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Pius XII



BY TONY BOUZA

I have a tiny coterie of friends who, whenever we meet, immediately plunge me into esoteric, vehement exchanges on arcane subjects. Two such are the publisher of this tract (and I mean that in the sense of propaganda leaflet) and the sadly dead and missed Ivan Musicant.

An encounter in Lund's with one such set me into a spirited discussion of Eugenio Pacelli. That's how these things go—right into the deep end.

The guy, Jeff Morris, sent me three books proving Pacelli was not an anti-Semite. Two by rabbis no doubt pursuing their own agendas. I neither scanned nor perused them, but I did actually read more than a trifle.

Straw man reasoning. Reductio ad absurdum, I concluded.

But the books set me thinking.

Pacelli was the central Catholic figure of my youth. A gigantic image. Aloof, cerebral, austere, elegant and patrician.

As Secretary of State he negotiated the

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Hundreds protest another police killing

BY ED FELIEN

Estimates range from between 1,000 and 1,200 people who gathered on Sunday, Jan. 3 to protest yet another police killing of a young Black man.

On Wed. night, Dec. 30, the Minneapolis police Strike Force/SWAT Team/Community Response Team/Roughrider Cowboys/or whatever this unit of the MPD is currently called, staged a sting operation to catch Dolal Idd selling a handgun to a police informant.

Dolal was well known to metropolitan police. Eden Prairie police records show 19 different incidents and arrests for him ranging from drug charges, to stealing i-Phones from a store, stealing a laptop from a person on Craigslist and breaking into cars.

Dolal had first caught the attention of the Eden Prairie police when they were called to his home to stop him from shooting

off a gun in the basement shower.

The MPD heard Dolal was dealing guns, so they decided to take him off the streets. They coordinated with the Hennepin County sheriff's office for them to raid Dolal's house to find other guns at his home. They picked the Holiday gas station at 36th and Cedar as the location for the sale.

What could go wrong?

Well, the sheriff traumatized the family of small children during the 2 a.m. raid and didn't find any guns at Dolal's home, but at least the MPD didn't kill a lot of innocent civilians shopping at the gas station.

They did kill Dolal Idd.

Did they have to kill Dolal?

Police say Dolal fired on them, and they were just defending themselves by returning fire. The body camera footage released by the MPD shows one officer returning fire after it

appears (from the car window glass shattering out from the car) that Dolal fired a gun from the driver's seat of his car. But we don't know if other officers fired on Dolal before this.

Police love to confront a suspect with overwhelming force to make them surrender. We know from following their efforts that this doesn't always work.

As we reported earlier this year, something similar happened with Thurman Blevins:

"He was drunk and disorderly, drinking Amsterdam Vodka straight from the bottle and flashing a gun, walking with his girlfriend while she was pushing their baby in a buggy. He sat down on a curb in North Minneapolis on June 23, 2018, and started talking to a dog. A neighbor had heard shots earlier and complained to 911. Officers Schmidt and Kelly pulled up in front of Blevins, jumped out of the

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The race is on in the 11th Ward

BY ED FELIEN

By the time we went to press, there were three candidates for City Council in Ward 11: the incumbent, Jeremy Schroeder; Dillon Gherna, a young gay man who worked on Hutchinson's successful campaign for sheriff; and Emily Koski, the daughter of former mayor, Al Hofstede.

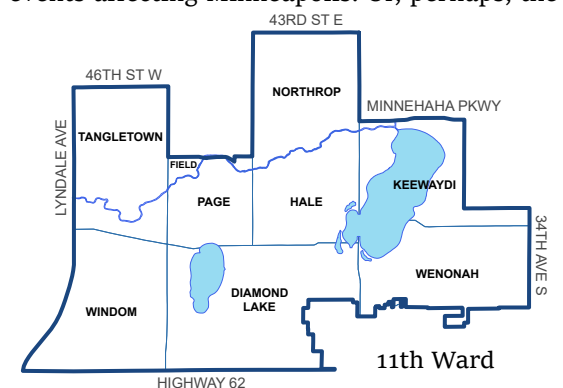
We asked all three these questions:

Would you support a full investigation into the killing of Terrance Franklin?

Do you support the 2040 Plan that up-zones the inner city?

Would you support transferring block clubs to the Minneapolis Health Department from the MPD?

Perhaps the questions were too difficult. They did require some knowledge of current events affecting Minneapolis. Or, perhaps, the



two challengers felt it wasn't necessary or important to answer, but, in any case, only the incumbent, Jeremy Schroeder, responded.

His answers:

1. A full, transparent investigation must follow any police shooting. In February 2020, the city agreed to pay \$795,000 as part of a wrongful death suit filed by the family of Terrance Franklin after police shot and killed him. With this agreement, both parties agreed to settle the lawsuit.

2. The 2040 plan took effect in 2020 to appropriately zone Minneapolis so it can accommodate 35,000+ people projected to move here in the next decade. I ensured the plan has rules for new development that maximize public benefit, including by incentivizing affordability and sustainability. It does not eliminate single-family housing.

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Like Home**
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I have seen the future and it's pretty cool

BY ELINA KOLSTAD

My husband and I bought a car. When we sold our only car five years ago, we knew that there was a good chance we'd need to own a car again someday. Most of our transit pre-2020 was by public transportation. When Covid hit, our habits changed. No longer taking the bus, condensing many small grocery trips into fewer large hauls, and the Target in our neighborhood burning down over the summer led to us buying a car.

We bought an all-electric 2015 Nissan Leaf and it is amazing. It has a slightly greater range than earlier models at about 85 miles per charge. So far, range anxiety has not been a problem for us. We will see how it goes over the winter, but I am optimistic. One feature that is very nice is that

the car itself can be turned on to heat up while still connected to power. There is an app that allows one to do this from a cell phone, but until we get that hooked up, we have done this manually in the car and it works great. After five or ten minutes you can unplug it and drive the pre-warmed car without draining the battery with the heater. I know there are similar features for gas cars, but I personally would not use one because of the pollution and the cost of gas. This is not a judgment on anyone who does this—we all have our own tolerances and bugaboos. I'm just weird.

Recently my husband was kind enough to drop me off at a local clinic for a test I needed and he waited in the car. The appointment ended up taking over an hour and I was worried about how cold the car

might have gotten and/or how the range would be. On the way home he explained to me that he had decided to look for charging stations nearby because he thought it would only end up costing a few dollars and be worth it. He found one at the St. Louis Park Rec Center, and it was free! He was able to plug in, keep the heat on, and our car was almost fully charged by the time I was done. It cost us literally nothing. Pretty sweet.

On the way home we talked about how awesome it will be when charging stations become more common. Imagine going out to dinner or to visit friends or family, assuming we can gather in public again someday, perhaps to a location that is just on the edge of our car's range. As long as we know there's a charging station, or multiple stations, nearby we could theoretically refill our car while at our event. Not only that, but if we get that app working, we can start the car from inside at the end of the evening even if we've parked blocks away. The idea seems pretty cool to me.

This may seem like wishful thinking, but more charging stations are coming. Hourcar is rolling out a one-way electric car sharing service in 2021. Part of this plan is installing charging stations throughout Minneapolis and St. Paul. According to early writing on the plan, "At most points within the service area, people will be within 0.3 miles (approximately a five-minute walk)

from a mobility hub" (<https://bit.ly/2Jc4Dar>).

Electric cars offer many benefits. While cleaner air quality and an easier transition to renewables are a couple of obvious ones, electric cars also offer an opportunity

The power taken would then be credited to the customers' electric bill. The combination of such "smart grid" technology with more widely dispersed solar and wind energy would both benefit the environment and stabilize our electric in-



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2020's two great losses in local journalism

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

Throughout this pandemic, we have been noting businesses in various categories that have closed for good (and a few brave souls who opened businesses!). We've noted the impact on restaurants, brew-

ism. Now we are speaking of that.

One's first thought is that this is a downstream effect from the temporary closings, capacity cuts, and sometimes permanent closings of the advertisers. There is a lot of truth in that view, but to put

ing all online and being a non-profit, so not dependent on ad revenues. But they quietly dropped out of the scene a couple of years ago.

Still, 2020 has been the straw that broke the beast of burden's back, and not only in big cities. Bringmethenews.com sums up the story of losses in sheer numbers:

Nationwide, the pandemic has closed more than 60 papers across the country ... many of them the only news source for their respective communities. But this isn't a new trend ... the pandemic is just increasing the pace of the closures ... About 1,800 newspapers in the United States have closed since 2004.

The two big losses in the Twin Cities this year are Minnesota Premier Publications (MPP), comprising Southwest Journal plus the magazines Parent and Good Age, and the last local alternative weekly standing, City Pages. There have been some others (The Growler is one I'll miss), but these two were major.

City Pages was founded in 1979. Originally named Sweet Potato, it became City Pages in 1981. It was the newcomer to a head-to-head competition between two alternative weeklies in town, the other being Twin Cities Reader, founded in 1977. Then in 1997, both papers were bought by Stern Publishing, which also owned the Village Voice in NYC and six other city-based weeklies. They bought Twin Cities Reader solely to shut it down.

