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## Dying



BY TONY BOUZA

One of my closest friends, Joe Selvaggio, (who is probably well known to you) has done more for poor people than anyone but Mary Jo Copeland. Joe is an ex-priest and has strayed. Today he wrestles with death and asked me to include this and respond:

**“The wise man dies when he ought, not when he must.” – Seneca**

Good advice, but not always that helpful in real life. Joe Selvaggio says he ought to die now (or soon) because he is almost at the point where he cannot take care of himself, and he cannot volunteer much for “good causes” in the community. However, his wife and one of his sons want him to “soldier on” a bit longer.

**How much should the loved ones of a person have to say about when one “ought” to die? Shouldn’t they have enough respect for the rights of their loved one to let him make his own decision?**

My response:  
“I never thought this would happen to me.”

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## Kids’ hockey is alive and well at Hiawatha School Park

BY ERIC SKOGLUND

In years past, maybe last century, I drove past Hiawatha School Park after dark in the dead of winter and saw the lights shining on an empty hockey rink—or maybe there was a solitary figure moving across the ice, skating, I presumed. It looked so cold, inhospitable and cruel.

Last Friday, in the year 2021, a couple of 13 and Under (13U) hockey teams got together for a game. With a wind chill below zero and snow blowing across the rink, the Hiawatha Eagles beat

the Hiawatha Hawks, bringing the record of both teams to 1-and-1 in head-to-head competition. The Hawks in black and the Eagles in white had full hockey gear, and referees; dozens of fans stood in snow piles and on ice circling the rink to see who would win the second meeting of the two teams this season.

Yes! Outdoor Minneapolis Park and Rec Hockey still exists. When people ask where my son plays hockey, I say, “Did you know there is still park-based hockey?” Lots of people don’t know this. They do know that hock-

ey is an expensive sport, they know that almost all of the public schools in Minneapolis once had hockey teams, but now, well, now people know hockey is more of a suburban sport. So yeah, a few parks around Minneapolis still offer hockey as a winter rec sport to young players.

Not so many years ago there was no hockey offered at Hiawatha School Park in South Minneapolis (42nd Street and 43rd Avenue). Then Aaron Flanders, rec supervisor of the park, decided to bring it back. I’ve been told that the first year

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## Cam Gordon convenes Housing Forum

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

The Ward 2 Housing Forum presented by City Council Member Cameron Gordon on Feb. 21 was attended by over 70 people. A lot of the attendees were landlords, mostly small scale. The Zoom meeting was hosted by Gordon’s policy aide, Robin Garwood.

Co-presenters for the forum were Gretchen Nicholls from LISC (Local Initiatives Support Corporation, a national community development grantor) and Cottrell Doss and Jen Arnold, board member and director respectively of Inquilinx Unidxs por Justicia/United Renters for Justice.

Council Member Gordon opened the meeting with a very good land acknowledgement, giving honor to Indigenous people as past, present and future caretakers of the (stolen) land on which Minneapolis as we know it today is located.

The crux of his opening remarks and slides was to delineate the seriousness of the housing crisis looming in the Twin Cities, as elsewhere; to list steps the city has already taken to ameliorate its effects; and to highlight four very important “next steps” coming up in 2021-22.

The accomplishments to date include incentives and zoning changes to increase stock of rental housing, which have resulted already in thousands of new units of affordable housing; an energy disclosure policy; and a Renters First policy. The four next steps, which comprised the major points discussed in the forum, are:

- TOPA - Tenant Opportunity to Purchase.
- Rent control / rent stabilization.
- Eviction protections.
- SRO (single room occupancy) developments.

Gretchen presented the “think tank” and



Cam Gordon

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**Special Pet Section**



# ‘Unceasing Militant’

BY CAROL HOGARD

“Unceasing Militant: The Life of Mary Church Terrell” is the newly published biography by Dr. Alison M. Parker, department chair of American history at the University of Delaware. Dr. Parker has righted the historical record by this definitive work about one of the most important, but long neglected, suffragists and civil rights fighters of the 20th century. Not only does Dr. Parker explore the details of Mary Church Terrell’s life, but she includes a contextual history of the actions, ideas and players of the civil rights struggle in each of Mary Church Terrell’s many organizing projects. Known by her friends as Mollie, she was a major star of the human rights fight from

1904 through 1954.

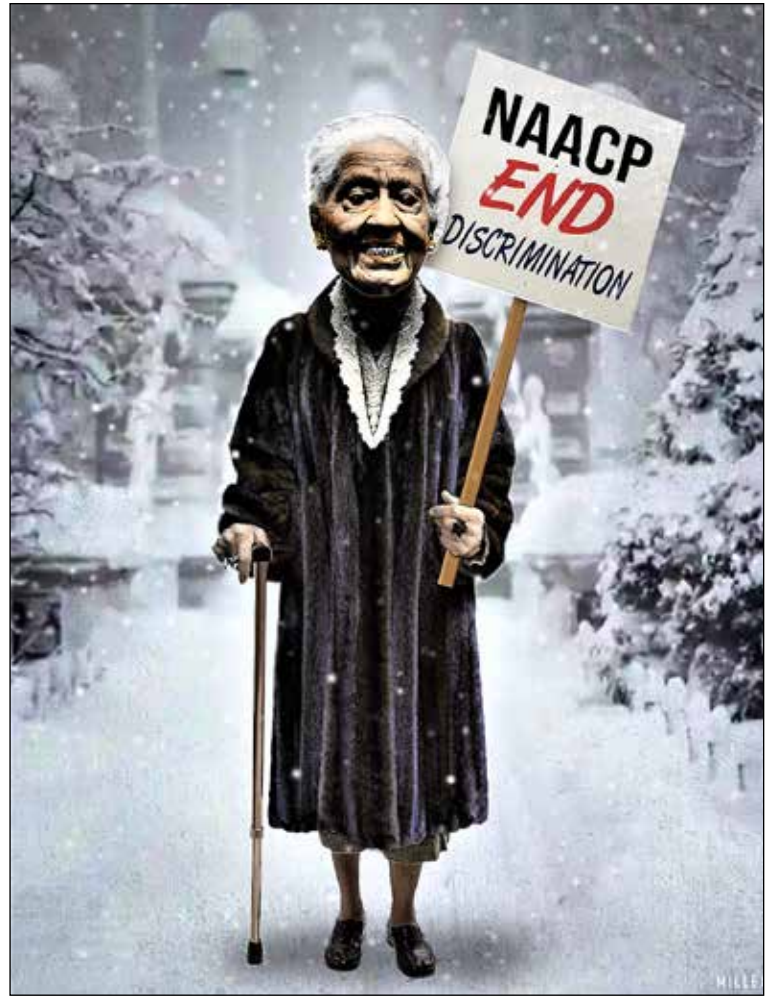
Born in 1863, as the Union Army occupied Memphis, and before slaves were freed there, Mary Church Terrell became one of the major fighters for U.S. and international human rights. Tall and elegant, with an outstanding voice and great wit, she became a great and much in demand speaker. Besides speaking, she helped to organize for educational rights, voting rights, striking cafeteria workers’ rights, African American women’s reproductive health needs and international peace.

Born to enslaved parents, Robert Church and Louisa Ayers, both of whom became outstanding entrepreneurs after emancipation, Mollie was given the best educational opportunities of the time. Robert

Church owned bars, pool halls and housing in the section of Memphis that was the birthplace of the Memphis Blues on Beale Street. Louisa Ayers was an on-demand, artistic hairdresser in the upscale shopping section of the city. Her parents’ financial success made it possible for Mollie to have access to the best education of the time. She attended Horace Mann’s Model School affiliated with Antioch College in Yellow Spring, Ohio, and graduated from Oberlin College with a BA (the gentlemen’s curriculum—as opposed to the ladies’ curriculum, which was only two years) in 1884 and an MA in 1887. After college she studied in Europe to polish her already fluent languages: German, French, Italian, Greek, and Latin.

While she is noted for being one of the founders of the NAACP, she is rarely given credit for the Committee of Forty on Permanent Organization that created the NAACP. The same is true for the formation of the National Association of Colored Women (NACW). She was the first president of a coordinated national effort to unite the African American Women’s clubs across the U.S. and create a strong lobbying group for their agendas: anti-lynching, enforcement of the 14th and 15th amendments, sexual stereotyping, housing and sanitation issues, workers’ rights, poorly equipped schools, securing the vote and ending the convict lease system.

By invitation from Susan B. Anthony, Mollie began her civi-



l rights lecture career with her first public speech before a mixed Black and white audience in Rochester, N.Y., at the Political Equality Club. She was a guest in Anthony’s home and began a friendship that lasted until Anthony’s death in 1906. Although later there was tension in their professional relationship, they often shared a stage at organizing meetings. The Rochester speech began Mollie’s lifelong reputation as an outstanding speaker with great talent to effectively articulate Black women’s politi-

cal agenda to white and mixed audiences. Another early supporter of Mollie’s speaking talent was Fredrick Douglass. The two often collaborated on political presentations. They worked together organizing Ida B. Wells’ anti-lynching speaking tour in D.C. They also went to speak to President Benjamin Harrison in 1880 to request a powerful, public anti-lynching stand. MCT was such an outstanding speaker that she even earned a living being a major speaker on the Chautauqua circuit. She often shared a stage with Douglass. Imagine being in the audience when Terrell, Douglass and Anthony shared the stage—thrilling!

She moved into the international forum as a much-desired speaker when she was invited in 1904 to speak at the International Congress of Women in Berlin. She delivered her speech in German and in French.

