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## Trophy hunting



BY TONY BOUZA

*[Editor's note: I disagree with the argument and the conclusion of Tony Bouza's analysis. My rebuttal follows.]*

The first thing that must be said is that racism is America's #1 problem. Period.

The murder of Tyesha Edwards, 11, in 2002, is an unspeakable, unbearable tragedy.

Myon Burrell, now 33, was convicted of murder twice—once by County Attorney Amy Klobuchar and then by her successor.

Klobuchar was the best prosecutor of the 40 years I've been observing them—tough, hard-working, fair and no racist.

Mr. Burrell stubbornly insists he is innocent. An innocent he ain't—gang member and utterly silent on his life or any role he may have played in the tragedy. Emmet Till this ain't.

I don't see any new evidence beyond protestations of innocence—not exactly a novel approach.

Black leaders have called on Klobuchar to suspend her campaign.

This is the kind of trophy hunting by which

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On Tuesday, March 10, Kids First MPLS staged a march and rally at Minneapolis Public Schools headquarters and said, "The district isn't sharing supporting facts nor effectively engaging with affected families or teachers, especially in high-poverty and significantly-impacted communities. Addressing the opportunity gap, inequality and segregation are urgent. The CDD takes these goals backward by disrupting the most successfully-integrated schools, reducing access to effective programming, and disproportionately impacting high-poverty neighborhoods and families." (Kids First MPLS)

## City Council threatens neighborhood associations

BY STEPHANIE FOX

In May of last year, the City Council of Minneapolis announced that there would be new guidelines for funding neighborhood associations. The old guidelines, deciding how much funding a specific neighborhood association would receive, were based on neighborhood size, racial mix and livability, determined by crime statistics and foreclosure rates.

The new plan would up-end those guidelines. With a new system, developed by the

Minneapolis Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) Department and the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA), neighborhoods would not qualify for any meaningful funding from the city unless their main focus was racial equity.

This would mean redirecting the more than \$4 million away from local neighborhood associations, leaving base funding for many to fall from \$75,000 to only \$5,000 to \$10,000, essentially forcing many to close their doors.

Active neighborhood organizations, such as the Standish Ericsson Neighborhood Association (SENA), could be one of them.

"I want to make something very clear," said Candace Miller Lopez, the group's executive director. "SENA is in total agreement with the city's desire to address the significant disparities in housing, education and employment in Minneapolis. Where we disagree is their contention that this is an either/or proposition. We believe there is a real missed opportunity here to

## What I am doing for the upcoming COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic

BY JAMES ROBB, MD FCAP

*[Editor's note: The following article and letter, both written in February 2020, are shared here in the spirit of providing common sense solutions to preventing disease transmission, as well as information on symptoms, testing, and treatment of COVID-19. Please see the CDC website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov), or visit <https://ncov2019.live> for current information on the coronavirus disease outbreak.]*

Dear Colleagues,

As some of you may recall, when I was a professor of pathology at the University of California San Diego, I was one of the first molecular virologists in the world to work on coronaviruses (the 1970s). I was the first to demonstrate the number of genes the virus contained. Since then, I have kept up with the coronavirus field and its multiple clinical transfers into the human population (e.g., SARS, MERS), from different animal sources.

The current projections for its expansion in the U.S. are only probable, due to continued insufficient

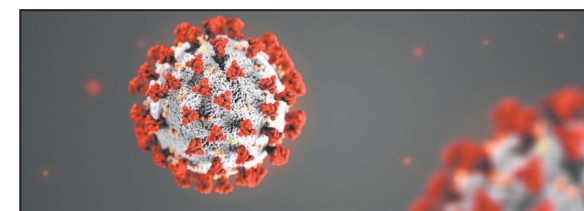


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worldwide data, but it is most likely to be widespread in the U.S. by mid to late March and April.

Here is what I have done and the precautions that I take and will take. These are the same precautions I currently use during our influenza seasons, except for the mask and gloves:

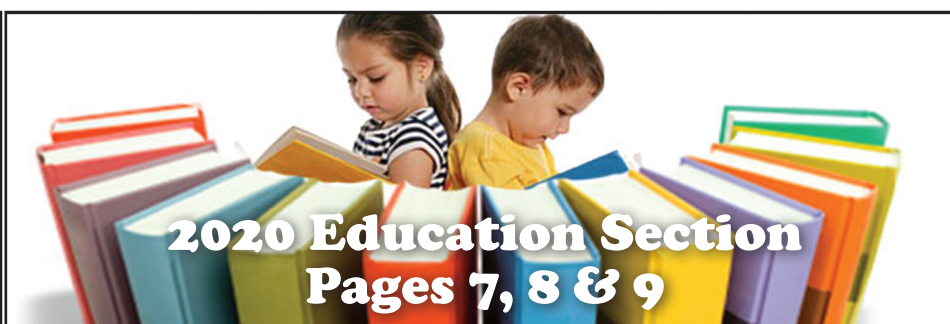
- 1) NO HANDSHAKING! Use a fist bump, slight bow, elbow bump, etc.
- 2) Use ONLY your knuckle to touch light switches, elevator buttons, etc. Lift the gasoline dispenser with a paper towel or use a disposable glove.
- 3) Open doors with your closed fist or hip—do not grasp the handle with your hand, unless there is no other way to open the door. Especially important on bathroom and post office/commercial doors.
- 4) Use disinfectant wipes at the stores when they are

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# Minnesota bursts with wide array of summer camps

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

In Summer Camp world as well as in School Year world, STEM, the acronym for all technical things (Science-Technology-Engineering-Mathematics) has been merged with the arts to become STEAM. Although I haven't found anything labeled as a STEAM camp, there is hardly an arts camp that doesn't include a hefty amount of technology, and hardly a STEM program that doesn't emphasize creativity and "making." And all of this stuff—from welding metal sculptures to digital imagery to building robots—is the big buzz in summer camps right now, as we reach the culmination of

fast-growing organizations dedicated to bringing out the cyberneticist and inventor in the youth of today. So, just to be contrary, we're going to start with sports camps. Swimming and other water-based activities are always popular. The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) provides a variety of options year-round in the case of the Phillips Aquatic Center, the park system's only indoor pool, which just happens to be in our own neighborhood. Parent & Tot, Levels 1 through 4 for kids, a Jr. Swim Club, Adult Beginner Classes, and Lifeguard Clinic are all offered. Fee assistance is available, and for youths 15 and up, a full refund of the Lifeguard

Clinic fee is on offer if you sign up to be a lifeguard on completion. Outdoor swimming is offered at North Commons Park, Lake Nokomis and Bde Maka Ska among other locales. Sailing lessons can be taken at Lake Harriet. The MPRB website is rather convoluted and not easy to use; try phoning the Aquatic Center at 612-370-4859 or email [aquatics@minneapolis-parks.org](mailto:aquatics@minneapolis-parks.org). Or just drop in: the Phillips Aquatic Center is open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, with shorter weekend hours.

For kids ages 6 to 18, Whittier Park offers a week-long basketball camp, Aug. 10 through 15. You can register on the website [activekids.com](http://activekids.com) (which has a lot of other summer camps too). Twins Baseball Camp is a high-priced but high-class alternative for your kid if they're into that. In addition to instruction from actual team coaches, the camp offers "30 hours of terrific instruction, four complimentary Twins game tickets, a V.I.P. day at the ballpark, meeting a current Twins player, a full Twins uniform, and the unforgettable friendships and memories." Start at [mlb.com/twins](http://mlb.com/twins), then go to "Community," then "Training Camps." The Twin Cities has a metrowide program called Revolutionary Sports that began in 2001 as a Minneapolis Park-based soccer class, and now spans multiple



Leonardo's Basement

locations and cities with over 100 coaches in all major sports. You can access their summer camps at [pla-it.com/camp](http://pla-it.com/camp). There are also lots of less mainstream recreational choices available through the Minneapolis Parks, such as a three-day skateboard camp at Armatage Park, an archery program at MLK Park, and "Angelina Ballerina" at Northeast Park. Moving on from sports, there are other "academic" areas besides STEAM that camps can be themed to. A big one nowadays is language im-

mersion camp, which is like language immersion school but compressed into a summer camp. The International Spanish Language Academy (ISLA) in Minnetonka offers three-day camps for grades 1 through 5 in areas such as eco-adventures and, yes, STEAM, plus one camp on animals for kids entering kindergarten —Animalisimo. Check out the ISLA website [isla.school](http://isla.school). Concordia Language Villages in Bemidji offer the intensity of 24-hour language immersion with the fun of overnight camping far from the cities—and in 14 different languages (one at a time though!) from Arabic to Swedish. Download a schedule with rates and registration info at [concordialanguagevillages.org](http://concordialanguagevillages.org). Another interesting possibility is Law Camp. Hamline University offers summer camps in a variety of subjects including Mock Trial Camp: "This weeklong day or overnight camp is for



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**Tryout Prep Camps** 8U to 15U  
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students of all skill levels, ages 14–18, to learn from collegiate mockers, attorneys, judges and more, about teamwork, critical thinking, and presentation skills.” Hamline also offers a Young Writers Workshop camp. Check them out at hamline.edu.