There were other sales, mergers and changes in the

ensuing years. Probably the divestment of the owners in Backpage.com and CP's dropping that feature played a part. Fast forward to 2015 when then-owner Voice Media Group began to wind down operations. Their first property sold was City Pages, to the Star Tribune publisher. The second, later in 2015, was the Village Voice.

It seemed that CP's days of hard-scrabble were ending, with that sale. In an interview with the TwinCities-Pioneer-Press.com on the closing, former music editor Andrea Swensson said, "... so many alt-weeklies have come and gone, and City Pages endured so many changes. To be bought by the Star Tribune, it seemed like they were on safe ground, like that was going to offer some longevity."

And so it was, when times, though tough in the industry, were relatively normal elsewhere. Obviously, that is not the way 2020 rolls.

City Pages did not have a lot of advance notice, although the Star Tribune is trying to get the staff jobs on the daily or other areas. Their last issue features a graphic that could become the icon for the whole cursed year. Inside they did a piece on the Atlas Aegis wannabe "poll watchers," a what-the-heck-is-this photo (it was a pine marten!), and a piece titled "Why Would Anyone Open A Restaurant Right Now?"

And they had a touching collection of tributes, memories, and farewells from current and former staff. See it here: www.citypages.com/news/

city-pages-is-dead-we-had-a-good-run/572915171.

The Southwest Journal story began in 1990 when a young couple, Janis Hall and Terry Gahan, started publishing out of their Linden Hills duplex. Over 30 years, they grew their paper into a small but powerful publishing company. During that time their home office got too small and they eventually bought a building downtown. Their daughter, Zoe, grew up to enter the family business.

They published two very popular free magazines (purchased in the 2000s), and after buying Skyway News in 2001 (and changing its name to Downtown Journal in 2005), kept it going through 2018. They hired talent from the Star Tribune (Linda Piccone in 1998) and Twin Cities Reader (David Brauer, former editor, in 2001). They employed legions of freelancers and won several top awards.

You can read Janis' own memories here: www.southwestjournal.com/remembering-the-southwest-journal/2020/12/janis-hall-publisher-co-founder-1990-2020/. Although they have ceased publication, the business and downtown building of MPP are both still for sale (at the time of this writing).

This is truly one of the saddest losses (apart from lives and livelihoods, of course) of 2020 for a lot of us in the Twin Cities who care about and need good journalism. It's certainly a blow to all of us at Southside Pride.



Last City Pages cover

eries, retail and services, both vital (like groceries and pharmacies) and not so vital but still pretty important (like bookstores and hair salons). One business category we haven't covered so far is our own—print and web-based news media. Local journal-

it into context, it just accelerated something that was already happening before 2020.

For instance, a major publisher of monthly papers, Lillie Suburban Newspapers, closed in October of 2019. The Twin Cities Daily Planet ought to have had a better shot, be-

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3. I'd like to see improvement in how the Block Captain program interacts with neighborhood associations, and housing it within the Health Department or another City department could accomplish that. Currently MPD oversees the program. Historically, there has not been adequate support for information sharing with other community members.

Schroeder demonstrates an understanding of the questions.

I disagree with his answers: The City of Minneapolis paid out over a million dollars to settle the wrongful death suit when you add the amount the city paid for an independent attorney. The city did not contest the plaintiff claim that Terrance Franklin was murdered by MPD Officer Lucas Peterson. Officer Peterson continues to work for the city.

The 2040 Plan up-zones the inner city while leaving areas

south of 42nd Street virtually intact, preserving single family homes in those areas that historically used restrictive covenants to prohibit people of color owning homes. The affordable housing for communities of color in the inner city will be replaced by expensive apartment buildings for Young Urban Professionals.

Block clubs today are organized by the police to fight crime. Block clubs organized by the Minneapolis Health Department could be used to help fight the causes of crime: poverty, lack of education, nutrition, child care, etc.

The citizens of the 11th Ward deserve a vigorous debate on the issues facing the city. Candidates Gherna and Koski let these pitches from Southside Pride slide past home plate without taking a swing at them. Hopefully, by next month, they will be warmed up and in better shape to hit the ball when it's thrown at them.

Protests, from page 1

car with guns drawn. Schmidt yelled, 'Put your hands up. I will f—kin' shoot you.' Blevins started running away, trying to get as much distance as possible between the police and his girlfriend and his baby. The officers chase Blevins down a block and into an alley. He's shouting, 'I didn't do nothing bro. Please don't shoot. Leave me alone.' The officers fire 14 times and hit Blevins four times and kill him."

Maybe it would have been better if the police had stayed in their cars and announced through their loudspeakers that Thurman Blevins and Dolal Idd were doing something illegal and that they wanted to

talk about it. Dolal was pinned in by at least four squad cars. He couldn't escape. He needed to be talked down. He didn't need to be killed.

Dolal Idd was a petty criminal. If he had been white, there's a good chance that he would have been considered "high spirited" or a juvenile delinquent. Shooting a gun off in his family's basement, shoplifting, drugs—these don't seem like dangerous crimes, especially if committed by a white person. In his final confrontation, if he had been white, there's a strong likelihood that the police would have tried to reason with him and convince him to give himself up peacefully.

Jaylani Hussein, the execu-

tive director of the Minnesota chapter of Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), who helped organize Sunday's protest, told the crowd that, in the wake of Floyd's death, he didn't believe the narrative of the police, and he called for an independent investigation. He said the bodycam footage shared by Minneapolis police is "inconclusive" and criticized it for being edited: "Right now every fact that we have received has either been inconclusive or it has led us to believe there was misconduct by the police based on a lie from an informant."

More than a thousand people marched on Sunday, Jan. 3, to demand a full investigation and justice for Dolal Idd.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Holidays are holy

I love Debra Keefer Ramage's essay "Holidays are Holy" in the December 2020 paper. I agree with the core ideas and values, and I hope that our society resets into something more equitable for everyone.

However, I question two points:

1) The Israelites probably were not enslaved in great numbers in Egypt. The Egyptians were good record-keepers, and so far, there's no archeological evidence for that story. Therefore, Pharaoh didn't "renege" on the deal to release the Israelite slaves (after his heart was hardened by God according to Exodus 7).

2) The very pro-slavery rules in the Bible are mostly horrifying and don't deserve any positive spin. The rules are different for male Israelite slaves (free after 6-7 years unless they don't want to leave a spouse behind in which case they are enslaved forever), for women and foreign slaves, and for debt slaves and Israelites owned by foreigners (free in a Jubilee year every 49-50 years). Sex slaves were the young virgin spoils of war or were daughters sold by their fathers. If you beat your slave and he lived for more than a

day or two, you wouldn't be punished because he was your property. See Exodus 21, Leviticus 25, etc., for more details.

These points matter because U.S. foreign policy is sometimes guided by the Christian Bible. In 2019 the U.S. provided \$3.8 billion in military aid to Israel, some of which financed the regular bombing of non-Jewish Palestinians and the destruction of their homes and fields. American Christian Zionists, trying to speed up the return of Christ and to expedite the Rapture, directly facilitate the illegal land grab by Jewish Zionists.

Polly Mann, cofounder of Women Against Military Madness, estimated that Minnesota's share of the "aid" to Israel (which has universal health care) from 2009-2018 was \$886,428,240!

In Minnesota, it's unpopular to publicly challenge anyone else's religious beliefs, but I think it should be okay to honestly question the historicity and the values of our ancient stories. Indeed, we must do so. Even at Christmas.

Thank you, Debra Keefer Ramage, for a thought-provoking essay.

--Heidi Uppgaard, Mpls
(Let the doxxing begin!)

The battleground that is Lake Street

In Kay Schroven's recent article, "The battleground that is Lake Street," Kay says in the beginning "...surrounding the riots in the wake of the killing of George Floyd by the MPD..."

I take exception to her statement. The Minneapolis Police Department did not kill Mr. Floyd, a fired Minneapolis police officer did. This is the kind of "stirring the shit pot" that we don't need and does absolutely no good. Has your paper not ever heard of accurate reporting? It is time to stop being part of the problem and starting to be part of the solution.

--Alan Jones

Response from Kay Schroven:

Mr. Jones,

Your response to my Southside Pride piece "The Battleground that is Lake Street" was forwarded to me. I understand your point: that the individuals involved in the death of Mr. Floyd are not necessarily representative of the entire MPD. And, they are former officers. At the time of Mr. Floyd's death, they were employees of the MPD and hence representatives of the organization. That was my view when I wrote that. It seems you object to my naming the organization

rather than individuals.

If Mr. Floyd's death was an isolated incident, I may be inclined to be more sympathetic to your point. However, it is not, as we well know.

I can assure you that Southside Pride is dedicated to solutions and did not intend to stir the pot.

The good news is that we live in a democracy where we can express our views openly, as you have done. I'm thankful for that.