Using her reputation as an advocate for African American women’s voting rights, Mollie was one of the only Black members of the National Women’s Party (NWP). As a lifelong member, Mollie led and participated in many of the group’s lobbying activities. She and her daughter, Phyllis, were part of the difficult demonstration before Wilson’s White House. They were part of the “silent sentinels” risking arrest and violence to demand the vote for all women. Mollie was arrested but not

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# The legacy of Lisa Bender

BY ED FELIEN

Lisa Bender changed the world.

There probably has never been anyone in Minneapolis politics (with the possible exception of Hubert Humphrey) who has had such a profound impact on the city, the state and the country.

She had a vision for the City of Minneapolis that she fiercely believed in, and she saw that vision through to its conclusion.

Armed with a master's degree in city and regional planning from the University of California at Berkeley, she became the communications director for a lobbying group in Manhattan advocating mass transit, bicycles and walking as an alternative to cars. After a stint as a city planner in San Francisco, she returned to Minneapolis, ran against Meg Tuthill for a seat on the City Council in 2013 and won.

She is the grand architect of the mammoth bike lanes in Minneapolis that seem to be forcing cars off the streets. She has lowered the speed limit on city streets to 20 mph. But Park and Portland Avenues, Cedar Avenue, 42nd Street, Lyndale Avenue, Lake Street and University Avenue are all county highways as well as city

streets, and the city has no jurisdiction over speed limits on those roads. But, by increasing the width of bicycle lanes she has reduced those highways from four lanes to two, or (in the case of Park and Portland) from two to one.

When I was on the City Council, almost 50 years ago, I established bike lanes on Park and Portland Avenues—modest 6-foot lanes—but the traffic engineer told me I had wiped out six handicapped parking places, so I retreated and eliminated them. I was busy with other objectives: municipal ownership of the electric company, rent control and down-zoning neighborhoods, and I had no way to fight off the objections of city staff so I backed down. As a former city planner and chair of the Zoning and Planning Committee and then president of the council, Bender knew enough to simply hire more planners who agreed with her. When I was on the council, the city had three city planners. Today they have more than 200.

The great planning document to come out of the current City Council is the 2040 Plan. This document argues that in order to have racial equity we need to create more housing opportunities in the city, so the plan calls for up-zon-

ing the areas from Broadway in the north to 42nd Street in the south to allow construction of apartment buildings. This means that naturally occurring affordable housing in the inner city, small single-family homes that right now are owned or rented by communities of color, will be sold to developers to build expensive apartment buildings for young urban professionals. The areas of the city south of 42nd Street that had restrictive covenants prohibiting a property owner from selling their home to a person of color would be unaffected by these block-busting apartment buildings. And the city has the audacity to claim that wiping out affordable housing for communities of color and protecting historically white neighborhoods from gentrification is being done in the name of establishing racial equity.

Finally, Southside Pride argued in March of last year, when the city settled the Terrance Franklin lawsuit, that Lisa Bender was whistling in the dark when she said, "I think our policy changes in the police department, leadership changes, have really created a scenario where this is unlikely to happen again, so I think it's time to move forward and really continue with the changes that we're making in the po-



Lisa Bender

lice department to make sure this never happens again." We said the police are not going to change unless they are held accountable. The city did not contest the plaintiff's claim that Officer Lucas Peterson murdered Terrance Franklin while he was surrendering with his hands up. The city paid out more than a million dollars to end the matter without dealing with that essential question, and Lucas Peterson still works for the MPD.

Without holding Lucas Peterson accountable, what lessons did Lisa Bender believe the MPD had learned? The lesson they learned was that they could get away with murdering Black men.

So, it was easy for Derek Chauvin to put his knee to George Floyd's neck and choke the life out of him three months later.

But this time the world saw what happened. And the world exploded in protest. Lake Street went up in flames. The Third Precinct burned to the ground.

On Sunday, June 7, Lisa Bender led eight other members of the City Council to Powderhorn Park and declared they would "begin the process of ending the Minneapolis Police Department." This was the shout heard 'round the world. It became the mantra and campaign slogan for Trump and Republicans. It's probably the main reason the DFL wasn't able to win the State Senate, and it affected congressional and Senate races across the country. All a Republican candidate had to say was, "I'm not going to abolish the police," and voters breathed a sigh of relief.

And this time the expert city planner didn't have a plan. She had no idea how to go about dismantling the MPD. Later that year during final budget negotiations with the mayor, she could only quibble about where to spend an extra \$500,000 out of an MPD budget of almost \$200 million.

The Powderhorn Manifesto was probably the reason Democrats lost 13 seats in the House

and didn't pick up easy Senate seats in North Carolina and Iowa. And the Charter Commission is preparing a Charter Amendment to be voted on this fall to weaken the power of the City Council and strengthen the power of the mayor—making city government even less democratic.

The legacy of Lisa Bender will be a scorched earth.

But it didn't have to be that way.

Yes, bicyclists need to be kept safe, but that doesn't mean we have to force cars off the road. Maybe the solution is to keep bicycles off busy arterial streets and give them exclusive right of way on some side streets. Rather than have them compete for space on Park and Portland, maybe they should have Oakland Avenue with cars only able to drive one block without being diverted to Park or Portland.

Yes, we need more apartment buildings but not at the expense of single-family homes owned or rented by communities of color.

Yes, we need to change the manner of policing, but maybe we don't have to abolish the police department. If the police chief won't hold officers accountable, and the mayor doesn't act, then maybe the City Council should act to hold hearings to hold MPD officers accountable for their actions.

It is understandable but regrettable that, in the absence of decisive action by the City Council, the Charter Commission would decide to try to move the city toward a strong-mayor form of government. We have just seen, on the national level, what a government by a bully looks like. I don't think we want that in Minneapolis.

But I think we do want a City Council that cares about the general welfare of all forms of transportation, that cares about affordable housing in the inner city, and that cares enough about justice to hold our police department accountable.

## Hockey, from page 1

several kids signed up to join a team, and composed of varying ages, Hiawatha School Park had one team. The next year, according to Chelsea who is one of the current 13U Hawks team coaches, there were maybe three teams. Now this year, there are five teams: Squirts (ages 6 to 9), 11U, 13U (two teams) and 15U. While COVID-19 has kept some out of hockey this year, many parents and guardians have let their players play. And the players want to in spite of masks and social distancing requirements, which is a little more difficult in their handful of indoor games and practices.

Honestly, right now, as the other 13U Hiawatha Hawks coach, one of my favorite parts of coaching is checking in with our young athletes before the game. I walk around in layers of clothing and a Hiawatha Athletics hoody with a clipboard and pencil, writing down player names and numbers as they arrive at the rink: Axel, Lula, Jackie Boy, Lois ... "Hey Will, glad to be here?" Through the mask I hear a mumbled response. I assume it is a positive statement; his dad tells me Will is enjoying hockey. Will is new to the team this year and on several occasions, I've seen Will at various parks by himself, with a friend or with his dad, working on his

game.

That is what has made this Hiawatha hockey experience so wonderful. Parents are emailing locations of where their players are skating during the day. My son and I use the team email list to recruit players for impromptu pick-up games. Iver has invited my son and me to stop by Longfellow any time after 3 p.m. during the week because that is where he, along with siblings, other teammates and whoever else shows up, will cobble together a game.

The teams at Hiawatha School Park practice a couple times a week and have an eight-game schedule. This is Minneapolis Park and Rec sports. I guess it is what everyone did before indoor ice and associations started organizing four, five or six hockey events a week, or created the year-round model to accommodate the specialized athlete. This is not a complaint against \$2,500 payments so your child can play on indoor ice, travel and get really, really good. It is, rather, a celebration of something I think many thought was dead. Park and Rec outdoor hockey is very much alive.

I'm so lucky I've been asked to coach hockey. I've been working with the kids in the Park and Rec system for four years and my son is 11 by now. But really, coaching isn't the thing that makes all of this so special.

I feel like we are part of something old and authentic being rediscovered. The program gives kids an opportunity to love hockey. The kids treat each other well. The focus is not on becoming a professional athlete. I feel like we are part of something special, fun and different.

Standing around the boards are parents, friends, siblings, aunts, uncles, coaches, kids from other rinks, kids in figure skates, or kids in snow boots who are there to play in the piles of snow and end up seeing a minute or two of a real hockey game. A hockey game under a dark winter sky, under warm lights.

The other day there was a game before our game and when my wife, son and I got out of the car, a goal was scored. From across the street, I heard the cheer and I asked my wife, "Is that what our games sound like?" She responded, "Yes!" And yes, one team at that time wasn't cheering, but all of the teams, whether skilled or inexperienced, all have moments when they get to cheer.

This year's season is winding down. Anybody interested, there's always next year. It's \$90 (scholarships available). And, as for all Minneapolis Park and Rec programs, everyone's encouraged to participate.





# Notes from the desk of peace activist Polly Mann (b. Nov. 19, 1919)

entitled to protection. Assange could, no doubt, benefit from expressions of similar concern from journalists worldwide.

**THE SAME MAN: George Orwell (Eric Arthur Blair) and Evelyn A. Waugh**

Both were from what Orwell called “the British lower-upper middle class” and their era was that of the Spanish Civil War and they are both important historical figures. They each left accounts of their survival in the English private school system, called “public schools” there. It’s a harsh portrait of the helpless and continual sadism and snobbery of which they were victims. Blair at a later age confronted the bully who was attacking him. As for Waugh, he was always brash and ready to fight.