Now for the STEAM camps. The two biggest offerings in terms of high-profile and depth are iD Tech/Alexa Cafe at Macalester and Leonardo’s Basement in the Windom neighborhood. First iD Tech. This is a nationwide STEM camping organization based in California, founded in 1999 by Alexa Ingram-Cauchy and her mother, Kathryn Ingram, now run by Alexa and her brother Pete. iD Tech teams up with technical institutes and universities to provide an ever-grow-

Leonardo’s Basement could not be more different from iD Tech if it tried (and I suspect it may be trying). Where iD Tech boasts expensive tools, instructors from Fortune 500 companies and looking good on your resume, Leonardo’s Basement is clearly building for more of an anarcho-utopian future and has a punk, home-grown, homemade esthetic, rather like the Barebones Dumpster Duels. Their focus is on “making” pure and simple. Although they do have 3D printers and welding equipment and CAD software, they also have crazy stuff like IRL video games, paint pendulums, catapult contests, and a chance to make playable games or design fantasy worlds. Go to [leonardosbasement.org/summer-schedule/](http://leonardosbasement.org/summer-schedule/) to download the

chance to either sample or, if they’re already enrolled, enrich. They offer three types of summer camp options: performance week-long camps, daily sampler camps, and teen high-flying adventure camps. All options provide experience of all genres of the circus arts: aerial, acrobatics, balance, juggling and theater.

Another serious art experience is Clay Camp at the Northern Clay Center in the Seward neighborhood. NCC offers week-long camps for kids 6 to 18 divided into three age cohorts. Classes center on a type of project—animals, pinch pots, goofy mugs, etc. Start your search at [northernclaycenter.org](http://northernclaycenter.org).

Most of the arts organizations in town offer summer camps—the Guthrie, MIA, MacPhail Center, Children’s Theater and more. Minneapolis College of Art and Design, MCAD, has some very intriguing offerings for ages 6 to 18. Besides basics like painting, drawing and sculpture, there are modules on book arts, soft sculpture, comic books, “school of rock” (music), stop-motion filmmaking, and drawing raptors from life.

Finally, here are a few unclassifiable camps. There are two ways of offering a little bit of everything at a day camp. One way is the approach of Minnehaha Academy’s Camp Minnehaha, which has a plethora of short modules from which campers can pick and choose. Some interesting offerings include action figures, journaling, a festival of China, and a girls-only spa. The other way is that taken by the University of MN’s Gopher Adventures, where each day of camp has a bit of art, a bit of environmental learning, a bit of vigorous play and a bit of quieter activity. (Check out <http://recwell.umn.edu/youth-programs/gopher-adventures>.) The Animal Humane Society offers a day camp for kids who love animals. A 5-day, animal-themed day camp for kids entering grades 3 through 10, each camp includes animal-related educational activities, games, crafts, guest speakers and more. Then there’s the Way Cool Cooking School in Eden Prairie which has classes such as Food Show Favorites, Oodles of Noodles, and Cupcake Wars. And if you want your child to experience the real deal—overnight camping with a focus



### Circus Juventas

on hiking, wilderness and water, here are a couple of options to consider. First, Camp Tanadoona, a 103-acre adventure camp located in St. Louis Park that teaches leadership development for ages 5-18. Tanadoona is a program of Camp Fire, Inc. And then last but definitely not least, there is Star Lake Wilderness Camp in Pequot

Lakes. This is a true old-school, coed wilderness camp. The August camp is a United Methodist camp, led by Methodist pastors, while the June-July camps are secular, but all offer a rich wilderness-based experience and they don’t turn anyone away for inability to pay the full fee.



### Twins Baseball Camp

ing array of camp experiences for kids ages 7 to 17. Alexa Cafe is a girls-only branch of iD Tech with a mission to boost participation of women in STEM careers. (There are 150 iD Tech locations, but only 15 Alexa Cafe locations, so we’re kind of lucky to have one here!) The tracks offered at Macalester are Coding, Game Development, Robotics and “Creative” (Graphic Design-Digital Media.)

amazing summer schedule.

In the more pure world of arts and culture and entertainment, let’s remember that the Twin Cities is also blessed with a world-renowned circus school. Circus Juventas is a summer program that’s still going strong after 25 years. Located in Saint Paul, this school for ages 6 to 18 offers an intensive year-long circus course, but summer camps give students a

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## Southside Pride / RIVERSIDE EDITION

### EVENTS

#### World Premiere of 'Spamtown, USA'

Now through April 5

Children's Theatre Company  
2400 3rd Ave. S., Mpls.  
Children's Theatre Company (CTC) is proud to announce the world premiere production of "Spamtown, USA," running Feb. 16 through April 5, written by Philip Dawkins and directed by Will Davis. The playwright met with and interviewed 25 people who were children in the city of Austin, Minn., during the P-9 Strike against Hormel in the 1980s to gather their stories and perspectives. The play explores how pivotal events that occurred during the strike affected relationships inside and between three families. While five kids dream of space camp, tennis teams, and out-of-state college, they find their families and community suddenly divided by picket lines and opposing agendas. This is the story of having the strength to stand up for what you believe in, the challenge that comes in disagreeing with those you love, and the humor that helps keep friendships alive. The show is recommended for everyone ages 9 and up. Ticket prices range from \$15 through \$71 (subject to change) with ACT Pass tickets for \$5. For more information, visit us online at [www.childrenstheatre.org](http://www.childrenstheatre.org) or call the ticket office at 612-874-0400.

#### Get Rid of Winter Blues!

#### Crosstown Community Band

Join the Band! Dig up your old horn, dust it off, and come make music with us! All ages/levels welcome. It's YOUR community band. Rehearsals are Monday nights,

7 to 9 p.m. at Richfield Lutheran Church, 8 W. 60<sup>th</sup> St., Mpls. For more information, go to [www.crosstowncommunityband.org](http://www.crosstowncommunityband.org).

#### Arbeit Opera Theatre presents

#### 'The Rape of Lucretia'

March 20-21, 7:30 p.m.

March 22, 4 p.m.

Southern Theater  
1420 Washington Ave. S., Mpls.  
AOT will present "The Rape of Lucretia" by Benjamin Britten on March 20- 22 (both at 7:30pm) at the historic Southern Theater in Minneapolis. The production will be presented in English with English supertitles, and features an all-Minnesota cast, crew, and orchestra. "The Rape of Lucretia" was the first of Britten's chamber operas and is based upon the ancient Roman tragedy of Lucretia. As with most of Britten's operatic storytelling, Lucretia portrays the struggle of an individual against a hostile society. The story unfolds during a time of war when Rome is ruled by an Etruscan king who ascended to power through force. It is in this hostile society that Lucretia's body is used as a tool for political ambition and power. AOT's production will be set untraditionally in an ambiguous time and place, focusing this story through a more universal lens. It will center on the many layers of power struggle, creation vs. destruction, violence against women, and the marginalization of rape regarding racial minorities.

As with all of AOT's productions, they will not be telling this story alone. Women's Advocates, Violence Free MN, and Advocates for Human Rights will be their community partners throughout this production and on-site at performances to host talk-backs. AOT believes in the importance of inspiring conversation from

the stage and then taking a step back to let these stories be told by the people and organizations that are enacting change daily. There will be a trained therapist on-site at each performance to assist those who may be triggered by the content of this opera. All tickets Pay As Able with a suggested \$20 donation, available at <https://aotlucretia.bpt.me>.

#### Sick Lit: A Writing Workshop

Saturday, March 21

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Nokomis Library  
5100 34th Ave. S., Mpls.  
An open writing workshop for artists and writers interested in writing and reading around chronic illness. No previous experience needed. FREE. Workshops will be lead by writer, editor, and teaching artist Lara Mimosa Montes in the library meeting room. For more info and to RSVP, please write: [MplsWritingWorkshops@gmail.com](mailto:MplsWritingWorkshops@gmail.com)

#### March at Bryant-Lake Bowl

Bryant-Lake Bowl

Cabaret Theater

810 W. Lake St., Mpls.

#### The Theater of Public Policy

Mondays, March 23

April 6 and 20

May 4 and 18

7 p.m. (doors at 6 p.m.)

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#### Courtney Pauroso: Gutterplum

Friday, March 27, 7 p.m.

Presented by Spit Take Comedy Series

A smash hit at the 2019 Edinburgh Fringe Festival, "Gutterplum" is an unclassifiable whirlwind of physical comedy and theater from LA-based comedian and "dangerously delightful" clown Courtney Pauroso. "An intense and hilarious journey...an hour of utter chaos that somehow portrays a deep life-spanning story." \$18/\$15 in advance. More info and tickets:

[https://www.bryantlakebowl.com/theater/courtney-pauroso-gutterplum/?mc\\_id=1747](https://www.bryantlakebowl.com/theater/courtney-pauroso-gutterplum/?mc_id=1747)

#### 'The Color of Law' on

#### Segregation

Monday, March 23, 7 to 9 p.m.

Plymouth Congregational Church (sanctuary)

19th St. & Nicollet Ave. S.

Richard Rothstein, a national expert on the impact of government-sponsored racial segregation, will lead a discussion of his book "The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America." "The Color of Law" meticulously details how federal, state and local policies explicitly segregated metropolitan areas nationwide, creating racially homogenous neighborhoods in patterns that violate the Constitution and require remediation. These policies have hindered economic mobility of African Americans through undisguised racial zoning; public housing that purposefully severed previously mixed communities; subsidies for builders to create whites-only suburbs; tax exemptions for prejudiced institutions; and support for violent resistance to African Americans in white neighborhoods.