Happy holidays to you.

--Kay

Editor's Note:

What is the "problem," Mr. Jones? Isn't the problem the endemic racism in the MPD? We know the FBI in 2006 warned of white supremacists taking over police depart-

ments across the country. We know the Police Federation has twice elected Bob Kroll president. We know Bob Kroll also heads up City Heat, a motorcycle gang of police officers from the Twin Cities that fly Confederate flags and wear Nazi war medals. We know Bob Kroll was found guilty of racist discrimination against Arradondo and four other MPD officers. We know the MPD has done nothing to punish or criticize the white MPD officers who killed Terrance Franklin, Jamar Clark, Thurman Blevins and Travis Jordan. We think that's the problem with the MPD. We think part of being the solution to the problem is first understanding the problem.

What's your solution, Mr. Jones?

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Bouza, from page 1

creation of the Vatican state with Benito (and let's never forget his father named him after Juarez) Mussolini. Maybe the preeminent achievement of the church's millennial history.

So, Pius XII is a big, big figure.

But an enigma.

Why?

The Church has not released his papers.

What will they show?

Imagine Pius XII. The recipient of a very large gift from the inventor of fascism (pedantry—a fasces symbol was an axe, encased in rods, to demonstrate Etruscan kings could beat or kill you). They flank the podium from which American presidents give their annual addresses to Congress.

There—that sums up the confining limits of my knowledge—of everything.

Anyhoo—moving right along

... Jews were caught in the dilemma that only Communists were fighting fascists in the '30s.

Pius XII confronted the identical problem, but from a reversed perspective.

Pacelli loathed godless Communists.

He knew the Nazis were evil, but the Communists were eviler. He is unlikely to have been an anti-Semite; he tolerated acts of charity toward or protections of Jews—isolated and particularized but not as policy.

The Pope's papers will very likely show a realpolitik assessment of the world he faced. His was the quintessential realism. The Church dares not expose this facet because, as Shakespeare reminds us, "The devil quotes scripture for his purposes."

So, take that, Morris. I never said Pacelli was an anti-Semite; I would have admitted he practiced and tolerated actions that helped some Jews, but what you will never convince me of is that, faced with the greatest evil the world has ever known, and perched on a uniquely positioned seat to bear witness—Pius XII remained silent.

Publisher's note: As Minnesota's preeminent retired peace officer, Tony Bouza is under-appreciated as an elegant and brutally efficient bomb-thrower. In a brief, economical aside he characterizes me as "the publisher of this tract" and Southside Pride as a "propaganda leaflet." Of course, he's right. Southside Pride is propaganda—in the same way that every news source, every newspaper, every television station is propaganda. All news is written from a point of view. Most newspapers and all network television are produced from the point of view of defending the status quo, and just because they're defending the status quo doesn't mean that it isn't propaganda. Southside Pride, for 30 years, has challenged the status quo. That has always been our point of view.

Mark Twain—"A newspaper is not just for reporting the news as it is, but to make people mad enough to do something about it."

Talk to Tony

Sorry about the technical difficulties last month, but we're going to try again to host Tony Bouza on Zoom. Tony will talk about how to make the MPD efficient and humane. Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 3 p.m. Meeting ID: 244 384 2933 Passcode: 869226



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

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Restaurant/Café/Pub

Bagu Sushi & Thai*. Open for takeout/delivery only. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad, Uber Eats. Restricted hours.

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Bull's Horn. Open for contactless curbside pickup only. Online and phone orders. 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.

French Meadow. Open for takeout/delivery only. Delivery by Bite Squad, DoorDash, GrubHub, Uber Eats. Usual hours.

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. Usual hours.

(Note - during the "pause," food court tables not available at Midtown Global Market (MGM). Keep mask on at all times while in the building.)

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

Infused Life Plant-based Eatery* (at MGM). Open with restrictions.

Jakeeno's (at MGM). Permanently closed.

Los Ocampo* (Chicago & Lake; MGM; St. Paul). Open for takeout only. 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

with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad & GrubHub.

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

Merlins Rest. Open for takeout/delivery only. Delivery by Bite Squad. Restricted hours except for takeout.

Modern Times Cafe. Open for takeout only. See their website or email moderntimes3200@gmail.com with questions.

Northbound Smokehouse Brewpub. Open for takeout only. Call for pickup. Usual hours.

Parkway Pizza. Open for takeout/delivery only. Online and phone orders. Delivery by business or thru Bite Squad. Usual hours.

Quang*. Open for takeout/delivery only. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad, DoorDash. Usual hours.

Reverie. Open for takeout only. Online and phone orders. Restricted hours. Beer and wine available.

Sandcastle. Closed for 2020, back in spring 2021.

Smoke in the Pit*. Open for takeout/delivery only. Phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad. No curbside pickup. Pre-order grab and go.

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

Bakery/Coffee/Deli

A Baker's Wife. Open for takeout/delivery only. Online and phone orders. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

Butter Bakery. Open for takeout/delivery only. Online order and delivery by Chow Now. No curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Pay it forward for sanctuary meals.

Café Meow. Open for takeout/delivery only. Online and phone orders. Cat lounge experience by reservation. Still fostering cats— visit cats by video.

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

Geek Love Café (in Moon Palace). Ordering window and pickup north side of building. Restricted hours.

Key West Bistro. Open for takeout/delivery only. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad, Door Dash, GrubHub & Uber Eats. Usual hours.

May Day Café. Open for takeout Fri. thru Mon., 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. See Facebook for details.

Mel-O-Glaze. Open for takeout/delivery only. Call for information about delivery or curbside pickup. Grab and go. Usual hours.

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. Grab and go. Restricted hours.

Groceries

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

Cub Foods (mobile site at Minnehaha Mall). Open with restrictions. Restricted hours.

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.

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

Seward Co-op / Friendship. Open with restrictions. Check website for online ordering with curbside pickup. New - delivery offered - see website. Slightly restricted hours.

Wedge & Linden Hills Co-op. Open with restrictions. No phone orders. Online order for curbside pickup or order thru Instacart for delivery. Usual hours.

Specialty/Convenience

Coastal Seafoods. Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Mercato. Usual hours.

Dokken's Superette (42nd Street). Open to public. No online or phone orders or delivery. Usual hours.

Everett's Foods. Open to public. No online or phone orders. No delivery or curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

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

Produce Exchange (at MGM). Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Mercato.

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Thrive Market. Market boxes, mostly non-perishables, no produce. Own brand very good value, mostly organic. Lots of selection. thrivemarket.com

Farmers Markets

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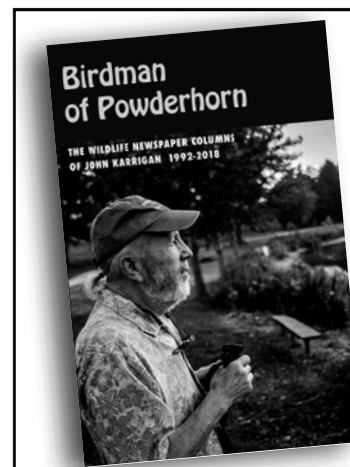
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Wednesday, Jan. 13, noon Bonhoeffer and Our Moral Selves in History

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Wednesday, Jan. 27, noon

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3644 Chicago Ave., Mpls.
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www.faithlutheranmpls.org
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There's No Place Like Home

How to make your indoors brighter and your outdoors cozier: lessons from afar for the pandemic winter



Bird of Paradise plant

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

I can't tell you (because I've lost track) how many friends and acquaintances have done major or minor remodels this year, or moved to a larger or smaller place, or just a different place, or just impulsively rearranged their furniture and changed their decor every couple of months or so. I myself did a big downsizing in August, got a desperately needed new fridge in October, and got a minor bathroom upgrade in November.

It's a combination of introspection, stir-craziness, seeking control over something, and self-soothing. And in many ways, it's an opportune time. Contractors want work, if you have the money. Or if you have the skills yourself, and you're idled from your job, why not?

We're not going to focus here on major remodels though. I don't have the expertise in that area that some of my readers do, so that would be silly. Instead, we're going to focus on simple changes to make to your domicile to achieve peace and contentment in your home, while storms of both snow and political craziness rage around. And also, we're going to include ways to both bring the outdoor

elements of winter inside, and make the outdoors, particularly your own yard, porch, or what-have-you, more warm, inviting, and useable.

I got inspired to delve into

the rough English translation:

- Hygge - Danish - Well-being (Norwegian)
- Lagom - Swedish - Moderation, just enough
- Koselig - Norwegian - Cozy



Portable theater system starter set

the lifestyles and outlooks of people who live even farther north than we do, with longer, darker winters. You have no doubt heard of the decorating, food and lifestyle trend of hygge, borrowed from the Danes. Some writers like to joke about the cuddling aspect of this phenomenon by saying "get hygge with it," but that doesn't really work, for two reasons. First the pronunciation of the word is more like HOO-guh. So closer to "hug" than "jiggy." Secondly you can do hygge all alone, indoors or outdoors, or in a small crowd.

