christmas story lies in its capacity to touch us at our most imperfect, to remind our own humanity, our own imperfections, our own incompleteness.

We have just finished an election in which one of the central issues was whether the American myth of freedom espoused in the Declaration of Independence is an idea or a story. I think the perfection from the very beginning or whether it was born of confusion, error, imperfection and our own imperfection. In his book, Healing the Heart of Democracy, Parker Palmer notes that the Founding Fathers, who wrote those words “fell far short of their own declaration.” However, by acknowledging the imperfections and incompleteness, the myth lives with the power of aspiration. Any assertion of original perfection makes the American freedom myth an outright lie— or, as Eddie Glaude, author of Begin Again, calls it, “The Lie.” Palmer says that “when we imagine or pretend” that the American myth of freedom for all “describes current reality, the myth becomes an enemy of its own aspirations.” It is what makes “Make America Great Again” so problematic. In contrast, by acknowledging snotty noses, messiness and incompleteness (what Palmer calls the “aspiration gap”), we give myths the power to transform our lives and our world.

By David Lamb

A year that has become known for feeling to many like the largest in history. Over everything, things have been especially tough for small business owners as well as their employees. The restaurant business, where many heavily rely on the tips of in-person dining and higher margins of serving alcoholic beverages, has been particularly threatened, with the unprecedented wave of COVID-19 infections that built throughout the fall only making things worse.

A longtime destination for dining and drinking—from the classic Italian fare of Cossetta’s and steaks of Mancini’s to trendy destinations like Bad Weather Brewing Co. and the Keg and Case food hall that have opened in recent years—the West End has not proved immune to the pandemic’s headwinds. The Bay Street Grill, one longtime stalwart just off W. 7th on Randolph Street, closed in July, with its owners citing the uncertainty of the pandemic as well as personal medical issues. In recent months, however, local entrepeneurs have turned their creativity to the pandemic, carving new solutions to survive the winter and outlast COVID-19. The novel innovations range from renovated facilities to new processes and business models. Waldmann Brewery & Wurstery (414 W 7th St.), which relies heavily on the popularity of its sprawling biergarten surrounded by several of St. Paul’s oldest buildings, installed an elaborate system that will warm its entire patio with 5000 BTUs of natural gas radiant heat. “The effect is subtle and pleasant, since infrared heat takes time to soak into you,” Tony Schroeder, the restaurant’s owner, said, noting that he installed it without tents, canopies or plastic bubbles to create the safest dining experience possible.

Bad Weather Brewing Co. (414 W 7th St.) another brewery and restaurant, was fortunate to have already invested in reusing its patio in the fall of 2019. After the pandemic hit, it worked with the city through the spring to expand its renovated patio across what had been the restaurant’s front parking lot. Realizing the importance of heat for extending the outdoor dining season, Bad Weather’s owner, Joe Giambruno, worked with a welding company to build a custom outdoor table, where bargoers can rest their glasses around an open, gas-fed fire.

Cladagh Coffee, a coffee house and homemade pastry shop with outposts in the West End (455 W. 7th St.) and Cathedral Hill (612 Selby Ave.) neighborhoods, converted from in-person dining to a service window allowing customers to get their breakfast and lunch without stepping feet inside. “We created a whole new website for ordering online,” said Mary Hogan-Bard, who owns the business. Heat lamps that Bard purchased for each of the shops will keep customers warm while they place orders outside.

One St. Paul mainstay since 1975, Day Cafe (477 W. 7th St.), shook up its routine to keep diners streaming into its secluded outdoor garden and newly added outdoor seating along W. 7th over the summer and through the fall. In July, it added an outdoor wood-burning oven to its facility, offering distinctive pizzas onto its list of offerings (six oven-baked sandwiches will debut soon).

The café’s owner, Greg Ekboom, viewed Governor’s Walz’s November 18 order to suspend in-person dining as a mercy of sorts, since the surging pandemic had left the business losing money in recent weeks. “Now, we can focus on takeout and delivery,” Ekboom said, adding that the company had forged new partnerships.

Elected reps tell United Family Medicine to halt changes, call for outside review

The following letter from nine elected officials, listed below, was sent to UFM leadership on November 25:

United Family Medicine (UFM) has a long and rich history of serving the medical health and wellness needs of the West Seventh community and far beyond. The clinic’s foundational, personal patient-doctor relationships and nationally acclaimed “Serve to and teach” Family Medicine Residency mission have demonstrated outstanding outcomes regardless of income, ethnicity, age and familial status.