In exposing this institutional racism, Rothstein answers an important question—how did we arrive here?—and raises another one—how do we move forward? Plymouth Church, through its Racial Justice Initiative, is hosting Rothstein in collaboration with Hennepin History Museum and Alliance Housing. The Minneapolis Foundation and Pohl Foundation are sponsors of Rothstein's talk. Please do join us for this important event. Tickets (\$5) are available through Hennepin History Museum:

<https://hennepinhistory.org/event/the-color-of-law/>

#### This Doesn't Make Census!

#### Navigating the 2020 Census

Tuesday, March 24, 6 to 8 p.m.

YWCA Minneapolis Midtown

2121 E. Lake St., Mpls.

The 2020 Census has been dominating the news in confusing ways. Workshop participants will learn about the history of the U.S. Census and its importance in funding programming across our country and in our state. In particular, participants will learn exactly what information is requested on the census, facts vs. myths, and will have the

opportunity to understand how they can engage with the census safely.

This workshop will begin with a basic overview of public policy, how it impacts our lives in Minneapolis and the potential for what policy can do. FREE. To register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/this-doesnt-make-census-navigating-the-2020-census-tickets-85163078059>.

#### Pints for Positive Change

Saturday, March 28

2 to 6 p.m.

Saint Paul Brewing  
688 Minnehaha Ave., St. Paul  
Mississippi Market is partnering with Saint Paul Brewing to host a food drive fundraiser called "Pints for Positive Change." This is another way that community members can support local food shelves and their clients during the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign. Head to Saint Paul Brewing's East Side taproom on Saturday, March 28 from 2-6 p.m. for an afternoon of food and fun! At the event, guests can save \$1.00 off every pint or growler purchased for every canned food item donated. Mississippi Market member-owners can save an additional \$1.00 off their first pint through the co-op's Community Partner Program by showing a valid membership card. Cash donations for the food drive will also be accepted at the door. Plus, guests can enjoy live music by East Side resident Alex Tulp, food for sale from the J. Mobile (J. Selby's plant-based food truck), and free food samples and giveaways courtesy of Mississippi Market. This family-friendly event is open to everyone, including dogs! Learn more at [www.msmarket.coop](http://www.msmarket.coop).

#### Vegetarian Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, March 28

9 to 11 a.m.

Minnehaha Communion

Lutheran Church

4101 37th Ave. S., Mpls.

A climate-positive vegetarian pancake breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 28 from 9 to 11 a.m., sponsored by Transition Longfellow. Participate in a handmade ITEM SWAP: Bring one or more items you've made by hand (breads, jams, pickles, brews, handwork, etc...) and swap them out for something handmade by someone else! Table discussions will be lead by: Russ Henry: Soil health for climate, water, and pollinators; Dan Schultz: Lawns to Legumes – LCC; Chard Your Yard: Introducing this year's CYY build and volunteer opportunities; Clyde Cutting: Longfellow Climate Action Plan - call to action; and Mike Fry and George Hamm: Transitioning 8-week Series introduction and sign-up. For more SWAP info, contact Jeanne Bishoff at [jeannembishoff@yahoo.com](mailto:jeannembishoff@yahoo.com), and for event info, Annette Rondano at [annette@greatbackrubs.com](mailto:annette@greatbackrubs.com).

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Minnesota Bach Ensemble:  
'Italian Seasonings'  
Sunday, April 5, 3 p.m. **M**

Monday, April 6, 7 p.m.  
MacPhail Center for Music  
Antonello Hall  
501 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Mpls.  
Celebrate spring with Italian baroque music and the return of violinist Jorja Fleezanis, the former and long-time concertmaster of the Minnesota Orchestra. She will perform selections from Vivaldi's beloved "Four Seasons." Oboist Basil Reeve and violist Tom Turner will also solo with the orchestra, performing selections by Marcello and Vivaldi. Tickets \$30 adults, \$10 students. [www.mnbach.org](http://www.mnbach.org)

Alfred Hitchcock Film Fest  
Mondays, April 6 - May 18

The Riverview Theater  
3800 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave. S., Mpls. **T**  
The Riverview Theater will again this spring present a series of films from the widely regarded "Master of Suspense." The Alfred Hitchcock Film Fest, an annual celebration of one of the most influential and studied filmmakers in the history of cinema, will this year include eleven films screened at three area theaters. The Riverview will show seven of the more than 50 feature films directed by Hitchcock, each on Monday nights, beginning April 6, 2020. Admission is \$8 per show. Here is the full Hitchcock Film Fest 2020 lineup at the Riverview: To Catch a Thief (1955) 7 p.m., Monday, April 6 Psycho (1960) 7 p.m., Monday, April 13 The Man Who Knew Too Much (1956) 7 p.m., Monday, April 20 Rope (1948) 7 p.m., Monday, April 27 The Birds (1963) 7 p.m., Monday, May 4 Saboteur (1942) 7 p.m., Monday, May 11 Torn Curtain (1966) 7 p.m., Monday, May 18 Also part of the festival, the following films will be presented at two other area theaters: The Lodger: A Story of the London Fog, March 20-22 at the Trylon. (For more information and advance tickets, visit [Trylon.org](http://Trylon.org)); Vertigo, 7:30 p.m., Thursday April 16 at The Heights; The Wrong Man, 7:30 p.m., Thursday April 23 at The Heights; and Strangers on a Train, 7:30 p.m., Thursday April 30 at The Heights. Visit [www.riverviewtheater.com](http://www.riverviewtheater.com) for more info.

'Nina Simone: Four Women'  
April 17 - May 17 **T**

Wednesdays - Saturdays, 7:30 p.m.; Sundays, 3 p.m.  
Pillsbury House Theatre  
3501 Chicago Ave. S.  
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### ONGOING

Uprising Theatre Company's  
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Through March 21 **T**  
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4200 E. 54<sup>th</sup> St., Mpls.  
Uprising Theatre Company is proud to present the regional premiere of "Doctor Voynich and her Children," a new play by Leanna Keyes, that strives to illuminate what happens in a country where there is no sex education and abortion has been outlawed. In this complex and lovely play, Dr. Rue Voynich and her apprentice Fade travel the American Heartland dispensing herbal medications. Covertly, they perform abortions, which have been illegal since "the Pence days." Fade tries to help local youth, Hannah, complete her abortion using knowledge from an ancient manuscript before her mother and the sheriff can nail them for the "attempted murder of an unborn person." Tickets are \$20 (general admission) and are available at 612-520-1230 or <https://www.uprisingtheatreco.com/tickets/>

'Interstate'  
Through March 22 **T**  
Wednesday-Friday, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturdays, 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.  
Sundays, 2 p.m.

Mixed Blood Theatre  
1501 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Mpls.  
Mixed Blood Theatre will premiere the new musical "Interstate" as the headliner of its 44th season. Written by Kit Yan and Melissa Li, and directed by Jesca Prudencio, "Interstate" is a Queer Asian-American pop-rock musical about two trans people at different stages of their journeys, navigating love, family, masculinity, and finding community in the era of social media. It charts Dash, a transgender spoken word performer as he goes on a cross-country tour with Adrian, a lesbian singer-songwriter, as the activist band, Queer Malady,

fueled by the allure of fame and a desire to connect with the Queer Asian community. The band's fiercely political and deeply personal music touches Henry, a transgender teenage blogger living in middle America, who finds solace in their art as he struggles with his own identity and family. Tickets can be obtained in two ways: 1) Through Radical Hospitality, admission is FREE on a first come/first served basis starting two hours before every show, or 2) Advanced reservations are available online or by phone for \$35 per person. Visit [www.mixedblood.com](http://www.mixedblood.com) or contact 612-338-6131 or [boxoffice@mixedblood.com](mailto:boxoffice@mixedblood.com) for more information.

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Modus Locus is excited to host "Above the Rim With St Paul Slim," a hip hop and hoops exhibit co-curated by Kimani Beard, with art by The W8 On Empty Space, aka Em Gee Warren, aka St Paul Slim (MC).

In 1994, the original hit movie "Above the Rim" starring Tupac Shakur was one of the first major motion pictures to combine hip hop, rap, and basketball culture. In 2020 at Modus Locus, we bring you a blend of Hip Hop and Hoop that goes hand in hand, the old and new school, in the new exhibit, "Above the Rim With St Paul Slim." This unique exhibit showcases the artistic talents of the Rapper/MC/Visual Artist/Fashion Designer, St Paul Slim, with his 15 new works with a central theme on basketball culture and its audience. Throughout his work is woven classic styles of hip hop, graffiti on canvas and clothing, fashion, basketball culture, and political statements.

Having done a multitude of showcases and performances throughout his career, the loud and very powerful St Paul Slim began his career as a member of the hip hop duo, Guardians of Balance, and through the years has found himself featured on albums alongside the likes of Atmosphere, Prof, Lizzie and Yelawolf. Slim also had the opportunity to show his techniques on a more national stage next to KRS 1, MClyte, WuTang Clan & Wiz Khalifa.

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# Grassroots Rising

BY PATRICK KERRIGAN

Did you know that a longtime Powderhorn Park resident and lifelong food, peace and justice activist is at the forefront globally in solving the climate crisis? And that he has an educational and inspiring new book that is just the resource we as caring world citizens most need to create a groundswell of hope for our collective future?