The world they lived in after the war was changing. Orwell became a zealot for justice and

Waugh came to know how objectification, sensuality and aimlessness distort one’s humanity. The Catholic peace advocate Dorothy Day once had a four-hour meal with Evelyn Waugh during which they debated whether the poor or the rich had the best of it in the world.

There are nine chapters in the book, alternating from Orwell to Waugh and back again. Dorothy Day recognized these two writers first and foremost as workers, laboring with their hands, putting many hours into their craft. For her, anything of goodness, beauty and truth were the fruits of God-given vocations. Although the two men died over 50 years ago, their place in history is assured.

## COVID vaccinations

Israel leads the world in per capita COVID vaccinations,

with more than a million and a half Israelis having been vaccinated. Authorities estimate officials can administer the vaccine to some two million Israelis before the end of March, if not earlier, and hopes to have the bulk of the population vaccinated by the end of March, but not the Palestinians living there. Israeli officials contend that Palestinians living in the area don’t fall under their jurisdiction under the terms of the Oslo accords and that it is

the job of the Palestinian Authority to procure and distribute vaccines in the occupied territories. Israeli Health Minister Yuli Edelstein explained: “I don’t think there is anyone in this country, whatever his or her views might be, who can imagine that I would be taking vaccines from the Israeli citizen and with all the good will, give it to our neighbors.” Evidently Mr. Edelstein considers Palestinians “neighbors” but not worthy of vaccines.

## Julian Assange, a journalist in danger

Remember him? He’s the Australian founder of the website “WikiLeaks” who ended up in a London jail on 17 espionage charges and one charge of computer misuse. He could spend the rest of his life in the U.S. prison in Florence, Colo. He was in the news again when the Chinese dissident Ai Weiwei staged a silent protest over his treatment, claiming authorities have a responsibility to protect press freedom and that Assange is a journalist

# Who gets the vaccine?

BY ED FELIEN

A concerned reader wrote, “Please urge more equitable distribution. Please cover this issue right away. White arms are being injected at a much higher rate than their percent of population.”

Native Americans are 1.8 times more likely to get COVID-19 than white people. They are four times as likely to require hospitalization and 2.6 times as likely to die, according to the CDC. The situation for Blacks and Hispanics is roughly the same. Blacks are 1.4 times as likely to get COVID, 3.7 times as likely to require hospitalization and 2.8 times as likely to die. Hispanics are 1.7 times as likely to get COVID, 4.1 times as likely to require hospitalization and 2.8 times as likely to die.

The CDC says the principal causes of the spread of

COVID are “crowded situations; close/physical contact; enclosed space; and duration of exposure.”

Those are the conditions of poverty.

I asked friends who are health care professionals why whites are getting the vaccine ahead of non-whites. They agreed: “White people are more likely to live to old age and more white people tend to hold health care worker positions, and those are the two groups of people targeted to receive the vaccine first.”

We need to eliminate poverty and increase the vaccine supply. Is racism the reason minorities are not getting the vaccine? Probably not. But racism is the reason minorities have a higher index of poverty, and poverty is a major factor in making someone susceptible to COVID-19.

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Question about the count?

I have known Ed Felien for over 50 years and remember his newspaper, Hundred Flowers, and stopping in at his office upstairs on Cedar Avenue for coffee once in a while when I was in college. One thing I can always count on is the truth with any publication he is associated with.

I’ve known his family a long time. His brother Pat at one time worked for me when I owned a cab. His mom was a real fighter.

I first met Ed when I worked for Jim Butler, Republican City Council member who happened to be a libertarian and a good man who was a two-term member of the council. When I was in college Ed ran an excellent campaign and surprisingly won and did a great job, but upset the established and powerful in Minneapolis, mainly Northern States Power (NSP), but that’s another story.

What I’m getting to today is in the December 2020 [Riverside] issue of the paper. Elina Kolstad’s article [“Hey hey, ho ho, Gov’nor Walz has got to go”], which is a commentary more than a news story, states that Joe Biden received more votes in Hennepin County than President Trump received in the entire state of Minnesota, which is a complete falsehood and a lie. Biden received in Hennepin County 532,623

votes and Trump got 1,484,065 votes in MN. I feel it is very important to report information backed by facts, not a narrative they wish to adopt supported only by misinformation. Also, President-elect Biden is no Mother Teresa. Let’s not forget he once gave a eulogy at a Grand Cyclops of Ku Klux Klan funeral and opposed, from the Senate floor, public school integration, saying it’ll create a jungle for white children, and he opposed gays in the military.

But in closing, thanks, Ed, for all the good work you’re doing on the golf course and this is just one instance of one reporter who let it get a little out of hand involving the truth.

—William Marshall

## Response from Elina Kolstad:

Dear Bill,

First of all, thank you for reading my article. You are correct in your assessment that it was intended as commentary, not news. The statement in question referenced an article from MPR titled “Biden won big in Minnesota. Why didn’t legislative Democrats?” The direct quote is, “In fact, Biden’s record-large margin of 322,000 votes from Hennepin County alone was bigger than the 310,000 votes Trump won in all of the 74 counties he won combined.” I misread this. I

apologize. I would argue that my point still stands and that if Democrats can engage voters of color and progressives, they can easily win elections in Minnesota going forward.

As far as criticisms of Biden, my statement was not meant to be an argument of why Biden was a good candidate. In fact, I think he was a bad choice for the Democrats to make. My point was that the threat posed by Donald Trump to our democracy, combined with the work done by Ilhan Omar, mobilized voters of color and progressives who, like myself, have in the past supported third party candidates, demonstrates a political path forward for the Democratic party to win statewide elections in Minnesota.

I would like to add, I do find the timing of your vitriol against Biden interesting. As far as I can tell this comment was sent on January 13, 2021. That is exactly a week after Trump incited a violent coup attempt at our nation’s Capitol, which included many neo-Nazi symbols including a man in a “Camp Auschwitz” hoodie, people carrying Confederate flags, and resulted in the deaths of five people including a police officer. I can’t think of anything that justifies those of us who bought in to the “lesser of two evils” argument for the first time in our lives more.

—Elina Kolstad

## Bouza, from page 1

--William Saroyan on his deathbed.

“Dying is easy. Humor is difficult.” --The actor John Drew (think Drew Barrymore) on his deathbed.

The issue is autonomy.

We control our lives—mostly—but not our deaths. Abortion is a battle for control. So is euthanasia.

Why should the state decide our fate? Pharmacology has provided safe (an oxymoron to be sure) and effective (and even comfortable) ways of ending our lives. Why and how can the state intrude to forbid it?

Our attitude is informing. We reflect it in our language. In the world I occupy no one ever dies—but a whole lot of folks appear to have passed

(water?).

The ironies are endless.

Rightists are law-and-order nuts yet oppose the most effective tool for crime control ever devised in America—Roe v. Wade in 1973. New York went from six murders a day to less than one a generation later. Emblematic of the across-the-board experience in the U.S. in street crime. We live in a peace bubble delivered by Harry Blackmun, a great Minnesotan.

Men might well aspire to the blissful exits of Nelson Rockefeller and John Garfield—in flagrante delicto—but that is a far-fetched hope.

We terminate a lot of folks—even fetuses—why shouldn’t we be free to terminate ourselves?

# Who's running for mayor of Minneapolis?

BY DAVE TILSEN

Last June, in response to all that was happening, I posted on Facebook that if Jacob Frey would not step up and help the people, I was going to have to run against him. He didn't, I did.

On Jan. 21, 2021, he announced that he thought the city should reelect him. In his announcement he complained that the last year presented "unprecedented challenges." That's true, but we need to evaluate him on how he performed. We needed a leader who could rise to those challenges, show us vision, public problem-solving and action-based solutions. The police shooting, the economic collapse, the insurrection and burning of our commercial streets, and the need for city attention to rebuilding threw this city into chaos. The pandemic, the homelessness and hunger of four out of every 10 people in the city continues to be a real humanitarian crisis.

The truth is, that although

the mayor showed caring, emotional reactions that I don't doubt were honest, he was not willing to get out into his city and find solutions. We



Jacob Frey

saw examples of elected officials that were. Rep. Aisha Gomez actually took security shifts at the Powderhorn homeless encampment and protected people from police when they were evicted. Park Commissioner Londell French was all over the parks, volunteering, listening and dialoguing with both unsheltered and sheltered people. County Com-

missioner Angela Conley was everywhere constantly, from George Floyd Square to peaceful demonstrations. This is where good ideas come from,



Sheila Nezhad

involvement and communication with constituents.

The most substantive comment from our mayor on the largest encampment our state has ever seen was that the needs were "infinite." Something that is both not true and stifling to the effort to find solutions.

A weak-mayor system requires coalition building, team

building, listening and creativity. I was part of Don Fraser's mobilization of the city to focus on the problems of youth and growing up. I was one of the worker bees in Sharon Sayles Belton's creation of the Minneapolis Initiative against Racism. These required risk-taking, indomitable energy and giving away lots of credit to community members and other elected officials. These activities changed our city. Realistically I always knew this was not the historical moment for an old white male to take the lead. As most of the people I needed to support me signed on to another campaign, I was forced to face reality. I was not going to be mayor.

The other candidate is Sheila Nezhad. Sheila and I have gotten to know each other over the last few months. Her employer, and mutual friend, Ricardo Levins Morales called me to sing her praises.

I find her a thoughtful, caring, open, energetic and charismatic leader. She has been involved in working on our city

for years, and recently was instrumental in creating the People's Budget as an alternative to the mayor's budget. I find this document to be excellent.

Of course, the issue of public safety has dominated her work for the last year, as is appropriate, and she has been a leader with MPD150 and Reclaim the Block. She has a stellar group of committed activists surrounding her, contributors, and a growing impressive list of endorsements. This list will soon include me.

