An unknown male recently forced his way into a house on Colfax and demanded money. The victims said that the perpetrator passed out and then both victims ran outside and waited for police. An arrest was made.

Last week a police officer rang my doorbell and reported that three garages on Dupont Avenue had been entered and cars burglarized by unknown intruders.

The officer reported that often residents in our area don’t lock their garage doors.

Please secure all doors and windows in your residences including your garage doors. Be alert! Call 911 if you see an intruder or a stranger wandering in back yards.

Mayor RT Rybak joins the hundreds of skiers at the start of his 10th Annual City of Lakes Loppet at Theodore Wirth Park. While we’ve experienced unseasonably little snow this year, the man-made snow on the trails and huge volunteer efforts made for a great weekend of competitive and recreational skiing and other winter fun at Wirth Park.

Photo by Steve Kotvis (f/go)
**NEW FACE AT KENWOOD BARBERS**

Paul Trott joined the jovial staff of Kenwood Barbers fulltime in 2012. Paul is an avid camper, cyclist and fitness enthusiast who lives, shops, and recreates in the Hill Lake community. Paul served in the US military for 8 years and hails originally from Springfield, Illinois. When asked his favorite flavor of Sebastian Joe's ice cream, Paul responded, “Oreo of course.” Kenwood Barbers is located at Franklin & Hennepin next to Sebastian Joe's and is open from 9 am- 6pm and Sat is 10 am- 6pm. Call (612) 374-4023 to make an appointment.

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**Brownie Lake**

The Community Advisory Committee for the Brownie Lake Area plan will meet for a final review of the area plan, to discuss lift station options, and to prepare its recommendations to the Board. All are welcome to attend; time will be set aside for comments from the public.

February 28, 2012, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  Kenwood Community Center 2101 W Franklin Ave, Minneapolis

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February 17 6-9pm, Open reception Bockley Gallery

Feb 28, 6:30, Brownie Lake Review, Kenwood Rec

Feb 29, Noon, Lunch with Lisa, St. Thomas

Feb. 19 (Webber Library) and March 1 (Hosmer Library). Redistricting Public hearings.

Feb. 19 or Feb. 22, 10am Come out and Play Nature Club, see page

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Craig Wilson interviews Sarah Sponheim about her passion for innovative solutions to environmental sustainability issues and why science provides the tool for a greener future.

Is it true that your family has deep roots in Minnesota and a thirst for beer-making? My great-great-grandfather, Theodore Hamm, started Hamm’s Brewery. The sale of the brewery in 1968 created a legacy to the school building. Since last spring, when my youngest son graduated from Lake Country, Lowry Hill residen Marty Brown has done a terrific job leading the Sustainability Committee. In the fall of 2009, a number of Minneapolis public schools adopted organics recycling, so as to significantly reduce cafeteria waste. I served as volunteer Organics Recycling Coordinator for Southwest High School. I regret that a lack of support from key administrators at the school presents a significant obstacle to the program’s success.

What’s brewing environmentally in East Calhoun? East Calhoun, my neighborhood, is bubbling with enviromental initiative. We won an award last year for the highest neighborhood participation in the Community Energy Services program, which benefits home-owners through a home energy audit and recommendations for improving energy efficiency. And we’re the site of two pilot projects related to waste reduction. Along with Linden Hills and sections of Longfellow and Seward, East Calhoun is piloting curbside organics (compost) collection. Thanks to this service, our residents have the opportunity to separate all food waste and non-recyclable paper from trash; this material is collected and hauled to a commercial composting facility. We are also one of two neighborhoods piloting single-sort recycling. Residents in East Calhoun and Willard-Hay can mix all recyclables in one cart instead of sorting them into multiple bins. The East Calhoun Green Team got a $5,000 grant from Hennepin County last year to create Waste Watchers, a group dedicated to boosting participation in the organics recycling program and raising consciousness about household waste and how to shrink it.

You have played a large role in greening your children’s schools - Lake Country and Southwest High School. How did you green them? Initially, I helped Lake Country implement organics recycling. Later, I founded the Sustainability Committee and with that group oversaw the construction of a demonstration Rain Garden and the incorporation of energy-saving improvements to the school building. Since last spring, when my youngest son graduated from Lake Country, Lowry Hill residen Marty Brown has done a terrific job leading the Sustainability Committee. In the fall of 2009, a number of Minneapolis public schools adopted organics recycling, so as to significantly reduce cafeteria waste. I served as volunteer Organics Recycling Coordinator for Southwest High School. I regret that a lack of support from key administrators at the school presents a significant obstacle to the program’s success.