Organic Consumers Association's co-founder and Regeneration International steering committee member Ronnie Cummins passionately lays out a clear, realistic and visionary road map for how we can rise up, survive, and actually thrive in his brand-new book, "Grassroots Rising: A Call to Action on Climate, Farming, Food and the Green New Deal."

Ronnie begins his book by stating: "This is a book about how we, the United States and a global

grassroots movement can rise up together and overcome the most serious threat humans have ever confronted: global warming and severe climate change.

"The driving force that informs and inspires our new grassroots revolution is Regeneration: a rapidly spreading, carbon sequestering, ecologically restorative, technologically innovative, forward-thinking worldview that takes us well beyond the now unfortunately outdated twentieth-century notions of sustainability. Regeneration calls for a transition from degenerative, climate-disrupting fossil fuels to renewable energy and from industrial chemical intensive food, farming and land use to regenerative practices.

"A properly organized and executed Regeneration revolution, led by global youth and a revitalized U.S. and global grassroots, not only has the awesome

capacity to draw down massive amounts of excess atmospheric carbon dioxide and reverse global warming, but at the same time, has the power to clean up pollution, restore water quality, increase biodiversity and rejuvenate soils, forests, pasturelands, croplands, wetlands and watersheds.

"Moreover, this revolution in our relationship to Mother Earth and one another, scaled up nationally and internationally, has the potential to revitalize public health, both mental and physical, by providing a bountiful harvest of healthy organic food for everyone, while transforming our degenerative urban and rural landscapes into regenerative landscapes and bringing us all together in a common mission."

Sign me up, but how does Ronnie actually propose that we solve the climate crisis? He asserts that the solution lies right beneath our feet and at the end of our forks through the transformation of our broken and degenerative industrial agricultural food system. Using regenerative agriculture practices that currently exist, and through the miracle of plant photosynthesis, "we can draw down billions of tons of excess carbon from the atmosphere into our soils, forests, and plants over the

next few decades, and thereby avert climate catastrophe."

Coupled with an aggressive transition toward renewables, he argues that we have the power to not only mitigate and slow down climate change, but actually reverse global warming through global adaptation of food, farming, agroforestry and land use best practices, including restoration and regeneration of the world's four billion acres of agricultural croplands, eight billion acres of grazing lands, and ten billion acres of forests.

"To do this requires that we carry out a thorough and ongoing global mapping (i.e., locating and publicizing) of the best farm and land management practices that currently exist. The good news is that these best practices are potentially applicable to billions of acres, appropriate to different ecosystems, traditions, and farming conditions around the planet, and at the level sufficient to get us out of the predicament we face."

The great news is that the primarily low-tech, shovel-ready, affordable solutions that we need already exist in every nation and region. Millions of farms are already utilizing the traditional best practices of forest agriculture and forest gardens, organic and

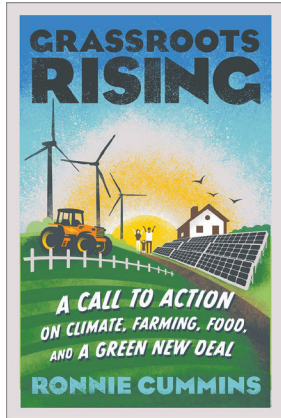
agroecological methods, holistic grazing, and soil conservation practices, augmented by recent innovations in permaculture, agroforestry, silvopasture (re-introduction of livestock back onto agricultural lands), and landscape restoration.

We don't need to invent new techniques. We simply need to identify, publicize, replicate, and scale up currently existing best practices utilizing farmer-to-farmer education and training, with major support and funding from the public and private sectors.

So how can you join and help build Regeneration Nation? Ronnie lays out the five steps for becoming a Grassroots Mobilizer: 1) Become a regeneration educator; 2) Form a core group with five or more people (please contact me at [patrick@organicconsumers.org](mailto:patrick@organicconsumers.org) if you'd like help); 3) Think and link up globally, such as with the 4/1000 global carbon sequestration initiative; 4) Develop an outreach plan; and 5) Scale up!

Want to join the South Minneapolis Regeneration Revolution and hear Ronnie's message in person? Join us and meet fellow Southside Regenerators at the Birchwood Cafe at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25! See you there!

*Patrick Kerrigan is the retail education coordinator at Organic Consumers Association.*



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# 2020 Education Section



## MPS has many balls in the air; meanwhile, St. Paul teachers end three-day strike

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

Whew! I hardly know where to start. On March 10, a coalition of pissed-off parents marched to demand Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) go back to the drawing board on their Comprehensive District Design (CDD) and this time consult meaningfully and in advance with the community, especially parents. Meanwhile “ESPs” (Education Support Professionals) are still in contract negotiations after more than nine months and numerous informational pickets.

In other news, the Saint Paul teachers’ union, SPFE #28, ended its three-day strike after reaching a contract agreement on March 13. More on that below.

### Minneapolis ESPs’ contract

I managed to attend an informational picket of the ESPs (they’re what used to be called

paraprofessionals) at Lucy Laney School. There seemed to be a lot of public support for the union, with both foot traffic cheering and passing drivers honking in support. I eavesdropped as Shaun Laden, president of the MFT 59 ESP Chapter, the union involved, gave a brief interview to a video journalist, and then I asked him if I could take a few photos, which he gave permission for. ESPs in the Minneapolis system are absolutely vital, performing such essential jobs as special education assistant, interpreter, physical therapist assistant, childcare assistant, and many more. Pay for most ESPs is in the low 20K to low 30K range, and yet they pay the same amount for health care premiums as colleagues making over \$100K. About two thirds of ESPs are working second or even third jobs just to survive. (One of their two picket signs carries the slogan “One Job Ought To Be Enough!”) Many



St. Paul public school teachers on strike March 10, 2020. (St. Paul Federation of Educators)

qualify for benefits, and some are even housing insecure or

homeless. MPS struggles to retain ESPs and are always

short-staffed (duh!). And yet, the past two 2-year contracts have included step-freezes (where employees cannot move up to the next pay level despite time in the role) and zero to 2% wage increases overall. The union has not called for a strike authorization vote yet, but something clearly has to give. You can get more detailed and up-to-date information on the union’s website. Go to <https://www.mft59.org/esp-chapter>.

### Minneapolis Comprehensive District Design (CDD)

Like the punishingly austere contracts with ESPs, the contents, if not the motivation, of the new redesign of the MPS district is driven by shrinking revenue and increasing external costs. Of course, this is a vicious cycle. As the leaflet handed out by picketing ESPs

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# 2020 Education

## Education, from page 7

rather obviously states, poverty wages lead to staff shortages and low morale. Deficiencies in



Cristo del Rey Jesuit High School

the workforce (teacher “churn” included) lead concerned parents to withdraw their kids from the system, and this leads to further

loss of revenues. And so it goes. Sadly, between the lofty rhetoric of the reason behind the CDD and the meagerness of the actual offerings to decide between, there

ically examine the foundation of our district, question long-held assumptions, ... and take action ... to combat institutionalized racism at all levels of the organization.

### “What the Data Tells Us

- The systems in our schools are designed to disadvantage students of color, who show lower academic achievement as a result.
- Our most academically proficient buildings, and often those with the most white students and fewest low-income students, have more experienced teachers than our other buildings.
- Students in wealthier, whiter neighborhoods have more access to rigorous, advanced academic coursework.
- 80% of the students who leave MPS each year are students of color.”

Powerful stuff.

Despite the fact that study after study shows that both white students and students of color benefit the most from the most diverse school population, all other things being controlled for, parents of white students often protest against the mechanisms used to try to address racial imbalance and racial disparities



El Colegio Charter High School

in schools. So, we would not be at all surprised at white, middle-class, relatively privileged parents opposing the CDD. But parents of black, indigenous, Latinx and Asian-Pacific Islander students are also opposed to it in significant numbers, and often because they, too, feel that they are losing something. And they are, because to do what the district wants to do without taking a little bit from everyone would cost more than they can raise.

Actually at this point, there are five different versions of the CDD. If you want to explore all the plans and their implications, go to <https://tinyurl.com/w872ly7> and click on your preferred language to open a PDF document. Rumors that the plans involve closing schools or eliminating magnets completely are false. But specific schools and specific magnet programs will change for the most part under most of the plans.

A march was held on March 10 by “a diverse grassroots collection” of parents and their allies. They were not protesting the CDD so much as protesting how late in the game they felt they were consulted. See <https://www.facebook.com/events/1015905018808924> for more.

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# Section



called Education Minnesota that has a very useful website for education news and campaigns you can get involved in. Right now, they are working on opposing a right-wing supported bill to amend the Minn. constitution to remove the requirement to provide all students in the state a “uniform” education. And they are supporting the Teachers of Color Act. Check out <https://educationminnesota.org/> for more information.

**Saint Paul Union update (at time of writing)**

On Friday morning, March 13, the Saint Paul Federation of Educators (SPFE) reached an agreement with the St. Paul Public Schools district, ending the three-day teacher strike. Teachers were expected to return to the classroom by Friday afternoon, although students weren't set to return to school until Monday. According to a press release, a major factor contributing to the contract settlement was the impact of the coronavirus outbreak on students and school staff. The union's full membership still must vote on whether to accept the new two-year contract. The ratification vote has yet to be scheduled. Check the SPFE Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/SPFT28](http://www.facebook.com/SPFT28) for the latest information.

mation.

