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The slab

BY TONY BOUZA

On Nov. 28, 2020, The New York Times reported the discovery of a 12-foot steel monolith in the desert called Red Rock Country, Utah. It described it as evocative of Stanley Kubrick's 1968 film "2001: A Space Odyssey." In that film primates howl around an unexplained monolith. Amazing. Stupendous. And inspirational.

What did it mean?

I've always thought Kubrick to be America's foremost directorial genius and not only saw all his flicks (including the unknown "Fear and Desire") but thought long and hard about every one.

In "A Clockwork Orange" he warns us of the evils and dangers of conditioning and uses Beethoven (my hero) to illustrate the point. In "Paths of Glory" we see cynicism in the use of war. In "Spartacus" he uses a communist's book (Howard Fast), brings back Dalton Trumbo and depicts class struggle and the charms of slavery.

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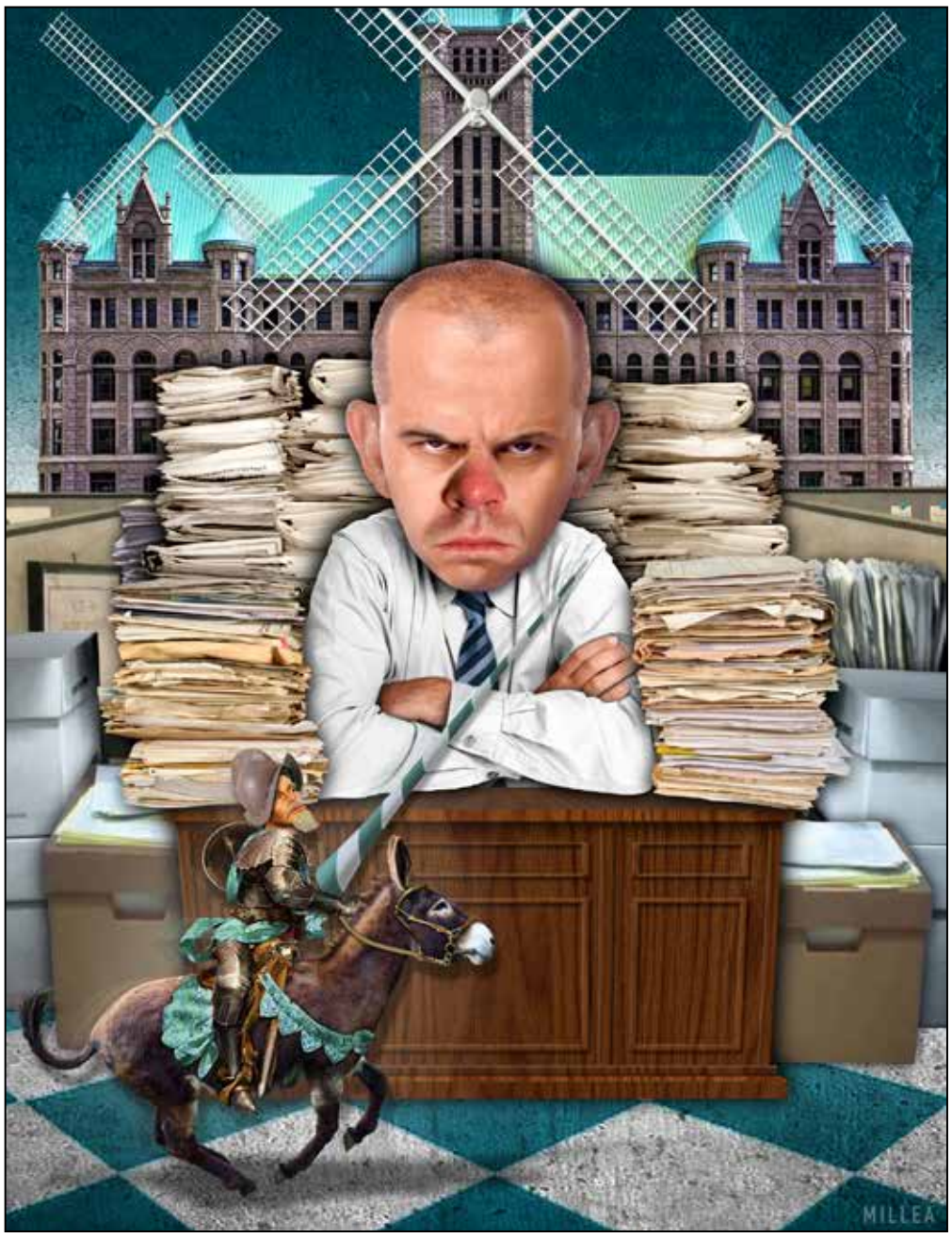

Bloat

BY ED FELIEN

In ancient China, the state apparatus was 3,000 years old when the student revolts on May 4, 1919, began the Nationalist revolution that eventually overthrew the emperor. The bureaucracy was so far removed from the people that they spoke a different language. They had contempt for the needs of the average Chinese. They prided themselves on being out of touch and removed. The government was run from behind a walled compound forbidden to ordinary people.

Is that what is happening to Minneapolis in 2020?

Is our government so removed from the public that it is impenetrable?

Mayor Jacob Frey has said, "Transparency and accountability are of the highest priority for Chief Arradondo and me."

Really?

I have asked for years to see a line-item budget for the Minneapolis Police Department so that we, the taxpayers of Minneapolis who pay for all those salaries and benefits, can see how our money is being spent. I have asked and

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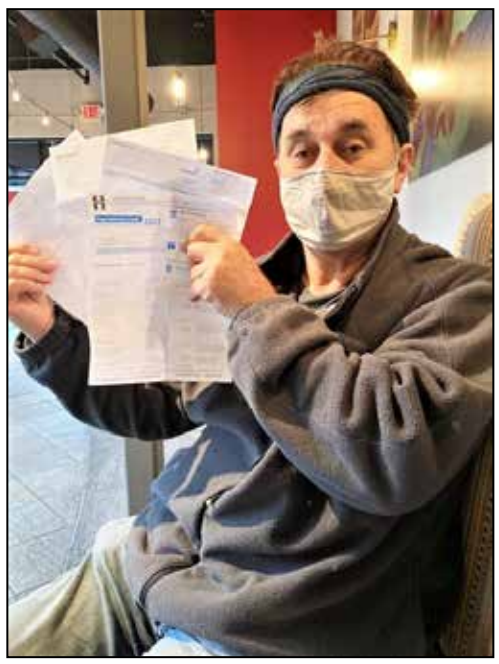
The battleground that is Lake Street

"We are in pain, don't choke us." —Ira Azhakh

BY KAY SCHROVEN

Despite ambitious efforts by the city and a Neighborhood Action Plan to reimagine Lake Street, Ira is not hopeful. After 40 years in the car business in the 4500 block of East Lake Street, he has closed. Before the year was half over, the pandemic and the destruction surrounding the riots in the wake of the killing of George Floyd by the MPD caused Ira to let his guys go and close shop. He has had a "For Lease" sign up for months with no takers. "People are shying away from Lake Street. Small businesses especially are not confident that it is a place to invest." Ira points out that this is not just about him, it's about the community of small businesses on or near Lake Street—the varied and needed small businesses that have called East Lake Street home for years, even decades: restaurants, hair and nail salons, coffee shops, laundromats, car sales & repair, small ethnic groceries.



Ira Azhakh

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Some inspirational folks who are aging gracefully; plus, explosion of senior workouts online

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

First, let us consider the staggering array of online workouts available these days, especially those geared toward seniors who might have mobility issues. Chair workouts and zero-impact aerobics (ZIP) dominate the list. There are stand-alone companies like GrowYoung Fitness (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lQn6LXA4_2c), along with the Ys, private health clubs big and small, yoga studios, and single personal training entrepreneurs. I should warn you that a lot of these apps advertise themselves as being free but are not. "Free to download" is the modern equivalent of "pure and natural." What it generally means is that you download it, use it for a few seconds, and then it says you can use it free for a week or two and then be automatically subscribed. Some of the monthly charges are quite high. So, beware. However, the YWCAs and Silver Sneakers videos are free even if you're not a member, as are all the things you can find on YouTube. I'm not sure how long that will last; it was due to COVID that all this took off.

Walter Mosley

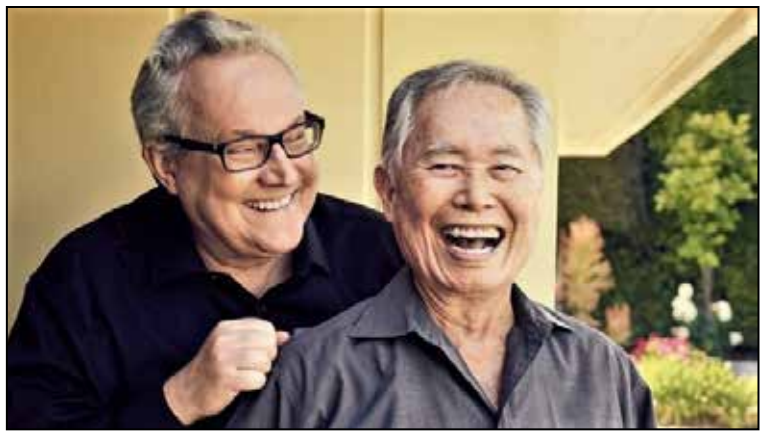
This exercise excursion made me think about Jane Fonda. She's not going to be one of my exemplars (sorry, Jane) but I do recommend her work in "Grace and Frankie" (Netflix), especially the parts where she and Lily Tomlin are trying to market a special senior vibrator design to their old networks. Comedy gold.

