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Great events and shadows



BY TONY BOUZA

It is a bromide and cliché that crises present opportunities—but these are honored mostly in being ignored. The comfortable status quo.

The public understands and supports drastic action in a pandemic. The MPD could abandon two-person squads and answer twice the 911 calls—even with a virus-ravaged force. Good luck with that.

It is said that great events cast their shadows before them. Did the coronavirus?

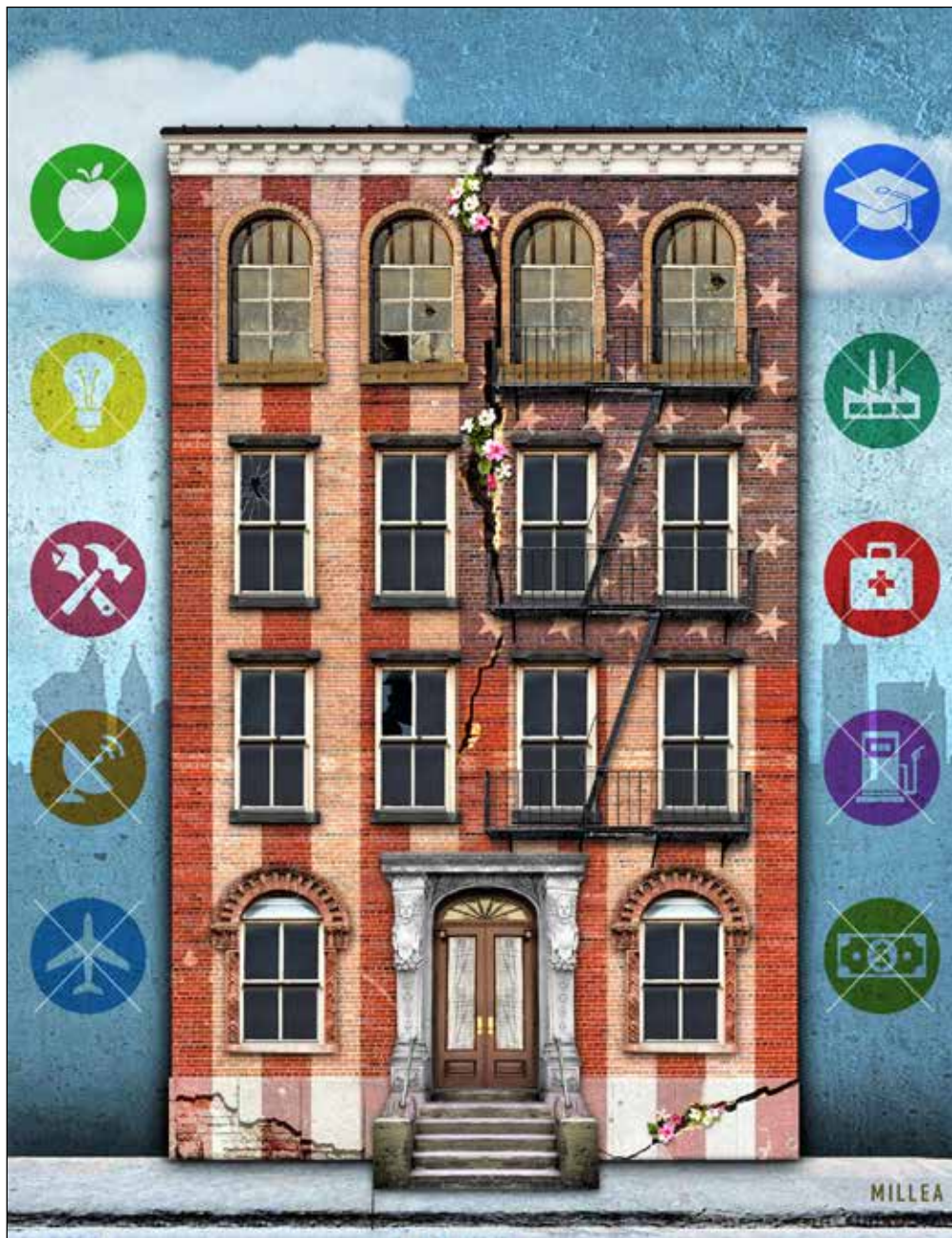
Actually, yes.

Our Oracle at Adelphi—The Dow Jones Average—regularly warned, early this year, of the cataclysm overtaking us in the form of a virus. The market hates uncertainty and the outlines of The Plague terrified it.

The reality amply justified the disquiet.

My wacky theory is that about three million people rule

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Heartbreak Hotel

BY ED FELIEN

Well, since my baby left me
Well, I found a new place to dwell
Well, it's down at the end of Lonely Street
At Heartbreak Hotel
—Elvis

There are lots of reasons for homelessness. More than half of all working adults in America are a paycheck away from borrowing money from savings or from someone else or face living on the street. We know that people who are homeless are the most vulnerable to the COVID-19 virus, and we know that taking care of them means we are taking care of everybody, because an infection unchecked in that community will spread to the rest of us.

Hennepin County is currently spending \$2.5 million a month to rent hotel rooms for homeless people—especially for those already infected with COVID-19. At their May 13 meeting, County Administrator David Hough told the board that the county could save money by buying the hotels instead of leasing. Hough also noted the coronavirus has greatly hurt the hotel industry, making some owners eager to sell: “This isn’t ending anytime soon.”

Board Chair Marion Greene said, “I like



Board Chair Marion Greene (left) and Commissioner Angela Conley

the idea that we’ll have an asset at the end of it ... that feels more long-lasting than paying for hotel rooms night-by-night.”

Commissioner Angela Conley, whose district includes the encampments along Hiawatha Avenue, said, “As we’re seeing in congregate care settings, one instance of a positive test could just run rampant throughout the encampment. The need for alternative spaces and to get people out of those places that are unfit for habitation is a

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All talk, no action

BY ELINA KOLSTAD

Many hoped that our city’s 2040 Plan would be a solution to our affordable housing crisis, the idea being that an increase in housing stock would drive down prices through the market pressures of supply and demand. In the wake of this global pandemic, any weakness in the housing

market will most immediately decrease the construction of new housing of all types. As builders face uncertainty over whether units are likely to be bought or rented, investors will pull money from projects and construction will cease. Market forces will halt new construction, holding prices as high as possible. The market protects prof-

its, not people.

In this moment, we are also seeing huge numbers of people losing their jobs with no way to pay rent or mortgages. At the national level, Rep. Ilhan Omar has introduced promising legislation to cancel rent and mortgage payments during the pandemic. The bill also includes two funds to compensate landlords and

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Our 11th Annual Celebrate Spring on Minnehaha Avenue
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Notes from the desk of peace activist Polly Mann (b. Nov. 19, 1919)

Imprisonment

I'm fascinated with jails. I certainly don't want to be in jail and I must say that my reaction when I was once jailed was far from fascination. At that time, it was wishing that the other inmates would stop talking so loud, depriving me of sleep. It was quite a few years ago, when Rudy Boschwitz was in the U.S. Senate, representing Minnesota. A group of several people (including me) were in his office, protesting the war in Vietnam. He, of course, wanted us to leave, which we refused to do. He called the police and the result was we were incarcerated for several days. What I most remember was how noisy it was—clear up to midnight and beyond.

Since then, I have read that the United States has more prisoners than all the other countries in the world combined. Does that mean there are more criminals here? I

don't think so. A recent article in The New York Times gives another aspect of the situation. The prison is the Louisiana State Penitentiary, where each prisoner is given three meals a day, and some personal items such as toothpaste and soap. Food, in addition to that provided by the prison, is available in the commissary as are email access and telephone services, all of which are charged to the prisoner.

The Bureau of Justice statistics estimates that the United States spends more than \$80 billion each year to keep roughly 2.3 million people behind bars. Many experts say that the figure is a gross underestimate because it does not cover expenses that the prisoner must pay. In many facilities, basic items are sold by private vendors, often with sizable markups. In many facilities, private vendors furnish needed items to prisoners (with a percentage add-on).

The Prison Policy Initiative, an organization working to reduce mass incarceration, estimates that families spend \$2.9 billion a year on commissary discounts and phone calls. Families are also often responsible for paying court fees, restitution and fines when a member goes to prison.

This is but a brief look at this system. National data on how much families pay into the corrective system is rarely gathered. Until there is more study and attention given to human services and prevention, it appears that not much will change in the prison system. There is growing interest in what is called UBI, Universal Basic Income, based on supplementing incomes that do not meet a specific sum. Sounds good! Suppose that could ever happen?

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Local Initiatives Support Corp (LISC) helps tenants purchase their building

BY PETER MCCLAUGHLIN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The cost of housing has ballooned in the Twin Cities, and this increase has disproportionately affected low-income renters. For every 10 families who are below 30 percent of the area median income in the Twin Cities, it is estimated that there are only three homes that are available or affordable to them. Since December 2019, LISC Twin Cities has made several key partnerships to help maintain the cost of Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH) in the Twin Cities in order for people to keep their homes and their community. Most recently, we helped Land Bank Twin Cities purchase five apartment complexes in the Corcoran neighborhood.

The movement to buy five apartment buildings in this neighborhood began in 2015

with InquilinxUnidxs Por Justicia (United Renters for Justice), a community group that has worked with tenants to ensure affordable housing. They rallied together to address the poor living conditions in the apartments. Five years later, LISC Twin Cities has partnered with the group Land Bank Twin Cities Inc. and the City of Minneapolis to provide a \$8.43 million loan to help Land Bank purchase the apartment complex, preserve the affordable housing for the tenants, and improve living conditions. Of this \$8.43 million loan, \$3.45 million was made possible through zero percent interest financing from the City of Minneapolis as part of the Small and Medium Multifamily Loan Program for the preservation of Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH) properties.




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A complaint, a dreamboat and a nightmare

BY ED FELIEN

On April 29, the Minneapolis City Council agreed to begin paying out more than a million dollars to stop the civil trial of Officer Lucas Peterson, charged with the wrongful death of Terrance Franklin. I couldn't resist writing to the Council:

"Your refusal to hold Lucas Peterson accountable for his actions in the murder of Terrance Franklin continues to legitimize the racist murders of young black men by our Minneapolis Police Department. Lucas Peterson's obvious lies were impossible to believe, and the city will pay out \$975,000 to Franklin's father and another \$250,000 to the law firm hired by the city to cover up this disgrace and you still refuse to hold him or the other officers involved in this tragedy accountable.