What is Linden Hills Power & Light, and what motivated you and others to found it? Linden Hills Power & Light is a local non-profit dedicated to community engagement around issues of sustainability. A core group of residents was pursuing the goal of building a neighborhood-based anaerobic digester for processing organic waste and creating energy, when I read about their effort and provided a seed grant from my family foundation. I subsequently served on the board, and I continue to work in tandem with the organization on several waste reduction fronts.

I am an avid recycler but would prefer a simpler solution to our current multi-sort system — which is time-consuming and cumbersome. Is Minneapolis exploring other options? Near the end of 2011, the City Council directed the Public Works Department to research the pros and cons of dual-sort vs. single-sort recycling, with the intention of adopting one or the other in the near future. With the dual-sort system, homeowners sort recyclables into two bins, one for metals (cans, cardboard, glass, plastic and aluminum). With the single-sort system, all recyclables are mixed in a single cart and separated mechanically at a processing facility.

How would Hill Lake neighborhoods advocate for single-sort recycling and curbside organics collection? As I explained above, the decision to adopt a more streamlined recycling system for the City of Minneapolis is already in process. The City has not yet committed to or defined a trajectory for exploring the curbside organics pilot citywide. I strongly urge residents to contact their City Council member and request this service. As I see it, the program will not expand without 1) solid support from the City Council and the Mayor, and 2) investment in a thorough evaluation of related costs and operational logistics.

What is Zero Waste Uptown? Zero Waste Uptown is a new venture involving representatives from the four core Uptown neighborhoods – East Calhoun, East Isles, the Wedge and CARAG. Together, we intend to tackle waste reduction in three areas where there is the potential to make a big impact: multi-family buildings (apartments and condos), the commercial sector and the public realm. The term Zero Waste is widely used to articulate the goal of minimizing the amount of waste sent to landfills or incinerators. The biggest chunks - also the lowest-hanging fruit - are traditionally recycled materials (paper, cardboard and containers) and organic material (food waste and non-recyclable paper). Together, recyclables and organics comprise around 70% of the waste generated by people at home, at work and in public places.

What would a Sustainable Uptown look like in 2025? Frankly, I’m not looking out that far. The immediate goals of Zero Waste Uptown are to enlist a number of multi-family buildings in an organics recycling pilot study and to facilitate a viable dent in the amount of waste generated by the 2012 Uptown Art Fair. On another subject, what is Personal Rapid Transit and why are you an advocate for it? I inherited an interest in a local Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) company called Taxi 2000 when my father died in 2003. I served on the board of Taxi 2000 for four years and maintain the conviction that this form of elevated public transit in small, automated vehicles could effectively replace mobile use in numerous applications. I believe PRT has global potential to slash transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions.

Your blog at www.greenseachange.blogspot.com is a wonderful local resource for thoughtful, ‘deep green’ thinking. Your most recent post defines
Needed: Collaborative local representation on School Board

By Steve Kotvis

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Q. What about the sub-district seat? What kind of candidate do you believe we need to add to the existing Board to make it work better?

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Have you ever wondered what goes on at 2431 Hennepin Avenue, S., that venerable three-story brick building at the Emerson and Hennepin triangle? You may know that it houses the Neighborhood Involvement Program, or N.I.P., but you may be surprised by the many services it has offered for over 40 years: high quality, low-cost medical, dental, and mental health services, academic and youth development for underserved youth, and services to help seniors remain independent.

Recently the East Isles Residents’ Association (EIRA) reached out to N.I.P to see if the agency’s mission and goals fit with the criteria for distribution of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) funds that EIRA had received. Because N.I.P.’s mission is “to strengthen individuals & the community by providing quality health care, education and social services to our underserved neighbors”, all of N.I.P.’s services fit within the NRP Guidelines for “Community Building & Services”. One of the EIRA/NRP objectives is to “Provide services to assist seniors and residents in need” and N.I.P.’s Seniors Program offers many services to area residents. Besides offering the funding, the EIRA committee wants to publicize N.I.P. and the Seniors Program because we think that, like some of us, many Uptown neighbors are not be aware of the many services available right here on Hennepin Avenue.