To be on my select list of inspirational folks, a person has to meet my strict criteria:

• Older than me (I will be 68 by the time you read this)

• Well known enough that this won't be the first you have heard of them

• Still alive at the time of writing

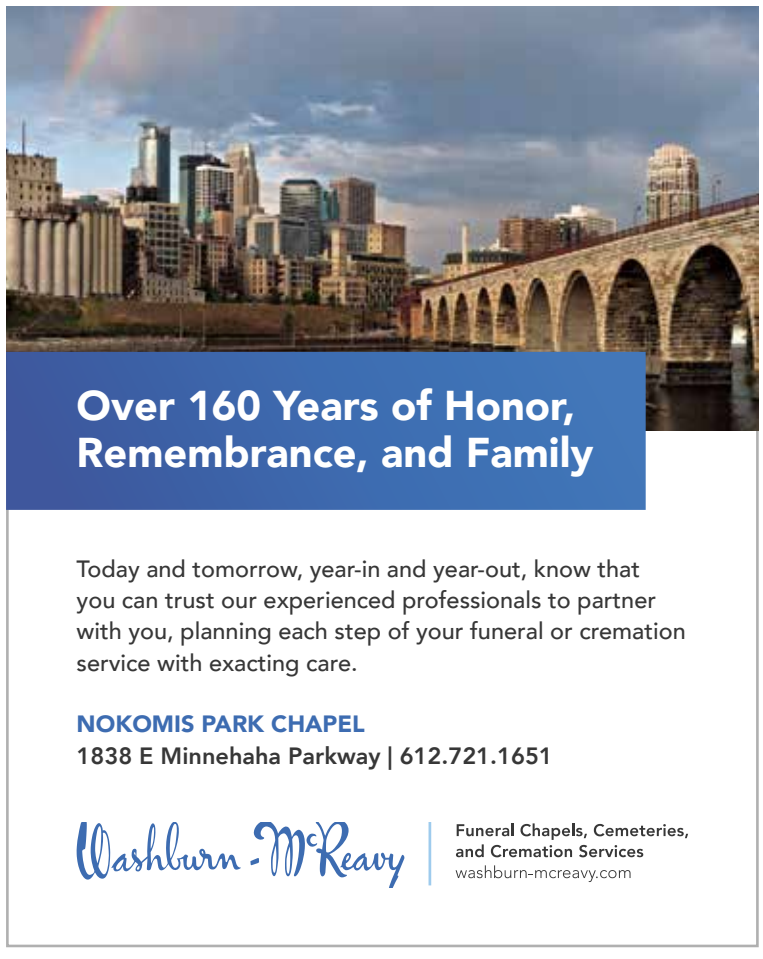


Brad and George Takei

• Have some ineffable quality that inspires me.

I discovered lots of cool life stories about my inspirations that I hadn't known before. Like that Yoko Ono went to elementary school with the future emperor of Japan. But anyway, let's jump into the list of inspiring cultural icons of elder status.

We'll start with none other than the honorable U.S. senator from Vermont, Bernard Sanders (born Sept. 8, 1941). Reasons to admire and emulate Bernie Sanders: He has stayed remarkably true to his best principles but does learn from his mistakes. He is not at all a utopian dreamer, as his opponents portray him, but is rather as acute a pragmatist as one can be and still have principles. Consider this quote from his Senate.gov biographer: "The Almanac of American Politics calls Sanders a 'practical and successful legislator.' Throughout his career he has focused on the shrinking American middle class and the growing income and wealth gaps in the United States. As chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Sanders in 2014 passed legislation reforming the VA health care system. Congressional Quarterly said he was able 'to bridge Washington's toxic partisan divide and cut one of the most significant deals in years.'" He is lovable (remember the bird incident? And the meme contrasting little kids' reactions to Bernie and to Trump?) and very quotable. He seems to have real compassion for the downtrodden working class that he works so tirelessly for, and he has a wonderful self-deprecating air about him



Gracefully

Bruce Springsteen

that bespeaks true humility.

My second inspirational icon is a total pivot—Stephanie Lynn Nicks (May 26, 1948), better known as Stevie Nicks. It's funny that I chose her from out of many female rock stars that I have listened to and been a fan of far more. But her record in the music world as a tireless creator and a pioneer for women in rock pretty much persuaded me. Nicks only got into what had previously been a British band, Fleetwood Mac, because her musical and romantic partner, Lindsey Buckingham, said they were a "package deal." But Nicks made Fleetwood Mac stars. Her distinctive voice is what's mainly associated with their sound, and she wrote most of their biggest hits. Perhaps this is why she is the only woman to be inducted twice into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the second time for her sometimes rocky but successful solo career. And this is also a big reason to admire her, especially with the fact that she'll keep creating until she drops, and that she is truly generous to all those protegees who look up to her.

My third inspirational icon is another rock and roll Hall of Famer. I listened to him a lot from the early 1980s right up to today, unlike Stevie Nicks, whom I am only now appreciating. He was highlighted recently by Rolling Stone, for his new album, and by The Atlantic, for aging gracefully, so then, of course, AARP had to pick him up. I am referring to the Boss, Bruce Springsteen (Sept. 23, 1949). He is another one, like Sanders, who developed a moral compass early and sticks to it religiously. That's one of his inspirational traits. Also, like Nicks, he is incredibly prolific, hard-working and selfless in his rock and roll life. He is still true to his bedrock working-class heritage and is one of the few megastars who would be genuinely embarrassed by all the glamour and bling that a lot of them thrive on.

My fourth guiding light in the world of aging well is the oldest of my picks. (She was born a month before my late mother.) She is also a lyricist and performer, mainly associated with rock and jazz, as well as an avant-garde artist, a philanthropist, a peace activist, and one of the most famous (and controversial) widows in the world. I am speaking, of course, of Yoko Ono (born Feb. 18, 1933.) Although she's not in the Rock Hall of Fame, she has plenty of awards. "Double Fantasy" (with John Lennon) alone won two top awards—the Juno International Album of the Year, and the Grammy Album of the Year. Her 2001 video about the making of "Imagine" also won a Grammy. She has also amassed six Lifetime-, Outstanding-, or Humanitarian-type awards from organizations like ASCAP and the Observer newspaper. Reasons to love Yoko Ono: She has experienced a ton of heartbreak all her life (just read her Wikipedia bio to see) and yet you wouldn't dream of pitying her and she wouldn't let you. Trouble makes her stronger, and strength makes her beautiful.

For my fifth inspiration, I am pivoting to the world of literature. Here, I want to shine a light on a writer who is well known, celebrated, the source of good movies, etc., but still, I think, somewhat underappreciated: Walter Mosley. Mosley was born in California on Jan. 12, 1952. His parents, an African-American man from Louisiana and a white Jewish woman, were not married at the time solely because they couldn't get the state of California to issue them a license. You probably know Mosley as a writer of detective story series, but he is also a writer of Afrofuturist science fiction, various non-genre novels, stand-alone mysteries, a bit of erotica, at least two plays, and left-wing political analysis with a sort of Wobbly anarchist bent. (One of his wildest characters is a detective self-named Archibald Lawless, Anarchist-at-large). Reasons to admire Walter Mosley are all found in his writing. I defy you to read him and not admire what he does.

My sixth inspirational figure is most well known as an actor, but is also something none of the others are (including another actor who will be the seventh and last in my list): a social media superstar. At the age of 83 no less! This is the Japanese-American actor and activist George Takei (born Hosato Takei on April 20, 1937). The second oldest figure in my gallery, he is in many ways the most modern. Possibly being from the future, i.e., the Star Trek universe (Takei played Mr. Sulu), accounts for that. He is loved and admired by many as a legend on Facebook and Twitter, where his most famous meme is "Oh! M-y-y-y-y!" But he has a serious side, also admirable. As a gay man, happily married, and as a former internee in American concentration camps for Japanese citizens, he is an outspoken activist. He wrote a well-received play on the former subject called "Allegiance."

My seventh and last inspirational figure (and being last does not mean least; quite the contrary) is truly an underappreciated genius in my view. This is the actor and activist Anna Deavere Smith (born Sept. 18, 1950.) Known for her roles as NSA Advisor Dr. Nancy McNally in "The West Wing," hospital administrator Gloria Akalitus in the series "Nurse Jackie," and U.S. District Court Clerk Tina Krissman on "For the People," she started her career as a stage actor and went on to act in TV and films, and to be an award-winning playwright, a professor of drama at three universities, and an all-round champion of the arts and humanities. (One of her early TV roles was a long stint in the soap opera "All My Children.") She has been much on the streaming airwaves recently, not only for the reunion show of "The West Wing," but also because two of her plays from the early 1990s—"Fires in the Mirror" about the Crown Heights riots, and "House Arrest" about the U.S. presidency—have enjoyed recent revivals as timely quarantine streaming events. Check out this YouTube interview where she discusses identity and disruption: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d-7DwiD_gfqI.

Stevie Nicks

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The first Southside Summit

BY KAY SCHROVEN

During the week of Nov. 9-13, the first Southside Summit, hosted by the Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association (PPNA) and sponsored by the Graves Foundation, took place (virtually). It was a meeting of the minds from a number of organizations involved in enhancing and improving our communities. As early as spring 2020 a council was formed and began planning and creating the Summit. The council included Carla Goodwin from the Graves Foundation, Julie Guidry from Upstream Arts and Jae Hyun Shim, a community leader with Reclaim the Block.

The goal of the Summit was to present a wide array of community issues for the purpose of highlighting organizations, groups and individuals committed to driving change, and to build a directory of resources over time to live on the Summit website (www.southsidesummit.org).

The Summit consisted of six sessions, each addressing a specific topic, including Housing, Development, Education, Environmental, Livability & Safety, and Self-Care & Wellness with a focus on equity and justice.

Representatives from the following organizations gave spirited presentations and each session was followed by a Q&A opportunity.

- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
- Pillsbury United Communities
- Climate Generation (a Will Steger Legacy)
- Reclaim the Block
- Midtown Global Market
- Cultural Wellness Center
- Inquilinxs Unidxs por Justicia (United Renters for Justice)
- Take Action MN
- Metro Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD)
- KWST Behavioral Development Group
- Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Minneapolis Public Schools

The panel members brought a great deal of experience, knowledge and wisdom to the table. Tabitha Montgomery, executive director of PPNA, and her staff, as well as PPNA board members, supported the sessions, hosting, moderating and providing technical assistance. A Spanish interpreter was available as were artists who captured the essence of each session as the sessions took place. The completed art will soon be available on the PPNA/Summit site.