"Peterson was charged for the Wrongful Death of Terrance Franklin, but he probably wasn't the one who killed him. Franklin was probably killed by Durand's MP5. Franklin was pulled from under the stairway and thrown across the room. Durand probably opened fire, killing Franklin and wounding two fellow officers. Peterson then probably offered to take responsibility for killing Franklin, and they made up the story about Franklin seizing the gun and shooting the other officers. After Franklin was dead and lying on the floor of the basement, Peterson probably picked up his head and shot him seven times in the temple.

"The court documents refute the story dreamed up by Peterson and Durand. Their fantasy version is that Franklin somehow overpowered Durand and took his MP5 and shot the two police officers, and Peterson charged Franklin, pressed up against him to block the fire of the MP5 with his bulletproof vest and shot Franklin in the temple. There are at least a couple of things wrong with that picture. First, if Durand was wearing his MP5 in regulation in a sling across his chest, it would have been almost impossible for Franklin to have taken it from him and turned around and shot the two officers and confronted Peterson. Second, Peterson says he was face to face with Franklin and shot him in the

temple. Assuming Peterson is right-handed, and since the medical examiner says the bullets entered Franklin through his right temple, then Peterson would have had an impossible contortion to shoot Franklin in the right temple. Further, in the court documents <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/USCOURTS-mnd-o_14-cv-01467/pdf/USCOURTS-mnd-o_14-cv-01467-o.pdf> the plaintiffs pointed out there was no blood on the MP5, which would be impossible if Franklin were wedged between Peterson and Durand, and further, there is a critical 70-second gap between the first shots from the MP5 and the rounds from Peterson's handgun—too much time for Franklin to still remain a threat, but just enough time for Peterson to come up with a story to save Durand from having to admit he shot two fellow officers.

"The people of Minneapolis have a right to know what happened to Terrance Franklin.

"And they have the right to expect that officers who abuse their authority and lie in their reports will be disciplined and fired."

This, of course, got no response from the mayor or City Council.

I was feeling depressed and cynical about city government, and then, I tuned in Mayor Jacob Frey's State of the City speech.

He is so gorgeous, so bright, so optimistic. You get lost in his deep blue eyes as he talks about the heroism of our everyday workers and how the city will endure. The State of the City, he says, is Unbound. Then he proceeded to detail how the city is bound be-

cause it's losing \$100 to \$200 million in revenue because of COVID-19, and how there are too many homeless, and how they set aside \$3 million for rental subsidies and they need five times that amount. But he's so cute, and they're going to have a baby in September, and you get lost in those big blue eyes, and that earnest look, that look that says he's really trying, really, really trying.

And you get lost in those big blue eyes, and you forget about the world and the present nightmare: a pandemic and an incompetent and malignant narcissist in charge of the federal government.

And you remember Minnesota author Sinclair Lewis's great novel "It Can't Happen Here," about how fascism comes to America.

And you wonder if Donald Trump and Tom Cotton cooked up this whole COVID-19 thing.

There were Chinese reports that two U.S. military men were seen in the Fresh Market in Wuhan on the day of the outbreak. We know Donald Trump authorized \$700,000 for research into the coronavirus at the Wuhan Institute of Virology in China. But it is quite a leap to go from that to a covert operation releasing a toxic virus.

Yes, we know Tom Cotton talked Trump into decertifying the Iran Nuclear Pact. And Trump wanted Cotton to head the CIA when he moved Pompeo to State. But then, when they saw the backlash to Trump that had already begun when a Democrat replaced Sessions in Alabama, they probably decided to let Gina handle the front office and Tom and Donald would plan secret operations in the



Mayor Jacob Frey

back room. Mehdi Hasan, in The Intercept, calls Cotton a "Trump whisperer."

Trump is a great reader of polls. He knows he's tanking. Nothing he does seems to get him over 43% approval rating. But his hard core is very hard core. They want to Make America Great Again. They want America to go back to when you didn't have to apologize for being racist and sexist and everyone wasn't so "politically correct."

The FBI warned in 2006 that white nationalists were taking over police departments. City Heat is a nationwide motorcycle gang made up of cops. They fly Confederate flags and wear Nazi medals. They're very big in Minneapolis and Chicago, cities where white officers have a high incidence of killing young black men. Bob Kroll, the head of the Minneapolis Police Federation, rides with them.

Trump just spent \$25,963.10 for disposable cuffs, gas masks, ballistic helmets and riot gloves, along with law enforcement pro-

TECTIVE equipment for federal police assigned to protect Veterans Affairs facilities. For riots at the Veterans Hospital? Or, for federal police to support local police?

I have this recurring nightmare of Trump canceling the elections to protect us from the coronavirus, and, to enforce the order of protection, Bob Kroll leads City Heat in a ride across the Lake Street Bridge just like Caesar crossed the Rubicon, and, like Rome, we'll lose our republic to an emperor. It was the police who enabled Hitler and the Final Solution. It was the police who collaborated with the military and the CIA to overthrow the democratically-elected government of Bolivia last November.

Racist and fascist elements in the Minneapolis Police Department are a threat to all of us, especially right now. The mayor and City Council must find the courage and the intestinal fortitude to take control of the MPD before the MPD begins to take control of us.

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America—a little under the fabled 1%.

Who are they?

Doctors, lawyers, entertainers, professors, writers, college presidents, CEOs, developers, financial gurus (Wall Street), politicians and on.

They make—and have—the bucks. They've attended elite institutions (I have a bias for the Ivy League), and some have gone to prison to secure these desirable credentials for their kids.

The ruling 1% have—I believe, but don't know for sure—two principal activities that distinguish them.

And here I have to confess to uncontrollable hubris in presuming to know this, but the distinguishing features are they buy and sell stocks (and thereby, through the Dow Jones, share with us their view of the future), and they read The New York Times.

The virus crisis is another missed opportunity. The Minneapolis Police will not be reformed. Too bad.

We will no longer be individually distributing the Consumer Confidence Report (water quality report).

Contact 612-673-3000 to receive a copy or view online at www.minneapolismn.gov/publicworks/water/2020waterquality



Local businesses: open, closed, restricted ... ?

Restaurant/Café/Pub

A&J Chicken and Fish (Lake Street). Open to public with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by DoorDash & Postmates. No curbside pickup. Usual hours. Grab and go.

Bagu Sushi & Thai. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad. Call for curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

Bill’s Chinese Garden. Open to public with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by DoorDash, GrubHub & Seamless. Curbside pickup. Usual hours.

Birchwood Café. Closed to public. Online or phone orders delivered by Toast with curbside pickup. Thu - Sun from 4 p.m. Some grocery items, bakery and house-made bulk available.

Bull’s Horn. Open to public with restrictions. Online and phone orders. No delivery. Curbside or counter pickup. Family meals sometimes. Restricted hours.

Café Racer. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by business. Curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Family meals.

Carbone’s on Cedar. Open to public with restrictions. Call for information. Delivery by business. Curbside pickup. Usual hours. Grab and go or brought to your car.

Cardinal Tavern. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad & Uber Eats. Curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

Cedar Inn. Open to public with restrictions. Phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad. No curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Grab and go.

Chatterbox Midtown. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad. Call for curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

Dilla’s. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad. No curbside pickup. Usual hours.

Dragon Wok. Open to public with restrictions. Call for information. Delivery by business, Bite Squad & DoorDash. No curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Grab and go.

DQ (38th Street). Open to public. No online and phone orders. No delivery. Curbside pickup. Usual hours. Walk up order to-go.

DQ (Lake Street). Open to public. No online and phone orders. No delivery. Curbside pickup. Usual hours. Walk up order to-go.

DQ (Minnehaha Ave). Open to public. No online and phone orders. No delivery. Curbside pickup. Usual hours. Walk up order to-go.

El Burrito Mercado. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by DoorDash. Call for curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

Foxy Falafel. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by DoorDash. Curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

French Meadow. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery

by Bite Squad, DoorDash, GrubHub, Postmates. Curbside pickup. Usual hours. Meals for four available, wine and beer available for take-out.

Gandhi Mahal. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by DoorDash. Call for curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

Gorkha Palace. Closed to public. Online orders thru Chownow (on website) only. Curbside (parking lot) pickup only, no delivery. Restricted hours.

Guava’s Cuban Café. Open to public with restrictions. Call for information. Delivery by DoorDash. Call for curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

Hamburguesas El Gordo. Open to public with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad & Uber Eats. Call for curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

Heather’s. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad. Call for curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

Himalayan. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad. Call for curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

Hot Indian Foods at MGM. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad, Chow Now & DoorDash. Curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

Infused Life Plant-based Eatery at MGM. Closed to public. Phone orders only. No delivery. Curbside pickup. Restricted hours. New restaurant!

Jakeeno’s at MGM. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad, DoorDash & GrubHub. Curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

Jakeeno’s (Chicago Ave). Open to public with restrictions. Online or phone orders. Call for information. Delivery by business. No curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Grab and go pre-order online or phone.

Khyber Pass (St. Paul). Open to public with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by DoorDash, GrubHub & Seamless. Curbside pickup. Usual hours.

Manny’s Tortas at MGM. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad & GrubHub. Curbside Pickup. Restricted hours.

Merlins Rest. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad. Call for curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Online single malt tastings and trivia games!

Mi Casa Mexican Kitchen. Open to public with restrictions. Phone orders. Delivery by Uber Eats. Curbside delivery. Restricted hours. Brand new restaurant!!

Midori’s Floating World Café. Open to public with restrictions. Call for information. No curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Grab and go.

Modern Times. Open to public with restrictions. Pre-order by phone or email or order takeaway at the café if available. Entryway pickup. Restricted menu posted

daily (Facebook). Restricted hours.

Northbound Smokehouse Brew-pub. Open to public with restrictions. Walk up order to-go, phone for curbside, wait on patio. Also beer.

Parkway Pizza. Open to public with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by business. Curbside pickup. Usual hours. May request “no contact” on online orders.

Pineda Tacos. Closed to public. Phone orders. Delivery by DoorDash & Postmates. Call for curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

Pizza Luce Seward. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by business. Curbside pickup. Usual hours. Full menu!

Prieto Taqueria Bar. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by business, DoorDash, Uber Eats. Restricted hours. New restaurant!

Quang. Open to public with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad, DoorDash. Grab and go. Usual hours.

R.A. MacSammys. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by DoorDash. Curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

Reverie. Closed to public but NEW take-out ordering and pickup window! Online and phone orders. Restricted hours. Beer and wine available.

Smoke in the Pit. Open to public with restrictions. Phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad. No curbside pickup. Pre-order grab and go.