Before describing the Seniors Program in particular, it should be noted that N.I.P is a model of what can be accomplished through a partnership of trained volunteers, contractors, and paid staff. In 2010, over 1,412 volunteers, including physicians, nurses, dentists, lab technicians, licensed psychologists and clinical social workers, youth workers, and neighborhood volunteers donated 64,749 hours of their time and expertise. Without volunteers, N.I.P.’s 50+ full and part time staff could not serve the people needing their effective and affordable services.

Incorporated as a non-profit agency in 1968, N.I.P. initially offered programs for youth, seniors and single parent families. A health care clinic and a pioneering rape crisis center were added in 1972. Programs were expanded to include seniors, youth workers, and neighborhood volunteers donated 64,749 hours of their time and expertise. Without volunteers, N.I.P.’s 50+ full and part time staff could not serve the people needing their effective and affordable services. In 2006 N.I.P. expanded its physical presence to North Minneapolis at the Center for Families building on North 4th Street. Like most non-profit agencies, funding must be sought from many sources: foundations, the United Way, government contracts, client fees, individual donors, and N.I.P.’s continual fund-raising efforts. In 2010, a budget of nearly $2 million was needed, in combination with the leveraging of valued volunteers, to deliver N.I.P.’s services.

The East Isles Residents’ Association decided to offer a $26,400 grant to N.I.P.’s Seniors Program, whose goals also fit our NRP goal to “Provide support for agencies that offer services to East Isles seniors and residents in need to maintain independent living.”

The Seniors Program began over 40 years ago, when it was recognized that it is important to promote independence by providing low-cost home maintenance services.

For example, seniors over 60 years of age can receive chore services such as leaf raking, yard clean-up, minor home repairs, light housekeeping, and seasonal lawn care and snow removal. There are workers who do indoor chores such as washing dishes, sweeping and mopping floors, vacuuming, laundry and general house cleaning. N.I.P. also has a pool of independent contractors for minor carpentry work such as installing handrails, minor electrical and plumbing needs, painting, etc. The cost is low and some or all of the fees can be subsidized based on income and ability to pay. In 2010, nearly 300 seniors received chore services.

Here is an account from Jack, who has been a Seniors Program client for over 2 years. “I am very pleased with N.I.P. and their Chore Program. They have provided me with help I never could have paid for or done for myself. The workers are friendly, respectful, and very good at what they do. I would recommend them to my neighbors, family, or any senior in need as I am. Thank you N.I.P. for your wonderful services; keep up the good work.”

The Seniors Program also aims to prevent isolation through recreational and social opportunities. These are offered for seniors and disabled individuals who live independently or in long-term care facilities: in 2010 nearly 400 individuals participated in these activities.
THE KENWOOD HOSTS FREE MONTHLY MUSIC SERIES

The Kenwood Retirement Community presents The Vecchione/Erdahl Duo in a new monthly music series. The PAGES OF MUSIC program begins on Friday, Feb. 24 at 1:30pm with “The Remarkable Music Machine,” which will explore the orchestra and orchestral music. All programs will be held at the Kenwood, 825 Summit Ave., Minneapolis. Tickets are free but reservations are requested at 612-374-8100.

Continuing programs include Friday, March 30 @ 1:30pm, Mozart, the Boy Genius, examines Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart’s life and music.

Friday, April 27 @ 1:30pm, Music of the Mountains surveys the Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg’s life and music.

Programs continue through June.

Each month, The Vecchione/Erdahl Duo’s recital-lecture will address a different musical topic or composer and make an in-depth exploration of relevant music and literature through interactive performances, storytelling and dramatizations. As a bonus, attendees will receive free St. Paul Chamber Orchestra vouchers for concerts of their choice.

The award-winning ensemble, The Vecchione/Erdahl Duo, is Carrie Vecchione (oboe/English horn) and Rolf Erdahl (double bass). Their mission is to bring a wide array of chamber music to a variety of venues.

For more information or to see the Pages of Music schedule, call 612-374-8100 or go online to www.thekenwood.net.

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– Dara Moskowitz Grumdahl, Minnesota Monthly

Many things to Celebrate at Kenwood Elementary

By Nicole Valentine
Photos by Courtney Cushing Kiernan

Kenwood 5th grader Hema P. thinks through a word before spelling it for the judges at Kenwood’s Spelling Bee in January. Hema represented Kenwood at the District Spelling Bee January 26th, which happened to be her 11th birthday.

Fourth grader Myles P. portrayed Martin Luther King in Kenwood’s annual celebration of his life and work.