I hope to help her (not that she needs it) with analysis, program and campaign strategy. She brings to the city the skill set, experience and inclination that is needed in our present multiple crises. Mayor Frey sadly does not.

Websites for more information:

Sheilaforthepeople.com  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/16-3SK-F5E040Zax0nemxedPWRRsv3FJgStKO4s0lCeWw/edit?usp=sharing>

## It's just a concept!

BY KATHRYN KELLY

Taxpayers have now paid almost 1 million dollars for the Hiawatha Golf Course Master Plan. When the Park Board is questioned about the viability of any feature of their plan, their response is, "It's just a concept."

Well, I have to agree that it is truly a concept, made up in someone's fanciful mind.

I first questioned the realistic nature of their planning when I read their original document. It stated that they were proposing a parking lot on the golf course property at East 43rd Street and 23rd Avenue South. Having grown up two blocks away, the first thing that came to my mind was the steep 30-foot or so drop from the street to the golf course at that location. Were they going to put in an elevator for the cars to get them up and down? An unrealistic concept.

Then, they proposed daylighting of the 43rd Street storm sewer pipe at 43rd and 19th, thus creating an open sewer from there to the lake. Their document said that they had not done any grading analysis to determine if the water in this new channel would actually flow in the direction of

the lake. If it didn't, the houses in that neighborhood would be flooded. An unproven concept.

Another important question has been the protection of the homes to the west from flooding once pumping is stopped at the golf course. Their answer has always been that two pumps placed in the neighborhoods will protect the homes. Experts I have talked to do not endorse this plan. Plus, what really startled me was a statement in the MPRB documents that said once the pumping at the golf course stops, groundwater levels in neighborhoods will rise as far away as Powderhorn Park, requiring increased pumping from Powderhorn Lake. So, this one change will put at risk all low-lying homes between Lake Hiawatha and Powderhorn Lake. And, the City of Minneapolis and the MPRB will have to, somehow, put in place a pumping regime in the neighborhoods that will protect hundreds of homes. I guess, it's just a concept! Who really cares if it works?

And, the new plan will require tons of fill to raise the new 9-hole golf course above the level of Lake Hiawatha. In some places, this will require up to 7 or 8 feet of fill. This will also reduce the flood-

plain that is so critical to keeping homes dry. At one point, someone asked the MPRB why they couldn't just elevate the 18-hole golf course above the level of the lake. Their answer was that they couldn't do it because they would lose part of the critical floodplain. Now, losing part of the critical floodplain is in their plan. So, which concept about floodplain storage is valid? I guess it doesn't matter to the MPRB because it is just a concept.

And, when people question the safety of the new plan, which puts golfers, pedestrians and kayakers in dangerous proximity to each other, I guess it is just a concept, so no one should worry.

And then there is the infamous berm. Originally, it was so unsafe that it could burst at any time and drown golfers. Now, the concept is to use it as a trail around the lake for pedestrians. Which concept is real?

How many more millions of dollars does the MPRB need to spend before they put out a real plan that is not just a "concept" full of crazy pipe dreams?

Let's count the lies. The Park Board will be voting on whether to approve the



Existing golf course pump discharge (Photo/Draft Hiawatha Golf Course Area Master Plan)

Hiawatha Golf Course Master Plan in the near future. But how can the public be confident in this plan when so many lies have been served up by the Park Board to justify it? Here are the lies:

- The golf course is sinking - a lie.
- The berm will break and kill golfers - a lie.
- The golf course was in violation of its pumping permits - a lie.
- The DNR will not let the Park Board continue pumping - a lie.
- The pumping is unsound and is polluting Lake Hiawatha - a lie.

• The new plan will reduce pollution in Lake Hiawatha - a lie.

• The cost of repair and revenue loss from the 2014 storm was \$4 million - a lie.

• The Black community is OK with a 9-hole course and some historical recognition - a lie.

• The neighborhood supports the plan - a lie.

• The neighborhood can accommodate increased traffic from the plan - a lie.

• The pumping volumes were a surprise - a lie. Since 2012 the Park Board and the City have intentionally dumped millions

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### EVENTS

**Augsburg University's Centered Life Series 'Stepping into 2021: Hearts Rekindled, Hope Awakened' Wednesdays, Feb. 10—March 17 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Online**

Church and education leaders reflect on the theme "Stepping into 2021: Hearts Rekindled, Hope Awakened." Speakers include David Tiede, Lois Malcolm, Terry McGonigal, Martha Stortz, Kelly Chatman and David Stark. Visit [www.augsburg.edu/centeredlife/](http://www.augsburg.edu/centeredlife/) to learn more and to register for this free event.

**2021 Collegeville Connections Virtual events**

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**'All Ashes are Not the Same' Pastor Heidi Neumark Wednesday, Feb. 17, noon Online**

On Ash Wednesday, we remember our shared humanity and frailty, our common beginning and ending— from dust to dust. We will all die, but all deaths are not equal. The cries of Black Lives Matter and the coronavirus pandemic have made this ever more abundantly clear. What might this mean for us as we are marked with the cross, with or without ashes, this year? Join pastor and writer Heidi Neumark for this Collegeville Connections virtual event. To register, go to <https://collegevilleinstitute.org/events/event/all-ashes-are-not-the-same/>.

**Breaking, Blessing, Building: A Call for the Common Good March 5-7 Online**

COVID-19, a pandemic of racism in the United States, economic distress. Our reality right now helps us know that things need to change for the good of us all. Laity and clergy from various backgrounds and traditions are invited to gather together in such a way that inspires action to change the Church and the world. Read

more about NEXT Church at <https://nextchurch.net/gathering/2021-national-gathering/>.

**It's Cold Out! Welcome Refugees with Warmth**

This month, MCC Refugee Services had the privilege of welcoming 5 people with refugee status from Somalia, including siblings who were finally able to reunite with their father. As we help them settle into life in Minnesota and look forward to more arrivals, we are in need of new bed pillows, large frying pans and cooking pots, and winter coats (toddler boys and girls and men's size small). To arrange a drop-off or for more information, please email [rsvolunteers@mnchurches.org](mailto:rsvolunteers@mnchurches.org). Thank you!

**The Dignity Center**

The Dignity Center, a non-profit offshoot of Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, works with people to achieve and maintain stability in housing and employment. Participants engage with one volunteer advocate, working together on skills such as problem solving, decision making, organization and budgeting. The Dignity Center works with many congregations, across denominations, as part of their network of congregations. The Dignity Center remains open under COVID-19 to serve its program participants. To learn more about the work of the Dignity Center, and ways to participate, volunteer, and donate, go to their website at <http://haumc.org/dignity/>.

**Ecumenical Advocacy Days April 18-21 Online**

Save the date for Ecumenical Advocacy Days 2021, and join us as we gather online to "Imagine! God's Earth and People Restored." Together, we will passionately advocate and reimagine a world that lives out the values of justice, equity, and the beloved community. For more information, go to <https://advocacy-days.org/>.

**Bahá'i Center of Minneapolis 3644 Chicago Ave., Mpls.**

Devotions via Zoom, Sundays at 10 a.m. and Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Please visit the Bahá'i community of Minneapolis website at [www.minneapolisbahai.org/](http://www.minneapolisbahai.org/). Here you will find information about upcoming and past Holy Day celebrations, as well as news, announcements and information.

**Calvary Lutheran Church**

3901 Chicago Ave. S., Mpls. Sunday Worship at 10 a.m., via Facebook Live and Zoom. See our website at [www.clchurch.org](http://www.clchurch.org) for instructions.

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**Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church**

3430 E. 51st St., Mpls. [www.faithlutheranmpls.org](http://www.faithlutheranmpls.org) Sunday Worship (with safety measures in place) at 9 a.m. Those who are over 65, have pre-existing conditions, or live in proximity to at-risk demographics are encouraged to remain home. We will continue to post videos online for Sunday morning for those who can't join us yet on YouTube and Facebook [www.facebook.com/felcmpls/](https://www.facebook.com/felcmpls/). Bible classes on Sundays at 10:15 a.m. and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Masks and social spacing required for worship and Bible classes. NA groups Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. (Fridays temporarily suspended).

**First Free Church**

5150 Chicago Ave. S., Mpls. Sunday service 10 a.m. (in person and online). Visit our website at [www.first-freechurch.org](http://www.first-freechurch.org) for more information.

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church, LCMS**

1720 E. Minnehaha Pkwy., Mpls. In-person worship services suspended; online services continue via our website. Service recordings, bulletins and news are available at [www.holycrossmpls.org](http://www.holycrossmpls.org).

**Living Spirit United Methodist Church**

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cordings from previous weeks. [www.livingspiritumc.org/online](http://www.livingspiritumc.org/online)

**Messiah Lutheran Church**

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

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

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

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**Minnehaha United Methodist Church 3701 E. 50th St., Mpls. 612-721-6231**

Yes, the food shelf is still open! In order to fight food insecurity in our neighborhood, the Minnehaha Food Shelf is open on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We have moved our operations outdoors, meter the flow of clients to help ensure social distancing, periodically clean our surfaces, and wear face masks. Should we have foul weather, we plan to move the distribution indoors, though still meter clients and encourage distancing. [www.facebook.com/Minnehaha-FoodShelf/](https://www.facebook.com/Minnehaha-FoodShelf/)

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# Gimme shelter

KAY A. SCHROVEN

In the late 1980s Erick Everson was hanging out in the Whittier neighborhood of Minneapolis and was a frequent and friendly face at the Simpson Shelter. He battled mental illness. When Erick was doing well, he did odd jobs in the area such as helping out at a video store, delivering newspapers, etc. During the summer of 1990 the shelter closed for a while. The Simpson staff and advocates heard that no one had seen Erick lately and became concerned about him. In late August, two weeks after his 39th birthday, Erick's body was found behind the Lake Street Kmart. He had been murdered by a fellow homeless man who was in a drunken rage. It seems there was a dispute over Erick's cigarettes. The family was, and continues to be, devastated by the tragic loss of this outgoing, bright, creative son, brother and friend. Some months later the Minneapolis police informed the family that the perpetrator confessed to the crime while in detention on another charge. Despite the violent nature of the crime, the Star Tribune dedicated just one paragraph to Erick's death—a newspaper Erick once delivered.