Soberfish. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad & DoorDash. Call for curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Pre-order grab and go.

Standish Café. Open to public with restrictions. Call for information. No delivery. Call for curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Pre-order, phone only, grab and go; family meals available.

The Bungalow Club. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. No delivery. Curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Full meals, changes daily, parking lot pickup.

The Howe. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad & Uber Eats. Call for curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

Town Hall Station. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. No delivery. Curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Also beer to go.

Bakery/Coffee/Deli

A Baker’s Wife. Open to public with restrictions. Online and phone orders. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Grab and go pre-ordered only.

A Cupcake Social. Open to public with restrictions. Phone orders. Delivery by DoorDash. No curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Grab and go.

Butter Bakery. Open to public with restrictions. No phone and online orders. No curbside pickup.

Restricted hours. Grab and go, or patio takeout.

C. McGee’s. Open to public with restrictions. Call for information. Delivery by DoorDash. No curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Grab and go.

Café Meow. Open to public with restrictions. Online and phone orders for curbside pickup or walk-in for takeout. Still fostering cats—visit cats by video.

Capitol Café. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by GrubHub. Curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Call for senior home meal delivery.

Five Watt Coffee. Open to public with restrictions. Call for information. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Grab and go + merch.

Geek Love Café (in Moon Palace). New outside order to-go window. Call for further information. Restricted hours. Open during Midtown Farmer’s Market.

Hot Hands Pie & Biscuits (St. Paul). Open to public with restrictions. Phone orders. Call for delivery. Curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Grab and go.

Isles Bun. Open to public with restrictions. Call for information. Delivery by business & DoorDash. No curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Grab and go.

Key West Bistro. Open to public with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad, DoorDash, GrubHub & Uber Eats. Curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

Laune Bread. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by business. No curbside pickup. Usual hours. Delivery only.

Mel-O-Glaze. Open to public with restrictions. Call for information about delivery or curbside pickup. Usual hours. Grab and go.

Peace Coffee (Minnehaha Ave). Closed to public. Online ordering available—bagged coffee and merch only. Delivery by USPS, etc. No curbside pickup. Also available at many stores.

Sovereign Grounds. Open to public with restrictions. No online and phone orders. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Grab and go.

Turtle Bread (34th Ave). Open to public with restrictions. No online and phone orders. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Grab and go.

Turtle Bread (Chicago Ave). Open to public with restrictions. No online and phone orders. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Grab and go.

Groceries

Aldi Hi-Lake. Open to public. No online and phone orders. Order thru Instacart. No curbside pickup. Usual hours.

Cub Foods (Minnehaha Mall). Open to public. No online and phone orders. Order thru Instacart. No curbside pickup. Usual hours.

Kowalski’s (Chicago Ave & 55th Street). Open to public. No online and phone orders. Order thru Shipt (subscription only). No curbside pickup. Usual hours.

Longfellow Market. Open to public. No online and phone orders. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Usual hours.

Oxendale’s Market (Minneapolis). Open to public with restrictions. No online and phone orders. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Usual hours. 7 to 8 am shopping for at-risk customers.

Seward Co-op / Friendship. Open to public with restrictions. No phone orders. No delivery. Check website for online ordering with curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Online + pickup now available to all.

Target (Minnehaha Mall). Open to public. No online and phone orders. Order thru Instacart or Shipt (subscription only.) No curbside pickup. Usual hours.

Trader Joe’s (Downtown Mpls). Open to public. No online and phone orders. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Usual hours.

Wedge & Linden Hills Co-op. Open to public. No online and phone orders. Order thru Instacart. New—curbside pickup available! Usual hours.

Specialty/Convenience

Coastal Seafoods. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Mercato. No curbside pickup. Usual hours.

Everett’s Foods. Temporarily closed due to a COVID-19 exposure. Will reopen in two weeks (first week of June).

Flag Foods. Open to public. No online and phone orders. No delivery or curbside pickup. Usual hours.

Grass Roots Gourmet at MGM. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. No delivery. Curbside pickup. Usual hours.

La Alborada. Open to public. No online and phone orders. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Usual hours.

Produce Exchange at MGM. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Mercato. Call for curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

Seward Makes—Thumbs Cookies. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by business and Amazon. Curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Also available at Oxendale’s.

Seward Makes—You Betcha Kim-Chi. Closed to public. Phone orders. Call for delivery. Curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Also available at many stores.

Seward Makes—other vendors. Open to public with restrictions. Phone orders. Call for delivery. Curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Occasional walk-up specials, multiple vendors.

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Worth Watching

BY ED FELIEN

If you read (and, you're reading this) you probably spend a lot of time on the internet these days. There's a lot of wonderful stuff out there.

Here are some things I found recently ...

But first, what is it you



Cadillac Kolstad

miss most about social isolation? Isn't it a hot, sweaty bar playing loud rock and roll and bodies dancing to a passionate beat? One of my favorite evocations of that ecstasy is Cadillac Kolstad playing boogie-woogie piano at Palmer's Bar with Cornbread Harris. Here's Cadillac Kolstad & the Flats with Cornbread Harris playing "Cornbread Stole My Gal From Me" from September 9, 2008:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RSAtTM_A110

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It will be a while before we can return to that kind of hot and funky rock and roll, but Stephen McClellan, who for 30 years was the man who booked the music at First Avenue, is doing his best to keep the fire alive. He'll be starting an internet online music showcase featuring performances and interviews with local musicians.

He says, "So, on May 22, there will be a pilot program on the internet called 'Yellin' At McClellan,' or more accurately, 'Stories & History' from the thousands of local musicians that have gone underground during this coronavirus. This first program will examine a group called Sargasso, or more specifically, the artists Bob Nordquist and Leo Whitebird, and discuss the impact and interaction that make their music one of the hidden treasures that lie beneath the mainstream and part of the vitality and diversity that is our Twin Cities

music scene."

We'll be keeping a close eye on Steve and his gang, and we'll post a link to his new show as soon as we get it.

Did you catch the Dorothy Day biography on Channel 2: "Revolution of the Heart: The Dorothy Day Story"?

<https://www.pbs.org/video/revolution-of-the-heart-the-dorothy-day-story-lwz697/>

When I read a Catholic Worker that someone had left at St. Helena's Church when I was still going there many years ago, I thought that was the way Jesus meant for us to live. Dorothy Day was a wild Greenwich Village radical in the 1920s, a girlfriend to Eugene O'Neill and a hard drinker. Then she had a religious conversion to Roman Catholicism and started the Catholic Worker, the Catholic Worker Homes as shelters for the homeless, and she began her lifelong protest against war.

She's on the way to being canonized as a saint. She reminds me more than anything of our McDonald sisters: four nuns who are actually sisters and anti-war activists and advocates for the poor. Nuns were criticized by the last Pope (Benedict) for being too socially involved. Sister Brigid McDonald told a

writer for MinnPost that the Pope didn't know what he was talking about: "You can't just forget the common good and the people who are suffering right now. The more you are with those in pain,



Sister Brigid McDonald

the more radical you become to overcome that pain. I don't think it is possible to go backwards. I really feel that Jesus would want us to go forward and to be out there where the people are in pain. I believe that about Jesus. I always say, Jesus never said worship me, he said follow me, so that is what I am trying to do."

When I was growing up in South Minneapolis, we would wait for new motion pictures

to play the downtown theaters, then they would play (at reduced rates) in the local movie theaters; first the Riverview, then the Nile on 38th Street and 23rd Avenue, and then the Leola on 50th and 34th Ave. The Riverview is all that remains of that golden era of movie palaces in South Minneapolis. During the pandemic they're running a virtual film festival.

One of their offerings is a documentary based on Thomas Piketty's international bestseller, "Capital in the Twenty-First Century." And, if you think a documentary about an economics text would be boring beyond belief, then you are in for a pleasant surprise. The film shows how capital, the accumulation of wealth, has stayed in the hands of the 1 percent for more than 300 years. There are repeated clips of Reagan saying, "Make America Great Again," encouraging nostalgia for post-World War II prosperity without acknowledging that the prosperity was based on a progressive tax rate that taxed incomes over \$200,000 at 91 percent.

Go to <http://www.riverviewtheater.com/show/show/2791>

It's worth watching.

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lenders for losses. <https://omar.house.gov/sites/omar.house.gov/files/Omar%20-%20Rent%20%26%20Mortgage%20Cancellation%20Act%20-One%20Pager%20and%20Legislative%20Framework.pdf>

Meanwhile, Mitch McConnell is already bringing up the deficit and reducing spending, AFTER giving away more than \$3 trillion with no oversight to corporations.

In Minnesota, Gov. Walz ceased all evictions and foreclosures, but payments will be due once the crisis is over, merely pushing the problem forward. Many local city council members in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Richfield have signed a letter to Gov. Walz asking for an executive order that would suspend rent payments for the duration of our peacetime emergency. <https://www.minnpost.com/state-government/2020/04/local-officials-call-for-cancelling-rent-payments-in-minnesota/>

The weakness with this proposal is that while it of-

fers enforceable protection for renters, it merely suggests that lenders suspend foreclosures and late payment penalties. If homeowners and landlords are unable to pay their mortgages, we will see a slew of foreclosures once the governor's peacetime emergency is lifted. This is not good for the overall economic health of our communities. Perhaps more importantly, it puts tenants in greater jeopardy. Let's be real. An individual landlord is more likely to work with a tenant who owes back rent and/or needs to renegotiate a lease than a bank owner will be.

The only way I could see this plan working is if the state were able to set up some sort of a mediation body that would negotiate payments between tenant, landlord and lender. The goal would be to achieve a lower payment or refinance the landlord's mortgage, with the requirement that the landlord then lower the monthly rent accordingly for either the duration of the lease or, ideally, sign a new twelve-month lease at the lower rate. The

upshot of this would be to lower rents going forward.

The problem is that legislation is already moving too slowly and people need help NOW. Another flaw with reducing mortgage payments to reduce rents is that many people have little to no income at the moment to pay any amount of rent.

The Democratic-controlled Minnesota House has passed a relief bill that includes \$100 million in housing assistance to help those who qualify pay their rent and mortgages. The bill also contains funds to help with utility and property tax payments for those who qualify. This bill still needs to go through the Republican-controlled Minnesota Senate, so these numbers are subject to change as negotiations go forward. <https://www.twincities.com/2020/05/07/house-passes-208m-bill-to-help-minnesotans-with-rent-small-business-loans-pca-pay/>

If the state is paying rents, the state has an interest in negotiating lower rents and mortgage payments in order

to stretch the limited funds we have, and lenders and landlords should be willing to negotiate lower payments when the alternative would be no payment/default. I suspect, however, that there would need to be some sort of further action required to get lenders on board. To that end I would suggest that rules around foreclosure be tightened, for example a moratorium on commencement of foreclosure procedures in the state of Minnesota for the duration, and not to be lifted until six months after the peacetime emergency ends.