Issues discussed over the six sessions were wide ranging, including renter and housing rights, cooperative employment and housing models, equity and loaning in housing development, education inequities and options, policing and alternatives to policing, health of individuals and communities, cultural context with respect to race, ethnicity and health, redistribution of resources, food justice, generational wealth, criminal justice, neighborhood safety and environmental concerns. Many resources, programs and initiatives were identified with respect to these aspects of community health and wealth (see websites/addresses below).

D.A. Bullock from Pillsbury United Communities participated as a panel member in the Livability & Safety session and treated us to his film "Reimagine Public Safety MN," which asks the question: "Can the Minneapolis Police be reformed?" Mr. Bullock is a filmmaker, artist and community policy advocate. He is also the recipient of a Bush Fellowship. Mr. Bullock uses film to supplant narratives of hopelessness with ones that promote and inspire collective understanding. His grassroots, documentary style focuses on issues and solutions with a more personal and honest portrayal of communities than is often seen in the mainstream media. His work can be found on Vimeo.

A survey is planned to be released to attendees to determine the value the Summit brought to them, whether they would attend a Summit again in the future, and whether or not they plan to engage with other groups they shared the panels with.

PPNA also plans to use the various notes and creative illustrations from the sessions to help reinforce what already seems to exist as a community-wide platform for key issues.

- Allincities.org
- acerinc.org
- theallianceetc.org
- homesguarantee.org
- ppna.org/renter-support-fund
- namimn.org
- pillsburyunited.org
- climategen.org
- reclaimtheblock.org
- midtownglobalmarket.org
- culturalwellnesscenter.org
- inquilinxsunidxs.org
- takeactionmn.org
- mccdmn.org
- kwstbdg.org
- speced.mpls.K12.mn.us

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The hangover after closing his business is painful and involves physical and financial damage. His current debt is $10,102.90, itemized below.

Ira shows up to our meeting with documents tucked into his pocket. Before he pulls them out, we chat a bit about the unique and trying summer that Minneapolis has experienced. Ira points out that he is not politically oriented and has a great deal of empathy for George Floyd's family and The Black Lives Matter movement as well as all marginalized groups including immigrants, a demographic he is part of. He is especially concerned about his fellow merchants suffering the same aftermath that he is. Ira simply wants to continue working and making a living as he has been for decades. We review his documents.

The Documents

- Document #1 is his property tax statement from the city announcing a 52.8% increase (2021 over 2020). Yes, 52.8%! $8,375.18.
- Document #2 is his utility bill from the city: $1,096.72 (the bill notes "a meter is reporting zero usage").
- Document #3 is his license renewal: $455.00.
- Document #4 is a fee for inspection: $176.00.

Total $10,102.90

Ira forwards a voicemail to me that he received from the city in response to his inquiry about his 2021 proposed property tax with its unusually high increase. A soft voice explains that his property has been compared to like properties and assessed accordingly. She further assures him that such large increases will not follow 2021, implying that this is a one-time, isolated charge. Discussing this call with Ira he asks, "To what and where is the comparison being made? Is it to like properties on East Lake Street? Minnetonka? West Hollywood? Rodeo Drive? What is the context?" So far, this question has not been answered.

With no business for many months, Ira cannot afford to pay up. He took some reasonable steps to assuage the situation. He had no-longer-needed utilities turned off. He improved his second building (next door) with the intention of working out of it. Miraculously this one had survived the riots. This did not turn out when his Ward 2 City Council member informed him that he could not go in this direction. Ira does not quite understand the reasons, but assumes it has to do with zoning, future zoning, future plans.

So, what are the future plans for East Lake Street? As early as 2000 there was an East Lake Street Corridor Study conducted referencing 36th Avenue to the Mississippi River. The Lake Street Task Force published its vision for Lake Street, which included public realm improvements, development of mixed businesses (retail at ground level with living and office space above), a lively pedestrian thoroughfare, attracting quality developers, improving safety and the appearance of the street, strengthening existing desirable businesses, etc. Included in the list of challenges are "numerous parking lots and auto-oriented businesses." Shall we assume that auto-oriented businesses are undesirable? Ira's response to this information is, "If the city wants us to go away, why not simply tell us and stop playing games?" But then there is a long history of playing games. After all, this is originally Dakota and Ojibwe land.

Lake Street has a long, prosperous, rich history dating back to 1856. It began as a narrow dirt road with a few homes and businesses such as Harvester Works, Freeman's Dept. Store, The Oddfellows Hall, Petersons Drug Store, Podany's Furniture and Hotel Woodland. It was shaped and influenced by Natives and immigrants, African Americans, Yankees from the East Coast and Europeans. They came for cheap land and natural resources. They cut timber to escape slavery, starvation, war and the class systems of their homelands. Lake Street was home to prominent bicycle trails (1880s) and smart carriages and horses. By 1905 the trains came and by 1908 it was paved. Did you know that Lake Street was once known as "Automobile Row"? The first car arrived in 1896, and by the late 1920s Lake Street had become a showcase for automobiles. With its miles of fluorescent lighting, it was often compared to Le Cours Vincennes Boulevard in Paris, Bond Street in London and famous streets of Rio de Janeiro and West Germany. I've been told that as recently as the 1960s it was a strip where you could show off your car and rendezvous with friends and strangers.

Like Ira, many Lake Street merchants and local residents do not want gentrification or displacement. They do not want "Uptown." They want to preserve the character, the multicultural and ethnic nature of the area full of choices and experiences not found in other parts of the city. In the aftermath of George Floyd's death and the ensuing riots, city officials designated Lake Street as "one of seven cultural districts to promote racial equality, preserve cultural identity and promote economic growth." Yet, some have been forced to leave as the system grinds through legislation, committees and task forces focused on what to do about Lake Street. Maya Santamaria moved her Spanish language radio station (La Raza Radio, which has been around for 20 years) to Richfield where her agent was able to find appropriate space. Ruhel Islam of Gandhi Mahal Restaurant was fortunate to find temporary space with a neighbor. This way he can continue with takeout food, now known as Curry in a Hurry. Those who are unable or unwilling to continue on Lake Street represent a loss to Minneapolis. Without immediate relief, more may be forced to leave. We hear and read about relief funds: Lake St. Council Recovery Fund, Urban Ventures, The Promise Act, etc. On Nov. 24, Gov. Walz and House Republicans released separate economic relief plans to help small businesses and workers, indicating that it will take 30 days for the legislature to move funds into the hands of businesses. Clearly there are good faith efforts being made as well as donations via not-for-profits, private entities and individuals. The question is: Will the funds make their way into the hands of those in need fast enough to preserve the businesses often built over many years and destroyed within a few hours? And will it be enough? We still see huge piles of rubble all along Lake Street six months after the historic nights of destruction. The cost of removal is often in the six-figure category, not to mention the cost to rebuild. Those with insurance get some relief, but rarely enough.

With rich, historic significance there is no doubt that Lake Street should be preserved. On this, most agree. Yet, questions remain regarding who will stay, who will go and what will be valued? Will we still be able to find the delicioso ice cream at La Michoacana Purepecha? Will there ever be another Roberts Shoes? Can the hardware store where they know my first name remain? Can I walk on foot to buy groceries? Or will we have multiple Starbucks and formulaic shops such as Sephora and Urban Outfitters?

While funds get sorted out and distributed, maybe the city would be wise to at least reduce expenses for small businesses impacted by the unprecedented 2020 trouble, especially those who are currently diminished or inoperable.

Does the Park Board really care what we think?

BY KATHRYN KELLY

Results of the latest Minneapolis Park Board survey on the Hiawatha Golf Course Master Plan have, again, shown that a HUGE majority of respondents do not support a plan that has, so far, cost over $870,000.

The responses have been compiled and quantified in a best effort considering the vast variety of comments from over 400 responses. The numbers indicate how many responses were received on that particular comment. The top 15 responses were:

196 People want to retain the 18-hole golf course

41 Reject Master Plan / bad plan / waste of money / cost too high / put plan on hold

38 Honor Black golfers by retaining the 18-hole golf course

33 9-hole golf course is unsustainable / money loser / beginners only / insufficient for demand

29 Plans for water mitigation/protection of homes are questionable / ill-defined / won't work / need more study

29 Amenities already exist in the Hiawatha/Nokomis parks or can be done nearby

26 Want golf course there for my kids / kids in general

23 A diverse golf course (users are all races, ages, genders...)

22 18-hole golf course is a neighborhood institution

22 Redesign / upgrade current 18-hole golf course / facilities

20 Support the plan

20 Put money toward more needed areas / areas in disrepair / existing infrastructure

17 Only golf course in the city proper / inner city

16 Save the parks at 43rd & 19th and 44th & Longfellow

15 Will be less property for other activities—only golf and water in summer

15 Fix trash problem first (separately)

This survey, again, shows clearly that a HUGE majority of the respondents who stated a preference want the Park Board to retain the 18-hole golf course (196 responses), growing from 157 in the April 2020 survey. Plus, the view that the plan disrespects the Black community and its history at Hiawatha Golf Course is very clear in the survey results. These results also show that there is opposition from the neighborhood with respect to changes across the street from homes. This opposition comes from worries about protecting the homes from flooding, increased traffic, usurping the parks to accommodate the new golf course due to major portions of the property being converted to a lake, and the addition of storm sewers, pumps and snow-making equipment across the street from homes.

There was, again, considerable concern expressed about the proposed financing of the project, especially in this timeframe of COVID and economic distress. Many people feel this project should be postponed, or that it is a waste of money, and the proposed $42-62 million that would be spent could be put to better uses.

It is finally time for the Park Board to bow to the majority of the survey respondents and quit wasting money on this plan. Instead, maintain the 18-hole golf course while incorporating some of the desired amenities and fixes into the current property.