## “Schoolfinder” for Minneapolis

The Minneapolis Schoolfinder, a joint project of the private-public partnerships MN Comeback and Great MN Schools, has been published online. This organization assists a portfolio of schools that includes private, parochial and charter schools; nevertheless, their schools rating handbook and directory looks at public schools as well and gives parents tips on finding the best fit for their kids. Schools are rated High-Performing, then

High-Potential, down through middle levels to the “worst,” Persistently Low. Keep in mind that the Schoolfinder defines High Performing as “better than the MN average,” and High Potential as “better than the Minneapolis district average.” It also states that “academic ratings for K-8 schools are informed by three years of MCA data, and, for high schools, a combination of ACT scores and college persistence.” Some of the ratings are not surprising: Southwest and Washburn are the only High Performing public high schools, with South and Henry coming in High Potential. One



**Minneapolis Education Support Professionals and allies on an informational picket line at Lucy Laney School**  
Photo: Debra K. Ramage



**Overflow crowd at the open Minneapolis School Board meeting following release of the CDD**  
Photo: Renee Jones Schneider, Star Tribune

of the parochial schools rated as High Performing is Cristo del Rey Jesuit High School, which lists a 100% graduation and college acceptance rate. It also says it has 100% enrollment of students of color. Although no data is given on academic performance by subject or proficiency at grade level, Cristo del Rey is also listed as one of 25 Changing-the-Odds schools, which according to the Schoolfinder means that “students at these schools who come from a low-income background are academically outperforming the Minneapolis Public Schools average and/or are growing academically at a faster rate than the average. Students

from a low-income background, who attend changing-the-odds high schools, also have higher rates of graduation and college enrollment than their peers.” El Colegio, a charter school similar to Cristo del Rey, is also almost 100% Latinx but is rated in the Limited Data category and is not a Changing-the-Odds school, perhaps because of a lower graduation rate, although it, too, has a 100% college acceptance rate. All this is just to say, look carefully at all the data available on the Schoolfinder site, and perhaps seek out further information when choosing the best school for your child. If you want to peruse, go to <https://www.minneapolischoolfinder.org/#/school>.

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# Conversations on the train

BY ELINA KOLSTAD

The other day on the Blue Line train, a woman sitting nearby struck up a conversation with my husband and me. She started by commenting on one of the two people sleeping in our vicinity, noting the woman's nicely done nails. We all agreed that sometimes all you have in this life are the little things. Our neighbor on the train then went on to marvel that we have such a problem with homelessness. She herself is

homeless. She informed us that she has a job, a good job in fact, but that she still can't find a place to live. Just the day before, she had run into a woman who had lost four fingers a couple weeks ago during a cold snap. All of the shelters had been full. All our neighbor on the train could do was buy the frostbite victim some food and wonder at a city that allows such inhumanity.

This conversation began as the train inched away from US Bank Stadium and I couldn't help but

wonder, don't stadiums usually serve as shelters to house people during natural disasters such as hurricanes? Can't the city work out a deal where we convert the stadium into an overnight shelter on those nights when it's especially cold? Shouldn't we be getting something for all the tax dollars we put into that boondoggle? I know last year the city made extra efforts during the polar vortex to make sure people were as safe as possible, but this is Minneapolis where even an average winter night can literally kill. We need to start treating these normal circumstances as the emergency that it is.

Simply adding more condos to our city won't solve this problem. We need to put our money where our mouth is and find more emergency shelter options while at the same time putting

our energy into subsidizing truly affordable housing options. I am encouraged by the work of Reps. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Ilhan Omar on the national level, although Omar's inclusion of subsidies for "market rate" housing and prioritizing new construction over updating existing public housing concerns me.

We all deserve better. Those of us with secure housing deserve to not be ashamed and embarrassed by the city we live in, and those struggling deserve safe housing. It's 2020 and high time to let go of puritanical idea of the "deserving poor." It's time to let go of the idea that if someone is homeless and loses four fingers, they somehow brought it on themselves. We need to recognize the role played by an unjust and traumatizing system. We need to move forward and solve this problem. In the



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## Bouza, from page 1

the Al Sharptons catapult themselves into prominence. Unworthy.

A juror expressed regret over participating in the conviction, but not on the basis of new evidence.

Burrell was convicted after a fair trial. He appealed. The verdict was overturned, but not on the basis of innocence—process was the issue. He was retried by a different prosecutor and again convicted. No evidence of innocence was offered.

This ain't the Innocence Project. Let's get real here.

Burrell was not found guilty beyond a shadow of a doubt. He was convicted beyond a reasonable doubt—twice. Might he actually be innocent? Yes. We are not infallible.

It strikes me as an act of supreme hubris to superimpose your ambitions on the judgment of honest citizens listening to the evidence pro and con.

The Central Park Jogger Five were framed. They were innocent of the crime, whatever our idiot president may write.

Tyesha Edwards would be 29 today. Let's focus on her for a moment. Is she entitled to justice? Has Burrell been framed?

Norman Mailer once persuaded the system to release a convicted murderer without much beyond his arrogant belief—which he did not hesitate to parse with his considerable clout.

Shortly after being sprung, the guy stabbed an innocent to death. Humility was not Mailer's strong suit.

I'm very sorry to say that I think, on the basis of my experience and observation, that black leadership in America is mostly not really worthy of the great people they presume to lead.

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### Editor's rebuttal:

First, I agree with Tony's basic premise: "Racism is America's #1 problem. Period."

Second, it must be acknowledged that Tony Bouza is America's leading authority on the lies and cover-ups by police in their use of excessive force. His book, "Expert Witness," details

59 cases where he testified to police misconduct.

I remember more than 40 years ago reading Tony Bouza's succinct summary analysis: "Minneapolis doesn't have a gang problem. It has a youth problem."

How can that same Tony Bouza sit in judgment of Myon Burrell: "An innocent he ain't—gang member and utterly silent on his life or any role he may have played in the tragedy." Gone is his appreciation of gangs as a symptom of greater social problems, and also gone is his regard for the constitutional guarantees against self-incrimination.

On Tuesday, Jan. 28, the AP reported: "With no gun, no DNA, no fingerprints, the case against Burrell revolved around a teen rival who gave conflicting accounts of the shooting. Later, police turned to jailhouse informants, some of whom say they were coached and have since recanted. Alibis were not questioned. Key evidence has gone missing or was never obtained, including a convenience store surveillance tape that Burrell and others say would have cleared him. And the chief homicide detective was caught on camera offering cash for information—even if it was just hearsay."

On Wednesday, Leslie Redmond, president of the Minneapolis NAACP, speaking at a press conference that was supported by The Racial Justice Network, Black Lives Matter Twin Cities, Twin Cities Coalition for Justice for Jamar and Communities United Against Police Brutality, said: "What I need people to understand is this isn't about partisanship and this isn't about politics. This is about justice. This isn't just a situation that happened to the Central Park Five alone. This is a situation that happens all around America. This is a situation that happens right here in Minnesota. Young people, young adults were given life sentences to rot away in prison. This benefits no one. However, it does benefit politicians who use the criminal justice system to benefit their political careers. Enough is enough."

The group called for Klobuchar to end her campaign for president.

Tony Bouza says she's tough but

not a racist.

During Klobuchar's tenure as county attorney, Walter Collins, a suspect in a drug deal, was chased and shot dead by officers in North Minneapolis. The shooting so outraged North Minneapolis that the U.S. Department of Justice was forced to intervene and mediate differences between community activists and the police. The officers involved were not prosecuted or disciplined.

The next year, Courtney Williams, 15, from North Minneapolis, was shot and killed by an officer. The officer said he was holding a pellet gun. His friends at the scene said he did not have a pellet gun. The officer was not prosecuted or disciplined.

According to MPR News: "Over eight years beginning in 1999, the city of Minneapolis paid \$4.8 million in legal settlements related to 122 police misconduct incidents. And police officers and county sheriffs were involved in 29 civilian deaths. Klobuchar, however, chose not to criminally charge any fatalities involving law enforcement. Instead she routinely put the decision to a grand jury, a process widely criticized for its secrecy and for mostly allowing the police version of events. Klobuchar also didn't take on any of the misconduct claims."

"The mother of a black teenager who was shot and killed by police in 2004 begged Klobuchar to file charges against the officer instead of presenting the case to a grand jury. 'The grand jury is a way of hiding that the prosecutor is not giving the full information of guilt to the grand jury,' Tahisha Williams Brewer wrote to Klobuchar at the time. 'I want this process out in the open, where everyone can observe it and make sure that it is fair to my son.'"

"It gives me pause in thinking about her potentially becoming the next president of the United States," said Nekima Levy Armstrong, a lawyer and former president of the Minneapolis NAACP. As for the past, Levy Armstrong says, "It's important for someone like Amy Klobuchar to acknowledge the mistakes that she made and the harm that she caused and to make amends."



### Virus, from page 1

available, including wiping the handle and child seat in grocery carts.

5) Wash your hands with soap for 10-20 seconds and/or use a greater than 60% alcohol-based hand sanitizer whenever you return home from ANY activity that involves locations where other people have been.

6) Keep a bottle of sanitizer available at each of your home's entrances, AND in your car for use after getting gas or touching other contaminated objects when you can't immediately wash your hands.