Just for fun, though, before we get into specifics, I thought you might like to learn about other northern cultures' versions of hygge. Here is a little list of those I found, with the word, the folk practicing it, and

- Hugge - Iceland - (Same word as hygge)
- Kalsarikänni / Sisu - Finnish - (see below)
- Cosagach - Scottish - Cozy (Gaelic)
- Cwtch - Welsh - 1. Hiding place 2. To snuggle
- Gezellig - Dutch - Convivial
- Gemütlich - German - Convivial, homey, pleasant
- Coorie - Nova Scotian - 1. Cozy 2. To cuddle OR to cower (Scots dialect)
- Uyut - Russian - Comfortable (with implication of cozy)
- Potlatch - Alaskan Indigenous - My suggestion, as the word literally means "inviting people" in the Tlingit language.

The Finns have two contending words and concepts that each equate to part of hygge.

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Kalsarikänni literally means “drinking in your underpants,” while Sisu is usually translated “fortitude” but it means a kind of cheerful, aggressive fortitude. So, in Finland, you may have a sisu day followed by a kalsarikänni day, while the exact same two days in Denmark would both be hygge.

Also of note, cozy, kose (the root of koselig) and cosagach may all stem from the same root word, as may cwtch, coorie and the French verb “coucher.” (The “bed box” of Brittany, used for both hiding and canoodling, is also common in Wales and the Netherlands.)

—So here are some crafty thoughts to get your creative juices flowing. We’ll start with the indoor stuff.

Lights. All the lifestyle pieces I read (a lot of them) agree that the koselig way with indoor

lighting is soft but ubiquitous. Especially favored are candles, reading lamps, and string lights, with or without a tree under



Ice luminaria made from balloons

them. You might surround your bed, your couch or the bay window with strings of small white

lights. If you’re suffering from SAD, you can get a prescription for a light-box and spend an hour each day in self-treatment with

indoor or outdoor use. Very hygge.)

Colors. There are two schools of thought on this one. One is to counter the bleakness of outdoors and darkness with bright, bold colors. The other is to echo it with cool, light tones of blue and gray and lots of white. But one thing is sure, don’t let your paint job get dull and marred when winter is coming. Clean whites and crisp colors everywhere are important. A blog on koselig by a southern Euro-type living in Norway says you have to redecorate every other year, at least. See afroginthefjord.com/2014/02/02/how-to-make-things-koselig/.

Flowers and plants. Plants that flower in winter are a great thing to up the coziness factor. “Christmas” cactus and poinsettia are traditional favorites, as are forced bulbs such as amaryllis, hyacinth or paperwhite. There are also nice smelling plants such as jasmine, or striking large plants such as “peace lily” or bird-of-paradise.

Cut flowers. This is an easy option, if you can afford it. Most groceries and co-ops have them (Seward Co-op’s include fair-trade selections) or you can patronize our many excellent local florists if you’re really fancy. For a treat!

Music. Another thing all the hygge and koselig articles agree is important. You could think of creating a playlist as part of your winter remodel, but if you can make your own live music, so

much the better. Musical instruments can be part of your home environment too. Both of my kids remembered fondly the piano we had when they were little, and now as grown-ups, they both insisted on having one the instant they became homeowners. But it doesn’t have to be something that big—a ukulele or a woodwind of some kind works too. Check out local music stores such as Blackbird on Cedar Avenue.

Organization and storage. This is highly personal. Some people feel more comfortable with a minimalist look, with any possessions hidden away in orderly cabinets and cupboards save for a few artisanal pieces and maybe a “coffee table book.” Others are comforted by the homey clutter of books, teapot, throws, scatter rugs, coasters, tchotchkes, yarn baskets and half-finished crafting products. I’m trying to get a little more minimal now, after a lifetime of clutter. I may try this clever hidden-away recycling center idea (see picture).

Crafts. While cozying up to your cottage, have a cottage industry if you like. Knitting, crocheting, weaving and tie-dye can contribute to your indoor esthetic, whether you made the stuff yourself or bought it from a local artisan. Pottery is very koselig. Stained glass can increase your feeling of lagom.

Games. I am a big fan of having your favorite recreation integrated into your decorating scheme, and I like board games. Have a few statement pieces, such as a chess table, or one of those 50th anniversary deluxe versions of a classic game. I have two of my favorites from a brief stint working at a game store at the mall that I would recommend. One is

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it. But also, the hygge, sisu and koselig way with windows is to leave curtains, if any, wide open. Let in the sun, no matter how meager, and light up your yard in the long midwinter night (see below).

Fires. Closely related to lights. I note that the inimitable Hammacher Schlemmer now sells a tiny tabletop fireplace, so you can have an approximation of a real fire even if you live in a basement or a studio apartment. If you have a space for a fire but don’t have a working one at the moment, consider getting a wood stove from Woodland Stoves on Franklin Avenue. (They also sell wood-fired pizza ovens for either

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a strategy game called Quarto, and the other is Colorku, Sudoku played with wooden marbles in nine colors. (Google for a picture if you're curious.)

or almond, or chocolate add a lot to the coziness factor. If you're going the cosagach route, a wee dram of single malt may be in order.

makes sense to me. Here is your chance to try out weird herbs or salad greens. Microgreens, daikon sprouts, chervil, French tarragon. Apparently (I've never tried it) you can grow a beautiful fern-y vine from the cut end of a sweet potato. Fancy that.

—Here are some random outdoor ideas.

Heat. For warmth outside, try a patio heater if you have the space. Or a fire pit if it's legal where you live. A greenhouse with one wall being an outer wall of your house can be heated with a special greenhouse heater.

Circuit training. Another approach is to do circuit training in your backyard. Warmly dressed. Google this and you'll find some very impressive, expensive bits you can buy to make an obstacle course for your own use, but I reckon you or your favorite handyperson can make these things much cheaper.

Lights. For lights (that will shine in through those uncurtained windows), outdoor string lights are nice. I love to see the evergreens in the front yard lit up with lights, white or colored, and it's too lovely to be put away in January.

Luminarium. Another great outdoor decor feature is the ice luminarium. Here is a piece showing how to make your own: <https://www.midwestliving.com/homes/how-a-twin-cities-artist-makes-magical-ice-luminarias-and-you-can-too/>

Sauna. There is a local company that will rent you an outdoor



The portable sauna crew from Stokeyard.com

sauna! They will even come set it up, then take it down and store it till next year. Check out stokeyard.com/.

Movies. There is another local company that will sell you a portable outdoor theater system so you can have movie nights in your backyard (or indoors in a big socially distanced way).

Check out www.outdoortheater-system.com/product/starter-series/.

Ice skating. There is yet another local company that will actually install a friggin' ice rink in your backyard! How sisu is that? Check out www.icetimn.com/residential.



DIY cabinet to conceal trash or recycling

Food. There is definitely hygge food. It's always hot cocoa or tea in the magazine articles, although all the real-life Scandinavians I know are coffee guzzlers. Hot soup is something almost every culture that has winter associates with winter. Pies and cookies with scents of cinnamon,

Culinary plants. I am in favor of dual-purpose things. Growing stuff indoors that you can also eat



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Working for Amazon

BY SAFIYO MOHAMED

This is a true story about how Amazon dehumanizes and abuses its workers for the sake of excessive profit. When Amazon (msp1) hired me and more than 50 other people in 2016, we joined over a thousand workers already working there.

My first day was very exciting because I was really happy I got my first job in the United States. But after only three days of dismally inadequate training, I was on my own.

I became so stressed and anxious I couldn't sleep at night. Amazon is rating you every single minute of every single day and every single week. After only one week, my supervisor informed me I had to improve or ultimately be fired: My productivity was low; I made mistakes and was slow. This was a shocking surprise. The training did not include information about meeting unrealistic quotas and being under intense scrutiny to measure it. My "American Dream" was shattered because there was no way I could improve without help.

After an agonizing week of hard work and sleepless nights, my supervisor pressured me into signing a write-up. I was

new to the country, new to English, and I was dying inside. I was standing 10+ hours, lifting 50 + pound items, and was exhausted physically and mentally. Yet, I was told that I wasn't working hard enough. The only option I had was to meet their expectations 100 percent of the time or be terminated.

I was having trouble meeting the quota of moving more than 260 units per every hour and 2,600 units for every 10-hour shift. If I made more than one error during this time, I would be in trouble. Just imagine how could a human being who has been employed there less than a month do that?

Amazon did not provide any helpful coaching to improve my performance, but my co-workers did. With their advice and overextending myself, I was able to keep the job I needed for survival. However, I had to work harder every day. The computer was constantly monitoring my rate and movement. If you spent too much time "off task," it knew. Keeping hydrated and using the restroom are considered time off task, so I did neither for my 10-hour shifts.

Not only was I dehydrated and exhausted, I was denied the opportunity to follow my daily prayer rituals. After my

shift, I couldn't even cook for myself. I barely had the energy to take a shower and often went to bed with an empty stomach. I had nightmares about getting fired, disrupting the little sleep I was getting. They treated me and every other warehouse worker like a machine, not a human.