The unique collaboration between the community, United Hospital and Allina Health has undergirded UFM’s progressive, professional medical staff and 21st century clinic facilities. Nearly $15 million was raised to fund UFM’s clinic building [which opened in 2005] through the efforts and initiative of the United Hospital Foundation and Allina Health’s support. The West Seventh community and patients from all around the Twin Cities were distressed to learn of UFM’s recent decision to halt changes, call for outside review of the UFM’s continuing health care model, the model that has evolved and served so many so well over decades. As UFM’s mission and focus has long been to provide personalized primary care with a family physician — at clinic, hospital or other venues — the forced departure of UFM’s physicians and medical residents is devastating for patients and the entire community.

The imminent dissolution of the United Family Medicine Residency program (21 MDs) and the accompanying departure of the clinic’s 13 “ileo” physicians...

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**Board Update**

At the November 9 meeting, the Board approved a request for support of Saint Paul Public Library in upcoming City-budgeting. The Board also approved a variance to make changes to the interior of a residence for a home occupation, a business at 284 Nugent. Finally, the Board heard a presentation about fiscal sponsorship; discussed risks and liabilities, and reviewed a draft updated fiscal sponsor policy. The issue was tabled.

**Virtual Trivia Night Fundraiser**

Dec. 10, 7pm. Zoom in, meet friends, and have fun! All proceeds go toward supporting the Fort Road Federation, our partners, the Riverview Historical Fund, and West 7th. Winning team will receive a traditional trophy from local KRJ Found. Individual/team tickets available at fortroadfederation.org.

**Upcoming Meetings**

via Zoom. Details at fortroadfederation.org/calendar

- Transportation and Land Use Committee - 12/17, 6:30 pm
- Joint Riverview Task Force - Themed Dinner Party
- Board Meeting - 12/17, 7 pm
- Community Engagement and Oversight Committee - 12/17, 6:30 pm

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**WEST END HEALTHLINE**

**Holiday Planning in the Time of COVID**

By Nicholas Swenson, MD and Angela Ulrich, PhD

As snow falls and the pandemic surges, families across Minnesota are wondering how to celebrate the holidays without putting themselves or those they love at risk. fried with regards to physical distancing, mask wearing, and hand washing, many of us are feeling “pandemic fatigue.”

As you plan to host or attend a holiday event (and if and when local guidance permits gatherings with those outside of your household), get creative about keeping your family and guests safe. Limit the size of your gathering to the fewest households and smaller number of individuals possible. If weather permits, host a short outside gathering, tell your guests to bundle up and prepare hot cocoa or apple cider to serve them while distancing around one (or more) warm campfires. If you choose to gather indoors, use the largest, most well-ventilated area in your home and open a few windows. Seat households at separate, distanced tables rather than communal ones. Instead of serving a buffet or passing dishes, have each household bring their favorite take-out. Set up a hand sanitizing station and remind everyone to mask up when they are eating or drinking. Most importantly, clearly communicate your plan to guests.

Consider postponing your holiday travel plans. Travel creates an opportunity only for COVID-19 to infect both those you plan to visit and those you will return home to. If you choose to travel, wear a mask properly (covering your mouth and nose) for the duration of your flight, while traveling through the airport, and on rides to and from the airport. Lower the risk to the folks you visit by staying in a rental or hotel, visiting outdoors or in well-ventilated spaces, physically distancing, and wearing a mask properly.

Limit contact with others for 10-14 days before attending family gatherings or travel, and get tested for COVID-19. But remember that a negative test doesn’t mean you won’t get COVID-19. Physical distancing or wearing a mask only works if everyone follows the rules. Viruses have an “incubation period,” which means you can be infectious for a day or two before seeing family but still be infectious during your visit, even if you don’t have any symptoms.

The good news is that the pandemic won’t last forever! Conversations about your holiday plans this year may be difficult, but have them anyway. Focus on spending time with those you’re right now to avoid an empty seat at the dinner table in the future. Gathering virtually and postponing travel, staying outdoors and getting ventilation when inside, keeping your distance, wearing masks, and washing your hands. Remind your loved ones that the choice to celebrate differently in 2020 helps ensure a safe and joyful gathering to celebrate together for many years to come.

Nicholas Swenson, MD is a resident physician at Allina Health/United Medical Residency Program. Angela Ulrich, PhD is an epidemiologist at the University of Minnesota.