On Jan. 21, 2021, Twin City headlines reported the death of a homeless person, and another injured. This occurred in a St. Paul encampment where in an effort to stay alive the unsheltered individuals lit fires. Firewood and propane heaters were found at the site. This was St. Paul's third death of an unsheltered person in the 2020-21 winter. The first week of January 2021, Minneapolis police report-

ed a suspicious death at the Minnehaha Park Drive encampment. The deceased man found in a tent showed signs of trauma and was discovered by volunteers who were assisting the campers in finding shelter. The police had posted notices of eviction on Dec. 31, with a 72-hour window to vacate due to unsafe weather conditions. The death is under investigation.

John Petroskas, a longtime volunteer in the effort to end homelessness, points out that the Minneapolis incident is much more common than the St. Paul one. "People often ask if exposure to the elements is a common cause of death. It is not. More often the cause is homicide (including domestic), suicide, overdoses and accidents. We have a lot of alcohol and drug addiction in the homeless community which compounds existing conditions."

People who have lost a loved one often report a concern, a fear that their loved one will be forgotten—dust in the wind. Hence, propelled by the Simpson Shelter and the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless, each year in December, advocates, family and friends of those who have died while homeless or unsheltered participate in a ceremony to remember and honor the lives of those lost. It is known as the Homeless Memorial and draws statewide participation. Loved ones may have died in a tent, bus stop, under a bridge or in a homeless shelter. Advocates collect names during the year and submit them to Simpson Housing Services. Some bodies are not identified, their names missing, yet they are honored. John Petroskas keeps and manages



the list.

The ceremony typically begins at the Hennepin County Government Center and the advocates, family and friends walk two miles (often carrying signs with the name of their lost loved one) to the Plymouth Congregational Church where the ceremony is hosted and continues. As the name of each deceased individual is read, a candle is lit: Benito, Laura, Max, Elton, Danetta, Bohdan, Sister Margarite, and so on. One hundred and ninety-seven names were read for 2020. Losses included Baby Boy, Unidentified Man, Unidentified Girl and George Perry Floyd. Typically, a meal is shared afterward, as are memories and stories about the deceased. It is a community, strong and determined to recognize those often marginalized and viewed as a group, rather than as the unique individuals that they were.

2020 marked the 36th annual Homeless Memorial honoring the deceased. It was a virtual event due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan was a guest speaker as well as

Jennifer Ho, Minnesota housing commissioner. Flanagan stated that she looks forward to the day this event will not be needed. A total of 197 individuals were honored; 84 died unsheltered, 89 were formerly homeless but sheltered (often in homeless shelters) at the time of death and 24 were advocates who worked with the homeless. In 2019, 103 were honored. The average age of those who died unsheltered was 42-43 years. The average age amongst those who were homeless but sheltered, 50. Mortality rates for those unsheltered is 4 to 9 times higher than those who are sheltered (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention).

What are the causes of death? Often it is a combination of things: disease, illness, drug and alcohol related, mental health issues, suicide, homicide (often at the hands of an acquaintance), accidents and lack of proper medical care. There are incidents of drowning and being struck by a vehicle. The opioid epidemic, declared a public health emergency in 2017 (by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) along with an international pandemic, has created a new kind of vulnerabili-

ty, especially for those without shelter.

This year videos were invited and submitted for the event. During the presentations, voices shook and tears fell as loved ones recalled their beloved and shelter and social workers recalled their clients. It is the little, unique things and gestures that family, friends and advocates remember and will miss. Some of the people remembered were:

- The young father who loved his kids and liked to bring them to the shelter. Those around felt the joy he had for them, and they for him.

- The Ojibwa man who was intelligent and had boundless energy to engage anyone who had time to discuss sports, politics, music, etc.

- Sam, who loved the thrift stores and picked up items for others, remembering their needs, sizes and favored styles.

- The young woman who visited to pick up supplies but would not stay in a shelter because she did not want to leave her kitten "Boots" who had his own baby stroller.

- The tough guy with scars to prove it, who loved his dog and treated it like a baby.

- The collector who hid his finds in the nooks and crannies of the shelter and told off-color jokes—even in church!

- "Coffee Man," known for making the best strong coffee and trained newcomers to do the same. One newcomer says he will honor his lost elder by always making the strong coffee he taught him to make, and toasting him as he drinks it.

- The man who often surprised others with hidden talents such as furniture building and writing poetry in Gaelic!

- The two Native women who stuck together for years, no mat-

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# Best Friends

## Our beloved companions – animals

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

“By most estimates, we’ve been living in close proximity to companion animals for tens of thousands of years. Cats, dogs and other companion animals share our homes, and often our broader environments, and ... are part of our families.” This is the introduction to a wonderful fact-filled section of a valuable website I recently found called Faunalytics. They gather and process all kinds of scientific data for the use of animal rights and animal welfare activists. This comes from their section on “companion animals,” which you might simply call “pets.” (faunalytics.org/fundamentals-companion-animals/)

### The numbers

The news magazine The Week recently highlighted pets in their “By the Numbers” section: short, punchy number-crunching about a current topic. There I learned that in 2019, American households spent \$90 billion on pets, \$13.5 billion more than on alcohol, and that that sum was more than twice what was spent on major appliances, fresh fruit or tobacco products.

And in at least three articles in other sources, including this one (tinyurl.com/s7pgqlad), I see that people are spending more than usual on their pets during the pandemic, so when 2020 numbers come out, they’ll be even higher. And it makes

sense. It’s part of the pivot we’re doing to cope with the isolation of living through a plague.

More people have acquired a pet, due to the pandemic, than would normally do so in a year. Sometimes this was a new or first-time pet, and sometimes it was a sooner-than-usual replacement for a pet that passed away. The Washington Post, for instance, reported back in August

that “Dog adoptions and sales soar during the pandemic.” And other sources confirm similar trends with cats, reptiles, fish and other aquarium-dwellers, small-to-medium other mammals, and birds.

The Faunalytics website breaks down who keeps these pets and which pets are kept in what numbers. Statistics from 2018 (from a different source) showed over 84

million households in the U.S. had at least one pet. (This is approaching 70 percent of households, so it may be there by now.)

Looking at the North American and European households that have pets, the following percentages are the percent that have that kind of animal (adds up to more than 100 percent):

- Dogs - 48 percent
- Cats - 38 percent
- Freshwater fish - 10 percent
- Birds - 6 percent
- Small mammals and “other” - 5 percent
- Reptiles - 4 percent
- Horses - 2 percent
- Saltwater fish - 2 percent

### Mental and physical health (ours)

In a PR Newswire article sourced from Mars Petcare (a corporation producing pet food and care products which includes a pet health research subsidiary), the following was cited:

- Among all pet owners, three quarters or more said that their pets provide important benefits in the form of companionship, reduced stress or anxiety, reduced boredom and monotony and reduced depression during COVID-19.
- Thirty percent of pet owners welcomed a new pet this year, with more than half doing so for companionship.

• Half of the survey respondents reported spending more time with pets as the primary benefit of working from home—even ahead of increased flexibility, cost savings from lack of commute and more time with family.

And the Faunalytics site found the following benefits of living with a companion animal :

- For elders, it helps maintain or improve Activities of Daily Living (ADL) measures.
- For those in a cohabiting relationship, they report their pet is a better listener than their spouse.
- Raising a baby with a dog or cat apparently provides extra immune protection in the first year of life.
- Thinking about your animal companion is more effective than thinking about your best human friend in keeping feelings of social rejection at bay.
- Living with pets not only reduces anxiety, it can improve self-esteem and conscientiousness.

But while these loving beasts give us mental health benefits, we must not neglect theirs. There is growing fear among animal health experts about dogs especially, and how they will react to being left alone more after a year or more of intensified companionship. A Washington Post Lifestyle piece headline says “Our dogs have been there for us. Will we be there for them when the pandemic ends? When life returns to normal,



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# Animals and us in the COVID times

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([www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2020/lifestyle/dogs-loneliness-coronavirus/](http://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2020/lifestyle/dogs-loneliness-coronavirus/))

There are numerous anecdotes in the news about dogs, and occasionally other animals, "miraculously" di-

is difficult to accomplish on your own, Royal Pet Beauty Shop at 3019 Lyndale Ave. has 30 years of experience and does wonderful work. Also, many pet stores offer grooming services on-site. And there are even "car wash" style places where you can wash your own dog for far less

animal rights and animal welfare activists and organizations of every stripe. One rock star of the movement is Nancy Minion, who was instrumental in getting a Pet Breeder Bill passed in Minnesota. She is also the founder of one of the biggest and best rescue organizations in town, Second Chance Animal Rescue. Check out their website for their no-shelter method and philosophy of rescuing animals. ([secondchancerescue.org/](http://secondchancerescue.org/))

Because of the massive increase in demand for pets, many rescue groups and shelters are actually running out of adoptable pets. If you are forced to shop, here is an article helping you discern law-compliant and caring breeders from the unscrupulous ones: ([medium.com/creatures/the-10-most-telltale-signs-of-a-backyard-breeder-6806afe37faa](http://medium.com/creatures/the-10-most-telltale-signs-of-a-backyard-breeder-6806afe37faa)).