Every employee has to prove her/himself every single day in order to survive at Amazon. Nobody says anything because everybody is just trying to survive, struggling all alone, all by themselves. Employees don't quit because most of them are new immigrants and are just trying to survive in a country they don't entirely understand.

Immigrants are more vulnerable at Amazon because they know you aren't going to speak up when your rights are violated. They know you don't have easy access to resources, so they purposely don't employ supervisors or translators who can communicate with employees with limited English. Employees of color are also systematically treated unfairly. Amazon assumes we don't know our rights under the law as employees, and they take advantage of that.

To maximize its profits, Amazon is committing labor abuses in its warehouses and in the delivery trucks by demanding unreasonable quotas for its



order-fulfillment employees. People's health and well-being are continually jeopardized by the ridiculous standards and Amazon's refusal to adjust to the pandemic. This should be unacceptable to everyone. So, under our watch, we need to insist we honor human rights. I urge those of you who care to look into Amazon's employee practices. Amazon needs to be exposed. We cannot allow Amazon's abuse to continue and to profit excessively off its employees' misery.

Hey hey, ho ho, Gov'nor Walz has got to go!

BY ELINA KOLSTAD

In the month of November, Gov. Walz made two missteps that should cost him any chance at reelection. His administration deployed excessive force to a protest on I-94 and approved the 401 water crossings permit for the Enbridge Energy Line 3 pipeline replacement project.

On Nov. 4, 2020, the Twin Cities Coalition for Justice 4 Jamar held a protest as part of a national call for protests no

matter who won the election. They were kettled by police and Minnesota State Patrol troopers, and 646 people were arrested. For perspective, this is more than double the number of protesters arrested on the first day of the RNC back in 2008. Protesters have been "taking the freeway" or marching on the freeway and blocking traffic to bring attention to unarmed Black people brutalized and murdered by the police for a number of years now. Instead of working to solve

this problem, Gov. Walz would seem to see the protests themselves as the problem. Instead of stopping the murder and abuse of his citizens, the people who elected him, he sees the need to criminalize protest and erode our First Amendment rights.

Many reading this might assume that there isn't much that the governor can do to address the concerns of groups like Black Lives Matter, but there are many areas where he can have an impact, such as advocating for criminal justice reform and policies of decriminalization and/or legalization of substances like marijuana at the state level. At the very least he could not have the Minnesota State Patrol troopers aggressively target those fighting for racial justice.

Just over ten days after the incident on I-94, Walz's administration approved a Line 3 water crossings permit, thereby moving the Enbridge Energy project forward. This move puts the health of our waterways at risk, harms tribal communities, and will increase greenhouse gas emissions. The fact that this approval was given in Native American Heritage Month seems a bit like an added slap in the face to this outsider. Even Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan had to distance herself from such shameful action on the part of her administration.

The environmental and human costs of the proposed pipeline are numerous. From an environmental perspective they span everything from inevitable leaks from



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How environmental policies can reduce crime

BY ELINA KOLSTAD

“Defund the Police” has sparked a nationwide debate, the likes of which we have not seen before, about what a safe community looks like and how we achieve that for ALL of our residents. The vast majority of people in Minneapolis support redirecting funds from the MPD to violence prevention programs, mental health and drug treatment. Another important aspect of the conversation is to examine root causes of crime in the first place. Pollutants, such as lead, have a direct impact on crime as is demonstrated by both econometric studies and physiological evidence of how lead impacts brain development as is laid out in detail in Kevin Drum’s 2013 article “Lead: America’s Real Criminal Element.”

as “clean.” Both of these are serious environmental concerns, but there are alternatives. In addition to increasing the city’s recycling and composting they could pursue serious zero waste strategies, especially in commercial and manufacturing applications which is where the term originated. As for green energy production, rooftop solar offers an excellent alternative if we are willing to prioritize it.

The Phillips Urban Farm has been fighting for the past couple of years to use an existing structure for aquaponics to provide food for the community as well as building affordable housing on the site. The city, however, has other plans. They have aggressively stood in the way of the community organizers every step of the way and plan to consolidate the Public Works Wa-



The garbage burner downtown puts this stuff in the air and, with prevailing northwest winds, drops it into the Phillips neighborhood.



Pollution, poverty and crime: a matched set?

It has long been recognized that poverty and crime are linked. But a 2019 study from Harvard identified “toxicity, violence, and incarceration” as significant factors of poverty that increase the chances of adult incarceration. Some may be surprised that the study indicates that environmental policies, specifically those that reduce pollutants in communities, could significantly reduce crime rates.

The Hennepin Energy Recovery Center (HERC) burns trash in downtown Minneapolis. Incinerators like this spew massive amounts of air pollution from chemicals like nitrogen oxide to heavy metals like lead and mercury. Community members have been fighting to close HERC for years. There are a number of roadblocks to closing down HERC, but it may surprise some that our excessive throwaway culture is not the only factor. The incinerator produces energy—specifically energy that can be categorized

ter Distribution Maintenance and Meter Shop operation to one site, instead of the three separate sites where they are now housed. While the city highlights “green” aspects of the project such as LEED certification, these seem a bit like green-washing when compared to the community-driven proposal of the East Phillips Urban Farm. Especially given concerns that the city’s plan will increase emissions through increased traffic and that the demolition process will aerosolize the arsenic pollution on the site.

In both of these cases it is argued that, while these actions can be harmful to some of our city’s residents, the overall benefits to the city make the sacrifice worth it. Keep in mind that these are not people who live in these communities. These arguments are not being made from a position of personal sacrifice, but from a position of the sacrifices that others should make—often

these others are the least empowered and enfranchised of us.

We must start to look at remediation and prevention of pollution as being a priority for our city. But even if we could magically clean up all of the toxicity of our city overnight it wouldn’t decrease crime overnight. It is exposure to toxins during early childhood development that increases crime rates and simply cleaning up the environment cannot undo the damage. This is where “de-

fund the police” comes in, with more funding to programs that will reduce crime in the shorter term. This includes decriminalizing mental illness, homelessness and substance abuse. It also means investing in early childhood and youth programs that can identify children who have suffered developmental damage from their environment and divert them from criminal behavior.

We have a problem with crime in our city. We’ve had a problem with crime in our

city. I grew up in “Murderapolis.” I’ve lived through ebbs and flows of violence over the years. Yes, crime is worse now than it has been, at least for a while; we are also facing one of the most challenging times in our nation’s history and a huge economic recession, if not depression. But even in the “good times,” crime was happening. Policing as it exists was never the solution and it’s not now.

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the pipeline into waterways to the increased greenhouse gas emissions that will result from the movement of tar sands fuel into the market. The human costs are more devastating. Indigenous populations in the U.S. and Minnesota specifically have been especially hard hit in our current pandemic, in large part due to historic and systemic mistreatment at the hands of the U.S. government. Enbridge will bring hundreds of workers into northern Minnesota. These workers will be coming from all over the country and many will bring Covid with them. The influx of workers from out of state also increases the risk of kidnapping and human trafficking to Indigenous women in the region. As far back as 2016, Patti Larsen, of Mending the Sacred Hoop, said, “Follow the pipeline through, you fol-

low the construction workers, you follow the money, you follow the oil—you’ll start seeing where the trafficking will follow that.”

ence for order over justice, for profits over people, and corporate interests over our collective future.

As a part of the 2020 presidential election, we saw a massive mobilization to get out the vote spearheaded by people like Ilhan Omar. As a result of these efforts Joe Biden won more votes in Hennepin County alone than Trump got in the entire state of Minnesota. The governor’s term will be up in two years. That happens to be the perfect amount of time for someone to start working to challenge Walz, whether as a primary challenger or as a third-party candidate. The Democratic party establishment may not want to listen to the voices of people



Gov. Tim Walz

These two actions on the part of Gov. Walz’s administration in November demonstrate his support for white supremacy and colonial capitalism. He has demonstrated his prefer-

of color, but between urban voters in Hennepin and Ramsey Counties and the tribal communities in outstate Minnesota the power is with the people!

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Businesses, from page 5

Tare Market. Zero-waste bulk foods, personal items, more. Open with restrictions, usual hours.

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), East Lake, Hosmer (Central), Nokomis (51st Street). Grab-and-go only - Southdale. 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.

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. Zoom classes only. See website for details.

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@walker-church.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. Food distribution. See mutual aid link for days and times.

Food Shelf in a Box at Folwell

School. Mobile boxed food distribution. 3rd Tues. each month 3 - 6 p.m.

Food Shelf in a Box at Hiawatha YMCA. Mobile boxed food distribution 1st Wed. each month 3 - 6 p.m.

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

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


Provision Community Restaurant. Free meals to go, M-F, noon to 1 p.m. Accepts donations of food or financial contributions.

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.minneapolis-parks.org/encampments/> for updates from MPRB on houseless encampment sites. Situation is volatile, 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 with 28 tents.