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**COMMUNITY REPORTER**

Reintroducing the Riverview Corridor

Dear Community Reporter readers,

I am happy to share that those of you who have just begun the Engineering and Pre-Environmental Phase of the Riverview Corridor. To review for those of you who are familiar with this line, it is part of a future project phase. This is the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) chosen by the Riverview Policy Advisory Committee (RivPA) in 2014, when Metro Transit had received federal funding committed for an arterial project (Rapid Transit Project) that was projected, not be in service until 2032. The proposed LPA may, per Ramsey County’s requirement, the Riverview BRT project. Nearly a generation of public transit riders could be deprived of improvements by this delay.

The delays need to stop! But instead, Ramsey County is busy at the table with a new advisory committee (PAC-2), for lack of a better acronym), which must be completed before it is able to move to the Environmental Impact Study Phase required by the Federal Transit Act.

This current PAC-2 is projected to take three years. As announced on November 5 at its first meeting, Ramsey County had an array of hired consultants, has given itself 16 months to overcome the failure to discover and address the project’s risks and benefits in the three years of the previous PAC-1.

Now, again, we wait, while our “little engine that could” neighborhood is getting jerked around, not getting transit improvements. At the same time, other neighborhood issues like those along East 7th Street are getting needed investments, and the Minnesota Legislature has authorized funding for three more BRT projects across the region.

This PAC-2’s composition is also disappointing. While the members are largely the same as the previous committee, our neighborhood representation was absent. Severson was replaced by a member from Highland. In addition, the disappointing, no representative from our local Joint Riverview Transit Task Force (JRTTF) was invited to PAC-2. Members of the West 7th Business Association and three from the Fort Road

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Overcoming Racism Conference

The Facilitating Racial Equity Collaborative’s (FREC) annual Overcoming Racism Conference took place virtually Nov. 12-13. Emceed by FREC member William Moore, the conference featured a keynote speech by Dr. Eddie S. Glaude, Jr., Princeton University’s James S. McDonnell Distinguished Professor and chair of its department of African American Studies as well as the director of Democracy in Black and an essayist. The conference, which is sponsored by several organizations and instructors in the arts, was founded to combat the invisibility and dehumanization of Asian Pacific Islander Desi American and Black women, and it featured videos of conversations between women and their peers in the arts, including music, dance, and visual arts. The conference was also a celebration of the arts and culture of the African American experience and a wake-up call for the need to support the arts and artists of color.

Riverfront Corridor Committees Seeking Applicants

The Riverview Corridor Community Advisory Committee and the Station Area Planning Committee are seeking residents who can join and provide input. (See Commissioner Rachel Province’s column on page 10.) Visit riverviewcorridor.com to apply. Deadline is for both is December 15.

Ayd Mill Road reopens with new pedestrian, bike path

The 1.5 mile stretch of road was closed on August 1 to implement a new 3-lane street design with two southbound lanes, one northbound lane, a pedestrian and bicycle trail along the eastside of Ayd Mill Road. In addition to the improvement on Ayd Mill Road and installation of the new bike and pedestrian infrastructure, Saint Paul Public Works determined that the new, lower speed limit on Ayd Mill Road would be 35 mph. The change in speed limit is due to the modified design and use of the roadway, as well as a new bicycle/pedestrian safety facility. The roadway design and implementation of Ayd Mill Road has challenged our city for over a generation,” Mayor Melvin Carter said of the reopening. "Today, we see this critical roadway as a complete street we can all use and enjoy demonstrates our community’s commitment to our residents and our planet alike.”

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Federation have been meeting for nearly three years as this task force and worked to keep our organizations and the neighborhood informed about this very issue. As a member of the JRTTF, I don’t endorse this peculiar snub. We have met with Metro Transit, our Metropolitan Council of the State, and they have assembled an in-depth study of our neighborhood desires for the future. Apparently, Ramsey County doesn’t want to have direct communication about this. The modern streetcar LPA is for our street. I have written about this many times in the Community Reporter. More importantly, it is a bad LPA for transit-dependent riders who need improvement sooner rather than a generation late, if the plan indeed ever comes to completion. CART’s November article raised a crucial compatibility issue between the region’s Blue and Green LRT lines and the corridor streetcar. Although this never came up publicly in the PAC-1 or related technical meetings, all of which I attend, when I recently asked for a clarification from Ramsey County, I was told there were background assurances the compatibility issue was not a problem. Well, it is a problem, and it will require a major work around. Otherwise the streetcar vehicle will be isolated on the Riverview alignment, unable to unload passengers onto the Blue or Green LRT station, which it is in fact planned to be able to do. The situation makes one wonder whether the entire planning exercise has been a complete waste of time and resources. Will only be revealed when our county’s consultants inform us one morning that there was a mistake, and we’re back to LRT on West 7th.