7) If possible, cough or sneeze into a disposable tissue and discard. Use your elbow only if you have to. The clothing on your elbow will contain infectious virus that can be passed on for up to a week or more!

What I have stocked in preparation for the pandemic spread to the U.S.:

1) Latex or nitrile latex disposable gloves for use when going shopping, using the gasoline pump, and all other outside activity when you come in contact with contaminated areas.

Note: This virus is spread in large droplets by coughing and sneezing. This means that the air will not infect you! BUT all the surfaces where these droplets land are infectious for about a week on average—everything that is associated with infected people will be contaminated and potentially infectious. The virus is on surfaces and you will not be infected unless your unprotected face is directly coughed or sneezed upon. This virus only has cell receptors for lung cells (it only infects your lungs). The only way for the virus to infect you is through your nose or mouth via your hands or an infected cough or sneeze onto or into your nose or mouth.

2) Stock up now with disposable surgical masks and use them to prevent you from touching your nose and/or mouth. (We touch our nose/mouth 90X/day without knowing it!) This is

the only way this virus can infect you—it is lung-specific. The mask will not prevent the virus in a direct sneeze from getting into your nose or mouth—it is only to keep you from touching your nose or mouth.

3) Stock up now with hand sanitizers and latex/nitrile gloves (get the appropriate sizes for your family). The hand sanitizers must be alcohol-based and greater than 60% alcohol to be effective. 4) Stock up now with zinc lozenges. These lozenges have been proven to be effective in blocking coronavirus (and most other viruses) from multiplying in your throat and nasopharynx. Use as directed several times each day when you begin to feel ANY “cold-like” symptoms beginning. It is best to lie down and let the lozenge dissolve in the back of your throat and nasopharynx. Cold-Eeze lozenges is one brand available, but there are other brands available.

I, as many others do, hope that this pandemic will be reasonably contained, BUT I personally do not think it will be. Humans have never seen this snake-associated virus before and have no internal defense against it. Tremendous worldwide efforts are being made to understand the molecular and clinical virology of this virus. Unbelievable molecular knowledge about the genomics, structure and virulence of this virus has already been achieved. BUT, there will be NO drugs or vaccines available this year to protect us or limit the infection within us. Only symptomatic support is available.

**This is what happens when you get the coronavirus:**

BY ANTONIO REGALADO  
(MIT Technology Review, Feb. 11, 2020)

Hospitals in China are reporting their experiences with hundreds of patients so far.

The epidemic of a novel coronavirus spreading from central China has sickened more than 43,000 people and killed more than 1,000, eclipsing the death toll from a related virus, SARS.

What happens when you get infected by the virus, and what are your chances if you do? A new report describing what happened to 138 patients treated in a hospital on the frontlines in Wuhan, China, has some answers—and some alarming news about how the virus can spread inside a hospital.

The Wuhan doctors, led by Zhiyong Peng at the critical care department at Zhongnan Hospital of Wuhan University, say about 40% of the people they treated actually caught the infection at their hospital, including 40 health-care professionals and 17 patients who were already there for surgeries or other reasons.

They said 4.3% of the patients died and about 34% got better and left the hospital, while the rest were still being treated. Outside of China, the death rate appears to be much lower, but in Wuhan doctors are clearly struggling. The city has been under a lockdown quarantine since last month.

Early symptoms: The most common symptom of the coronavirus is a fever, which nearly everyone gets, followed by fatigue and dry cough. A few people also experienced diarrhea or nausea a day or two before any other symptoms.

Getting to the hospital: It took about seven days from first symptoms for people to check into the hospital, by which time many were having trouble breathing, say the Wuhan doctors. It wasn't clear if their patients waited to seek help or were among those initially turned away in overcrowded conditions.

Confirming infection: The test for the virus is a throat swab, which is analyzed with polymerase chain reaction (PCR) to identify its telltale genetic material.

Chest scans: Some patients put through a CAT scanner showed spots

of shadows in their lungs, what doctors call a “ground glass” appearance.

Getting to the ICU: The Chinese team said a quarter of their patients ended up in the intensive care unit, mostly because of acute respiratory distress syndrome, or “ARDS.” That's when the lungs fill with fluid and lose the ability to carry oxygen. That can affect other organs, like the kidneys, and cause death. The chance of ending up in the ICU was higher for people who were already weak.

It affects older people more often: While older people tended to have more serious diseases, this hospital saw patients as young as 22 and as old as 92. The median age was 56.

The treatments: The report from China shows that doctors did not have a silver bullet to cure the infection. In Wuhan, most people got an antiviral drug called oseltamivir, which they say didn't have a discernible effect. Several other drugs, including anti-HIV drugs, have also been tried elsewhere. Patients in the most trouble sometimes got oxygen therapy or were hooked up to a ma-

chine that pumps their blood and adds oxygen, saving their heart and lungs from doing the work.

### More information:

Minneapolis-based academic health system M Health Fairview announced it has set up drive-up testing sites at four of its clinic locations. Patients must call ahead or visit its 24/7 online care portal, OnCare, to first get screened by a provider to determine whether testing is necessary. Patients who show up to the drive-up site without a referral will be directed to OnCare.

COVID-19 and upper respiratory infection-related visits to OnCare are being provided with no out-of-pocket costs to patients, an M Health Fairview spokeswoman wrote in an email. “We are working out payments with insurers and the state,” the email said.

If you have questions about Coronavirus testing you can call M Health Fairview at 1-855-324-7843.



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EVENTS

**Wednesday Soup Suppers**  
**Wednesday evenings during Lent**  
**6 p.m. Soup Supper and Worship**  
Bethel Lutheran Church  
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**Midweek Soup Supper and Lenten Worship**  
**Wednesday, March 18 and April 1**  
**6 to 6:30 p.m. (soup) and 7 to 7:30 p.m. (worship)**  
Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church  
5300 10th Ave. S., Mpls.  
Come for a hearty supper of soup and bread and stay for contemplative worship of scripture readings, reflection, hymns, and Holden Evening Prayer.

**Spring Equinox Tea Ceremony and Grief Circle**  
**Thursday, March 19**  
**4:30 and 6:30 p.m.**  
Lakewood Cemetery  
3600 Hennepin Ave., Mpls.  
Life is filled with transitions and losses, and grief often accompanies them. Yet little space is set aside to acknowledge and process this powerful emotion. On this special threshold day, come experience a silent, meditative tea ceremony where grief is welcomed, in one of the most beautiful and sacred spaces in our city—the Lakewood Memorial Chapel. This ceremony will be offered at two times on the Spring Equinox,

Thursday, March 19: at 4:30-6 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. Cost is \$35\* (plus tax and service fees). Please bring a journal for post-ceremony reflection. Dress comfortably and come as you are. Your guide, Christin Ament, provides grief and end-of-life support as a palliative care, hospice provider and death celebrant. She was trained in Taiwan by Buddhist Monks on Cha-Dao, the art of Tea, and has led tea ceremonies around the globe. This event will be held in Lakewood’s historic chapel, a short distance from the front gates at 36th & Hennepin. Parking is available along roads near the building. There is a handicap-accessible entrance to the chapel. For questions about the event, call Lakewood at 612-822-2171 or email info@lakewoodcemetery.org. \*Lakewood is a nonprofit association. We use proceeds generated from activities and events toward preserving and enhancing our grounds and architectural treasures.

**CTUL’s Annual Pancake Brunch**  
**Saturday, March 28**  
**9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
2730 E. 31<sup>st</sup> St., Mpls.  
Join us for the Annual Pancake Brunch Fundraiser on Saturday, March 28, to sustain our organizing for yet another year! 2019 was a year of strategic thinking, legal wins, and ongoing organizing against wage theft and exploitation at CTUL (Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en la Lucha). We held a subcontractor accountable for trafficking workers on the job site, won a wage theft law at the Minnesota State Legislature, celebrated our Future Fighters committee one-year anniversary, and prepared to scale up even bolder campaigns in 2020. Adelante! For tickets, go to <https://ctul.net/> pancake and donate on a sliding scale, \$5 to \$15. You can also pay at the door.

**CANCELLATIONS!**  
Many events are being canceled or postponed due to the coronavirus.  
Before attending, please confirm that your event is still being held.

**Praying in Color at MCLC**  
**Sunday, April 5, 11:30 a.m. (after coffee hour)**  
**Monday, April 6, 10 a.m.**  
**Tuesday, April 7, at 4 p.m.**  
Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church  
4101 37<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Mpls.  
As we enter the season of Lent and move toward Easter, we take time to reflect on and deepen our relationship with God. Prayer is an important part of this relationship and during Holy Week a Bible study on prayer and other methods of meditation will be offered. The hour-long session will include a short Bible study on the importance of prayer before exploring different ways to pray, featuring a practice called Praying in Color. Praying in Color is an easy and relaxing way to pray using your hands and creativity to reflect and color a connection with God. All ages are welcome to come to one or more classes that work with your schedule to try something new, no artistic ability needed. The Bible study will be offered at three different times (see above). Hope to see you there!

**Labyrinth Walk for Holy Week**  
**Monday - Friday, April 6-10**  
**8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church  
5300 10th Ave. S., Mpls.  
Labyrinth walking is an ancient practice for spiritual centering, contemplation and prayer. This Holy Week, the community is invited to walk our indoor labyrinth during the hours the church is open. The labyrinth will also be available a half hour before Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship, from 6:30-7 p.m. on April 9 and April 10. Come walk the labyrinth and stay for worship.