Kenwood students Joseph J., Kehyan P., Al-Arrat M., and Tatai G. performed a series of scenes that take place at a peaceful sit in during the civil rights era. A team of 5th graders wrote the scenes based on the book, “Sit-In - How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down” by Andrea Pinkney.

Third graders Armeta N. and Miranda S. sang “I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel To Be Free” at the January 19 assembly.

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KIAA Board met February 6, 2012 at Kenwood Rec Center.
Chair Larry Moran called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Board Members present: Chair Larry Moran, Michael Bono, Angie Endrich, Kathy Low, Amy Lucas, Ed Plummer, and Roy Williams.
Others present: Lisa Goodman, City Council 7th Ward, Dylan Thomas, Southwest Journal; Mark Johnson, Crime and Safety Committee chair and Kenwood resident; and Mark Holten, Kenwood Rec Center Director.
7th Ward Update — City Council Member Lisa Goodman
Damaged historic street light at Penn and Summit avenues will be repaired by Mpls Public Safety (painted and new base).
“Lunch with Lisa” on Feb 29 will be with Marion Greene-covering the legislative session.
Visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/Bids/opportunities for the latest call for business and board committee openings.
Mpls 2012 budget is available. Visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/finance/budget.
The statewide redistricting is due Feb 21. The Charter Commission will review on April 3 with two public hearings: Feb 19 (Webber Library) and March 1 (Hopner Library).
Crime and Safety Report — Mark Johnson
The 2011 crime rates are similar to those of 2009. Crime rates were down in 2010. Much higher in 2006-2008.
Recent crime in Kenwood has largely been “crimes of opportunity.” Mark reminded KIAA that garages and cars and doors should be locked especially at night.
Welcome to Chelsea Adams, Community Crime Specialist, about ways to educate the neighborhood and how to work with block leaders.
Treasurers Report— Roy Williams
Roy will be leaving the board in May and KIAA is seeking a new treasurer.
KIAA website registration is due and KIAA will look into getting a credit card to keep on file with the Treasurer.
KIAA approved funding to web designer, Bruce Camp, for 2012 website registration.
Grant Request and Community Participation Program Grant – Larry Moran
KIAA has received a funding request for a summer course, “Hip Hop History,” to be held at the Watershed Academy. KIAA suggested contacting the teacher about moving the course to the Kenwood Rec Center.
KIAA has received additional funds from the City’s Community Participation Program Grant. KIAA will designate the additional funds towards “professional seekers” in anticipation of consultant assistance for Southwest Transitway Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)…when it is issued.
Annual Meeting Planning
Annual Meeting will be either Sunday May 6 or Monday, May 7 around 5-7 p.m. It will be the 50th Anniversary of KIAA. A neighborhood celebration is proposed.
KIAA is recruiting new board members.
Amy Lucas will contact Kenwood Vet Clinic for the use of the parking lot for the event.
Annual meeting ideas include: neighborhood band/poetry, Kenwood School choir, plant sale, tent sales. There is a budget for the event.
Do residents have old photos of the neighborhood?
The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.
Reminder: The next KIAA Board meeting will be Monday, March 5 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Kenwood Rec Center. The public is welcome to attend these monthly meetings.
CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

By Monica Smith

CIDNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES, February 8, 2012, Monica Smith, Coordinator, 612-821-0131, info@cidna.org

The February Board meeting was held at the Jones-Harrison Residence. Board members in attendance: Vice Chair Art Hginhortham, Treasurer Ed Bell, Secretary Ryan Fox, Judy Berge, Ed Ferlauto, Stephen Goltry, David Shirley, Craig Westgate and Mike Wilson. Staff: Monica Smith

The Chair Art Hginhortham called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Announcements

Neighborhood and Community Relations is holding the last in a series of Community Coffee Conference on February 11. Board members and residents are invited. Notice of Public Hearing for ordinances relating to land subdivision on February 21, 4:30 p.m. at City Hall.

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board will seek public comment on a reconstruction plan for Parade Parkway, March 13, 6:30 p.m. at the Kemnood Community Center.

Paint-a-Thon is accepting applications for homes to be painted in 2012. A new single family home will be built at 3420 29th St. W. Construction will begin in the spring.

CPP/NRP budget update

Monica Smith provided budget details for the Community Participation Program (CPP) and NRP.

The next meeting of the NRP Committee will be Wednesday, February 22, 3:30 p.m.