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EVENTS

The 40th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute at the University of Minnesota

Sunday, Jan. 17, 3 p.m.
Free virtual event

Honoring the Legacy of John Lewis: Join us for the 40th annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute Concert presented by the University of Minnesota on Sunday, Jan. 17 at 3 p.m. This free event celebrates 40 years of being in community and imagines an excellent way forward. Don't miss this special virtual tribute, hosted by G. Phillip Shultz, III, intermixing the words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and John Lewis with musical performances from U of M students and the Twin Cities community. Learn more at <https://diversity.umn.edu/events/martin-luther-king-jr-tribute>.

Charles Lloyd: Kindred Spirits Saturday, Jan. 16, 9 p.m. through Monday, Jan. 18, 9 p.m.

Free online event

Royce Hall and UCLA hold a special history for legendary saxophonist Charles Lloyd. In the 1960s he sold out two nights in the famed concert hall with his quartet featuring Keith Jarrett, Ron McClure and Jack DeJohnette. This season he returns with an equally astonishing group of musicians featuring pianist Gerald Clayton, guitarist Anthony Wilson, bassist Reuben Rogers, and drummer Justin Brown to perform from his most recent album, "Kindred Spirits." This two-day event is free and open to the public. For more info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/869704237180075>.

Candlelight Hike and Ski

Saturday, Jan. 16
5 to 8 p.m.

YMCA Camp St. Croix
345 Riverview Dr.
Hudson, WI 54016
Join us at DayCroix (YMCA Camp St. Croix North Entrance) for our annual Candlelight Hike & Ski. Cross-country skiing and hiking. Bring your skis or use ours*. This is a FREE event, bring your family** and friends!
Refreshments served in COVID conscious fashion by Camp St. Croix, sponsored by Art Doyle's Spokes and Pedal.

This event is sponsored by the PCK Foundation and is part of the Hudson Hot Air Affair. Be sure to check out the hot air balloon on display. Donations Welcome! When you come to Candlelight Hike & Ski, please consider bringing your lightly used outdoor clothing, sleeping bags, and boots to donate to BOLD & GOLD. This program serves a large number of youth who would not be able to attend camp without the generous support of our community, and one of the major barriers we want to remove is the need for high quality camping clothing and footwear. We are specifically looking for boots, socks, fleeces, rain jackets, synthetic hiking pants, sun hats, winter hats, sleeping bags, and headlamps.

Your donations make it easier for us to ensure that all of our campers are prepared to have a great time at camp. Thank you!

*Skiing contingent on snow conditions

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For more information, go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/4813479148724553>.

Minnesota History Center to Welcome Back Visitors

Beginning Thursday, Jan. 14

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The Minnesota History Center reopens to the public on Jan.

14. Timed entry tickets will be available beginning Jan. 7 online

at www.mnhs.org or through the box office at 651-259-3015. A limited number of tickets will be available for walk-ups. Tickets cost \$8-12. Members are free. Hours are Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sun 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Visitors will once again be able to explore the exhibits "Then Now Wow," "Weather Permitting," "Minnesota's Greatest Generation," and "Our Home: Native Minnesota." Guests can shop for unique artisan-crafted jewelry, clothing, books, toys and more from the History Center store. Food service is temporarily limited to vending machines.

The Gale Family Library will welcome back on-site researchers starting Jan. 22. Researchers should contact the library starting Jan. 12 to make arrangements. Look for more information at www.mnhs.org/library.

Adventure Hubs now open in Minneapolis Parks

Navigate to an Adventure Hub for FREE fun this winter! Trek through the snow, construct a cool fort, spy on feathered friends and more. Kids, teens, families, adults—everyone's welcome! Think you're familiar with Minneapolis parks? This winter, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) invites people of all ages to explore the parks in fresh ways. Through Adventure Hubs at 16 locations, MPRB offers FREE supplies and materials for a range of self-guided activities: snowshoes, trekking poles, fort building, outdoor art, orienteering, birdwatching or animal tracking. All Adventure Hub items are FREE to borrow - no sign-up or registration needed. Just show up, see what's available and be ready for fun! Activities include: snowshoeing; trekking with poles; fort building; snow painting; bird watching and animal tracking. Items rotate periodically among Adventure Hubs, so you can return to try new activities. Head to a Hub near you—or explore a new park! Look for Adventure Hub signs at recreation centers in the parks listed below or call ahead for information. The signs show available items, which staff bring outside for you to use. Note: items are available first-come/first-served. COVID-19 safety

protocols will be followed.

South Minneapolis locations:
• East Phillips Park (East Phillips Park Cultural and Community Center) – 612-370-4888
• Keewaydin Park – 612-370-4956
• Lake Nokomis Park (Lake Nokomis Community Center) – 612-370-4923
• Longfellow Park – 612-370-4957
• Powderhorn Park – 612-370-4960
• Stewart Park – 612-370-4932

Memorial Blood Centers is Testing All Donations for the COVID-19 Antibodies Through Jan. 31

Amid the ongoing challenges of recruiting blood donors during the COVID-19 pandemic, local nonprofit Memorial Blood Centers (MBC) is facing a shortage of blood and platelet donations. The need for blood is constant, but due to the pandemic, many drives have been canceled or postponed. To replenish supplies for Twin Cities' hospitals, trauma centers, and air ambulance bases, more healthy donors are needed at blood drives and donor centers in the coming weeks. Appointments can be made online at MBC.ORG or by calling 1-888-GIVE-BLD (888-448-3253). Through January 31, MBC will test all donations for COVID-19 Antibodies. In addition Memorial Blood Centers is collecting convalescent plasma from people who have recovered from COVID-19 in efforts to help treat the virus (MBC.ORG/CPdonor). As a thank you, all presenting donors will receive a limited-edition long sleeve T-Shirt along with a voucher for free coffee at local area Dunkin locations through January 31, 2021. Additional Dunkin drawings for Free Coffee for a Year and \$25 gift cards will occur throughout the month. More than 50% of the blood supply was lost when community blood drives were cancelled due to COVID-19 this year, and the supply remains low (less than a 3-day supply of all blood types). Blood drives are resuming, with additional precautions at all donation sites; appointments are preferred to help maintain social distancing, and donors are required to wear a face mask or face covering. Blood donation is safe and essential, and MBC has a COVID-19 self-screening policy in addition to general eligibility guidelines. In general, you may be eligible to donate if you are:

- In good health
- 17 years or older— or 16 with written parental consent (PDF available on MBC.ORG)
- At least 110 pounds
- Free of antibiotics for 24 hours, unless taken for preventative reasons
- Symptom-free for at least 72 hours following a cold or flu

Visit MBC.ORG to find your nearest drive or donor center, or to make an appointment at one of the public blood drives. Every two seconds, someone needs blood and there is no substitute. Only volunteer donors can help save lives.

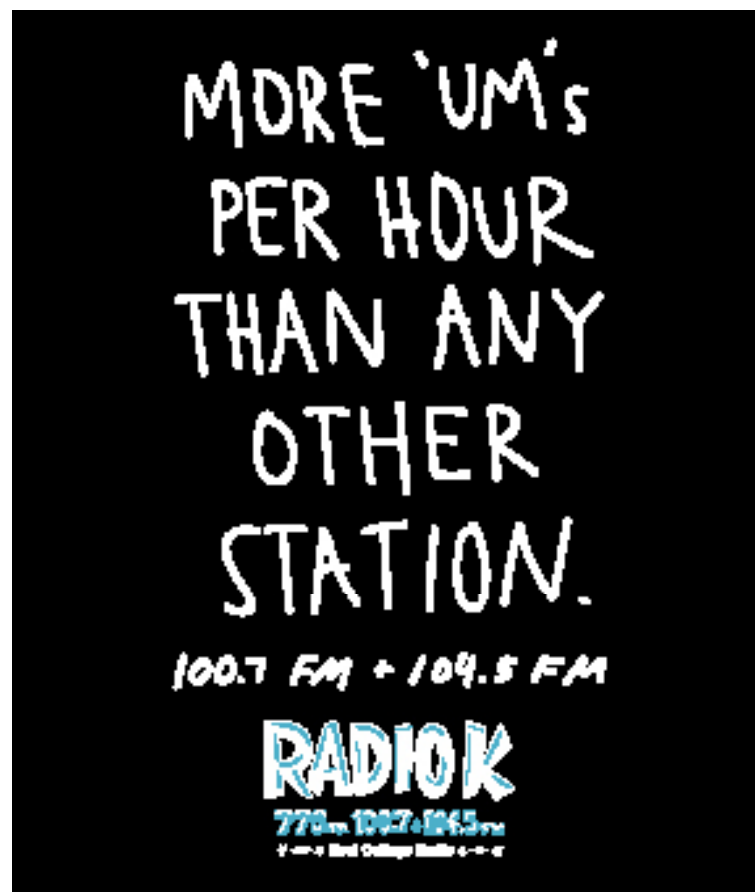
• 'Anansi the Spider: Re-spun' Streaming January 11 – 31 Free
Children's Theatre Company CTC is presenting "Anansi the Spider: Re-Spun," created by the UK's leading theatre for young people, Unicorn Theatre, free of cost January 11—31. Inspired by their hit show, "Anansi the Spider," about the infamous mischief-maker and master spinner of yarns (whose schemes don't always go as planned!), these classic West African and Caribbean tales have been adapted into an exciting online experience. This energetic and engaging online performance takes three classic Anansi stories and uses music, song, dance and humor to create an exciting new adventure. Created and directed by Justin Audibert for Unicorn Theatre, www.unicorntheatre.com/. Best enjoyed by ages 3 and up. Free. <https://childrenstheatre.org/>