**Aaron Silver Art Exhibit: Paper Cuts & Hebrew Calligraphy**  
**Through April 26**  
Mount Olive Lutheran Church  
3045 Chicago Ave., Mpls.  
Mount Olive Music and Fine Arts presents an exhibit of beautiful and intriguing works of art by Aaron Silver. Each work involves Hebrew calligraphy texts and images with negative spaces cut out of the paper. Text translations

are provided as part of the exhibit. See the artist’s website for more information: <http://artistaviv.com>. The exhibit is on view in the Chapel Lounge and Reception area of Mount Olive, and is free and open to the public at any time the church is open. For more info, call 612-827-5919 or see [www.mountlivechurch.org](http://www.mountlivechurch.org).

ONGOING

**Events at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**3430 E. 51st St. (kitty-corner from the Nokomis Library)**  
Book Club, Saturday, April 4, 10 a.m.—“The Dressmaker of Khair Khana” by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon.  
Blind Ministry Outreach—Saturday, April 11, noon to 2 p.m. Includes dinner, devotions and fellowship.  
Exercise class for seniors—Monday mornings at 10 a.m.  
NA groups—Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7 p.m. Call 612-729-5463 for questions and more information.

**Immigrant Welcoming and Working Group**  
**Third Tuesdays, 6 p.m.**  
Plymouth Congregational Church  
1900 Nicollet Ave., Mpls.  
The work of the Immigrant Welcoming and Working Group (IWWG) is at heart an effort to understand current immigration issues, to connect with people whose lives are directly affected and to work toward fair and just treatment for those caught up in what’s become a front-page political football game. IWWG continues to support and participate in the monthly vigils at Fort Snelling. Four Buddhist communities collaborated to host the January vigil. IWWG meets the third Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. at Plymouth. Transportation to attend deportation hearings is available on Thursdays from Plymouth. For more information about any of our work, contact Chair Tom Haigh, 763/438-2574 or [jthaigh45@gmail.com](mailto:jthaigh45@gmail.com).

**AA AND NA Meetings**  
**Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church**  
4101 37th Ave. S.  
Every Monday night there is an AA meeting at 7 p.m.  
Every Tuesday and Wednesday night there is an AA meeting at 7:30 p.m.  
On Thursday night, there is an NA meeting at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

**Adoption Support Group for Teens and Parents**  
**First Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8 p.m.**  
Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church  
4101 37th Ave. S.  
The Adoption Support Network holds monthly support groups for parents and teens who have been adopted. Adoptive parents are provided with a confidential, nonjudgmental environment where they can support each other and share resources. Teens are invited to meet with other teens who understand what it’s like to be adopted. The teen group is not a drop-off group—parent(s) must attend the parent support

group. For more info and to RSVP contact Ginny Blade at 651-646-5082 or [ginnyblade@nacac.org](mailto:ginnyblade@nacac.org) (parents).  
\*Meetings are usually the first Tuesday of the month, but call ahead to check.

**Pathways Faith-Based Life Skills Class**  
**Thursdays, 6 p.m.**  
Basilica of St. Mary School  
Room LL7  
1601 Laurel Ave., Mpls.  
Make a positive change in your life in just 10 weeks! Did you know that every Thursday evening from 6 to 8:15 p.m., a team of dedicated volunteers hosts “Pathways,” our faith-based series of life skills classes? Stop by anytime! All are welcome and no registration required. Questions? Contact Julia at 612-317-3413.

**Gamblers Anonymous**  
**Wednesdays, 6 to 7 p.m.**  
Living Table United Church of Christ, Hope Room  
3805 E. 40th St.  
Anyone with a desire to stop gambling is welcome.

**NAMI MN: LGBTQAIP Peer Support Group**  
**Saturdays, 1 to 2:30 p.m.**  
Living Table United Church of Christ, Hope Room  
3805 E. 40th St.  
NAMI offers a support group for those living in the GLBTQ community and their allies on Saturdays at 1 p.m. The NAMI Connection support group program is a peer-to-peer based support group model. Connection groups are a safe place to confront the challenges that members of the GLBTQ communities face: low self-esteem, social isolation, stigma, discrimination, anxiety, and depression. For information regarding this group please contact Kim Sherva at NAMI Minnesota, 651-645-2948.

Sharing Food

**Trinity Lutheran Congregation**  
**Cedar Commons**  
**2001 Riverside Ave.**  
**612-333-2561**  
Wednesday Evening Suppers from 6 to 7 p.m.  
A free weekly meal sponsored by Trinity and our community partners. All are welcome—neighbors, students and visitors!

**Bethany Lutheran Church**  
**2511 E. Franklin Ave.**  
**612-332-2397**  
Soup for You serves a free community meal every weekday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The meal is open to everyone—no exceptions! Volunteers will take your orders and serve you at the table. This is not a soup kitchen, but rather a space to build community! Donations are of course welcome!

**New Creation Baptist Church**  
**1414 E. 48th St., Mpls.**  
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**10:30 am & 7 pm**  
**April 10 Good Friday 7 pm**  
**April 12 Easter Breakfast 8:30 am, Easter Worship 9:45 am**

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Office: 2001 Riverside Ave.  
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**Maundy Thursday April 9, 7 pm**  
**Good Friday April 10, 7 pm (Gundale Chapel)**  
**Easter Sunday April 12, 11 am**



## Southside Pride / RIVERSIDE EDITION

### Neighborhoods, from page 1

elevate the work of the neighborhood associations and use the strength of the 70-strong network to move the city toward these goals.”

Neighborhood associations in Minneapolis started in earnest in the early 1990s, when Minneapolis was being called “Murderopolis” by the national press. The violent crime rate was high and frightened people were leaving the city for safer suburbs. In order to get the middle class to stay, then-Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton promoted the Minneapolis Neighborhood and Community Relations Department. The plan worked. Crime went down and people again began to buy homes and stay in the city. But there were unintended consequences.

Most homeowners were white and although much of the funding was distributed to lower-income areas, the programs did not help many minorities become homeowners. The repercussions continue today. The current inequity is one of the worst in the country, with black homeownership rates in 2019 at only 22 percent, half the national average, according to an analysis by Zillow.

Representatives from the neighborhood associations met five times to express their concerns and share ideas, but association leaders felt they’d been left out of the process, leaving many residents with their voices and concerns unheard, Miller Lopez said.

And the Council kept delaying releasing the guidelines, leaving the associations in the dark, unable to plan a response. “The new plan is supposed to help solve racial inequity problems, but the City Council hadn’t asked us anything. They were supposed to start

this process in June, creating a racial equity model. They didn’t get started until December.”

Miller Lopez wants to get local citizens involved and for people to speak their minds, but she is pessimistic about whether many members of the City Council are open to hearing them. “I don’t think they’ll listen. We’ve had a shift in government,” she said. “We used to have citizen influence. The local government would listen to their constituents. Now, it’s ‘We know best and we’ll tell you what you need.’”

While the new guidelines are meant to help solve the inequalities in the city, there is strong disagreement on whether this new plan will work as hoped. The formula for CURA funding is strict. How much an individual neighborhood could receive would depend on what percentage of the city’s BIPOC population lives there. “If it is only 1 percent, you get 1 percent of the available funds. If it’s 20 percent of the population, that would get you 20 percent of the available funds,” said Miller Lopez.

Robert Thompson, who runs Robert Thompson Consulting, a business management service for nonprofit organization and who once worked at NCR, also sees major flaws in the study’s conclusions.

“Two major issues I found in the CURA report are that they are drawing broad and very negative conclusions about neighborhood programs through NRP, which are not supported by the data they are using,” he said. “And they are misrepresenting conclusions of previous studies of the NRP. CURA states in their report that there is a \$33 million NRP fund, with the implication that the funds are unused. They are not. It is in fact a very

active fund.”

In addition, while the neighborhood programs spent money on projects, they often came out ahead financially.

“From 1990 through 2010, the NRP Program allocated approximately \$226 million through neighborhood action plans,” Thompson said. “However, neighborhoods expended \$14.7 million more than this figure. Neighborhoods developed creative home loan programs that actually generated \$35 million in additional revenue on top of the original \$226 million.”

“Before the neighborhood groups were created, Minneapolis was in a free-fall,” he said. “The population was dropping at a rapid rate—the population of Minneapolis dropped from over 500,000 to about 350,000 in three decades. There were large numbers of vacant and boarded houses. Crime rates were much higher.

“Neighborhood organizations used NRP funds to stabilize and improve their housing; reduced crime by organizing block clubs, block patrols and other activities; improved parks, supported improvements to commercial corridors and much more,” he said.

“Racial inequity in Minneapolis is rampant, and no single program or initiative can be blamed. But another real consequence is that the city is really creating divisions in the community, essentially pitting the interests of low-income communities against other low-income communities,” said Thompson. “A primary goal of NRP was to restore the condition of housing stock in Minneapolis, focused particularly on low-income communities. So, another unintended consequence is to truly pit the interests of low-income and disempowered communities against each other.”

Miller Lopez thinks that at least 30 percent of the local neighborhood associations will disappear if the plan goes through.