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my answer has been the stone walls of silence and indifference—like the stone walls surrounding the Forbidden City in Beijing.

To give you a better idea of the mask of secrecy the city pulls over its questionable acts, I wrote the following to David M Rubedor, assistant city coordinator and Neighborhood Community Relations (NCR) director, who heads a burgeoning bureaucracy of 19:

"Hi David,

"I would appreciate your assistance in solving the mystery of some budget items in the 2020 Budget for the Nokomis East Neighborhood Association.

"I've written to Becky Timm, the executive director: 'Please send how you spent the $211,733' allocated for staff. There are, according the NENA website, just two staff members, Becky and Karla Arredondo. After a week of meeting Becky's stonewall, I wrote to your neighborhood support specialist, Ethrophic Burnett:

'Hi Ethrophic,

'We are doing an article for Southside Pride on the upcoming cuts to the budgets of neighborhood organizations. I am puzzled by the budget for NENA that spends $211,000 on staff out of a total budget of $353,000. Could I see a breakdown of that budget item. As I understand it, NENA has two staff: an executive director and a community organizer.

'I would appreciate any help you could give in understanding this problem.

'thanks,'

"She told me her supervisor, Karen Moe, would contact me. I waited a couple of days and then wrote to Karen:

'Hi Karen,

'I have been trying for almost a week to get information about the budget for the Nokomis East Neighborhood Association. I would like an explanation of the staff budget item of $211,733 for 2020. The staff, according to their website, includes Becky Timm, executive director, and Karla Arredondo, community organizer. Is that the budget allocation for those two positions? Is that their combined salaries?

'We understand that the mayor is proposing reducing the budgets of neighborhood organizations, and, in order to appreciate the effects of these cuts, it is essential for our readers to fully understand how their tax money has been spent up to now.

'We would appreciate your assistance in helping us understand this problem by showing us a line-item budget for this organization.'

"That was last week. I have received no answer. So, finally, I have arrived at your doorstep. My question is a simple one: How did NENA spend the $211,773 allocated for staff salaries?

"Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

"Ed Felien"

I received this response from David Rubedor:

"Ed,

"I received your request as well as know you have emailed others at the City.

"As you are probably aware, media requests are coordinated through our Communications department. I've been in contact with them this morning and you should be hearing from them shortly.

"Let me know if you need further assistance.

"Thank you.

"David M Rubedor"

Predictably, the Communications Department, the final layer of inscrutability, hasn't gotten back to me.

But the bureaucracy of the NCR pales in comparison to the bloated bureaucracy of the Planning Department. Compared to 19 people in NCR, the Community Planning and Economic Development Organizational Chart (updated Nov. 9, 2020) lists 242 staff people, plus 14 vacancies. And what does the Planning Department plan? For one thing, they have planned the extinction of small auto repair shops like Ira Azhakh's place on Lake Street (see Kay Schroven's piece "The battleground that is Lake Street" from page 1).

Oscar Wilde once said, "America is the only country that went from barbarism to decadence without civilization in between."

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And on and on.

Back to the monolith in "2001."

Clearly produced by humans, but who? A vanished civilization. Where did they go? Kubrick tells us.

To emphasize his point, he shows us another monolith on another planet.

In "2001" he has a brilliant astronaut easily defeated in a chess game with the computer "Hal."

The machine is clearly frustrated by the lack of control over feckless humans who are clearly his inferiors.

So, what does Hal do?

He kills the crew to assert control.

Man, in his insatiable quest for progress, creates a machine smarter than himself. The machine, though, cannot reproduce. It can only seek, gain control but vanish into extinction in the fullness of time. One time reference speaks of "millions of years."

The lone survivor hurtles through space faster than the speed of light. As Einstein reminds us, this reverses time, and the astronaut, at the end, is a baby.

Now you know why I think Kubrick is a surpassing genius (assuming I am right). Of course, I ought to entertain the possibility that the police union is right—that I am a moron.

A humbling thought—and very possibly, true.

And "Lolita" doesn't contain even one sexy scene. Now that is an achievement.

Still, imagine the event—a brilliant artist conceives a Kubrickian echo, has it secretly and laboriously embedded in Utah's desert, swears his many helpers to silence and patiently awaits its discovery.

I am floored!

— On Friday night, Nov. 27, four men and a wheelbarrow removed the mysterious monolith.

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How to reform the MPD

Dear Tony Bouza,

I enjoy your columns and respect your expertise and vision as both a police chief and a commentator.

I have several suggestions to make for reform of the Minneapolis Police Department.

First, I would like to see the City of Minneapolis require police officers to live in the city. They are city employees. Local residents pay taxes to pay police wages. Instead, over 90 percent of Minneapolis police live outside the city and pay property taxes to those jurisdictions, which do not require any services from them. When they live here, like other residents, they become part of their neighborhoods, attend our churches and mosques, send their kids to our schools, and know the people they are living among, the good and the bad. Their 24/7 presence would be a deterrent to crime that a 10-hour shift four times a week is not. The police union has succeeded in getting the state legislature to legislate permission for police to live outside the city. I would like to see that law changed, even if it requires some sort of salary incentive or stipend to police to get it done.

Next, I support measures that would require more transparency in arrests, the use of weapons, public disclosure of misconduct and sanctions and dismissal for unlawful and/or improper police behavior. At one time, we had a citizen police review board. It didn't work. I think what is needed is more on the professional administrative level. Body cams are a great step forward in meeting this concern.

Best wishes,

Dan Cohen, former president of the Minneapolis City Council and the Minneapolis Planning Commission; current member, Minneapolis Charter Commission

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Lee Ross, Presente!

BY SARAH MARTIN

Lee Ross, a lifelong activist and longtime Women Against Military Madness (WAMM), member died at the age of 94 on Monday, Nov. 16.

Lee was the youngest of three children born to parents from Tsarist Russia. Her parents moved first to Paris and the French Riviera before relocating to the United States during the World War I era. She was born, raised, and spent her young adult years on the Lower East Side of New York City, which was also home to many progressive activists and organizations. Elizabeth Hurley Flynn, a labor activist and a feminist who played a leading role in the Industrial Workers of the World and the Communist Party USA, lived on the same street.

Lee attended Seward Park High School, the same school that Ethel Rosenberg had attended a decade earlier. (Ethel Rosenberg was executed for treason with her husband, Julius. She is believed to have been innocent and her children are attempting to have her posthumously exonerated.) Seward Park High had the largest number of union teachers in the city at a time when union membership was illegal. Seward teachers also demanded that the school open enrollment to students from Harlem, thus integrating the school.

Her first visit to Washington, D.C., was to picket at the White House in support of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. The group was given a sheet with the names of restaurants in Washington that would serve Black people. They were asked to eat only at those restaurants. She was outraged that there was segregation in the nation's capital.

Lee worked as a registered nurse at Belleville Hospital in New York and also worked as a public health nurse. She and her husband, Sam, lived in the New York area until they moved to Minnesota in the early 1980s where their daughter Nina was living. They continued their activism and contributed immeasurably to the movements in Minneapolis. For many years, Lee was a contributing member of WAMM committees on the newsletter and on the Middle East. She was deeply committed to justice and liberation for Palestine. "She was passionate about providing her perspective as a Jewish person who had long become aware of the inhumanity and injustice done to Palestinians, contrary to what she believed were true Jewish values."

Lee was a storyteller extraordinaire. By relating her experiences, she passed on the history of the resistance of the times she lived in, particularly in the 1940s and during the horribly repressive McCarthy era. Lee told interviewer Linda Hoover: "We know this kind of system is going to happen again and again because those in power have an interest in retaining power. It means that people have to be ready to struggle, to be alert."

We will deeply miss her warmth, generosity, intellect and love. Lee Ross, Presente!

(This piece is based partially on an interview of Lee with Linda Hoover for the Women Against Military Madness Newsletter, vol. 35, no. 1, 2017.)

Holidays are holy

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

"You don't know what you've got till it's gone," Joni Mitchell famously sang. I have been thinking about the many local delights that are gone, or may be soon.

In 2016 I was still working for Heart of the Beast Theatre. We put on "La Natividad" that December. Two years later, after I retired and left, there was a one-off Winter Solstice show called "The Longest Night." There was no show at all in December of 2019. This year, after a year without even the MayDay Parade, HOBT is on furlough for an indeterminate length of time. I hope I'm wrong, but it seems to be shrinking away.

Of course, this story is repeated many times, across the Twin Cities, across the Midwest, across the country and around the world. As we are being battered by climate chaos, poverty for many more induced by a yawning and growing chasm of wealth disparity, the almost inevitable growth of reckless extremists, including resurgent fascism, and then this year, the one-two punch of COVID-19 and its associated structural economic depression—cultural riches that were based on voluntarism and crowds (healthy people) and property values and philanthropy (wealthy people) are being starved out of existence.

We took these things for granted, and we should not have. Now that we have worked through the pain of surrendering them (if we have), along with restaurant dining, parties in bars, family get-togethers, Big Sports, and cautiously trusting our governments and corporations, we should probably ask ourselves: What things are we still taking for granted that will be snatched away from us next? The internet? The entertainment industry? The food distribution system? The power grid? Running water? The theoretical rule of law?

In a way, the plagues of the past were not as terrifying as this one, even though they could and sometimes did fall to the rock bottom (the Black Death of mid-14th century Europe killed something between 30 and 60 percent of the population in just four years). Rock bottom is still the same place, but the heights we fall from are much greater.