Going back to Rep. Omar's bill, it is noteworthy that, "The bill also seeks to create an optional fund to fully finance the purchase of private rental properties by non-profits, public hous-

ing authorities, cooperatives, community land trusts and state or local governments in an effort to increase the availability of affordable housing." <https://thehill.com/homenews/house/493558-omar-introduces-legislation-to-cancel-rent-mortgage-payments-during-pandemic>

We entered this global pandemic with an affordable housing crisis. This problem will explode if we don't take the necessary concrete actions now. We also need to start thinking about housing differently. Housing is a human right and must be aggressively addressed. The need for quality, and truly affordable, housing was acute before. It will be overwhelming in the wake of this pandemic.

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Nurses look for solution to unsafe COVID working conditions

BY ELAINE KLAASSEN

Instead of spending their day-off on desperately needed rest and self-care, Twin Cities nurses staged an informational picket in front of United Hospital in



equipment (PPE); 2) They are treated with disdain and disrespect by corporate hospital management; and 3) In some hospitals, at least at United, not all patients admitted to the hospital are tested for COVID-19.



Nurses protest for safer working environments.

St. Paul, demanding “nurse protections” and protesting “United’s retaliation against workers for trying to protect themselves from the COVID-19 virus.” In the early evening of May 20, they were at the hospital with picket signs, after which they marched to the Capitol for a program. This was not a strike. All of the participating health care workers were off duty. Representatives of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) were there too.

At the Capitol, about 15 nurses spoke about the sense of danger and vulnerability they encounter in their work during the pandemic. The specific reasons they cited: 1) They lack necessary personal protective

Mary C. Turner, president of the Minnesota Nurses Association (MNA), introduced the speakers, and Jean Pearsall, president of the national nurses’ union, spoke.

There has already been a lot of news coverage about the lack of PPE for health care workers. Turner has spoken on practically every TV station. The public already knows, and there should have been public and political will to find a solution. But that hasn’t happened. Hence the event at United Hospital on Wednesday.

The purpose of the picket was also to show solidarity with Cliff Willmeng, an Emergency Department nurse at United, and Monica Norberg, a neuro

intensive care unit (ICU) nurse at United, for trying to protect themselves against the coronavirus. On May 8, Willmeng was fired for wearing hospital-issued scrubs meant only for certain staff because he felt it was too dangerous for the community and his family if he brought his scrubs home to launder.

United Hospital, part of the Allina health system, says supplies are limited and the hospital needs to hang on to the hospital-issued scrubs in case of a surge in COVID cases.

Norberg was terminated at United on May 19. She was fired for refusing to do her online education in the building. She said she didn’t want to be on the computer near the COVID unit due to increased-exposure concerns, so she went home and did it on her home computer.

On Tuesday, May 19, several nurses and the Minnesota Hospital Association testified before the Minnesota House Select Committee on Minnesota’s Pandemic Response and Rebuilding to state their concerns about the allocation of personal protective equipment (PPE), and about hospital discipline and retaliation against those who speak up.

On Wednesday, May 13, Gov. Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-54 “protecting workers from unsafe working conditions and retaliation during the COVID-19 peacetime emergency.”

I spoke with a cardiac ICU nurse, whose unit is now all COVID patients, the majority intubated and on ventilators. In her unit they have a shortage of everything, including N95 masks. The “solution” for the shortage is this: She (and the other health care workers in ICUs) is issued three N95 masks for her next 30 12-hour shifts. ICU nurses are expected to use the first mask for one entire 12-hour shift. The next day they use their second mask for the entire shift and the third day they use their third mask for the entire shift. Then they have

a day or two off to air out their masks and when they go back to work, they use the same three masks again in the same way, etc., until each one has been used for 10 shifts.

She told me, “the general principle of infection control used in hospitals throughout the country is to use one set of PPE (whether it be gown, mask, respirator, shoe covers, etc.) per patient encounter, when caring for patients with infectious diseases. That way, we discard everything at the door when we leave the room and know with certainty the disease is contained within the patient’s room.”

Now, with COVID, if nurses were given enough masks to follow that protocol, they would use maybe 10 - 15 per shift per worker. But they are each given one.

Nurses working with COVID patients outside of ICUs don’t get N95s at all. They have been mocked by their managers when they’ve brought their own. These are the nurses who are getting sick.

Hospitals say they have to hold back on the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) so that it won’t be gone by the time the pandemic reaches its peak. My question is: If they are planning to bring out the PPE when the peak hits, will it be used the way it’s supposed to be used or will it continue to be rationed as it is now?

The young nurse I spoke with posted the following on Facebook (updated for this article):

“I am writing this to inform my social circle that we hospital workers definitely do not have enough gear to keep us, and therefore, the public, safe from spreading germs. I don’t know what to do about it other than tell everyone, including political and hospital leadership. Go ahead and share it if you think it will help solve the problems described.

“When hospital workers work with patients who have infectious diseases, we’re supposed

to follow a process like this video displays.<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nSoop-PC1NZE&t=206s>

“As of this week, most of the hospitals in the Twin Cities (from what I’ve heard from friends), including my hospital (that is, I am being asked to do this), have started requiring us to reuse gowns.

“Reusing gowns is ineffective infection prevention. Clearly, if you watch this video and imagine having to take off and put back on the gown without getting the clean side contaminated with the dirty side, it is very easy to see where mistakes will and have been made.

“My hospital uses laundered gowns (water resistant cloth that is supposed to get discarded after single use), but we are not being told WHY we have to reuse—whether it is a laundry problem, or a cost problem, etc.

“We have also been reusing masks and PAPR [Powered Air-Purifying Respirator] hoods for about a month. We are now being told that we need to share PAPR hoods amongst workers. We do not even have enough PAPR machines for us all to use one at one time. [The hoods hook up to air-filter machines worn around the waist.]

“We definitely do not have enough staff to have ‘trained observers’ watching anyone put on and take off the gear. We have not been provided with the budget for any extra staff, even though all of our patients on my floor are COVID-19 patients requiring full barrier protection for workers. It’s a very time-consuming process to put on and take off all this gear and then carefully hang it on hooks to be reused. I think that reusing defeats the purpose of having these protections.

“Personally, I feel gross and fully contaminated every time I walk out of work.

“I come home and take a full shower. I don’t use my car for a few days after working, or I consider everything that’s touched my driver’s seat ‘contaminated.’

“I feel like we health care workers, every time we leave the hospital, could be spreading this virus to the public.

“I am in contact daily with union and non-union hospital workers throughout the metro, who generally all report the same shortages and reuse policies as I see in my daily work life.”

(Where are the supplies? There’s a dashboard where you can see how much PPE is in use, how much is in storage, and how much is on order. It’s part of the mn.gov COVID-19 website. I saw this dashboard a few days ago, but now it appears not to be working. I just wanted to point it out in case there is someone who would be determined to pursue it.)

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number one priority.”

At their May 20 meeting, the board authorized Hough to negotiate the purchase of “several hundred residential/hospitality units to support alternative living spaces for homeless adults and county-dependent individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.” The vote was 6 to 1. Even Jeff Johnson, two-time Republican candidate for governor, voted in favor of public ownership of a hotel. Only Jan Callison, representing Minnetonka, voted against it.

Johnson supported the measure with the hope that the purchase would be temporary—that the county would find some

shelter organization to take over ownership and operations in 2021 or 2022.

The four DFLers on the seven-person board were more open to the idea of public ownership of the hotel long-term to help provide affordable housing for Hennepin County. Angela Conley said, “I think that this would be a huge asset for us. Doing something now that can carry over into that post-Covid world really will change the landscape of how supportive housing could look.”

Mike Opat said, “If done correctly, it will add another tool to our toolbox in terms of helping folks on the lower end of the socioeconomic scale.”

Celebrate Spring on Minnehaha Ave

Minnehaha Avenue in COVID-19 times

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

To my way of thinking, the good news is that the Midtown Farmers Market Saturday market started right on time, in early May. If you haven't been yet, you should go. Geek Love Cafe had been closed, but at some point in late April or May, they rigged up a very nice to-go window on the north side of the

ery service as well as delivery to your car if you want less contact when picking up. All Square, the popular nonprofit grilled cheese place, has been closed since the start of the COVID emergency. They are still running their training and education programs, so please donate if you can.

In addition to these full-service restaurants and cafes, there is a taqueria in the con-

all to go.

If you're like me, you probably are open to trying new books, TV shows, music, games and activities to enrich your stay-at-home time. It can't be all eating, shopping and sleeping. Well, it can, but that's not very healthy. Did you know that Minnehaha Avenue has two highly rated geeky game shops? Well, technically one of them is on 47th Street, but it's less than two blocks from Minnehaha.

The first is Heroic Goods and Games at 3458 Minnehaha Avenue, which sells a mix of used and new games of all varieties—from cards and dice and jigsaw puzzles to the latest computer games. They have been plugging away with their website, which is currently not e-commerce ready (but soon!) and having occasional curbside pickup sales of selected items through May. They also offer home delivery for online or phone orders. They are NOT planning to reopen May 18, but are creating a new website and will go to a full online ordering system when it's ready. They also accept trade-in games and items at their curbside sales.

The other game shop I have not had a chance to visit—spoken highly of by gamer people I know—is Dreamer's Vault. They are part of a small local chain, with, in addition to the shop at 4701 Hiawatha, stores



Geek Love Cafe pizza

building, which means that as you're finishing up with your market shopping, you can stop by there and get a coffee and maybe a snack. I believe that's available Monday through Friday also, not just market day. In June, the Tuesday markets will begin. Moon Palace Books is taking online orders and shipping them. They have a great website for ordering and fast service.