Children's Theatre Company Virtual Academy Classes Jan. 26—March 27
CTC's Virtual Academy classes for the winter season are now on sale! Classes are either nine weeks or four weeks long, running Jan. 26 through March 27. Classes will include a mix of theatre, music, dance, film, and technical theatre for ages 4 through 18, beginner through pre-professional. This winter also includes a new offering designed for parents providing fun ways to bring imagination and creativity into the home paired with weekday daytime classes to give students an artistic break in their virtual school day. Also included are classes specifically designed for young people with sensory sensitivities including those with ASD, Sensory Processing Disorder, anxiety, PTSD, and other disabilities and mental illnesses for ages 4 through 12. Classes can be purchased at <https://childrenstheatre.org/virtual-academy/>.

'Amethyst Skies' by Amy Rice 'Cityscapes' by Mark Horton Through Jan. 23
Groveland Gallery
25 Groveland Terrace, Mpls.
Groveland Gallery presents two new exhibitions on view now through Jan. 23. Visit in person Tuesday through Saturdays from 12 noon to 5 p.m. (by appointment only) or online. Amy Rice's "Amethyst Skies" is a new body of small mixed media paintings illustrating the real and imagined lives of the animals that live on and under the artist's East Central Minnesota flower farm. Also on view: "Studies, Sketches & Small Works," a group show by gallery artists. Call 612-377-7800 or go to www.grovelandgallery.com for more information.

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



They want you to perfume the sewers

BY MERIDEL LE SUEUR

Editor's note: The following remarks were delivered in 1988 by video to the Alliance for Cultural Democracy conference in San Francisco.

I bring greetings from the Middle West and also from Time. On Feb. 22, I'll be 88 years old. I've been a writer, an artist in the Middle West, trying to find out what the true image is of our time and our country.

I believe that now is the most wonderful period of my life because for the first time we can think of a global world: a global world of art, a global world of expression, a global audience, a global people. Global was not a word in my time that you even spoke about. It wasn't in your consciousness to be global.

Today the consciousness, the rising of the global people, is so wonderful, so tremendous. Such energy is released and we are released as artists from servitude to the establishment, to the death force of imperialism

Engels said in 1877 there were only two subjects for the artist, for the creator. One was the moribund dying society, "the corpse" he called it. The other was the newborn, being born out of the corpse, the new people, the new consciousness, the young child, the image of humanism.

Now we see this actually happening. It's no longer a theory to say "the rising of the working class" as we used to say in 1916 in the First World War. It seemed like a dream. Today you look at your television in the evening and you see the people rising. You see the children throwing rocks at the army; you see the brutal resistance of the dying class, "the corpse" as Engels said.

Imperialism is dying. I don't think they have any way of even saving themselves. They're committing suicide by cutting off the food, causing famines, exporting our products to other countries and selling them back to us. It would be like an Alice in Wonderland death if it wasn't so horrible.

I don't belittle the dangers of the bomb at all, but even these dangers very often bring us together in unity, in a global unity and certainly in a consciousness of the dangers. We see now that we didn't even dream of the viciousness, of



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the deadliness, of the willingness to risk complete global and cosmic death; of the capitalist class.

The middle class is also falling down into the working class and betraying its interests. They have too much to protect to move against death. Death is the only product of imperialism today. It's an obvious problem. They tell us they are going to kill us, and they do kill us.

So the artist has a great wonder and a tremendous influx of new life and at the same time has a great responsibility, because he must bring his skills to the rising people who contain the creation of the new world. It no longer exists in the middle class. It no longer is any good to get the grants.

They just want you to perfume the sewers. They need artists to bring perfume to the terrible stench of their death. It isn't doing the artist any good. There is no place to go except to the struggle of the people today. There is no place for the artist. There is no artist arising except from the struggle of the people.

We see now that all culture comes from the people, comes from the struggle of the people. In America, middle-class culture has obscured the great vigor of American people's culture. I came up from the farm culture. When I was young there was farm music, the farm songs, a great culture of the Midwest farm and the democratic forces in the Middle West, and radical organizations like the IWW.

The IWW is something for you to look at because, there, culture was part. It wasn't separate. It was something you just brought out. Culture was part of the struggle. You could only be a poet or an artist if you were a worker, a revolutionary. The IWW taught me that culture is part of the struggle of the people. It's not separate. They never had a

meeting they didn't open with poetry. They painted. They had cartoons. Their culture was immense, but more than that, it was a culture of the people.

I once saw a group of IWWs learning poetry, learning Walt Whitman, in preparation for going to prison because they didn't have books, so they learned poetry. When going to the same prison they each would learn a different poem so they could bring their culture to prison.

Culture was part—it created a tremendous audience. In 1913, John Reed worked on a tremendous production in Madison Square Garden, put on by the strikers of Patterson. We used to put on affairs here from the farm. We had music, poetry, books. There is a tremendous culture, which is almost unknown and is now in danger of disappearing, like the Black culture, like the ethnic cultures of the Norwegians and the Scandinavians.

This is coming up in our culture like a Vesuvius release of energy and it's just beginning. Recently in the Austin strike, there was a wonderful example of the artists emerging out of the struggle. They've had a mural, which the reactionaries destroyed. They had wonderful music. They had theater that just came out of the struggle. This is where it comes from. Go where it is. Go there. That's the only place there's life. That's the only place where there are any kind of images.

The new images are coming from these struggles. The farm struggle recently here, for example, was one of the greatest uprisings of culture in the Middle West. The grief, the tragedy, the images... People, farmers, committed suicide. They were looking for images of their struggle: seeing their struggle as a long history, for the first time, as inevitable.

In the thirties, the workers and farmers saw that the factories would open up again, saw that there would be again prosperity even. Today, they know there is not going to be a "good" war. They know the factories are not going to reopen. The work has been exported to cheap labor in foreign countries. The steelworkers know as they are struggling and struggling to open those mills.

The worker knows that there is going to be no "good" war. That there is no prosperi-

ty. That there is not going to be an end to exploitation. This in itself is a great cultural vision, a vision that is true, a vision that is possible. It is not only possible, it is necessary; it is the only continuation of the struggle of man to exist.

So, I feel wonderful for you, young people. It's a wonderful thing to be here now, stripping some of the illusions of bourgeois culture—the illusions of getting into those galleries, the illusion of becoming a prostitute to bourgeois culture. It's not possible anymore, except maybe for a few. The grants are being cut off. They're not going to give out these grants anymore. They didn't work. You didn't come in and perfume the sewers. And thank God, we're not going to have those kinds of grants anymore.

What we need now is something like the WPA where a democratic culture can be supported, and a democratic audience. One of the great things about the WPA was its raising of the audiences' consciousness. There was an audience for art; there was an audience for murals. We started here a farm collective, a painters' group for the farmers to paint during the winter and have farm exhibits, this is where your audience is. The middle class is not a rich audience anymore. They don't have the images anymore. They don't have the truth.

The hearings (Iran-Contra) were the greatest thing to show you what the middle class does to support the lie. Culture is used to support the lie, to cover the lie. Language is used to cover the lie. In those hearings, language became a tool to cover not only lying, but the death and destruction of our whole society.

So, this is what is happening. It's revealed. It's not a secret any longer. They can't keep it a secret. What those bastards do in the morning is on TV in the evening. It's impossible to be secretive. They tell upon each other, in fact. They can't keep a secret from each other. You are living in a time when the front door is open, the road is open.

You don't even hardly have to choose—it's between life or death. It's between what supports creative culture and what is death to it. It isn't even a choice. It's inevitable. It's just there. You have to live it. You have to be it. You have a chance to become part of this struggle. As the Communist

Manifesto ends, the only people who will save the world are those who have nothing to lose but their chains.

This is what we see in the colonial countries. People driven to hunger, to death, who literally have nothing to lose, who really rise up on the horizon on all scenes. Those great meetings are not any longer the little meetings, but the meetings of millions of people demanding life, demanding the image, the true image. So this is what you have now for your life; to go into this great life, this great new force.

We used to say, "Workers of the World, Unite." Well now we have no choice. It's inevitable. They have to unite or die. So, it's not a dream any longer. It's not a hope any longer. It's a presence, a wonderful living presence.