After enduring this process, there is more, I agree with Tim Schorletter and his colleagues at CART that the first priority for transit improvement in the corridor should be a local bus on West 7th, with high-service frequency. And I agree with them that any rail transit in the corridor must be on a separate right-of-way based on regional rail transit needs and standards. It is folly to try to combine the two as Ramsey County has with its LPA.

Email Kent Peterson at kpeterson@saintpaul.com.

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When the Gangsters Ruled St. Paul

BY DAVID LAMB

A century ago, the “Public Enemy Number One,” the leader of the group whose members J. Edgar Hoover called “the toughest mob we ever cracked,” roamed the streets of St. Paul. His name was Alvin Karpis, and for five years he orchestrated dozens of robberies out of his St. Paul base, protected by paid-off police and an instinct for smelling trouble and skipping town.

In 1929, Karpis was paroled, they proved their chemistry made a formidable team. After being a strategist who liked planning jobs, figuring out escape routes and running numbers, they made a formidable team. After being paroled, they proved their chemistry through a streak of large robberies. Their move to Minnesota came as a result of a crime run amok. The day after robbing a store in Missouri, Karpis took his sputtering 1931 DeSoto to an auto mechanic. When it was recognized as one seen at the scene of the robbery, the sheriff was notified and then, arriving at the shop, killed. Barker became wanted for the murder, and St. Paul, which remained the assembly, which included “escapees from every major gang in America,” was the only haven he could find safety.

The Green Lantern, a long-ago demolished speakeasy on Wabasha Street in downtown St. Paul, was the naturalization site of sorts. Freddie Sawyer, the saloon’s owner and the man who brought Karpis to St. Paul, introduced him to a coterie of gangsters. Karpis wrote that the assembly, which included “escapees from every major gang in America,” was the only haven he could find safety. With the Green Lantern as his unofficial “headquarters” and a home base in West St. Paul, Karpis gang terrorized the Midwest, robbing banks throughout Kansas, Wisconsin, North Dakota and South Dakota.

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The two embarked on a crime and murder spree across Kansas and Colorado that was only just beginning. From the age of 10, he helped a teenager rob a store in Missouri, Karpis took his sputtering 1931 DeSoto to an auto mechanic. When it was recognized as one seen at the scene of the robbery, the sheriff was notified and then, arriving at the shop, killed. Barker became wanted for the murder, and St. Paul, which remained the assembly, which included “escapees from every major gang in America,” was the only haven he could find safety. With the Green Lantern as his unofficial “headquarters” and a home base in West St. Paul, Karpis gang terrorized the Midwest, robbing banks throughout Kansas, Wisconsin, North Dakota and South Dakota.

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Fort Snelling affordable housing project to cost $900,000 per unit to build

BY MAX NESTERAK
A plan to save 26 crumbling buildings at Fort Snelling’s Upper Post and turn them into moderately priced apartments for veterans narrowly secured critical financing in November, with the Hennepin County commissioners voting to issue $88 million in bonds to Plymouth-based developer Dominium.

The Upper Post Flats will include 191 apartments with a projected total cost of about $172.5 million — or $902,893 per unit, which is more than three times the cost of the average single-family home in the Twin Cities.

Three of the seven Hennepin County commissioners — Mike Opat, Angela Conley and Irene Fernando — voted against the financing, citing the price. (The commissioners technically voted as the Hous- ing Redevelopment Authority, which is made up of the same people as the Board, and must vote again on the bonds during their board meeting in two weeks.)

“I think the cost at $900,000 a unit is exorbitant,” Opat said. “I think that’s just too much, especially for a project that at the end of it isn’t for use by the general public.”

The approval caps off a yearslong fight for public financing — with Dominium pushing through a special state law in 2018 to circumvent a cost ceiling — to build what will be the most expensive affordable housing development per unit in Minnesota history.

The project pits historic preservation against limited resources available to build affordable housing amid a worsening housing and homelessness crisis in the region.

Preserving historic buildings, mitigating noise pollution from the nearby airport and cleaning up hazards like lead paint, asbestos and contaminated soil are all costly. For people who see the Upper Post as part of the state’s most impor-tant landmarks, it’s well worth the price.

“If we don’t preserve this now, it will not be preserved,” said Commissioner Debbie Goettel, who noted as mayor of Richfield she saw multiple failed at-tempts to preserve the site due to lack of funding. “These are historic buildings. I want them preserved. And I think putting people who need homes into these is great.”