Gandhi Mahal is serving their full menu, except for the buffet, of course. You can use Bite Squad or DoorDash for delivery, or call in an order for curbside pickup. Other restaurants with takeout and delivery along the strip from 26th Street to 42nd Street include two Ethiopian places: Katar River at 28th Street and Meseret at 39th Street, the Howe at 37th Street, Dumpling at 40th Street, and Parkway Pizza at 44th Street. Parkway Pizza also has its own deliv-

venience store Sosa Foods and Deli, at 3909 Minnehaha Ave.—Taqueria Mi Guanajuato. They are also available for delivery through GrubHub and DoorDash. For a sweet treat, only open in warm weather (they opened the first week of May this year) Minnehaha Scoop offers premium ice cream, dairy-free soy ice cream, or real Italian ice, plus popcorn,



Minnehaha Scoop

in St. Louis Park, South St. Paul, Burnsville, and Champlin, plus a fully online store called Lotus Vault. They had been offering curbside pickup on ship-to-store orders from

Lotus Vault or phone orders, and they did reopen on May 18 at all stores. (But, of course, you can still be safer and shop

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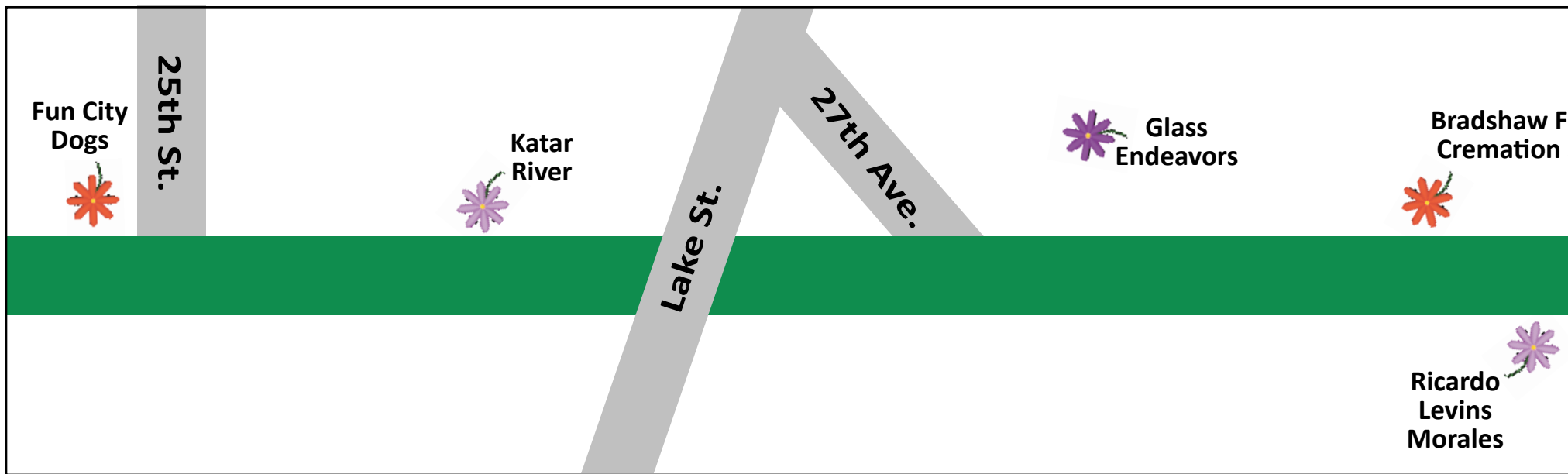
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online if you want to.) Check out either of these sources and learn some new games.

The Hook and Ladder Theater and Lounge at the corner of Lake and Minnehaha is operating a live concert streaming service called #HookStream to keep Minnesota artists and the Hook itself in business. They have some awesome shows coming up from the first week of June—The Jones Gang (a Grateful Dead experience), Frogleg (a World Music group from New Orleans), Sarah Morris, Grayson de-Wolfe, the Belfast Cowboys, the Shackletons, and Davina & the Vagabonds. Go to thehookmpls.com for more information and ticket sales.

Getting back to shopping, Minnehaha Avenue is not quite the antique mile that it used to be, as a number of the shops



Heroic Goods and Games home delivery service

have moved to other areas of town. Like the bookstores, game stores, and other small retailers, antique / junk / small furnishing stores have been closed to the public during the stay-at-home order, but were allowed to re-open with a safety plan from Monday, May 18. Turquoise Vintage is one that managed to sell things on a Facebook shop and via Instagram for the closure period, and is now open. Although it's not exactly an antique shop, the Habitat for Humanity Restore is a place to get used furniture, as well as cheap building supplies and working, gently used appliances. Habitat has closed the retail stores and is not planning to re-open in May, but they can still pick up donations as long as you arrange pickup on the website and place the item on the curb or in your driveway or garage.

Here's an interesting thing. Fractal Cactus at 3750 Minne-

haha Ave. sells cacti (duh), succulents and terrariums. They have several clever ways to sell during the COVID-19 pandemic. You can ask for a short video tour of the store, place your order, and pick it up curbside, you can be in the store by appointment with up to four people in all for almost-normal shopping, and then with the advent of good weather, they are periodically having tent sales in the lot behind their store, with masks preferred and social distancing. Check out their Facebook page for more information.

There are loads of grocery and food shopping opportunities along the whole length of Minnehaha. Starting in Seward, there is of course Coastal Seafoods, a real local treasure for cooks and aficionados of healthy food. You can also get online ordering and delivery from Coastal Seafoods through mercato.com. (I tried Mercato out for



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Fractal Cactus

shopping the Midtown Global Market's Produce Exchange, and they were good—fast, accurate and helpful. Remember to tip well.) Nearby is another interesting alternative—United Noodles. You can find a plethora of ingredients for numerous cuisines of Asia, and often at lower prices too.

There is the massive Cub at the Minnehaha Mall, and in the same vicinity, Target (which is also available for delivery via Instacart) or if you need to save money, a choice of two Aldis within a few blocks of Minnehaha either way. But you could try a newer, smaller, and possibly less crowded Cub down at the Iowa46 apartment complex at 46th Street between Hiawatha and Minnehaha. It's a nice, clean and spacious store, with a huge and impressive deli section.

When you get tired of games, music, shopping and all, I sug-



Coastal Seafoods

gest you might go to Minnehaha Falls and have a socially distant wander through the little slice of wilderness just off Minnehaha Avenue. Or another fun walk would be to walk across the

Ford Parkway bridge and back, pausing to contemplate the Mississippi River. It's free, and it may free your soul from all this pandemic-induced anxiety.

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The Bees Kneez. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Call for delivery. Curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Only honey and bee-related merch.

Farmers Markets

Midtown Farmers Market. Open to public with restrictions. Online ordering available. No delivery. Possible curbside pickup. Usual hours.

Mill City Indoor Saturday. Open to public with restrictions. Online and phone orders. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Pre-order grab and go.

Minneapolis Farmers Market Summer season. Open to public. No online and phone orders. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Self-enforce distancing (outside).

Pharmacy

CVS in Target (Minnehaha Mall). Open to public. Call for information. Order thru Shipt (subscription only). No curbside pickup. Usual hours.

Present Moment. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Call for delivery. Curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

Ritual Aromatherapy at MGM. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. No delivery. Curbside pickup. Usual hours. Call to order.

Seward Pharmacy (next to Briva Health). Call about ordering and delivery. No curbside pickup. Usual hours.

Walgreens (32nd Ave & Lake Street). Open to public. Phone orders. Delivery by business. No curbside pickup. Usual hours.

Walgreens (Chicago Ave at 43rd Street). Open to public. Phone orders. Delivery by business. No curbside pickup. Usual hours.

Retail

14 Hill. Closed to public. Call about

ordering and delivery. Curbside pickup. Usual hours.

Boneshaker Books. Closed to public. Phone orders. Delivery by business (bike*) or USPS. Call about curbside pickup. Restricted hours. *It's complicated! Changing collective management—bike delivery back soon.

Candy Jar. Closed to public. Call about ordering and delivery. No curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Some products available at Everett's.

Cork Dork Wines. Open to public with restrictions. Call about ordering, delivery and curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

Dead Media. Closed to public. Online or phone orders. Delivery by USPS. Call for curbside pickup. Restricted hours. DM Instagram or FB.

Doodle Bird. Closed to public. Call about ordering and delivery. Curbside pickup. Usual hours.

Dreamhaven Books. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by USPS. Call about curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Not buying books.

East Lake Craft Brewing at MGM. Open to public. Online and phone orders. Call about delivery. Curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

Electric Fetus. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery USPS. No curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Free shipping over \$35.

Elevated Beer Wine & Spirits. Open to public with restrictions. Call about ordering and delivery. Curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

Flotsam and Fork. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by USPS. Call for curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

Flying Dutchman Spirits. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. No delivery. Curbside pickup of Quarantini kits only. Restricted hours. Other products available in liquor stores.

Heroic Games. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by USPS. Curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

Ingebretsen's. Closed to public. Call about ordering, delivery and curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Curbside for food; USPS for nonfood.

Irreverent Bookworm. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by USPS. Call for curbside pickup. Restricted hours. BUYING BOOKS now – see website.

Lawless Distilling. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. No delivery. Curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

McDonald's Liquor and Wine. Open to public with restrictions. Call about ordering, delivery and curbside pickup. Usual hours.

Moon Palace Books. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by USPS. Call about curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Not buying books.

Once Upon A Crime. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by USPS. Curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Online book events—see website.

Petco. Open to public with restrictions. Phone orders. Order online thru Shipt (subscription only). No curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

RLM Art Studio. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by USPS. No curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

The Book House. Closed to public. Phone orders. Delivery by USPS. Call about curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Not buying books.

Uncle Hugo's & Uncle Edgar's. Closed to public. Phone or email orders. Delivery by USPS. No curbside pickup. Restricted hours. unclehugo@aol.com Not buying books.

Urban Forage Wine and Cider House. Open to public with restrictions. Call about ordering, delivery and curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

Wild Mind Artisan Ales. Open to public with restrictions. Call about ordering, delivery and curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

Service

Angry Catfish. Open by appointment. Call for information. Restricted hours. Cafe closed—bike shop open by appt.

Cedar Ave Repair. Open to public with restrictions. Usual hours. Call before visit.

Chicago-Lake Laundromat. Open to public with restrictions. Usual hours. Number of customers limited.

Clyde's Service Auto Repair. Open to public with restrictions. Usual hours. Call before visit.

Electra Tune. Open to public with restrictions. Usual hours. Call before visit.

Flannery Bros. Auto Repair. Open to public with restrictions. Usual hours. Call before visit.

Gellers Auto. Open to public with restrictions. Usual hours. Call before visit.

Giant Laundromat (Chicago & 37th). Open to public. Usual hours. Number of customers limited.

Nelson's Auto Repair. Open to public with restrictions. Usual hours. Call before visit.

PC Doodle. Open to public. Call before visit or for hours, curbside pickup.

Pedego. Open to public with restrictions. Phone orders. Delivery available. Call for curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Open for all services but call first.