Some other notable rescue groups in Minnesota include the only Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS)-certified farm sanctuary in the state, Farmaste, and Midwest Avian Adoption & Rescue Services (MAARS), a specialist bird sanctuary. Also check out Chicken Run Rescue for some hard facts about the lives of "poultry" (who make excellent pets, in fact) and the nationwide network for placement of adoptable animals, RescueMe (MN listings at [animal.rescueme.org/Minnesota](http://animal.rescueme.org/Minnesota)).



## Best friends

agnosing illnesses in their humans. Dogs' sense of smell does seem miraculous to us, but it should be no surprise that scientists are looking to dogs to supplement the inaccuracies of coronavirus tests. Another Washington Post piece shows that Labradors are better than laboratories at detecting the corona! ([www.washingtonpost.com/science/2020/08/18/dogs-sniff-coronavirus-detection/](http://www.washingtonpost.com/science/2020/08/18/dogs-sniff-coronavirus-detection/))

## Mental and physical health (theirs)

A large amount of that \$90+ billion is spent on high quality food, over the counter medicines and veterinarian services. If you're thinking of getting a pet, be sure and make certain you can afford the necessities to keep it healthy. We are lucky to have many good animal clinics in Minneapolis, including Minnehaha Animal Hospital, Nokomis Pet Clinic, Pet Doctors (on East Franklin) and East Lake Animal Hospital in our southside neighborhoods.

There are also limited amounts of free assistance with animal care. For spaying/neutering only, there is MN/SNAP (Spay Neuter Assistance Program). The University of Minnesota Veterinary School offers a monthly free clinic at Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church (see [vetouch.umn.edu/our-clinic](http://vetouch.umn.edu/our-clinic)). And the Animal Humane Society also offers low-cost to free emergency vet care. People and Pets Together, Ani-meals (Meals on Wheels for animals), and some community food banks and "free store" mutual aid sites offer free high-quality pet food and essential supplies. If bathing and grooming your pet

and keep your apartment safe from flooding and other attendant chaos.

Pet lovers and owners tend to be animal welfare supporters. So, if you care about animals, follow the "Adopt, Don't Shop" slogan. The Twin Cities also has a plethora of



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**Housing, from page 1**

grantors/lenders case for TOPA and explained what LISC and its partners have done so far to arrive at three proposed options for implementing TOPA in Minneapolis.

She started with a breakdown of current rental housing in Minneapolis. Single-family units (houses) comprise a massive 57 percent of rentals, with 2- to 4-unit buildings making up 32 percent. The remaining 11 percent is broken down to 5- to 20-unit buildings (7 percent), 21-50 units (3 percent), and 51-plus-unit buildings making up only 1 percent of current rental options.

Some property owners who rent out single-family houses, whether one or 50 of them, want houses and duplexes or even fourplexes “carved out” of the rent control, i.e., exempted, so that it only applies to big apartment complexes. But if you look at the numbers, this would leave up to 89 percent of renters

unprotected. And the segments it would lean toward leaving out are families, poorer neighborhoods, and North Minneapolis more than, say, Uptown. So it’s easy to see that exemptions in future policies based on the size of the building would be very counterproductive.

LISC also conducted a series of studies, including researching TOPA in other jurisdictions (Washington D.C., New York City, San Francisco, Berkeley, Chicago, and manufactured home park TOPAs in New Hampshire and Minnesota) and holding numerous focus groups with landlords, tenants, lenders and others.

LISC proposed that Minneapolis choose one of the following options, of which their highest recommendation was for the second option:

- Right of first offer and refusal to tenant only, assignable, no affordability restrictions.
- Same rights, but for either tenants or organizations, assignable, with rent stabilization

rules restricting future affordability.\*

• Same rights, but for organizations only, not assignable, with the “4d” program restricting future affordability.\*\*

Note \* This option would mean that the unit after purchase could be owner-occupied or rented by an organization or the tenant’s assignee.

Note \*\* The 4d is a state program that reduces landlords’ taxes by 40 percent if they follow strict affordability/stabilization rules.

Jen and Cottrell presented the tenants’ view of both TOPA and rent control and how they would help tenants stay in their homes, and be a defense against homelessness and gentrification displacement. Inquilinx has had four separate campaigns to protect tenant rights against landlords, and she said, “It always starts with a struggle over repairs.”

They have also done studies, one of which showed that in the great majority of cases where a

landlord is forced by the city to make repairs, they respond immediately in one of two ways. One, they put the building up for sale, which can mean abrogation of leases and eviction of all tenants under the current laws. A TOPA rule would prevent that. Or two, they respond with a predatory rise in the rents, a move which would not be allowed under a rent control rule.

The presenters from Inquilinx also addressed the eviction protection piece of the next steps solutions. Jen used their high-profile case with the notorious (now convicted) slumlord Frenz, as an example. In the two years Inquilinx was fighting to buy the landlord’s buildings and form a cooperative (which has now happened—Corcoran neighborhood’s Sky Without Limits Co-op), they were simultaneously forced to fight individual evictions that occurred monthly. Needless to say, this took a lot of energy and money they could have used in building the cooperative.

Rent control will require an amendment to the City Charter, so it’s at least a two-step (and probably more) process. A hearing on the proposed charter changes will be held Feb. 24. See the city website for more information.

Council Member Gordon is co-authoring with Council Members Ellison and Bender a pair of eviction protection initiatives. The Just Cause rule would mean that a landlord needs to provide from a selection of allowable causes for eviction, and is based on a recent rule passed in St. Paul. The Notice Requirement rule, based on a St. Louis Park ordinance, would give tenants time to respond and prevent eviction, and reduce the destabilizing, harmful effect of UDs (Unlawful Detainers) on tenants.

In the 40 minutes of Q&A,

most tenants and homeowners and some landlords welcomed the proposed initiatives after asking clarifying questions. Some landlords worried that their current practices would become illegal, but the presenters assured them that small rent increases and eviction for non-payment of rent would not be affected and, in fact, the new rules could give them help in running a fair rental business.

For more information check these web pages:

LISC Twin Cities - <https://www.lisc.org/twin-cities/>

United Renters for Justice (Inquilinx) <https://www.inquilinxunidxs.org/en/home/>

Minneapolis United for Rent Control - <https://www.facebook.com/MinneapolisUnitedForRentControl/>

Last month we asked candidates for City Council in the Second Ward three questions. Cam Gordon was ill and could not respond. His answers are here:

\*Do you support a full and public investigation into the killing of Terrance Franklin by the MPD?

Yes. I called for this investigation at the time Terrance Franklin was killed by police (<http://secondward.blogspot.com/2013/06/the-death-of-terrance-franklin>) and I renew that call. A credible review that could offer insights into how to make sure the horrific and tragic incidents of that day are never repeated could be very valuable.

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

After making extensive amendments, I voted for the 2040 plan, and believe it offers a path towards racial equity and fighting climate change. We cannot rely on the housing market however for its effective implementation but must continue to create incentives and regulations to ensure quality affordable housing for all.

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

Yes. I coauthored the Safety for All budget that moved Crime Prevention Specialists out of MPD, and have long advocated for a change in how the City organizes block clubs. I believe that a collaborative effort from the Health Department and Neighborhood Community Relations Department could yield the best results.

**Hiawatha, from page 5**

more gallons of storm water on the golf course every year.

• It costs too much to pump - a lie. Electricity bills show that it costs a few hundred dollars per year, at most.

• The Park Board wants citizen input - a lie. The Community Advisory Committee was disbanded when the members looked like they would vote against the plan that the Park Board wanted.

• The Park Board will restore the property to what it was before Wirth built the golf course. A lie, since they will add tons of fill that will change the property more than Wirth ever did.

• Dredging the outbound

creek will not lower the lake level enough. An opinion, since it WILL lower the lake level which WILL reduce pumping.

• The golf course is unsustainable. A statement with little definition or meaning.

• The new plan will protect the homes from flooding. A future lie? They have provided insufficient engineering data to back this up.

• The Park Board will pay for the new golf course with profits from the Minneapolis golf courses. Likely a lie, since the Park Board’s mismanagement of the golf courses has produced a profit only twice in the past 10 years.

• A partner (the Loppet?) will

pay for the cross-country ski enhancements. Likely a lie, since the Loppet is in debt.

• A partner restaurateur will pay for a new restaurant through their profits over 25 years. Very unlikely.

• This plan will reduce the trash problem in Lake Hiawatha. A future lie? No concrete information has been provided as to how this will be accomplished.

The MPRB has spent almost \$1 million of taxpayer money on a plan founded on lies. Minneapolis taxpayers should be livid that their hard-earned money is being frittered away by the Park Board.

The revised plan will be posted on Feb. 12, with presentation to the full Board in March for approval or rejection.



# Minneapolis needs rent control – panel discussion hosted by Robin for Minneapolis

BY ALEXANDRA CARTER

Minneapolis needs rent control. It will solve a lot of looming problems but it won't solve all of our problems. And the more it's watered down by the city government, the less it will help. Those were the messages in a Zoom webinar attended by over 70 people on Tuesday, Jan. 26.