Sunset Boulevard

Ryan Fox discussed plans for finalizing the sidewalk decision on Sunset Boulevard. The suggestion was made to offer two meetings for Sunset residents to reach the 75% approval needed for the sidewalk location. Ryan Fox and Mike Wilson will door knock the residents who were not able to attend the meeting.

Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

The next meeting is February 13.

Transportation

In December, the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRA) passed a resolution that HCRA will amend the DEIS to include freight line relocation in the scope of the Southwest LRT, and freight location either to the MN&S corridor or within the Kenilworth corridor will be included as an element of the overall Southwest LRT project that will be subject to environmental review. The Board unanimously approved funding for ad in the February Hill and Lake Press.

The NRP Steering Committee is working on a mailing to go to residents introducing the two NRP programs.

The Board unanimously approved offering the housing loan program on a first-come, first-served basis.

Copies of the Community Participation Program expenses were distributed to Board members for review.

Green Team

The Green Team is working on a multi-unit composting partnership with Lowry Hill East, ECCO, and CARAG. East Isles is looking for buildings interested in being part of a pilot program (apartments preferred).

Next event: backyard composting presentation on March 9, 1-3 p.m. at Kenwood Isles, 1425 W. 28th Street, Terrace Room. All are welcome.

Next meeting is February 13, 7 p.m. at Grace Trinity Community Church.

Board Review and Vote

The December 2011 meeting minutes were amended by deleting the following: “CM Tuthill will introduce an amendment to move the meeting to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 14, 2012 from 12-1:30 at the 5th Precinct’s Community Room (3101 Nicollet Ave S). Lunch with Leslie will be a chance to talk with my policy aide, ask her questions, and voice any concerns you may have. Bring your sack lunch! Cookies and lemonade are provided! Meet with CM in the 5th Precinct’s Community Room.”

The Board approved the following meeting schedule: EIRA Board meetings for March and April: Tuesday, March 6 and Tuesday, April 3

Annual Members’ Meeting: Tuesday, April 17

Important notice: Beginning in May 2012, the EIRA Board will change their regular meeting day to the second Tuesday of the month.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

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NRP Report, Monica Smith

Neighborhood and Community Relations is holding a conference on February 11, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Board members and residents are invited to attend.

Lake of the Isles will be the site for the Park Board’s Earth Day clean up on April 21.

East Isles and East Calhoun will investigate sharing a mailbox at the UPS Store since Monica Smith is staff for both neighborhoods and developing an operating policy regarding (un)authorized access. Each neighborhood currently rents a box a year.

The Board approved sending a letter to the staff of the MN&S corridor or within the Kenilworth corridor.

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Foreman, our 10th Ward Policy Aide, on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 from 12-1:30 at the 5th Precinct’s Community Room (3101 Nicollet Ave S). Lunch with Leslie will be a chance to talk with my policy aide, ask her questions, and voice any concerns you may have. Bring your sack lunch! Cookies and lemonade are provided! Meet with Leslie will be held on the second Tuesday of every month.

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LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (LHNA)

By Janis Clay, Secretary

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board Minutes Monday, February 6, 2012, Kenwood Recreation Center

President – Board Members: David Weinstein, President; Maureen Sheehan, Vice President; Janis Clay, Secretary; Dan Aronson, Treasurer; Jimmy Vogel, Mark Brauer; Ruth Shields; Rebecca Graham.

Minutes – Guests and staff: Lisa Goodman, Seventh Ward Minneapolis City Council Representative; Chris Madden, LHNA Administrator.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President David Weinstein, noting a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda: Dan Aronson moved and Ruth Shields seconded approval of the January 10, 2012, minutes and tonight’s agenda. All approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Dan Aronson reported that there has been no change from the January Treasurer’s Report.

Committee Reports:

Communication/Events: The 2012 Annual Meeting will be May 15, 2012, at the Walker Art Center. Mark Brauer is working on arranging a speaker on Conservation Districts. We may include the possible move of the Thomas Lowry statue from Smith Triangle in East Isles to Thomas Lowry Park. This will be on the agenda for the March Board meeting.