I'd just like to read a piece of mine that I wrote years ago, and this I hope would be the keystone in the temple of your meeting together:

Let us all return.

It is the people who give birth to us, to all culture, who by their labors create all material and spiritual values.

No art can develop until it perpetuates and penetrates deeply into the life of the people.

The source of American culture lies in the historic movement of our people, and the artist must become voice, messenger, organizer, awakener, sparking the inflammable silence, reflection back to the courage and the beauty. He must return really to the people, partisan and alive, with warmth, abundance, excess, confidence: without reservations, being cold and merely reasonable; or craftiness, writing one thing, and believing another; not being a superior person, even superior in knowledge, in theoretical knowledge, an ideological giant, but bereft of heart and humanity.

Capitalism is a world of ruins, junk piles of machines, men, women, piles of dust, floods, erosions, masks to cover rapacity.

To these stinging sounds the people carry their young, in the shades of their grief, in the thin shadow of their hunger, hope and crops in their grief, in the dark of the machine, only they have the future in them.

Only they.

Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons becomes international law on January 22, 2021

BY MARIE BRAUN

Two days after Joe Biden is sworn in as the 46th president of the United States, nations around the world will celebrate the ratification of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. This international treaty makes it illegal to “develop, test, produce, manufacture ... use or threaten to use nuclear weapons.” The treaty was negotiated at the United Nations and has the support of over 120 countries, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent movements, the Pope, the Dalai Lama and millions of ordinary people across the globe. This treaty is the product of work by the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), which won the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize. This campaign was inspired by the successful international campaigns that led to the prohi-

bition, under international law, of biological, chemical and other inhumane and indiscriminate weapons, including landmines and cluster munitions.

Unfortunately, the U.S. government is unwilling to sign the treaty, and, in fact, boycotted the negotiations. The other eight nuclear nations—Russia, the UK, France, China, Israel, India, Pakistan, and North Korea—will not sign it either. In fact, the U.S. and the other nuclear powers are pursuing new nuclear weapons, even ones designed for battlefield use, rather than pursuing diplomatic courses to de-escalate tensions and reduce the chance that nuclear weapons will ever be used.

The U.S. could help avoid the possibility of a nuclear disaster by entering into arms control agreements with other nations. We can dismantle the 400 missiles that are on hair-trigger

alert. We should preserve the treaties that have already been negotiated, including the Open Skies Arms Treaty, which increases confidence and transparency on military activities of states through information gathering from aerial imaging, and the Intermediate-Range Forces Treaty (INF), a treaty that bans missiles with ranges between 310 and 3,400 miles. President-elect Biden should also renew the New START Treaty, a nuclear arms reduction treaty, which expires in February 2021. President Putin has already expressed a willingness to extend this treaty for five years. As the cost of the escalation of the arms race and the modernizing and developing of nuclear weapons and other weaponry continues, the real priorities facing our human family, such as the fight against poverty, the promotion of peace,

the undertaking of educational, ecological and health care projects, and the development of human rights, are relegated to second place.

Disarming nuclear weapons is not a difficult process, since we have the technical expertise and verification procedures in place. The Pantex plant near Amarillo, Texas, is capable of disarming thousands of nuclear weapons in a relatively short time. In 1991, some 4,000 nukes in Europe were disarmed without a treaty under the cooperative leadership of President George Walker Bush, President Michel Gorbachev, William Perry, Sam Nunn and Sen. Richard Lugar.

We can continue this process of disarmament, but we need the political will and popular support to do so.

As citizens, we can call on our legislators to take immediate steps to alleviate the threat of

nuclear war. In working toward this goal, we must confront the reality that one of the reasons our government has failed to eliminate these weapons of mass destruction from our arsenals is that there are 26 powerful corporations that profit from making nuclear weapons. And these companies have significant control over the reelection budgets of many legislators.

And lastly, the U.S., the only nation to ever use nuclear weapons, should take the lead in convening talks with the other eight nuclear nations with the goal of working toward the elimination of these horrendous weapons and becoming signatories of the new landmark Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

Impossible? Let us remember the words of Nelson Mandela: “It always seems impossible until it’s done.”

Yemen, and the endless war

BY KATHY KELLY

Recently, an ad from Vote Vets featured the father of a U.S. Navy Seal, Ryan Owen, who was killed in Yemen. Three million people watched it. They heard Ryan Owen’s father urge them not to trust Donald Trump with the lives of their kids. “Look what happened to my son,” Bill Owen said, decrying a botched raid.

The debacle happened when Navy Seals landed in a remote Yemeni village, Al Ghayyal, with instructions to carry out a night raid to capture a “high value target.” Nearby villagers, hearing a commotion, ran to the site. They disabled the Navy Seals’ helicopter. A gun battle broke out, and the Navy Seals called in air support. U.S. war planes fired missiles into various huts. Huddled in one hut were Fahim Mohsen, her sister and 12 children. A missile tore through the mud roof. Terrified, Fahim had to quickly decide whether to stay in the hut or guide the children into the darkness, hoping to flee. She chose to step outside, carrying her infant in one arm and holding hands with Sinan, her 5-year-old son. A he-

licopter gunship fired at her, killing her instantly. The infant lived, and Sinan, her little son, told his eyewitness account to Iona Craig, a brave journalist who went to Al Ghayyal to speak with survivors.

After reading Bill Owen’s message, on Aug. 30, Iona Craig sent out a tweet saying dozens of Yemenis were killed that same night in January of 2017. Remember the names of the children killed that night, she wrote:

Asma al Ameri, 3 months; Aisha al Ameri, 4 years; Halima al Ameri, 5 years; Hussein al Ameri, 5 years; Mursil al Ameri, 6 years; Khadija al Ameri, 7 years; Nawar al Awlaki, 8 years; Ahmed al Dhahab, 11 years; Nasser al Dhahab, 13 years.

In September 2016, in the small town of Arhab in northwest Yemen, the water table had lowered so much that villagers’ wells weren’t bringing up water. The people were desperate to feed their livestock and irrigate their crops. With no government or NGO to help them, they took a risk and cooperatively hired a rig, which they hoped could dig deeper and reach water. Weeks transpired with no success, but

finally, when they were about to call off the project and lose their shirts, the rig hit water. Townspeople celebrated. Men danced and sang late in the night. As the gathering was breaking up, a Saudi warplane flew overhead. There had been rumors of new wells being targeted by the Saudis, but these celebrants had dismissed such fears as outlandish, certain they were too remote to be noticed. A Saudi pilot, perhaps trained by U.S. forces and using U.S. intelligence, pressed a button and a Raytheon bomb manufactured in Arizona was released. About the size of a compact car, the bomb dangled from the warplane. When the fuse broke, the bomb came to life. It sprouted three fins and then began hurtling, laser-guided, toward the target, the new well. Once the nose of the bomb hit the ground, 200 pounds of TNT exploded. Steel shards sped eight times faster than the speed of sound, maiming, crippling, blinding, disemboweling and decapitating people. The next morning, about 100 villagers,

including children, gathered at the gruesome site. They tried to rescue survivors and collect the remains. But then a new Saudi aerial attack commenced and lasted for hours. Ultimately, 32 people in Arhab were killed, and 40 wounded. Jeffrey Stern, writing for The New York Times Magazine, traced the journey of Raytheon’s bomb from an Arizona factory to the village of Arhab where he sat with a survivor, Fahd, whose life had been ruined. Fahd was partially blind, crippled, constantly feeling anger and always suffering headaches. He took Jeffrey’s hand and pressed it to his face. Jeffrey felt parts of the missile embedded under Fahd’s cheekbone, his jaw and his forehead. Stern had traced the ordnance, he concluded, all the way to the face of a man who had thought, two years earlier, he had something to celebrate.

Stern also writes that after the well in Arhab was bombed, people in the area stopped digging new wells. Cases of cholera began to spread; a year later,

one million people in Yemen suffered from cholera.

Boeing, headquartered in Chicago, manufactures SLAM-ER missiles similar to the missile which Raytheon sent to Saudi Arabia. Boeing is selling 1,000 such missiles to the Saudis this year. Boeing’s new CEO, Mr. David Calhoun, recently told a talk show host he didn’t think it would matter much, for Boeing’s profits, whether a Democrat or a Republican was in the Oval Office because the U.S. government always wants to defend the U.S.

But how do these weapons sales defend U.S. security?

And amongst people flummoxed or perhaps outraged when street protests in U.S. cities include destruction of property, are questions raised about how U.S. taxpayer-funded weapons and wars destroy lives and property in places like Yemen?

I believe such questions could guide us to seek safety in community, equality, justice and democracy.



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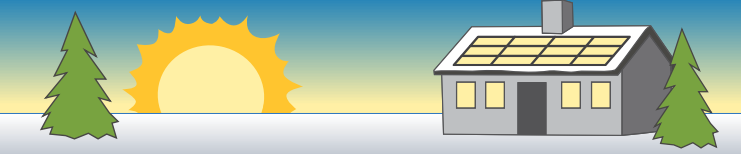
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