The rent control panel discussion event was hosted by Robin for Minneapolis. Who is Robin and what is she for in Minneapolis? Robin Wonsley Worlobah is running to be Minneapolis' first Black socialist City Council member. She is opposing current City Council member and Green Party member Cameron Gordon in the 2nd Ward. Robin was very active in the Fight for 15 and later was a community leader in the George Floyd uprising.

The basis and priorities of her campaign are stated thus on the Robin for Minneapolis Facebook page: "We can win rent control

and public safety beyond policing by bringing mass movements into City Hall." Robin is a member of Twin Cities Democratic Socialists of America (TCDSA). (Note that TCDSA says they have not opened up their endorsement process yet.) Three days before the panel discussion, she was walking the picket line with other TCDSA members in St. Paul Park in support of Teamsters striking at Marathon Refinery. So she doesn't just talk the talk.

The panel discussion was lively, informative and inspiring. Robin moderated, and the three panelists were Ginger Jentzen (member of Socialist Alternative and former director of 15Now, the organization that won a \$15 minimum wage in Minneapolis); Nichole Buehler (executive director of Harrison Neighborhood Association); and Vanessa del Campo Cachon (member of Renters United for Justice and Sky Without Limits

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# Laura

BY DAVID TILSEN

To be interviewed by Laura Waterman Wittstock was like being listened to by a wise friend. Then, afterward, you listen and think, why did I say that? I didn't plan to open up that much. Somehow Laura was able to do that with people. Without ever compromising her strong beliefs, she really knew how to listen and call on the openness in others. This skill, along with hard work, cutting intelligence and impeccable integrity, made her a leader, a power broker and an influencer for over 50 years.

I hope people remember her. She deserves some kind of permanent memorial. We have lost so many of the warriors of my generation, people who have made history, that I can't help but remember my mother's grief when this was happening to her. She would rage against my generation who thought that we had invented feminism, socialism, antiwar activism, counter culture and commitment. She wanted us to remember her generation and her parents' generation and what they had given us. Laura's death gives me the same rage.

Certainly, the students of Migizi will carry on. Those of us addicted to her radio show, First Person Radio, will keep the memories, and her book with Dick Bancroft about the history of AIM will live on. The City of Minneapolis, it seems to me, owes her a debt. She served on



Laura Waterman Wittstock

the Minneapolis Library Board and on so many different foundations and advisory committees that I don't believe a complete list can ever be made. There are some people who just transcend the rest of us, whose smile, grit, determination and articulation have changed the world for the better.

I can't help but quote from the great Minnesota poet Irene Paull, who was writing about another woman who changed the world:

*If you walk with an air of easy grace  
And hold your head up high.  
Cherish her as you cherish the sea  
And the Mountains that climb the sky.*



## RIVERSIDE EDITION

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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.

**Birchwood Cafe**. Open for takeout/delivery only, Wed. - Sun. Family meals & bulk orders available— see Facebook or website. Delivery by DoorDash. Restricted hours.

**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](http://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](mailto: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.

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

**The Howe**. Open for takeout/delivery only. Delivery by Bite Squad & Uber Eats. Usual hours.

**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 Wyrld**. Open for takeout/delivery only. Order online for pickup at [www.toasttab.com/cafewrld/v3](http://www.toasttab.com/cafewrld/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 (Parkview on Chicago)**. Open to public. Online ordering available with store delivery or curbside pickup. Delivery also available thru Shipt, GrubHub, DoorDash. Usual hours (6 a.m. - 10 p.m.).

**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.

**Target (Lake & Minnehaha)**. Open with restrictions. See website for online ordering with curbside pickup. For delivery, order thru Shipt. Usual hours.

**Trader Joe's (downtown Mpls)**. Open to public. Free sheltered parking. Usual 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.

**Tom Thumb (38th Street)**. Open to public. Usual hours.

**United Noodles**. Open with restrictions. No online orders. Delivery order thru Instacart. Usual hours.

## Delivery Services for Groceries and Staples

**Instacart**. Aldi, Bed Bath & Beyond, Costco, Cub Foods, CVS, Fresh Thyme, Lakewinds Co-op, Lunds & Byerlys, Petco, Staples, United Noodles, Wedge Co-op

**Mercato**. Coastal Seafoods, Eastside Food Co-op, Produce Exchange @ MGM

**Shipt**. CVS, Kowalski's, Office Max, Petco, Target

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**Local Crate**. Twin Cities exclusive meal kits by chefs like Gavin Keyesen, Ann Kim. [localcrate.com](http://localcrate.com) Can be picked up in stores or delivered.

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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](http://thrivemarket.com)

## Pharmacy

**CVS (Target - Minneapolis)**. Open to public. Usual hours.

**Present Moment\***. Open to public. Usual hours.

**Walgreens (E Lake and 31st Ave)**. Mobile pharmacy open in parking lot.

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

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

## Retail

**Art Shoppe (at MGM)**. Open 11

a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturdays. Open 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. other days except closed Tuesday.

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

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

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

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

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

**Groovy's**. Open with restrictions. Usual hours.

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

**Irreverent Bookworm**. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by USPS. Check website for curbside pickup. Now accepting books for donation or trade credit. See website for details. Restricted hours.

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

**Moon Palace Books**. Closed to public. Online orders only. Delivery by USPS or to-go window pickup Mon. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. (They call or text when ready.)

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

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

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

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

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

**Target (Lake Street & Hiawatha)**. Open with restrictions. 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.

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

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## EVENTS

**Rain Taxi February Event**  
**John Jennings and David Brame**  
**Tuesday, Feb. 16, 5:30 p.m.**

**Online**

Rain Taxi is proud to present a virtual conversation with John Jennings and David Brame, the adaptor and illustrator, respectively, of the debut title from MEGASCOPE, a new line of graphic novels from Abrams ComicArts dedicated to showcasing speculative works by and about people of color. "After the Rain" is a graphic novel adaptation of Hugo, Nebula, and World Fantasy Award-winning novelist Nnedi Okorafor's short story "On the Road." The presenters will discuss the new book, new imprint, and the importance of increasing access to great speculative writing by people of color. Free to attend, registration required at <https://www.crowdcast.io/e/jennings-brame/register>. Books can be purchased during the event, or in advance, from Magers & Quinn Booksellers in Minneapolis. More information about the authors and this event can be found here: <https://www.raintaxi.com/john-jennings-and-david-brame/>.

**'Zealous Heliions' Series Presents:**  
**Nataki Garrett**

**Thursday, Feb. 18, 7 p.m.**

**Online**

Mixed Blood Theatre hosts Oregon Shakespeare Festival (OSF) Artistic Director Nataki Garrett in its newest virtual "Zealous Heliions" event on Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. She will discuss the state of the American theater, race and the American theater, the future of the American theater, and the damages of systemic racism and white supremacy. "Zealous Heliions" is a project of Mixed Blood Theatre to provide the community with real-time conversations between artists, cultural provocateurs, politicians and thought-leaders in an intimate setting. The program allows audiences a glimpse into a different facet of a known personality and opportunity for deeper community dialogue.

Nataki Garrett has directed some of Mixed Blood's most daring productions, including the world premiere of Katori Hall's "Pussy Valley," Branden Jacobs-Jenkins' "Neighbors" and "An Octoroon," and Aleshea Harris' "Is God Is." The definitive activist artist, Nataki sits on Mixed Blood's Advisory Board and serves as a mentor to Artistic Director Jack Reuler.

This "Zealous Heliions" offering will take place on Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. on Facebook Live and Zoom and will last one hour. ASL and captioning will be provided. Free reservations for the virtual event are available online. Make reservations and find further information at <https://mixedblood.com/on-stage/zealous-heliions/>.

**Ronald K. Brown/EVIDENCE – 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season**  
**Premieres Thursday, Feb. 18, 7 p.m.**  
**Viewing through Thursday, March 4**  
**Online performance**

Ronald K. Brown/EVIDENCE's body of work blends contemporary, African, Caribbean, and social dance forms to express spirituality, African American and diaspora culture and the beauty of movement in many forms. For this special online program, the company has assembled a selection of solos and duets from their repertory, including the luminous solo from "Grace," Brown's breakout piece performed first by the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater 20 years ago. The program also features an updated version of "Mercy," an ethereal movement meditation that seeks to guide our hearts, set to music by Meshell Ndegeocello. Performance co-presented by Northrop, The Joyce Theater Founda-

tion, DANCECleveland, and Cuyahoga Community College. Tickets are \$25 and can be arranged through [www.northrop.umn.edu](http://www.northrop.umn.edu). Ticket holders have on-demand streaming access to the performance until Thursday, March 4.

**Free COVID-19 Saliva Testing**  
**Saturday, Feb. 27**  
**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Phyllis Wheatley Community Center  
1301 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Ave., Mpls.  
Register on site. Open to all. No appointment needed. Do not eat, drink, or use tobacco products for 30 minutes before test. If you have a smartphone, please bring it with you for the contactless registration. You will usually receive your results in 48 to 72 hours. Minnesota Black Community COVID-19 Hotline: 612-254-1145. For reasonable accommodations or alternative formats please contact Markeeta Keyes at [Health@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:Health@minneapolismn.gov) or 612-673-2301. People who are deaf or hard of hearing can use a relay service to call 311 at 612-673-3000. TTY users call 612-263-6850. Para asistencia 612-673-2700 - Rau kev pab 612-673-2800 - Hadii aad Caawimaad u baahantahay 612-673-3500.