At this point you're probably asking yourself why on earth I started out an article titled "Holidays are Holy" with five paragraphs about pain and loss, culminating with the Black Death. The reason is I am leading up to a discussion of refreshment. Not refreshments, like cookies and cold drinks, but re-

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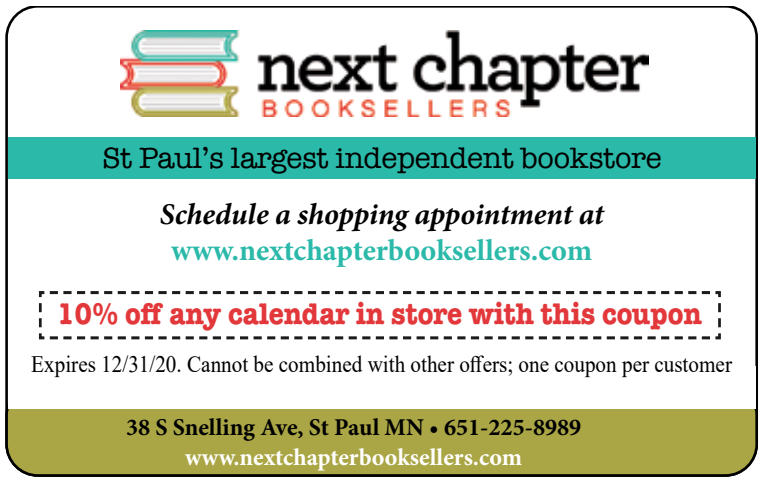
Hmong family Tet in Vietnam



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freshing, reloading, starting over, hitting the reset button.

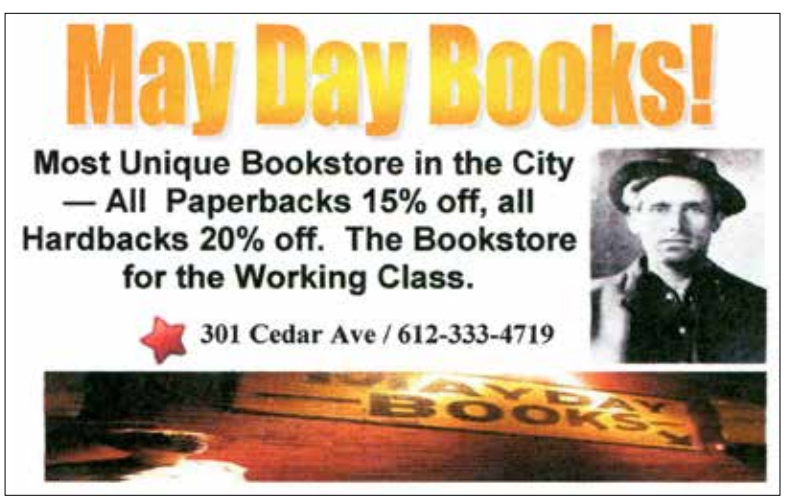
Consider the Black Death, for example. That was a horrible calamity, probably beyond our ability to comprehend. But for the survivors, it was the dawn of a new era. With the population so drastically reduced, it became a time when the rich could only get labor from the poor by giving them wages of real value. The peasantry, who had previously been little more than slaves, began to build modest wealth. This led first to the decline of the feudal system, and ultimately to the so-called Enlightenment and the Industrial Revolution in the next three centuries.

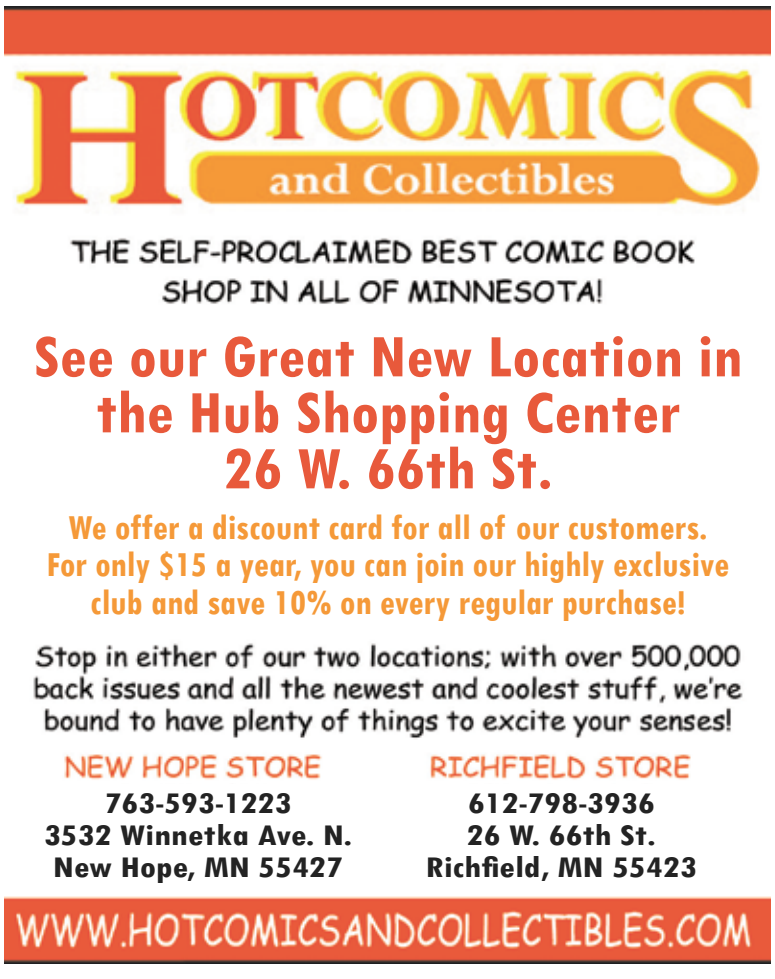
This is illustrative of a sweeping historical phenomenon documented by Walter Scheidel in his book "The Great Leveler." His inescapably argued hypothesis (at least inescapable if you don't go back before about 800 B.C.E.—more on that in the next paragraph) is that wealth inequality always rises in the context of a civilization at its breaking point, and it is only reversed by violence, which he divides into four broad outcomes: war (example: WWI), revolution or civil war (example: the fall of Rome), environmental catastrophe (example: the destruction of the Mayans), and plague (example: The Black Death).

Refugees ('Flight into Egypt' by Botticelli)

To lead into the subject of reset buttons, and 800 B.C.E., we need to look at a later, and not as popular, book: Michael Hudson's "...and forgive them their debts." The hypothesis this book sets out is that in the ancient civilizations that preceded the democracy of Athens, the wise men and rulers understood something that those great "civilization founders" of Greece and Rome denied or forgot: that wealth inequality, once it starts, will grow inexorably to the point of collapse, and all will come to a violent end, unless you hit the reset button.

Now, these civilizations were ruled by godlike tyrants, whereas Greece, and Rome at its start, espoused the more "modern" ideals of meritocracy and "freedom." John Siman, writing for nakedcapitalism.com, both interviews Hudson and reviews the book. Hudson tells him, about the various civilizations in Mesopotamia, "[These] societies were not interested in equality, but they were civilized. And they possessed the financial sophistication to understand that interest on loans increases exponentially, while economic growth at best follows an S-curve. This means that debtors will, if not protected by a central authority, end up becoming permanent bondservants to their creditors. So





Michael Hudson's '...and f

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Mesopotamian kings regularly rescued debtors who were getting crushed by their debts."

The Egyptians and the Israelites did this too, most likely. Pharaoh thought he could

Liberty menorah by Manfred Anson

renege on the deal and keep the Israelites in permanent slavery. We are pretty sure the Israelites that came out of Egypt kept the rule and even codified it to be the Jubilee—every 49 years—even though they never had a great empire or a very powerful king.

I originally set out to write this piece as an examination of themes of refugees and victims of injustice in the context of winter holidays. I considered the story of Herod's "slaughter of the innocents" and how that drove the Holy Family into refugee status in Egypt. I discovered this excellent piece about how Hanukkah became a holiday of special meaning for former refugees settling in America, and thus a specifically American style of Hanukkah developed. (See https://www.tenement.org/blog/our-american-holiday-refugees-and-the-meaning-of-hanukkah/.)

I also was intending to discuss how commercialization and greed (whether for presents, "fun," or fancy foods) can totally corrupt and destroy these redemptive meanings of our most holy holidays. And how now, in a time of forced simplicity and inwardness,

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Passover Angel of Death

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we might humbly recover and rediscover these fragile meanings.

So, I have mentioned all those things now, but something is still missing from the picture. I had been recently (for obvious reasons) ruminating on these themes of collapse and what Hudson calls the Clean Slate Amnesty. And I had this thought—what if many of our holidays, not just the winter ones, not just the Abrahamic religious ones, but our very concept of "holy days," have a concealed meaning that points to a new (but ancient?) paradigm of freedom?

This is what Siman has to say to paraphrase Hudson's conclusions about the post-800 B.C.E. misinterpretation of the idea of freedom:

"In ancient Mesopotamian societies it was understood that freedom was preserved by protecting debtors. In what we call Western Civilization, ... just the opposite ... has been the case: For us freedom has been understood to sanction the ability of creditors to demand payment from debtors without restraint or oversight.

"This is the freedom to cannibalize society ... the freedom to enslave ... the freedom proclaimed by the Chicago School and the mainstream of American economists. And so Hudson emphasizes that our Western notion of freedom has been, for some 28 centuries now, Orwellian in the most literal sense of the word: War is Peace • Freedom is Slavery• Ignorance is Strength ...

"... Our neoliberal notion of unrestricted freedom for the creditor dooms us at the very outset of any quest we undertake for a just economic order. Any and every revolution that we wage, no matter how righteous in its conception, is destined to fail.

"And we are so doomed, Hudson says, because we have been morally blinded by 28 centuries of ... decontextualized history. The true roots of Western Civilization lie not in the Greek polis ... but in the Bronze Age Mesopotamian societies..."