“I get 10 calls a week from 311

for people asking for help and information,” she said. “These are seniors asking where they can get help for snow removal. I got one that needed emergency furnace repairs. Operators at 311 tell them to call their neighborhood association. We keep track of the resources. We do outreach. Who will be there to do that, then? Who will help these neighbors?”

“If we lose the neighborhood associations, there will be no more community meetings to inform residents about new developments, transportation activity and other community concerns,” said Miller Lopez. “No more community events or community-wide garage sales, no more newsletters, environmental programs or programs that serve residents like home improvement loans, support for small business, emergency support, or clean-up events.”

Miller Lopez said that neighborhood associations would have to reinvent themselves to survive. Her SENA office is already planning to offer business office co-working space for a fee, to help generate the \$16,000 a year it costs to rent it. She is already rebuilding a local business association

and so far, nearly 100 local business owners have expressed interest in paying membership dues to join.

SENA is hosting a second public meeting on the issue on March 23 at Lake Hiawatha Park Building from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. They are still working on the details for a joint Longfellow Community Council/SENA meeting, and are hoping that concerned neighbors will come to hear what the city is planning and if anything can be done to save their neighborhood associations. The City’s Guidelines to the 2020 Plan are here: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/www/groups/public/@ncr/documents/webcontent/wcmsp-223035.pdf>

All Community Meeting  
Monday March 16  
6-8 p.m.

Bartsch Room  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
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# Justice for Terrance Franklin

BY ED FELIEN

Sen. Susan Collins justified her vote by stating that the president had learned a “pretty big lesson” from impeachment and that he would be “much more cautious in the future.”

City Council President Lisa Bender said, “I think our policy changes in the police department, leadership changes, have really created a scenario where this is unlikely to happen again, so I think it’s time to move forward and really continue with the changes that we’re making in the police department to make sure this never happens again.”

Is it déjà vu all over again?

Is Lisa Bender fooling herself about the Minneapolis police learning a lesson just like Susan Collins is fooling herself about Trump?

The City of Minneapolis has agreed to settle with the family of Terrance Franklin. “We have agreed to pay them \$795,000 to prevent a Wrongful Death suit from coming to trial.” The city agreed to settle because they knew they’d lose at trial. They

knew the officers involved in killing Terrance Franklin lied about what happened. The Franklin family attorney said, “The contention that this young man grabbed a gun and shot two police officers was something that we vehemently opposed, from practically the beginning, once we had the evidence.”

For a summary and analysis of the 200-page MPD Report and the medical examiner’s report go to <https://southsidepride.com/2013/10/29/how-did-they-kill-terrance-franklin-2/>.

Officer Meath was operating the machine gun pistol that killed Franklin and injured two officers. Officer Peterson operated the handgun that was used to shoot Franklin in the head (probably after he was already dead).

Fight Back News reported on May 12, 2018: “Minneapolis police officers Michael Meath and Lucas Peterson have 19 excessive force complaints combined—no discipline on any of them. Lucas Peterson has had 13 excessive force complaints against him since he joined MPD in 2000, costing over \$700,000 in settle-

ments. Peterson murdered another Black person, Christopher Burns, on Nov. 1, 2002. Peterson was also on the defunct Metro Gang Strike Force (MGSF) in 2006 and was one of the officers investigated in 2009 when the state shut down the MGSF for corruption including improper searches, seizing property without authorization (often kept for personal use or sold), and injuries to people who were not suspects. The MGSF cost the state \$3 million in settlements with victims of their misconduct.”

Why haven’t Meath and Peterson been disciplined? Why haven’t these officers been held accountable?

Former Minneapolis Police Chief Tony Bouza asked me, “Why should the city be responsible for the settlement? If you run a private business, and you hire someone, and he goes off and kills someone, why are you responsible? The person was not acting on your behalf. They were acting on their own. They’re responsible for their own actions.”

I met Chief Arradondo at a community meeting a couple of summers ago. I asked him about disciplining officers involved in the Terrance Franklin killing. He said, “Make an appointment and come down and see me and we’ll talk about it.”

I called, made an appointment, showed up, and he came out of the office and shook my hand and walked out the door saying, “I’ll be right back.” Of course, he had no intention of being right back. I knew that. I waited for almost an hour and left.

If the mayor (who is respon-



Image: Bob Millea

sible for the chief of police) and the city council refuse to accept responsibility for disciplining these officers, then they must be held accountable in city elections next year.

Further, changes must be made to the procedures for investigating a police shooting. If a group of civilians had followed Terrance Franklin down a basement in South Minneapolis and beat and killed him, then police investigators would immediately separate the individuals in the group and take statements

from them. When members of the MPD are involved in a death, they are allowed 48 hours to talk to each other and get their stories straight before making a statement.

There are some very rotten apples in the MPD, and they are spoiling the barrel and they are spoiling the trust necessary for them “To Protect and Serve” all the people in Minneapolis.

It’s no longer possible for people of conscience (in the words of Lisa Bender and the delusions of Susan Collins) to “move forward” and pretend it’s all going to get better.

**Postscript:** I wrote the following to Alondra Cano, chair of the Public Safety and Emergency Management Committee of the Minneapolis City Council, who is charged with the responsibility to oversee the operation of the Minneapolis Police Department, before their meeting on Feb. 19, with copies to the other members of the committee: Andrea Jenkins; Steve Fletcher; Linea Palmisano; Phillippe Cunningham; Jeremiah Ellison:

“Chair Cano,

“Will Officers Meath and Peterson be held accountable to the City of Minneapolis for the wrongful death of Terrance Franklin?”



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# Public housing for seniors

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

Welcome to Getting About. This new monthly column will inform you about opportunities for those 60 and older to get out of ruts, make a difference, participate in exciting communities, build new communities, and have more control over your living environment. We'll be looking at "the usual suspects" such as the AARP, Nokomis Healthy Seniors, senior housing resources, faith communities, and programs at public libraries and universities, but also at lesser-known resources, new or growing subcommunities, and housing-based activities and activism, including in the endangered public housing sector.

So, the public housing sector—just how endangered is it? Well, on the one hand, we live in perilous times, so every nice thing is under threat. The wealth gap is widening daily, and you're all probably on the wrong side of it. Among the good things under threat are: democracy, livable wages, Social Security, civil rights, affordable housing and health care, Medicare, public education, and in fact the planet itself,

and the future viability of the actual human race. On the other hand, public housing is not a simple subject, and I think some of its advocates and recipients are panicking based on incorrect information and lack of trust. On the third hand, I could be completely wrong about that, and the lack of trust could be totally warranted. But for now, let's just zero in on Minneapolis, and on public housing specifically set aside for seniors, which means 62 and over.

MPHA (Minneapolis Public Housing Authority, under jurisdiction of Housing and Urban Development, or HUD) used to be severely "troubled," but now, though it still has troubles, it's considered one of the best public housing authorities in the country. It owns and operates 6,259 units of housing, comprising 42 "highrises," and 948 "townhomes and scattered sites." (Basically, single and coupled adults live in the former, and families with children in the latter.) Of the high-rises, 12 are designated for seniors only, and seven of these provide assisted-living facilities or services. The Minneapolis Highrise Residents Council (MHRC) "is the independent (501C3) citywide public housing high rise tenant

organization in Minneapolis. Its mission is to promote self-government by residents of public housing, and to represent their interests ..." (Quote from mphaonline.org.) Each building has its own "local" in the MHRC and elders are often the leaders and do-ers in these organizations, even in the non-designated high-rises.

If you're interested in housing issues, you may have already heard about the battles over MPHA's plan to address its serious shortfall in capital and improvement funds by using HUD's Rental Assistance Demonstration program, or RAD, and/or their plan to upgrade scattered-site and townhome properties with another HUD program, Section 18, not to be confused with Section 8. Because both of these programs rely on partial funding from "private" (often but not always nonprofit) sources, and because of abuses that have occurred in other authorities, these programs have been characterized by opponents as "privatization," a claim the MPHA vigorously tries to refute. Things are in a fluctuating state right now on that. Among other factors, the head of MPHA, Gregory Russ, will be leaving in a week or so, to be succeeded by Abdi Warsame, who is leaving his post as Minneapolis' first Somali city council member. Next month we should know more and we'll have a deeper dive into



Protesting RAD at Elliot Twins MPHA Highrise

what's going on here, along with a look at some other senior housing options such as co-ops.

We'll leave you with a few events coming up in March:

- 55+ Book Club at Nokomis Library - First Wednesday, 3 p.m.
- AARP MN Lobby Day - at the Capitol, March 18. More information and registration at <https://tinyurl.com/qk7rqzz>
- Washburn-McReavy Chapels Pre-Planning and Pizza - at W-M Chapel, 2301 Dupont Ave. S., Minneapolis 55405, Tuesday, March 10, at noon
- Rosen Movement classes (2 hours) - most Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m., Walker Community United Methodist Church sanctuary, 3104 16th Ave. S., Mpls. 55407

- AARP Monthly Walk and Talk - Thursday, March 19, 9:30 a.m., Mall of America, AARP Info Center. Mall-walk followed by healthy coffee break with a short health-related talk
- DFL Senior Caucus Lunch - Fourth Wednesday of every month (March 25), The Egg and I, 2550 University Ave. W., Suite 125N, St. Paul 55114

If you have things we should share in this column, or tips, or ideas, contact Debs at [deborama@gmail.com](mailto:deborama@gmail.com).

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