



WHAT'S COOKING

Black bean burgers

Like many kids, mine would eat the same things over and over again, happily, if I didn't force them to try new things.

Unsurprisingly, they all love burgers. They will gladly eat beef, turkey or chicken burgers, so I decided to press my luck with a homemade black bean burger. Two of the three ate them without complaint, and at this point, I am declaring that a win. My husband and I loved how well these held together and that they contained just the right amount of spice. I also loved that these were easy enough to make on a busy school night.

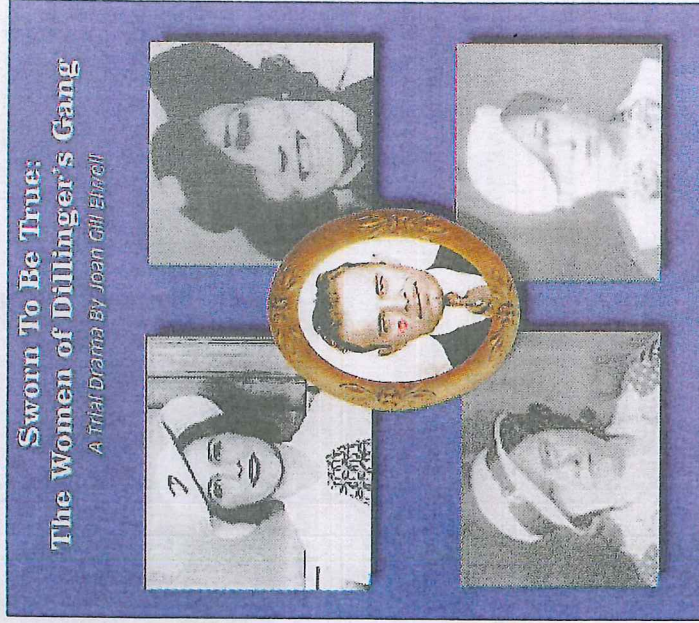
I made a chipotle mayo for the adults' burgers by combining locally-made Isabel Street Heat's awesome Chipotle Hot Sauce with some good mayo. It was the perfect complement. The kids used ketchup.

WHAT TO GO SEE

"Sworn to Be True: The Women of Dillinger's Gang"

Thursday-Saturday: You knew Landmark Center was the location of the trial of John Dillinger moll Evelyn Frechette, right (she's the one who was played by Oscar winner Marion Cotillard in the Johnny Depp film "Public Enemies")? If not, you can find out more about her trial and of other women who hung out with the legendary gangster in a play co-presented by Minnesota Landmarks and Lakeshore Players in Landmark Center. For bonus verisimilitude, the cast includes three current or retired judges. 7 p.m., 75 Fifth St., St. Paul; \$10, 651-292-3063 or landmarkcenter.org/programs/trials.

—Chris Hewitt



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"Nature, a Walking Play"

Friday-Oct. 9: Where else would Tiger Lion Arts' play about how much Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau loved nature be performed but in nature itself? Accompanied by traditional instruments and a chorus, a company of actors takes audiences on a "walking play" that lets them explore the outdoors as the roving drama unfolds. "Nature" will be presented in three outdoor spaces: in Shakopee's Three Rivers Park District/The Landing, Sept. 23-25; in Maple Grove's Three Rivers Park District/Eastman Nature Center Sept. 30-Oct. 2 and in

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