So, to get back to holiness and holidays, I am considering that for a holiday to have some deep connection to the ancient concept of Jubilee, or its equivalence in other lost civilizations, it has to have a message that privileges real freedom—i.e., freedom from

St. Nicholas

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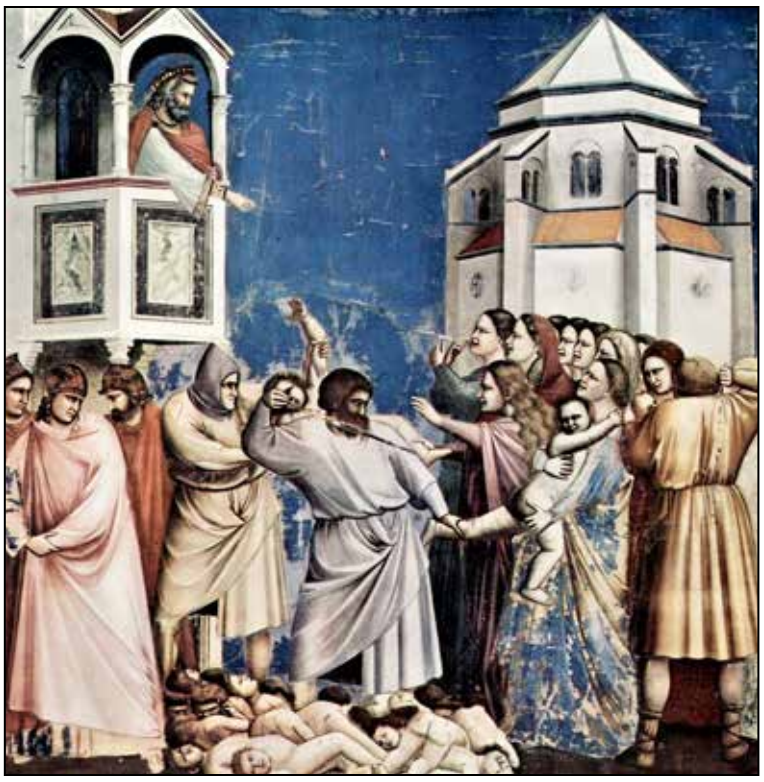
want, fear or bondage—as opposed to the licentious freedom of enslavers and predators. So, any holiday about Jesus, with a slight stretch and a caveat, can qualify. The caveat is you have to consider the actual Jesus who said "forgive them their debts" and not revise that to merely meaning forgiving so-called "trespasses."

And another holiday that clearly qualifies is Passover, since it is literally about freeing people from bondage. (That's why I don't want to artificially restrict this to winter holidays.) But then again, both winter solstice holidays, and new year holidays—Rosh Hashanah, Tet, Saturnalia in ancient Rome, all the many new year days around the many cultures and calendars—all qualify too. Winter solstice and the beginning of a new year almost always have a powerful theme of what Hudson termed Clean Slate Amnesties.



'The Slaughter of the Innocents' by Giotto

I'm pretty sure the secular holy day of January 1, 2021, is going to be a time when many yearn for a Clean Slate. I intend to meditate and pray, to take out all my trash, sweep my floors and make lists. I will try to repair every flaw and breach in my life, and if anyone owes me any money (ha!) I am going to forgive them. But mostly I am sending up an intention and prayer that at some point, our "democratic" rulers get the message and proclaim a Jubilee, before it's too late.

Because you don't know what you've got till it's gone.

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

[Look for the * on the name of an organization that is a POC-owned or immigrant-owned business or POC- or immigrant-oriented and/or led. If we got anything wrong, please email deborama@gmail.com with your corrections.]

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Bull's Horn. Open for takeout only. Online and phone orders. No delivery. Curbside, counter pickup. Patio, weather permitting. Check Facebook for hours.

Café Racer*. Open for takeout only, Tues. – Sun., restricted hours. See Facebook page for details.

Dragon Wok* (George Floyd Square). Open for takeout/delivery only. Delivery by Bite Squad, GrubHub. Hours may fluctuate depending on location status.

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Galactic Pizza. Open for takeout/delivery only. Restaurant, DoorDash or Postmates delivery. Online ordering galacticpizza.com.

Gandhi Mahal – Curry in a Hurry* (Franklin & 31st). Open for online or phone orders, takeout/pickup. (Phone if online is not working.) Gandhi Mahal Facebook page for updates.

Hamburguesas El Gordo*. Open for takeout/delivery only. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad, Uber Eats. Usual hours.

Heather's. Open for takeout/delivery only. Delivery by Bite Squad. Usual hours.

Himalayan*. Open for takeout/delivery only. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad. Patio. Usual hours.

Hot Indian Foods* (at MGM). Open to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad, Chow Now, DoorDash.

(Note - During the "pause," food court tables not available at Midtown Global Market. Keep mask on at all times.)

Infused Life Plant-based Eatery* (at MGM). Open to public.

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Los Ocampo* (Chicago & Lake; MGM; St. Paul). Open for takeout. Delivery by DoorDash. Usual hours.

Lucy's Market & Carryout*. Open for takeout. Usual hours; closed Tuesdays.

Mama Sheila's*. Open for takeout/delivery only. Delivery by Uber Eats. Restricted hours.

Manny's Tortas* (at MGM). Open to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad & GrubHub.

Maria's Café. Open for takeout only. No online ordering. No delivery. Usual hours.

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Reverie. Open for takeout only. Online and phone orders. Restricted hours. Beer and wine available. Pay-it-forward, $2.50 per meal to homeless sanctuary.

Sandcastle. Closed for 2020, back in spring 2021.

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Soberfish*. Open for takeout/delivery only. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad & DoorDash. Call for curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Pre-order grab and go.

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Trio Plant-based*. Open for takeout/delivery only. Full menu. Usual hours.

Wendy's House of Soul, Inc. Newish restaurant in new location. Takeout only. See Facebook page for more details.

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Café Wyrd. Open for takeout/delivery only. Order online for pickup at www.toasttab.com/cafewyrd/v3.

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Riverview Café. Open for takeout/delivery only. No online or phone orders. No delivery, no curbside. Usual hours.

Sisters' Sludge. Open for takeout/delivery only. No online or phone orders. Grab and go. Usual hours.

Sovereign Grounds*. Open for takeout only. Restricted hours. Grab and go.

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Aldi (Lyndale & 26th). Open to public. Usual hours.

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Cub Foods (46th and Hiawatha). Open with restrictions. Delivery available thru Instacart. Usual hours.

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

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

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Ritual Aromatherapy (at MGM). Open to public. Usual hours.

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Walgreens (Hiawatha & 46th). Open to public. Usual hours, plus drive-thru.

Walgreens (Hub - Richfield). Open to public. Usual hours.

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EVENTS AND ONLINE RESOURCES

#AdventWord
Begins Sunday, Nov. 29
Online
For the seventh year in a row, #AdventWord will gather prayers via a global, online Advent calendar. Virginia Theological Seminary is offering meditations and images during this holy season beginning Sunday, Nov. 29. Images and meditations can be experienced via the #AdventWord website, direct daily email, as well as on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, and ASL videos via YouTube. This year, meditations will also be available in English, Spanish and Haitian Creole. Join an international community in prayer to explore the mystery and wonder of Advent! To sign up, go to https://adventword.org/en/home/.

LeaderWise Conversations on Race
Monday, Dec. 7,4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Online
LeaderWise is hosting a free series of Conversations on Race this fall. The final conversation of the series will take place on Dec. 7, when Alicia Forde will help open our eyes to systemic obstacles that stand in the way of racial justice. The event is free; registration is required. For more info and to register, go to https://leaderwise.org/.

Tales from the Charred Underbelly of the Yule Log
Kevin Kling with Simone Perrin and Dan Chouinard
Sunday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m.
Online
From St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church: There was music and laughter at SJA again! Yesterday, Kevin Kling shared humorous stories of Christmas' past while Dan Chouinard and Simone Perrin performed a variety of songs featuring piano, accordion and banjo. Fortunately, we caught it all on tape and will share it with you on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. Watch for FREE as our Christmas gift to you! The link will be posted on Dec. 13 on our website at www.stjoanofarc.org.

Education Series: Make Minnesota a Sanctuary State
Monday, Dec. 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m.—Immigration history and stories of origin
Monday, Dec. 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m.—National and local immigration landscape
Monday, Dec. 28, 6:30-8 p.m.—Action planning
ECMN, in partnership with Minnesota Sanctuary State Coalition, is offering a three-part orientation for individuals and faith communities looking to engage the Sanctuary State movement, and work for justice in the immigration system. These 3 sessions, offered online, will help you learn more about the history, listen to the stories of those directly affected by ICE and current immigration policy, and build a bridge between public policy and Jesus' the Way of Love, as we move towards the Beloved Community. ECMN and our allies are committed to renaming the Whipple Building, encouraging the State of Minnesota to become a sanctuary state as promised by the governor, and to engage in supporting change in our federal immigration policy. Learn more and register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvd-2gqjkoHNUMcOxY-WA9c6rZ19ehZr11y

Volunteer Virtually with Refugee Services
From the Minnesota Council of Churches: We've been asked if we still have volunteer opportunities available during the pandemic, and the answer is: YES! As with so many other things, some of our programs have gone virtual so we can continue meeting the needs of our newly-arriving families and others who have been in the country less than 5 years.
We are looking for volunteers to assist with our exciting new Community Orientation Workshops, a skills program on navigating life in Minnesota. We cover critical information like transportation, community resources, job readiness, financial literacy, health literacy, education and family adjustment. Volunteers call students after a YouTube lesson presented by staff to reinforce topics from the video and practice English or participate in a Zoom class, practicing reading and conversation around these topics for students with a higher level of English. For more information, please visit our website or email rsvolunteers@mnchurches.org.

Braver Angels
From St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral: As an extension of St. Mark's work around "courageous conversations" and bridging the political divide, we are continuing our partnership with Braver Angels and engaging in their "With Malice Toward None" efforts specifically designed for faith communities. "With Malice Toward None" is an initiative to heal America in the aftermath of the 2020 election outcome. In the meantime, there are many opportunities to participate in building skills and conversation with people of differing political views, as well as being curious about our own personal biases. Events are open to all and held online. For more information, go to https://braverangels.org/what-we-do/with-malice-toward-none/.