The Fort Snelling Upper Post Site was put into play beginning in 1879 and over the years served as a Japanese language and intel-ligence school and a rehabilitation center for wounded veterans before it was decommissioned in 1946 and transferred to the

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Rehab restores landmark, builds on track record of success

BY DAVE THUNE
The historic stone and brick complex atop a bluff high above the Mississippi River has lured many over the years — a Japanese language and intelligence school during WWII and a place for veterans to recover after that. It is now known by many as a pastoral park in which to exercise or spend a day with family and friends.

For me, Fort Snelling is also a place I once spent many afternoons as a graduate architect in the 1980s, painstakingly making measured drawings of the historic Officers’ Quarters for the Minnesota Historical Society. Now, with the Twin Cities-based developer (Dominium implementing a plan for rehabilitating the crumbling buildings into affordable housing for veterans and others, I rest easier, knowing that the history of this unique site will be preserved. I trust Dominium to do right by this landmark, under the oversight of local leaders; and not just because, as I should disclose, I have a contract with the company in my semi-retirement. Rather, I have chosen to work for Dominium because I’m a fan. While I was on the St. Paul City Council, I

REHAB, PG 7

Merry Christmas and Season’s Greetings from the staff and residents at Cerenity Humboldt.

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A season for pruning woodies

Most maintenance and shaping of your landscape trees and shrubs is best done in the winter. The dormant season after freeze allows you to shape and prune without harming the plant. Winter is the best time to prune woody plants. Pruning in the winter will cause less bleeding and damage to the plant. Winter is also the best time to prune, because it is easier to see the branches and the plant is not covered with leaves. It is important to prune your trees and shrubs in the winter, because it is the best time to do so. Winter is the best time to prune woody plants. Pruning in the winter will cause less bleeding and damage to the plant. Winter is also the best time to prune, because it is easier to see the branches and the plant is not covered with leaves. It is important to prune your trees and shrubs in the winter, because it is the best time to do so.

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GANGSTERS, PG 4

The man behind the curtain.

A robbery, Karpis decided to turn his attention to a more lucrative venture: kidnap-

Ping for his first target, he snatched William "Bill" Hoover, president of St. Paul's Hamm Brewery. The abduction of one of the city's most prominent businesses — a story fed by the random notes Karpis left behind in a booth at a pharmacy on Grand Avenue — went unreported.

Astonishingly, Karpis remained under the radar for several years. With Brown feuding, Karpis continued his kidnapping on a rival gangster. Details like that, usually unbefuddled in this sort of biography, make certain paragraphs in this text unreadable.

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Since then, the buildings have fallen into such sad disrepair that they are best pruned just after and before new buds begin to show in the spring. When flowering and fruiting are not involved, it is always best to prune during the colder weather. The wound at the pruning cut is a source of disease for these plants, but proper cut minimizes exposure and fungicide is least active when it is hot. A proper cut is much more than just giving the plant a haircut or eliminating branches that are growing too close to utility wires. First rule is to sharpen and clean your cutting tools. Second, don't do too much. The plant needs buds that lead out to produce food for the plant in the next year. No more than 1/3 of the plant top volume should be pruned.

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The cost of restoring historic buildings is higher than run-of-the-mill new construction. For that reason, our federal and state governments have made a financing program available to developers willing to take on historic restoration. These programs provide tax credits that allow other investors to support the development. A similar program of bonding and tax credits exists for projects that offer housing to people within an income range. Investors participate by buying the tax credits. The bonds are paid back over time by the developer. This financing is not intermingled, specifically so that money targeted for affordable housing is not diminished. In keeping with this model, the Fort Snelling apartments will offer affordability and, when coupled to Section 8 vouchers, provide quality housing to lower income families.

Dominion’s experience in historic and affordable developments makes it one of the few developers willing to take on the risk of projects like these, where regional landmarks might otherwise be razed. Our Schmidt development was scheduled to become an asphalted used car lot before West 7th partnered with Dominion and the City.

While developments like Schmidt and Fort Snelling do not provide housing for the homeless, they successfully create more housing in a market that needs it, make our communities stronger and benefit us all by preserving an important piece of our history for future generations.

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Through Dec. 15, 8am-9pm, by apt only, call 612-701-9555. The Studio, 300 W. 7th. Masks required. Elchigs, watercolors, silkscreens. Copper plate printing demos upon request.
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Presenters for Spring Conference
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