Precision Tune. Open to public with restrictions. Usual hours. Call before visit.

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Sewing Masks for Hospitals Can you sew?

One critical need that has emerged recently is the need for more personal protective equipment (PPE), such as masks and gowns, in hospitals and other health care settings. In recent days, doctors

and nurses have warned that they are running out of equipment to stay safe as they diagnose and treat patients. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Allina Health, along with several community partners, have launched a statewide volunteer effort, calling for people to sew and donate masks for doctors, nurses, and other medical staff. The CDC compliant DIY mask pattern, material

list, and directions can be found here: <https://www.sewgoodgoods.org/face-mask-covid-19>.

Can't sew, but still want to help? If you don't sew but would like to support the effort, donations are welcome to Sew Good Goods through GiveMN at <https://www.givemn.org/organization/Sew-goodgoods>.

All money received will be used for supplies to support the community through this COVID-19 pandemic. If you are a Minnesota health system that would like to receive handmade masks or a local fabric store that would like to supply fabric to volunteers, contact Susan Schuster at susan.schuster@bluecrossmn.com to be added to the list. Health care systems accepting masks are asked to provide their own drop-off sites and make sure their facility has a process for accepting and sanitizing masks. Any surplus masks will be made available to other organizations in need.

enjoying a cup of coffee from the comfort of your home, join us virtually for an hour of hope. You will learn more about what Mental Health Connect is doing in the Twin Cities for people with Mental Health concerns, and leave with resources to help you, your friends and loved ones. Michael Maddaus, our special guest, will speak to us about resiliency. We will learn critical habits that lead to optimal physical, mental and emotional performance. Funds raised from this event will support the mission of Mental Health Connect, providing community-based resources, support and education to improve access to mental health services and to connect individuals and families with the services they need. Register today at <https://bit.ly/2v7uo54>. On June 2 at 7:30 a.m. you can view the livestream event here: <https://youtu.be/o-g7C-MqF4w0>. You must use a computer, tablet or smartphone to view the livestream.

to address climate change. Since 2013, Transition Longfellow has partnered with the Longfellow Community Council to increase vegetable gardening in our neighborhoods through our program called CHARD YOUR YARD. Our volunteers have built and installed about 160 raised bed vegetable gardens in the greater Longfellow neighborhoods. This year, despite coronavirus, our team plans to build, deliver, and fill dirt in 24 raised bed vegetable gardens by June 1. This event is completely volunteer-based and we need your help – especially this year! Due to coronavirus we must update our volunteering to promote social distancing. Volunteers will join a virtual team to complete needed garden build tasks on their own and report their progress. We will be building and installing the beds for the month of May. Please visit www.chardyouryard.com to sign up to learn more or volunteer. No garden experience is necessary!

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with restrictions. Usual hours. Call before visit.

The Hub Bike Co-op. Closed to public. Call for information about curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

Health Care

Allina Health E Lake St Clinic. By appointment. Usual hours. Emergency or critical only.

CUHCC & CUHCC Dental. By appointment. Usual hours. Emergency or critical only.

East Lake Animal Clinic. By appointment. Usual hours. Emergency or critical only.

Fairview Riverside. By appointment. Usual hours. Emergency or critical only.

HCMC Whittier Clinic. By appointment. Usual hours. Emergency or critical only.

Health Partners Riverside Clinic. By appointment. Usual hours. Emergency or critical only.

Minnehaha Animal Hospital. By appointment. Usual hours. Emergency or critical only.

Nokomis Pet Clinic. By appointment. Usual hours. Emergency or critical only.

People's Center. Open to public with restrictions. Wellness Hub and Dental Clinic (Minnehaha) closed. Online appointment requests available. Telehealth available. COVID-19 TESTING AVAILABLE—call to confirm eligibility.

Pet Doctor (Franklin Ave). By appointment. Usual hours. Emergency or critical only.

Spinal Frontier. By appointment. Phone orders. Restricted hours. Chiro care and wellness products.

Nonprofit

Aliveness Project. Open to public with restrictions. Restricted hours. Only for food distribution for people living with HIV/AIDS.

Animal Humane Society. Closed to public. Call for information. Restricted hours. Available for some vital services.

Boys and Girls Clubs of TC. Open to public with restrictions. Restricted hours. Only for food distribution.

Briva Health. By appointment. Usual hours. For navigating health care.

Calvary Lutheran Church. Open to public with restrictions. Restricted hours. Only for food giveaway. Call for more information.

Homeline (Bloomington). By appointment. Usual hours. Legal help for renters.

Incarnation Catholic Church. Open to public with restrictions. Restricted hours. Only for food giveaway. Call for more information. Only open for food distribution.

Isuroon Food Shelves. Open to public with restrictions. Call for more information. Halal food primarily for East African immigrants. Available at Isuroon, Umatal Mosque, Alhikma Assoc. & Nurul Imam

Loaves and Fishes. Open to public with restrictions. Usual hours. Call before first-time visit

Macedonia Baptist Church food giveaway. Open to public with restrictions. Restricted hours. Call for more information. Only open for food distribution.

People and Pets Together. Open to public with restrictions. No delivery or curbside pickup. Usual hours. Pet food shelf—one client at a time.

Pillsbury Neighborhood Services (Waite House). Open to public with restrictions. Restricted hours. Only for food distribution.

Pillsbury Neighborhood Services (Brian Coyle Center). Open to public with restrictions. Restricted hours. Only for food distribution.

Sabbathani Food Shelf. Open to public with restrictions. Usual hours. Only for food distribution.

Salvation Army. Open to public with restrictions. Restricted hours. Only for food distribution.

Simpson Food Pantry. Open to public. Restricted hours. Outdoor weather permitting.

Sisters Camelot at Walker Church. Open to public with restrictions. Call for information. Restricted hours. Tuesdays only. Email or call before visit.

Soup for You Café at Bethany Lutheran Church (Franklin). Closed to public. Distributing bag lunches at the side door Monday thru Friday, 11 a.m. until gone.

Walker Church grocery giveaway. Open to public with restrictions. Email office@walkerchurch.org or message Facebook page for information. Tuesdays only. Only open for food distribution.

Walk-in Counseling. Closed to public. Online and phone contact. Usual hours. Call for Zoom Counseling.

YWCA Child Care at Abbott Northwestern Hospital. Open to public with restrictions. Restricted hours. For essential workers only.

--Compiled by Debra Keefer Ramage

Thomas Paquette and Carolyn Brunelle Groveland Gallery Through May 30

Thomas Paquette's current exhibition "Near Horizons" and Carolyn Brunelle's show "Transformations" are available for viewing online at www.grovelandgallery.com.

Chard Your Yard Needs Volunteers
Transition Longfellow and Longfellow Community Council
Are you looking to get outside and volunteer in your community? Want to help your neighbors reduce their carbon footprint by growing their own food? We are looking for volunteers to build and fill garden boxes in the 55406 zip code. Transition Longfellow is a community-led group of neighbors focused on building sustainable communities in order

Walker at Home Walker Art Center

While our galleries are closed, we still want you to connect with art, artists, and the community you love. The Walker homepage at <https://walkerart.org> is your source for videos, articles, and activities to help you stay engaged. Check out the Walker's downloadable art activities for kids (or adults!) and learn about upcoming live online events. Plus, you can still visit the Sculpture Garden! Although the Walker building is temporarily closed, the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden offers a place to enjoy art in a beautiful landscape. The Garden is open regular hours, from 6 a.m. to midnight every day. For your safety, please use social distancing practices and maintain a minimum of 6 feet from others while visiting the Garden.



ONLINE EVENTS AND RESOURCES

A Holocaust Transfer of Memory Story Thursday, May 28 10 to 11 a.m.

St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral Zoom gathering and discussion Hear testimony from Ben Cohen, the grandson of a local Holocaust survivor, as he describes the ongoing trial of a former Stutthof concentration camp Nazi guard in Hamburg, Germany. Ben was the only family member of any survivor to attend. His 90 years-old grandmother became the star witness in this trial, which may be one of the last of its type. For more information please visit this website: www.transferofmemory.org. Sponsored by SAAGES: Spiritually Active Adults Growing Exploring & Serving. For registration info, email SAAGES@ourcathedral.org.

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Bahá'i Center of Minneapolis

3644 Chicago Ave., Mpls.
Please visit the Bahá'i community of Minneapolis website at <https://www.minneapolisbahai.org/>. Here you will find information about upcoming and past Holy Day celebrations, as well as news, announcements and information.

Calvary Lutheran Church

3901 Chicago Ave., Mpls.
Sunday worship at 10 a.m. via Facebook Live and Zoom. Online Group Meetings: Calvary members are actively leading discussion and study groups during this time.

Please visit our website at www.clchurch.org for more information.

Catholic Church of the Holy Name

3637 11th Ave. S., Mpls.
Please check our website for updates on Mass times. Visit <https://www.churchoftheholyname.org/> for Archdiocesan links to Mass online, on TV, and other Mass/prayer resources.

Catholic Church of St. Albert the Great

E. 29th St. & 32nd Ave. S., Mpls.
At the request of the Archdiocese, we have canceled all further "live" masses in the church. However, we ARE live-streaming the Sunday morning mass at 9:30 am on our St. Albert the Great Facebook page. Please join us there, and be safe and prayerful in this distressing time. <https://www.facebook.com/StAlbertTheGreatMpls/>

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church

3430 E. 51st St., Mpls.
www.faithlutheranmpls.org
Sunday Worship and Midweek Devotions online on YouTube and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/felcmpls/>

First Free Church

5150 Chicago Ave. S., Mpls.
We're not closed. We're online. Sunday services will be posted at 9 a.m. to our Facebook and YouTube pages. www.firstfreechurch.org

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, LCMS

1720 E. Minnehaha Pkwy., Mpls.
Sunday Worship recordings online at www.holycrossmpls.org. Scroll to mid-page on the homepage to see recordings and bulletins to follow along. Bible Study via Zoom at 10:30 a.m. (see calendar for info).

Hope Lutheran Church

5728 Cedar Ave. S., Mpls.
In a desire to do our part, Hope Lutheran Church has moved worship from a physical gathering in our Sanctuary on Cedar Avenue to an online gathering until further notice. To learn how to connect to our worship services, please click on the Worship Tab on our website. www.hopempls.org

Living Spirit United Methodist Church

4501 Bloomington Ave., Mpls.
Worship with us from home! In complying with Minnesota's stay-at-home order, all in-person activities, including worship and supper, are canceled until further notice. Please visit our website to learn more about how we're maintaining community in the meantime. www.livingspiritumc.org/online

Messiah Lutheran Church

2400 Park Ave., Mpls.
Due to COVID-19 and the recommendation of the ELCA and Governor Walz, Messiah has decided to suspend Sunday worship until further notice. Please visit us at <https://www.messiahlutheranmpls.org/> for online services, devotions and bulletins.

Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church

4101 37th Ave. S., Mpls.
Please visit our website for opportunities to connect each week at <https://minnehahacommunion.org/>
View Sunday worship services and download bulletins online, join us for a Zoom virtual coffee hour on Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m., or for Monday Kid Time on Zoom from 1 to 3 p.m.

Minnehaha United Methodist Church

3701 E. 50th St., Mpls.
Our building is closed, so we moved online. Join us! Visit our website at <http://www.minnehaha.org/> for links to online Sunday worship and Taizé services, bulletins and newsletters, and weekly songs and stories for kids. Subscribe to our YouTube channel, where services are close-captioned.

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church

5645 Chicago Ave. S., Mpls.
In consideration of the public health concerns related to COVID-19 and per the recommendation of the Minnesota Department of Health, worship services at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church have been canceled until further notice. In the meantime, please visit our outdoor lending library! Stay well. May God bless and keep you! <https://www.mtzionmpls.org/>

New Creation Baptist Church

1414 E. 48th St., Mpls.

Watch and interact with our livestream prerecorded services on Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/NewCreationBaptistChurch/> and visit our website at <https://newcreationbaptist-churchmn.org/>

Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church

5300 10th Ave. S., Mpls.
www.nokomisheights.org
All in-person worship and activities suspended. We may be separated, but we are still a church and a community, physically distant but faithfully together. Connect with our online community on Facebook and YouTube, and join us as we navigate these challenges together. A new worship goes up on YouTube every Sunday at 10am, and all are archived, so you can view the ones you missed. <https://www.facebook.com/NokomisHeights/>

Plymouth Congregational Church

1900 Nicollet Ave., Mpls.
All Plymouth meetings and in-church Sunday services canceled until further notice. Please visit our website at <https://www.plymouth.org/> or our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/PlymouthCongregationalChurch/> to view online worship services, bulletins and announcements.

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Community

4537 3rd Ave. S., Mpls.
For video masses, musical performances, church bulletins, and other news, please see our website <https://www.saintjoanofarc.org/> or Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StJoanMpls/>.

St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral

519 Oak Grove St., Mpls.
For the sake of the common good, Saint Mark's doors are closed until further notice—still there is so much you can practice from home. Visit our website at <https://ourcathedral.org/> for links to Daily Practices and past livestreams and video archives.

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616 Mississippi River Blvd. S. St. Paul
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Walker Community United Methodist Church

3104 16th Ave. S., Mpls.
Until further notice, Walker Church will be closed for all non-essential operations. Services will continue online via Zoom and Facebook Live at 11 a.m. to noon on Sundays. Visit our website at <http://www.walkerchurch.org/> or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/walkerumc/> for more information.

SHARING FOOD - UPDATED

Bethany Lutheran Church 2511 E. Franklin Ave., Mpls. 612-332-2397

Soup for You! UPDATE: We are still spreading the love! The Soup for You! Café will be closed to normal dining, but we plan to distribute bag lunches at the regular entrance to the Café, to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. <http://www.bethanyinseward.org/>

Calvary Lutheran Church 3901 Chicago Ave., Mpls. 612-827-2504, ext. 205

The Calvary Emergency Food Shelf is available for area residents each Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. We will hand out pre-packaged bags of food with a Walk-Up table on 39th St. and Drive-Thru model at the parking lot entrance. Please stay in your car, and we'll bring the food to you! Volunteers will be available outside to help you. There are eligibility requirements. On our website, www.clchurch.org, click on the "Food Shelf" link in the "Outreach" tab, or call the food shelf office at 612-827-2504, ext. 205.

Groveland Emergency Food Shelf 1900 Nicollet Ave., Mpls. Plymouth Congregational Church 612-871-0277

Monday – Friday
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Entrance on Groveland Ave. between Nicollet and LaSalle. <http://grovelandfoodshelf.org/>

Minnehaha United Methodist Church

3701 E. 50th St., Mpls.
612-721-6231
Yes, the food shelf is still open! In order to fight food insecurity in our neighborhood, as of April 9, 2020, the Minnehaha Food Shelf will still be open on Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. We have moved our operations outdoors, meter the flow of clients to help ensure social distancing, periodically clean our surfaces, and wear face masks. Should we have foul weather, we plan to move the distribution indoors, though still meter clients and encourage distancing. <https://www.facebook.com/MinnehahaFoodShelf/>

New Creation Baptist Church 1414 E. 48th St., Mpls. 612-825-6933

We're still here to serve you on the first through fourth Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or until we run out of bags. Be safe and God bless! <https://www.facebook.com/NCBCfoodshelf/>
Food Shelf
Saturdays (except 5th Saturdays)
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
(Brown door on the corner of 48th St. and 15th Ave.)

Walker Community United Methodist Church 3104 16th Ave. S., Mpls. office@walkerchurch.org

Tuesday Meals: Our regular Tuesday meals will be suspended until shelter-in-place orders end. We will still have groceries available for pickup on Tuesdays from 5 to 6 p.m. <http://www.walkerchurch.org/>

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‘Out of the Impossible: The Hope of The Lost Boy’

BY ELAINE KLAASSEN

What happens to a child who has been on his own in the world since the age of 5—in the midst of an African civil war? What does he learn? How does he see the world? How does he heal himself from indescribable horrors?

Paul Deng Kur, one of the 3,500 South Sudanese young men named the “Lost Boys” by the Western press, has written a book about the period of time when he should have been a child. In the course of processing the trauma of that lifetime—during Sudan’s second civil war, which began in 1987—Kur offers astonishing moral depth, immense honesty, acute insight. His affirmation of the value of each human life; his understanding of the irrational nature of prejudice; his nuanced awareness of the nature of political entities and how they operate; and his cautious but open approach to religion all come to one conclusion: People need to always help each other if they can. Needless to say, he is opposed to war and the millions of innocent lives it destroys.

It was very, very hard to read of the extreme suffering of the approximately 27,000 children who walked through deserts and jungles trying to escape to Ethiopia—only 4,000 survived.

Not everyone who has suffered gravely comes out where Kur has come out. His moral strength is an inspiration. His compassion for people who suffer is heartening.

Many Lost Boys from the Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya were resettled in the U.S. around the beginning of the 2000s and Paul Kur was one of them. He had learned to read and write basic English in refugee camp classes. When he was sent to

Pennsylvania, he was able to enroll as a junior in high school. His perseverance in pursuing education was nothing short of astounding. In 2014, he self-published his memories.

At the very beginning of the book he writes: “It is time to pour out my childhood of struggles onto the pavement and let them roll away in tiny streams, like tears down a cheek. The memories will continue to run through my veins for the rest of my life, but by sharing my story with you, I hope to wash myself of many issues so I can step out into the world once more—clean.”

I read the book twice. The first time, I didn’t notice that there was no clear timeline. So, it didn’t tell me at what age he was first given a gun to fight for the Sudan People’s Liberation Army (SPLA). (On the back of the book it says he was 8.) Through the many, many vivid stories, I rarely knew what age he was or where he was geographically when different things happened. In the second reading, I noticed the lack of chronology and location, but I felt it served to create a visceral feeling of the chaos in which he was immersed.

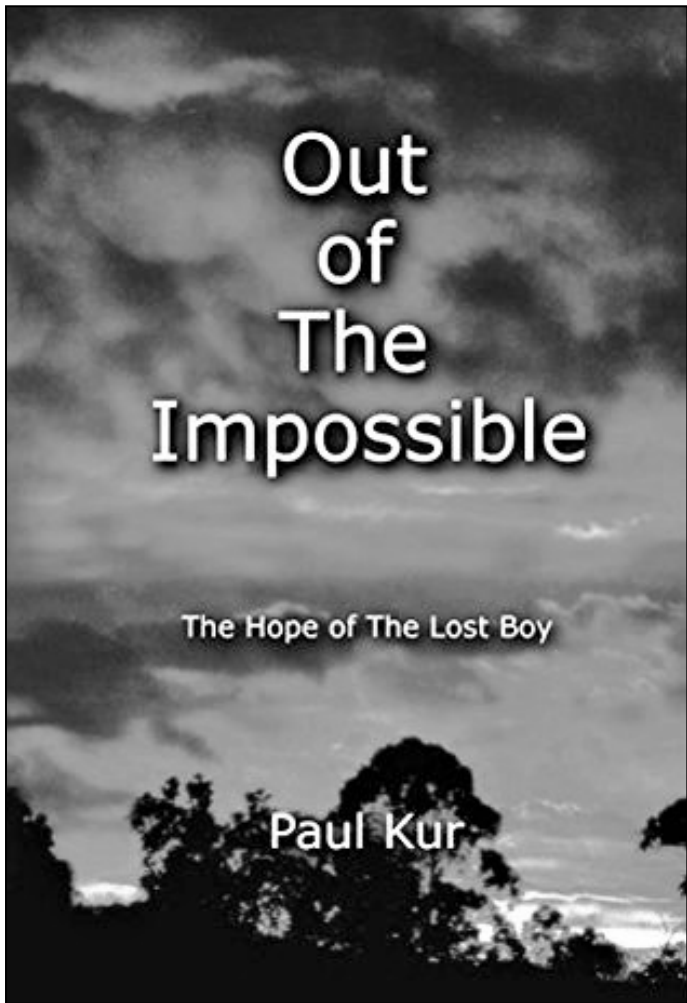
Theories of human development say that if proper nurturing occurs in the first three years of life, a person’s humanity will be intact. Because of who Paul Kur is now, it seems he had that good foundation. In the book, he talks about the SPLA trying to be surrogate parents, “but they were unable to prioritize their children as real parents always do.” He described real parents as the ones who give you “protection, emotional support, physical care and wisdom.” As a child, naturally, he had a conflicted relationship with the SPLA.

In the book, it seems that intense ties to his tribe, Din-

ka Bor, and a strong sense of tribal identity were at his core and provided him with the hope he needed to carry on. Although he traveled much of the time with cousins, the hope of finding the rest of his family was paramount.

I met Paul at a friend’s house in January. In talking with him I’ve learned more about his journey. He said one of the things that helped acquaint him with English before arriving in the U.S. was trying to tell English-speaking doctors in refugee camps what was wrong, since there were few interpreters. He said when he was finishing high school in Pennsylvania, he read books over and over and over, wrote endless conversations, and also wrote pages and pages of letters to his grandmother, who he knew had been killed, and to his mother and siblings who he assumed were not living. Then, in 2005, he learned they were still alive, but he still has not seen them.