Bahá'i Center of Minneapolis
3644 Chicago Ave., Mpls.
Devotions via Zoom, Sunday at 10 a.m. Please visit the Bahá'i community of Minneapolis website at 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. S.
Sunday Worship at 10 a.m., via Facebook Live and Zoom. See our website at www.clchurch.org for instructions.

Catholic Church of St. Albert the Great
E. 29th St. & 32nd Ave. S., Mpls.
In-person Masses with limited seating on Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and noon. Masks and social distancing required. Enter through church front center doors only. Please see our website at www.saintalbertthegreat.org/ for more details. Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass also streamed on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/StAlbertTheGreatMpls/.

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
3430 E. 51st St., Mpls.
www.faithlutheranmpls.org
Sunday Worship (with safety measures in place) at 9 a.m. Those who are over 65, have pre-existing conditions, or live in proximity to at-risk demographics are encouraged to remain home. We will continue to post videos online for Sunday morning for those who can't join us yet on YouTube and Facebook www.facebook.com/felcmpls/. Sunday morning Bible class 10 a.m.; midweek Bible class Wednesdays 10 a.m.; masks and social spacing required for worship and Bible class. NA groups Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. (Fridays temporarily suspended).

First Free Church
5150 Chicago Ave. S., Mpls.
Sunday service 10 a.m.
(in person and online).
Visit our website at www.firstfreechurch.org for more information.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, LCMS
1720 E. Minnehaha Pkwy., Mpls.
Sunday, Advent, and Christmas worship services will be online only during December. Service recordings, bulletins and news continue to be available on our website at www.holycrossmpls.org.

Living Spirit United Methodist Church
4501 Bloomington Ave., Mpls.
Worship with us from home! Worship is currently being streamed on Facebook Live at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings at www.facebook.com/LivingSpiritMN/. The weekly bulletin, children's faith formation packet, and more will be posted to our website; that's also where you can find resources and worship recordings from previous weeks. www.livingspiritumc.org/online

Messiah Lutheran Church
2400 Park Ave., Mpls.
All services now online at www.messiahlutheranmpls.org. Each week we video services, viewable anytime, please join us! Visit our website for online devotions and bulletins.

Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church
4101 37th Ave. S., Mpls.
Sunday Worship online at 9:45 a.m. All services and programs are temporarily online. Please check the church website for any changes: https://minnehahacommunion.org/.

Minnehaha United Methodist Church
3701 E. 50th St., Mpls.
Online Sunday worship available, either livestreamed at 9 a.m. or afterward on-demand. And our online Taizé service is back! Join us on our YouTube channel for a service of music, prayer and meditation. Visit our website at www.minnehaha.org/ for more information.

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
5645 Chicago Ave. S., Mpls.
Sunday worship at 9 a.m. Please see our website for more information.
www.mtzioninmpls.org/

New Creation Baptist Church
1414 E. 48th St., Mpls.
In-person services are closed until further notice. Please worship with us online Sundays at 10:45 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube.
www.facebook.com/NewCreationBaptistChurch/
https://newcreationbaptistchurchmn.org/

Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church
5300 10th Ave. S., Mpls.
www.nokomisheights.org
Physically distant but faithfully together. Connect with our online community on Facebook and YouTube. A new worship goes up on YouTube every Sunday at 10 a.m., and all are archived, so you can view the ones you missed. www.facebook.com/NokomisHeights/

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 www.saintjoanofarc.org/ or Facebook page www.facebook.com/StJoanMpls/.

Trinity Lutheran Congregation
Augsburg College, Hoversten Chapel
Riverside & 22nd Aves., Mpls.
www.trinitylutherancongregation.org
Online worship available anytime on our YouTube channel: Trinity Lutheran Congregation

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 www.walkerchurch.org/ or Facebook page at www.facebook.com/walkerumc/ for more information.

SHARING FOOD

Calvary Lutheran Church
3901 Chicago Ave., Mpls.
612-827-2504, ext. 205
The Calvary Emergency Food Shelf is available for area residents on Saturdays 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.

Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and Friendship Community Service
2600 E. 38th St., Mpls.
Food Hub
Free food, hygiene products, and some household goods.
Tuesday and Thursday,
1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
2nd and 4th Saturdays,
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Please bring ID and wear a mask. Social distancing guidelines are in place.

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! 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.)

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, the Minnehaha Food Shelf is open on Tuesdays from 10 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. www.facebook.com/MinnehahaFoodShelf/

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. www.bethanyinseward.org/

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/

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Minneapolis.Bahai@gmail.com
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See www.minneapolisbahai.org
So powerful is the light of unity that it can illuminate the whole earth.
-Baha'u'llah

Christian
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3901 Chicago Ave. S.
612-827-2504 or
www.clchurch.org
Sunday Worship at 10 am,
via Facebook Live and Zoom,
See website for instructions
Pastor: Hans Lee
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***What's Open,* from page 12**

Retail

Art Shoppe (at MGM). Open 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturdays. Open 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. other days except closed Tuesday. Will have extended hours for holiday shopping.

Boneshaker Books*. Closed to public. Online ordering and delivery via Bookshop.com.

Dreamhaven Books. Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by USPS. Restricted hours.

Eastlake Craft Brewery (at MGM). Open for takeout only. Usual hours.

Electric Fetus. Open with restrictions. Online orders, delivery USPS available. Restricted hours.

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

Flotsam + Fork. Formerly at George Floyd Square, now online only. Offering local weekly delivery within a 15-mile radius of GFS. $10 or free if purchase over $50. www.flotsamandfork.com/

Groovy's. Open with restrictions. Usual hours.

Habitat for Humanity--ReStore. Open with restrictions. Both donating and shopping. Usual hours. Read safety rules on website.

Irreverent Bookworm. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by USPS. Check website for curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

Mother Earth Gardens. Open with restrictions. Online ordering. Curbside pickup. Usual hours.

Moon Palace Books. Closed to public. Online orders only for now. Delivery by USPS or curbside pickup Mon. - Fri., 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. (They call when ready, unable to answer phone calls at this time.) Restricted hours.

Nokomis Shoe Shop. Open to public. Online orders. Delivery by USPS -free for orders over $100. Slightly restricted hours.

Once Upon A Crime. Open with restrictions. Online orders, delivery by USPS available. Restricted hours. See website for more.

Quilt Shop Co-op. Open for online shopping: quiltshopcoop.com/shop. In person 1-hour shopping by appointment Mondays 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. & Saturdays 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Email info@quiltshopcoop.com for appointments.

Repair Lair. Open with restrictions. Slightly restricted hours. Also does repairs.

Target (Lake Street & Hiawatha). Reopened. Usual hours.

Service

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

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

Hennepin County Libraries (various locations). See https://www.hclib.org/about/locations for branch statuses and hours. Computer use by appt – Franklin. Limited computer use & grab-and-go books and media – Central (downtown), Arvonne Fraser (Dinkytown), Hosmer (Central), Nokomis (51st Street). Grab-and-go only – Southdale. Extended due dates. All of the above listed libraries except Franklin (and many more in other areas) now accepting returns.

Hub Bicycle Cooperative (Minnehaha Ave). Open for repairs. Online shop with curbside pickup or delivery. See website or call for more.

K9 & Kitty Kutters (Bloomington Ave). Open by appointment. Waiting list. Slightly restricted hours.

Laundromat (37th & Chicago). Open to public. Usual hours.

Massage Envy (Highland Park near Lund's/Downtown Minneapolis). Open with restrictions, by appointment. Restricted hours.

Nailish. Open with restrictions, by appointment. Usual hours.

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

Riverstone Salon and Wellness Center. Open with restrictions, by appointment. Usual hours.

The Grease Pit Bike Shop. Open winter hours – Sat & Sun only.

Health Care

CUHCC & CUHCC Dental. By appointment. Usual hours.

East Lake Animal Clinic. By appointment. Usual hours.

HCMC Whittier Clinic. By appointment. Usual hours. COVID-19 testing available.

Minnehaha Animal Hospital. By appointment. Usual hours.

Nokomis Pet Clinic. By appointment. Usual hours.

People's Center. Open with restrictions. Wellness Hub closed. Online appointment requests available. Telehealth available.

People's Center Dental Clinic (Minnehaha). Open with restrictions. Usual hours.

Pet Doctor (Franklin Ave). By appointment. Usual hours.

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

Gyms, Wellness Centers, Training Facilities

Big River Yoga. All classes now virtual. Massage therapy & health coaching with restrictions. Yoga on demand (new.) See website for details.

Blaisdell YMCA. Online fitness classes available.

Five Elements Martial Arts. Limited size classes with restrictions. Zoom classes are also continuing. See website for details.

Iron Frost (38th Street). New fitness studio. Small social-distanced classes, some outdoors (yes, in winter.) Kettlebell and other strength training.

Midtown YWCA. Online fitness classes available.

The Fix Studio and Café. Virtual fitness classes. Café open for grab and go or online ordering.

Nonprofit

Ani-meals - Meals on Wheels for Pets. Contact Community Emergency Service if you need pet food delivered to your home. Weekly.

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

Briva Health. Open with restrictions. Health care navigation by phone or appointment. Usual hours.

House of Charity (Elliot Park). Open with restrictions. Restricted hours.

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

People and Pets Together. Open with restrictions. No delivery or curbside pickup. Usual hours. Pet food shelf - 1 client at a time.

Sabathani Food Shelf*. Open with restrictions. Usual hours. Only open for food distribution.

Simpson Food Pantry. Open to public. Restricted hours. Outdoors, weather permitting.

Sisters Camelot*. Random food distributions. Check Facebook page weekly. Sites include Walker Church, Bethany Lutheran, Park Ave UMC.

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. Open with restrictions. Hot meals, bagged groceries. Email office@walkerchurch.org or message Facebook page for information. Tuesdays only. Only open for food distribution.

Walk-in Counseling. Closed to public. Call for Phone or Zoom counseling. Usual hours.

Pop-up Mutual Aid Sites / Pay-as-u-can / Pay-it-forward
See https://twin-cities-mutual-aid.org/ for complete list, or for updates on needs of most of the sites listed below.