Zoning and Planning: Maureen Sheehan reported on the status of the Hennepin Avenue median planting project (between Groveland Terrace and Douglas). She met with Anita Tabb. A draft grant application has been prepared, which Anita will take to the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board for approval of the Park Board acting as the government entity partner on the project. The various government units are communicating and the process is proceeding. The Walker Art Center would like Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association to send a letter to the City of Minneapolis to confirm our approval of the Walker’s plans for the Rock the Garden event June 16, 2012. Dan Aronson moved and David Weinstein seconded a motion to support Rock the Garden event June 16, 2012. Services will be held at Temple Israel Thursday, February 16 at 2 p.m. Shivah will be observed at the Westrech home Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings with the minyan service beginning at 7:00 p.m. Friend Karen Malver wrote on Natalie’s CaringBridge site, “helping Natalie with her CaringBridge enters this past month has been an honor. Being her friend over many years has been a blessing.”

Friends and Neighbors,

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He recently told us that there are a number of (un-named) restaurants/cafes that are reviewing and/or negotiating a lease of the cafe space. Further, he is sure that the community will be happy with any of the choices as he believes they are complementary to the neighborhood and the building. The landlord is hoping for a reasonably quick resolution to the vacancy. That said, in our opinion the space is likely to be vacant or under some form of construction for a few months yet -2 or 3 or ?

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The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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Where we are Now

By Jean Deatrick, Editor

It is with great sorrow that I announce the death of our friend, neighbor, community activist, wife, mother, preservationist, and genuine good soul, Natalie Westreich. She died last night (Valentine’s Day) at her home on Emerson Avenue. We regret her passing. She will be greatly missed in our Hill and Lake Press area and beyond.

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While we continue to wait on a new cafe tenant, and while we work on more permanent solutions, it’s an IMPORTANT TIME TO BUY YOUR BOOKS AND GIFTS AT BIRCHBARK BOOKS! We want the book store and the other Kenwood businesses to thrive and to still be there when the new cafe opens its doors!

We encourage everyone of you to make a point of visiting Birchbark Books, Bockley Gallery, Artrageous, and Framestyles. Go buy a book, or two or five! Buy unique native jewelry. Go get a Valentine gift for your favorite book reader! Buy art at Birchbark, Artrageous, or Bockley and have it framed at Framestyle! Stop by and show your support. If we want a vital, sustainable wonderful community corner, then we need to do the thing that is most helpful - and that is to do our shopping here in the neighborhood.

Thanks, and we hope to see you at the bookstore. Your Friends, Marian, Ed and Margaret for the Kenwood Commons team
CAKE THERAPY

By Madeline Lowry

Last month I ordered a cake for my daughter’s birthday. She had requested a Princess Torte from Wuollet’s Bakery and I, being a good mother, complied without question. I don’t know how long it had been since we’d had a Princess Torte or what the occasion might have been, but it must have been within the last ten years for my daughter to be able to remember it. These days we are more inclined to order supermarket birthday cakes and to buy small Princess Torte knock-offs at Ikea. Princess Tortes, for those of you not-in-the-know, are notable for their brilliant green marzipan wrap and their distinctive domed shape.

So, as I was saying, I called Wuollet’s to order the cake. They said it was an eight-inch round and would feed twelve. Fine, fine, I said. They said it would cost $37. I gasped a little inwardly. Thirty-seven bucks for a cake that would be good for anything that ails you. Wuollet’s was wrong, of course, about it feeding twelve. Fine, fine, I said. They said it would cost $37. I gasped a little inwardly. Thirty-seven bucks for a birthday cake? But, it was exactly what my daughter wanted. I placed my order.

I went to pick it up after work in the deep dark of my neighborhood past Wurts Avenue, where the cake met the plate was a ring of toasted almonds. The whole effect was more impressive than I had remembered. My eyes kept going to the cake while she rang up my order. The shade of green was so bright, so intense that I couldn’t help but imagine that I felt a warm humid breeze on my cheek as I gazed at it. Almost imagined that I felt a warm humid breeze on my cheek as I gazed at it.

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I went to pick it up after work in the deep dark of five-thirty in the evening. The girl behind the counter was in the process of closing up shop. She went to the back and brought out the cake, splendified in its coat of green. On the top a happy birthday message had been piped out in an elegant script alongside a spray of pussy willows and a pink rose. Circling the bottom edge where the cake met the plate was a ring of toasted almonds. The whole effect was more impressive than I had remembered.

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We had cake that night after a special birthday dinner and a flurry of presents. We punched the candles through the marzipan coating and sang a birthday song. I started to cut pieces of cake.