Kur hoped for South Sudan to gain its independence from Sudan, and when that happened, he wanted to go home to help establish the new country. He prepared himself by earning a B.A. in sociology and political science followed by a master’s degree in social and comparative analysis in education, and another master’s degree in organization leadership. And, although he has found healing from PTSD in writing his book and also



in meeting with other Lost Boys, it still makes him wary of going back. After South Sudan gained its independence from Sudan, in 2011, fighting broke out again in 2013. Recently, an uncertain peace agreement has been signed. The violent, unstable situation there is forbidding.

For the time being, Kur is driving Uber and LYFT in Minneapolis (although that is temporarily on hold because of the coronavirus) while looking for a steady job and has written another

book. Although the equality for marginalized people that the SPLA idealistically fought for was somewhat accomplished, Kur’s second book raises awareness of the equality that has not been gained—that of women and girls in South Sudan. Hopefully, he will soon find a publisher.

“Out of the Impossible: The Hope of The Lost Boy” can be ordered from amazon.com.

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Polly Mann, from page 2

U.S. gun violence

I have been interested for some time in the relationship of the National Rifle Association (NRA) to gun deaths in the United States, which has the 28th highest rate of gun violence in the world. In the U.S. there are 443 deaths per 100,000 people, according to the University of Washington’s Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation, which tracks lives lost in every country, in every year, by every possible cause of death. I wanted to know how NRA members (both locally and nationally) voted on gun violence issues.

Let me repeat: THE UNITED STATES HAS THE 28th HIGHEST RATE OF DEATH

FROM GUN VIOLENCE IN THE WORLD. On a state-by-state calculation, the rates can be even higher. In the District of Columbia, the rate is 16.3% (the highest in the U.S.). There are a few countries where gun violence is a substantially larger problem than in the United States. In Central America and the Caribbean area, drug traffickers and gangs fight among themselves for territory and against the police. Citizens who are not involved are caught in the crossfire. The U.S. gun violence death rate is higher than in nearly all countries in sub-Saharan Africa, including many that are among the world’s poorest.

Following are some of the anti-gun organizations in this country: Everyone for Gun Safety; Coalition to Stop

Gun Violence; Moms Demand Action; Giffords Law Center, Gun Violence Archive; and Upworthy. Six months after a gunman shot 26 people, nine fatally, in Dayton, Ohio, lawmakers are still at odds over the next steps to take to ameliorate the problem. There are many astounding statistics—too many for this small article. It would be interesting to know, for example, how many people were arrested annually for gun violence offenses, at what age is gun usage most popular, etc. In the state of New York, out of 100,000 individuals, 10.3% are gun owners. In Alaska, 61.7 % are gun owners, and in Minnesota, 36.7% are gun owners.

None of this information, however, is going to reduce gun ownership [or gun use].



The 2020 Hiawatha Golf Course Master Plan

BY KATHRYN KELLY

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's (MPRB) latest Hiawatha Golf Course Master Plan is another example of pie-in-the-sky ideas with little ability to pay for them. And it lacks answers for many of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) requests. And, since the CAC has been disbanded by the MPRB, who will now hold the MPRB accountable?

The new golf course plan has fewer water hazards, but it is still challenging, especially for beginners. And noisy activities like the new driving range, pumping station and snow-making machinery will be right across the street from homes.

Reducing pumping has been the MPRB's reason for getting rid of the 18-hole golf course. In the new plan, the pumping will be moved into the neighborhoods, but no engineering details are given. A new concern is that the golf course will be elevated above the normal water levels of Lake Hiawatha, adding a massive amount of fill to this property (up to 6-8 feet). This does not fit the MPRB's description of a wetland restoration, and will drastically change the current flood plain. This could trap water in the neighborhoods, and the most important priority for the CAC was protecting the homes

from flooding.

The berm between the golf course and Lake Hiawatha was deemed to be unsafe because it could burst and drown golfers. Now the berm will serve as a walking/bike path around Lake Hiawatha, surrounded by water. Will the berm survive with water on both sides, and will it now actually become unsafe for pedestrians and bicyclists?

The MPRB proposes three new buildings on the knoll: a restaurant, a small pro shop and a canoe rental. One building for a golf course clubhouse and restaurant with adequate parking should be sufficient. The canoe rental should be on the east side of the lake, not in the middle of the golf course where canoeists can get hit by golf balls.

The reconstruction of the inlet of Minnehaha Creek seems to promote a backup of water, sand, debris and trash at the inlet, which is the opposite of what needs to be done. Water needs to move in and out of the lake quickly, considering the high volumes of water that go through Lake Hiawatha.

This plan would abandon the 43rd Street pipe that runs under the golf course to Lake Hiawatha, and dump storm water into an open channel at 43rd Street and 19th Avenue South. The MPRB states that this new channel will include "an opportunity to reduce flooding

in the watershed to the north." So, the City and MPRB will dump even more water into Lake Hiawatha? Plus, has the grading analysis been done to see if this channel will flow as intended? If it doesn't work, houses on 19th and 43rd will be the water repository.

Turning part of the 18-hole golf course into a tiny amount of floodplain storage is unlikely to accommodate increased storm water due to expected infrastructure development in Minneapolis and the suburbs, and climate change. This plan just continues 40 years of dumping water on the Hiawatha neighborhood.

The price tag of \$43 million appears to be very low considering the massive property alterations that are proposed. The Minneapolis golf courses will pay \$11.2 million for construction of the new golf course. The MPRB's misman-

agement of the golf courses over the past 10 years makes it unlikely that they will have this money, especially when Hiawatha's revenue disappears. And the projected \$550,000 in revenue is unlikely. Fort Snelling, a comparable facility, has at best made \$350,000 per year. Add in \$130,000 from the driving range's best year, and you might make \$480,000.

The \$6.35 million cost for the restaurant will be paid for by a restaurateur. With an estimated annual net revenue of \$251,000, it will take 25 years to pay off the capital costs. And what partner will pay \$4 million for winter sports activities when these activities lose money every year? Other funding includes Wetland Banking, which lets developers and other communities pay to dump their water into Lake Hiawatha. Please, no more water!

And where is the plan for honoring Hiawatha's African-American golf history? Save Hiawatha 18 says you best honor this history by retaining a championship level 18-hole golf course. A substandard 9-hole golf course says that the Black community is not important enough to deserve a full 18-hole golf course!

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Dick and Dorothy Pitheon

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Longtime South Minneapolis activists Dick and Dorothy Pitheon died this past month. Dick was 87 and Dorothy, 82. Dick was a lifelong Powderhorn resident, and Dorothy, a Faribault native, came to Powderhorn when she was 16 to attend Holy Angels. Dick was a graduate of Holy Name Elementary School, Bryant Junior High and Central High School.

In the 1960s, Dorothy successfully advocated for hot lunch and sex ed at Bancroft School while Dick became involved in the Model Cities program. Dick also worked on housing with the Powderhorn Community Council, NRP and PPNA's Housing and Land Use Committee. Dorothy was involved at Church of the Holy Name, with the adult enrichment group, CCW, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and the Fall Festival, as well as serving as an election judge for decades. Both were active in the DFL.

In recent years, the Pithe-

ons operated an informal food shelf out of their dining room a couple days a month. For many years, their house was open to family and friends who needed a temporary home during rough times.

The couple founded Dick's Metropolitan Carpets in 1978. After Dick retired, Dorothy managed the company until this past winter. The store was at 48th and Chicago and then at 56th and Chicago. The Pitheons were members of both local business associations, where Dorothy served as treasurer until 2020.

[Editor's Note: I first met Dick when he was running for City Council in the 9th Ward in 1973. He lost that race, but he never gave up his desire for public service. While he worked with the Chicago Avenue Business Alliance, he was able to get decorative street lighting for the businesses at 48th and Chicago by tirelessly lobbying City Hall and the Public Works Department. It was a grand accomplishment.]

A statement by #OurMPS

In spite of significant public opposition, and amid growing concerns surrounding the short and long-term impacts of COVID-19, six members of the nine-member Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) Board voted to approve an expensive, confusing, and controversial Comprehensive District Design

Plan (CDD) on Tuesday evening, May 12. Full implementation of the CDD is expected to cost MPS nearly one half of a billion dollars (\$500,000), including hundreds of millions in capital expenditures, despite the fact that MPS currently has a multi-million-dollar deficit and declining enrollment year

after year. To date, no financial audit has been conducted of the CDD, which is a major concern for many parents across the District.

Also lacking is a full EDIA (Equity and Diversity Impact Assessment) of the CDD. MPS Board policy requires an EDIA on policies that will have a significant impact on student learning and resource allocation, and yet the board deliberately voted to violate their own policy and proceed without an EDIA on the CDD.

"School board members acknowledged that they are in violation of some of their own financial and equity-related policies by voting on this plan,

supposedly in the name of equity. Thousands of students will experience significant disruption as a result of this plan and many may be forced to abruptly change schools next year. Immigrant students and students of color will also face disproportionate impacts as a result of this plan," said Nekima Levy Armstrong, civil rights attorney and North Minneapolis resident.

MPS leaders have labeled the CDD as an "equity" plan that would close the academic gaps between white students and students of color, although ironically there has been no assessment nor comprehensive academic plan presented.



Immigrant families and those who work with them have raised strong concerns that minority students will disproportionately face impacts by losing access to dual immersion programs, high quality magnet schools, and the shifting of schools from K-8 to K-5. Concerns have also been raised about the proposed increase in size of middle schools, which are expected to undermine the possibility of achieving equitable outcomes.

Public opinion would otherwise suggest strong opposition to the plan; over 3,000 parents and community members signed a petition on change.org demanding an equity assessment and a delay of the CDD.

An ongoing shelter-in-place order instituted by Minnesota Governor Tim Walz in March has prevented adequate public input into the CDD, with feedback limited to phone calls and emails. 84% of recent public calls and written comments to the Board were against the CDD, and a recent poll from television news station KARE11 showed 87% of respondents opposed the CDD.

In choosing to move forward with this concerning plan, the MPS Board has made it clear that the voices of parents and community members do not matter in this process. As a result of their decision, MPS stands to potentially lose thousands of students to surrounding school districts, private and charter schools in the near future.

The CDD will cause significant disruption within MPS, with no real indication that what it set out to achieve in closing academic gaps along racial and socio-economic lines is attainable.

--Amy Gustafson

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