612 MASH (Medics at Chicago & 38th). See mutual aid link for list of needs.

Augustana Senior Homes (Elliot Park). See mutual aid link for list of needs.

Brian Coyle Center. Free COVID-19 tests and free flu shots Fridays. See mutual aid link for list of needs.

Café Racer at El Colegio*. Breaking Bread free meals. Free contactless hot meals to-go Tuesdays 4 – 7 p.m. Thru end of 2020.

Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. See mutual aid link for list of needs. Uses Signup Genius App for volunteers. Distribution Tue, Thu, 2nd & 4th Sat.

Midtown YWCA. See mutual aid link for list of needs. Distribution by reservation, see link above.

Phillips Free Store at Walker Church (previously outdoors at Grease Pit). See mutual aid link for list of needs. Open 2 – 7 p.m. Fridays.

Sanctuary Movement Supply Depot (PPNA Office 35th Street). See mutual aid link for list of needs. Or inquire at the depot for more up-to-date info.

Sanctuaries for houseless people.
See https://www.minneapolisparks.org/encampments/ for updates from MPRB on houseless encampment sites. Situation is volatile heading into winter, so check frequently if you're trying to help. See mutual aid link for list of needs.
According to MPRB, the only encampments still open:
Minnehaha Falls Park
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Park
The Mall – Uptown
Twin Cities Mutual Aid also lists one in Near North and Safe Haven in Seward. The depot was still open last time we checked.

South Minneapolis Free Clothing Store (Provisions restaurant). Open by appointment or will deliver. See mutual aid link for list of needs.

Top Chop Barber
Clean Classic Hair Cuts
Book Online
Topchopbarber.com
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EVENTS

Safe Place: Homework Help
Free online tutoring available for grades 1 through 12. Contact Destiny at tutoring@trinitylutherancongregation.org.

Telling Tales from Norway: Trolls, Nisse and Other Delights
Tuesday, Dec. 8, 7 p.m.
Storytelling, folklore and legends about Norwegian trolls and other mythological creatures are combined in this delightful and informative introduction to Scandinavian folklore. Learn how to trick a troll! Presented by Lise Lunge-Larsen, storyteller, author and university instructor. Register at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/telling-tales-from-norway. Presented by Story Arts of Minnesota. Find more events and information at https://www.storyartsmn.org.

Talk of the Stacks with Ijeoma Oluo
Tuesday, Dec. 8, 7 p.m.
Free virtual event
With the falling leaves giving way to falling snow, and the winds of change at our backs as we approach the end of the year, the Friends of the Hennepin County Library is thrilled to announce the season finale of our free "Talk of the Stacks" author lecture series! As a part of our ongoing commitment to antiracist practices that promote a more just and equitable society, and in solidarity with the work of Hennepin County Library, we are proud to close this season with the powerful Ijeoma Oluo, author of "So You Want to Talk about Race." Please join us online for this free event on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. as Oluo discusses her latest book "Mediocre: The Dangerous Legacy of White Male America" (releasing December 1, 2020). The talk will be followed by a lively Q&A session with webinar participants. Free and open to the public. Save your spot by registering here: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mjBkugDFS3G8cuGyKb-KvkA

Where We're Going, We Don't Need Gas: Live Panel with Minnesota's Electric Vehicle Experts
Wednesday, Dec. 9, 6 p.m.
Online with Facebook Live
What does the next year hold for electric vehicles in Minnesota? Join MN350's live panel on Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. to find out! Learn from three electric vehicle experts and ask questions. Hear from Jukka Kukkonen, a longtime electric vehicle advocate with expertise on owner experience and the electric vehicle market. Get a sneak peek on Xcel's new home-charging program from Alisa Sobczak, Xcel's Electric Vehicle Portfolio Manager. Learn more about what's happening around clean car standards at the national level and here in Minnesota from Alyssa Tsuchiya. Alyssa will be discussing the state of Minnesota's climate action and the upcoming Clean Car Standards, including opportunities to get involved. Time will be reserved for Q & A at the end. For more info, see: www.facebook.com/events/4139410402741458. RSVP at bit.ly/dontneedgas.

'Operation: Immigration'
Minnesota Jewish Theatre Company
Thursday, Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 12, 8 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 13, 11 a.m.
Sunday, Dec. 13, 1 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 13, 7 p.m.
Back by popular demand, Minnesota Jewish Theatre Company's (MJTC) "Operation: Immigration" returns this month! It is our first virtual performance and was seen coast-to-coast and in Australia, New Zealand and Israel. "Operation: Immigration" is the second play in the 2020-2021 MJTC season, "Theatre Six Feet Apart!" A young Minnesotan searches for information about his late father, an Iranian Jew, and along the way, begins to find himself. A special filmed performance, pay-per-view, online. Tickets $15. For more information, please call 651-647-4513.

'Passages of Rebellion'
Book discussion with Fran Shor, author
Saturday, Dec. 12, 1 to 2 p.m.
Via Zoom
The East Side Freedom Library invites you to a discussion of a new novel "Passages of Rebellion" with author Fran Shor and discussants Bill Tilton, Charlotte Colantti and Sidney Carlson White. "Passages of Rebellion" is a work of political fiction set at the University of Minnesota. It follows the semi-autobiographical protagonist, Frank Goodman, in his anti-war and anti-draft activities during the turbulent years of 1967-1970. The novel, moving back and forth in time, considers the role of violence in the

Author Fran Shor

international, national and domestic arenas, while exploring the meanings of rebellion.
Fran Shor participated in the anti-war movement while earning his Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota. He taught for forty years at Wayne State University in Detroit, retiring as an Emeritus Professor of History. He is the author of five nonfiction books and hundreds of articles. He has been a longtime peace and justice activist. Appearing at almost the same time as "Passages of Rebellion" is his new analytical book, "Weaponized Whiteness: The Construction and Deconstructions of White Identity Politics" (Haymarket Press, 2020).
ESFL seeks to bring together readers from different eras and dimensions of student activism. Joining Fran for the first round of conversation will be Bill Tilton, Charlotte Colantti and Sid Carlson White. Bill Tilton participated in some of the very events described in "Passages of Rebellion." He has been a Minnesota lawyer since graduating from the U of M Law School with a J.D. in 1977. In over four decades of practice, he has focused on personal injury and wrongful death matters, and has won many awards. For over three decades, Bill has served as a volunteer attorney for Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services. Free and open to all. Register for the Zoom link here: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZItfuGtpzgpG-9JEol03lTy7PDH00VrjFmuc

Como Zoo's Reindeer Cam Is Back!
The 24/7 webcam livestreams all the reindeer games and more from Como Park Zoo and Conservatory in St. Paul. Get to know Mabel, Abigail and Forest, the three reindeer that call Como Zoo their ho-ho-home! Enjoy a 24/7 peek into the daily details of their lives through Como Zoo's Reindeer Cam. Count down to the holidays while watching the reindeer feed, interact with one another, and socialize with their neighbors – a few arctic fox that peep into the reindeer habitat from time to time. The reindeer holiday habitat includes a Christmas-themed barn complete with a live Advent calendar and a map detailing Santa's delivery route on Christmas Eve. Visit us at https://comozooconservatory.org/reindeer-cam/.

'An extra/ordinary Holiday in Extraordinary Times'
Nov. 14 – Jan. 10, 2021
Online
American Swedish Institute
2600 Park Ave., Mpls.
While ASI is temporarily closed due to COVID precautions, we invite you to view the exhibition video and virtually explore "An extra/ordinary Holiday in Extraordinary Times." We hope to reopen the Museum on Dec. 19. You can watch the video here: www.asimn.org/exhibitions-collections/exhibitions/extraordinary-holiday-extraordinary-times.
"An extra/ordinary Holiday in Extraordinary Times" is a new indoor/outdoor, immersive exhibition experience encompassing the richly decorated Turnblad Mansion and an open-air Nordic story trail, on view at the American Swedish Institute (ASI) Nov. 14, 2020 –Jan. 10, 2021**.** The story trail was designed by community partners from Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Iceland and Finland, with each country highlighting classic holiday tales at stations winding through ASI's courtyard and Mansion grounds.
The ASI Museum Store and Jul Shop are OPEN for in-person shopping with new hours: Thursday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ASI's annual Julmarknad Holiday Market runs Nov. 14 – Dec. 20. This year it will feature a virtual market and a Virtual Day with chances to shop and connect further with artists. The Julglädje (Christmas Joy) join-in family performance will be offered online, in addition to a virtual Lucia Celebration concert. For more information please visit www.ASImn.org.

Heart of the Dance
Heart of the Dance MN works to bring the SEL program "Dancing Classrooms" to schools across the Twin Cities metro area, including 3-year partner Keewaydin Elementary School. Since COVID-19 has caused everyone to shift to virtual programming, for the first time ever, we are able to offer a shortened virtual program directly to families with elementary school-aged students. "Dancing Classrooms Homeroom Edition" is designed to accommodate the complexities and potential inequities of remote learning. The Homeroom Edition residencies include original prerecorded instructional videos with flexible follow-up assignments, live virtual instruction and check-ins from teaching artists, engaging assignments connecting dance to other subject areas, virtual peer-to-peer sharing celebrations, and a live, family-friendly dance party. A short video about the program is available at https://vimeo.com/461842369.

We Are the Story – Exhibition #1
Gone but Never Forgotten: Remembering Those Lost to Police Brutality
Through Dec. 24
Open by appointment
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"Gone but Never Forgotten: Remembering Those Lost to Police Brutality" is a national juried exhibition showcasing 28 quilts that honor those whose lives were violently ended due to police negligence and brutality and critiques the targeting and criminalization of Black bodies throughout history. Book your appointment to see the exhibition in person at https://textilecentermn.org/product/textile-center-by-appointment/. The exhibition is also presented virtually on the websites of Textile Center and Women of Color Quilters Network (WCQN). Free and open to the public.

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