I don’t know what I was expecting to find inside the green shell—just cake, I suppose. But, as I pulled away the first slice, we stopped to admire the layers of airy golden cake alternating with clouds of real whipped cream and surprise—a tempting layer of raspberry. It was a sight to behold.

We put our forks into that cake and it was silent in our kitchen for five whole minutes. It was that good. The cake layers were exceptionally light, tender and fresh tasting. The dense, sweet, almondly marzipan coating satisfied the sweet tooth. And finally, the contrasting toasty warm notes of the salted almonds on the edge completed the full spectrum of tastes.

We sighed with pleasure. From somewhere far, far away I heard strains of angels singing and harps being played. We were in cake heaven. All other cakes seemed like half-cakes from this blissful height.

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But, the slice I had on the night of her birthday was enough. I still think of that cake now and then. I think it is a cake that would be good for anything that ails you. Like when you are feeling low because there is no snow in the full spectrum of tastes. We sighed with pleasure. From somewhere far, far away I heard strains of angels singing and harps being played. We were in cake heaven. All other cakes seemed like half-cakes from this blissful height.

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Take it from me—when small disasters strike, this is the cake that will lift your spirits. It’s a little bit of heaven in the form of a dessert. And all for $37.

What a bargain! ***
sand upon the waters

It appears the primary season has already run its course. The mud has been slung and we have uncovered the quirks and pecadillos of seven more people that not only are unfit to run the country, but would be questionable caretakers of a Photo Mat. To be honest, I was not really expecting to hear a candidate put forth a fresh idea, an imaginative plan, or a non-partisan analysis of even one of the monstrously complex problems that face us.

Still I felt honor-bound to watch as candidates streamed into recession weary areas and spent millions of dollars of Super Pac(m)an money that served to only enrich local media outlets and mad men type ad honchos on both coasts. Except for the sale of an occasional slice of cheese-less pizza, they contributed little to the local economies except traffic delays. The locals were praised for their resilience surviving three years under Kenyan rule. They were hugged, bussed and quoted as if they were Diderot. They were unable to eat an uninterrupted lunch in a diner, or watch “Dancing with the Biggest Loser” without being bombarded by thirty-second commercials lauding their new best friend and savior.

I viewed hundreds of hours of network and cable primary coverage. Speeches, debates, analysis, prognosticators, interviews. Finally my ears were inflamed, blood was running down the walls and, through squinting eyes desperate for sleep, I saw a candidate named Huntsman. He had Perry’s vigor and love of maple syrup, Cain’s gap toothed smile, Newt’s build, and Bachman’s hair. He was wearing a Santorum sweater, and I was channeling Bob Dole about kids staying off his lawn.

It all came together in the vast cacophony of political speak. The vicious attack ads, almost as deadly as a lawn mower. It was Bob Dole about kids staying off his lawn, and I was channeling Bob Dole about kids staying off his lawn.

I do, that the earth is 147 years old and that man was created and ripped from the talons of the majestic bald eagle that serves as our national symbol, or that we have become not a nation with clear geographic boundaries and a shared sense of purpose, but rather dupes of an increasingly small number of interlocking multinational corporations that have hired away the brightest and most cunning among us not to solve our problems, but pledge their allegiance to a faceless gaggle of shareholders, bent on maximizing profits regardless of damage to the environment or human life. Or, you may believe as I do, that the earth is 147 years old and that man and dinosaurs coexisted until late into the Eisenhower administration.

I will call the CEOs of GladWare, Snapware, Pyrex, Rubbermaid, Gempak, and Tupperware to a locked door “no holds barred” discussion of why the lids of one company’s food storage containers will not fit on the bottoms of another, even when they both hold a pint! We all go to each others’ houses and end up with these plastic things that are too big to throw away, but none of them match. My grandfather was a coal miner. He wasn’t a 1%er and I am fortunate enough to be elected, let me tell you about my first day in office. There will be plenty of time for banquets, but the parties, fancy balls, doing the Walltrust, the Mashed Potato, the Stroll, and the Frog will have to wait. Before the dancing, I will use my vast, newly vested executive powers to order the heads of the five families to meet with me alone somewhere.

I will demand a voluntary recall of all food storage units! Between my election and inauguration day we will construct regional factories that will employ hundreds. These pesky containers will be gathered, melted and recast! I will appoint a blue ribbon panel to agree on the sizes, but I promise you they will all be interchangeable! Then my wife of 67 years and 4,000 of my best friends from K Street will boogie down (at government expense) long into the night. God bless America!”

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