**The Urban Spectrum Theatre**  
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**Livestream Event**

Our theater company is in its 47th year of producing multicultural entertainment in the inner city. In this time of COVID-19, we have been unable to bring live shows to the stage. On Feb. 27, live online, we will celebrate our past productions and look forward to new ways of bringing our work to you, both online and soon, we hope, back on stage. The Urban Spectrum Theatre exists to provide quality, multicultural, accessible theater to the inner city, and to offer an opportunity for community residents, especially young people, to work with more experienced performers. <https://www.urbanspectrumtheatre.com/>

**Midtown Global Market's**  
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**Black History Month at Mia**  
**February 2021 and beyond**  
Minneapolis Institute of Art  
2400 Third Ave. S., Mpls.

Celebrate the exceptional historical and creative cultural contributions made by African American artists with exhibitions, virtual events, videos, stories, and more. Current exhibitions include

"In the Presence of Our Ancestors: Southern Perspectives in African American Art"; "Freedom Rising: I Am the Story," featuring fiber art by L'Merchie Frazier; and "The Enduring Soul," presenting artwork by African and African American artists that honor the connection between ancestors and the living and between what is seen and the invisible. Go to <https://new.artsmaia.org/black-history-month> for a complete schedule of exhibitions and virtual events happening throughout the month. Mia has reopened to visitors with COVID safety precautions in place. General admission is free. Timed tickets are required for museum entry and special exhibitions. Reserve your ticket online here <https://ticket.artsmaia.org/products/general-admission> or by phone at 612-870-3000.

**Walker Winter Fun: Snowshoeing and Outdoor Films**  
**Thursday, Feb. 27**  
**5 to 9 p.m.**

Walker Art Center  
725 Vineland Pl., Mpls.  
Venture out to the Walker for some socially distant snowshoe trekking. Back by popular demand, snowshoes will be available for check out at the Esker Grove patio. Explore the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden in the moonlight. Self-guided tour materials will also be provided. Then, head up to the top of the snow-covered hill next to the museum and not only will you find yourself looking out onto the best view of the city, but you will also catch a glimpse of our winter film series. Sign up for your free 45-minute time slot on the date of your choice at <https://walkerart.org/calendar/2021/walker-winter-fun-snowshoeing-and-outdoor-films>. Last checkout is 8:15 pm each night. Snowshoe rental is made possible by the University of Minnesota Center for Outdoor Adventure. Please note, free tickets for gallery admission will be available, provided the museum is open to the public. Tickets must be reserved separately. [The Walker reopened to the public on Thursday, Feb. 4. See [www.walkerart.org](http://www.walkerart.org) for more info.]

**'Papier' by Swedish artists**  
**Bea Szenfeld and Stina Wirsén**  
**Opening Saturday, Feb. 6**  
American Swedish Institute

2600 Park Ave., Mpls.  
"Papier," in a juncture between art and fashion, is an international touring exhibition showcasing artist-designer Bea Szenfeld's striking paper couture — dresses and other sculptural fashion items made entirely from paper and worn by such pop icons as Lady Gaga and Björk — united with artist-author Stina Wirsén's evocative and colorful illustrations. "Papier" makes its Midwest debut, at one of only two sites in the U.S., Feb. 6 – July 11, 2021, at the American Swedish Institute (ASI) in the Turnblad Mansion and Osher Gallery. In this remarkable, creative partnership, two prestigious Swedish talents meet in a mutual affection for the handmade and paper. "Papier" features a dozen of Szenfeld's wearable pieces plus an object-based piece titled, "Grief." Her bold designs belie their delicateness. Wirsén's expressive drawings and illustrations set the scene and act as a colorful backdrop. Both artists have had a major impact in pop culture from fashion to theater. The ASI Museum, Museum Store and FIKA Café all reopened on Feb. 6 with reduced capacity, pending any further COVID-related precautions. Revised hours are Thursday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Advance, timed reservations are required to visit the museum and can be made at [www.ASI-mn.org](http://www.ASI-mn.org) or by calling 612-871-4907 during public hours. Visitors must use face coverings

and maintain safe distances. The Store and FIKA will accept walk-in customers. FIKA will also offer expanded Marketplace take-out orders. ASI has free on-site parking and is located at 2600 Park Ave., Mpls.

**Free Reading and Math Tutoring for Minnesota Families from Scholar Squad**

Scholar Squad offers free in-home tutoring powered by the proven programs of Reading Corps and Math Corps. COVID-19 has made everything challenging this year, especially learning. Reading Corps and Math Corps have launched a new initiative to help. Scholar Squad offers free one-on-one, online tutoring for Minnesota students in PreK-8th grade. To request help, families are encouraged to visit [www.scholarsquad.org](http://www.scholarsquad.org) and sign up for a consultation. Together we'll set up a time to do a quick screening with your child to get a sense of what they may need. If the screening shows your child needs our help to boost their skills, we'll match them with a tutor who will provide one-on-one practice and support. About Minnesota Reading Corps and Minnesota Math Corps: In Minnesota, nearly half of our students need extra help with reading or math. Reading Corps and Math Corps are AmeriCorps programs that provide a proven solution. By partnering with schools, Reading Corps and Math Corps have already helped more than 300,000 children improve their skills and confidence. Scholar Squad utilizes the successful model to bring tutoring directly to families at home. For more information, visit [www.scholarsquad.org](http://www.scholarsquad.org) or email [scholarsquad@servetogrow.org](mailto:scholarsquad@servetogrow.org).

**Minnesota History Center Welcomes Back Visitors**

345 W. Kellogg Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN 55102  
The Minnesota History Center has reopened to the public. Timed entry tickets are now online at [www.mnhs.org](http://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 are once again 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 welcomed back on-site researchers starting Jan. 22. Researchers should contact the library to make arrangements. Look for more information at [www.mnhs.org/library](http://www.mnhs.org/library).

**Safe Place: Homework Help**

Free online tutoring available for grades 1 through 12. Contact Destiny at [tutoring@trinitylutherancongregation.org](mailto:tutoring@trinitylutherancongregation.org).

**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
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**What's Open, from page 12**

**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.

**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. Income-based sliding scale fees. Usual hours.

**East Lake Animal Clinic.** By appointment. Usual hours.

**HCMC Whittier Clinic.** By appointment except for limited walk-in COVID testing. Usual hours. COVID vaccines available for existing patients in limited categories.

**Minnehaha Animal Hospital.** By appointment. Usual hours.

**Rent Control, from page 11**

Housing Co-op Community).

All three women are also leaders in the coalition called Minneapolis United for Rent Control (MURC). Although they all four (including Robin) work very closely together on rent control, the panelists made it clear they were speaking as advocates of that, and not as an endorsement of Robin's campaign.

Jentzen kicked off the discussion with an answer to the first question: What makes for successful rent control policy and what are the most important details to focus on? She referred back to how bad the response to the COVID pandemic was, and invited us to imagine how much better it would have been had it been developed by health care professionals. Similarly, now the city has a housing crisis, which was here well before COVID but is being exacerbated by it. This needs a community-informed response.

What makes a successful rent control policy is that it's based on listening to renters and what they need to be able to stay in their homes. The important detail along the way to achieving it is to recognize that developers and the pundits who love them will lie about rent control and we have to counter those lies.

**Nokomis Pet Clinic.** By appointment. Usual hours.

**People's Center.** Open with restrictions. Income-based sliding scale fees. Wellness Hub closed. Online appointment requests available. Telehealth available. COVID vaccines available for existing patients in limited categories.

**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.

The important detail is to beware of "carve-outs" and developer friendly loopholes.

Nichole expanded on those themes. Examples of carve-outs in rent control include setting the allowable increases at CPI-plus (Consumer Price Index-plus). The "plus" is there to guarantee profit to landlords and developers. Another carve-out is exclusion of single-family and duplex rentals from rent control. This would exclude much of the rental property in North Minneapolis, where housing is most in crisis.

Vanessa focused on how the COVID epidemic is impacting struggling families. People are having to choose between paying rent and eating. Hours are cut, children are at home all day and need care, and in the background, eviction is a constant threat.

In later rounds, Ginger drew a lot of lessons for future organizing in rent control from the successes as well as setbacks and obstacles in the Fight for 15. Nichole expounded on the (hopefully) upcoming charter amendment votes, clarifying that the charter amendments will only open a pathway to passing rent control, but are not a rent control policy in themselves. Vanessa stressed the need to empower those most impacted by the

**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 Bethany Lutheran, Park Ave UMC.

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

**Walker Church.** Open with restrictions. Hot meals, bagged groceries. Email [office@walkerchurch.org](mailto:office@walkerchurch.org) or message Facebook page for information. Tuesdays only. Only open for food distribution.

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

**Pop-up Mutual Aid Sites / Pay-as-u-can / Pay-it-forward**

See <https://twin-cities-mutual-aid.org/> for complete list, or for updates on needs of most of the sites listed below.

**612 MASH (Medics at Chicago &**

housing crisis to speak and lead, because they are under threats that often make them afraid to do so.

Here are some key points both from the panel and from the document ([www.facebook.com/inquilinxsunidxs/posts/3622947001132613](https://www.facebook.com/inquilinxsunidxs/posts/3622947001132613)) on the MURC Facebook page:

- Rent control must be tied to the property, not the tenant.
- Rent control must be retroactive, to avoid price-gouging.
- It should not have carve-outs for smaller properties but must apply to all properties in the city.
- It should not allow "CPI-plus" rent increases that guarantee profit.
- It should not have "vacancy decontrol" where as soon as a unit is temporarily vacant, the rent can be increased.
- In campaigning for rent control, a lot of myths need to be debunked. A big one is that "Rent control doesn't work" because rents in rent-controlled areas are "skyrocketing." (If so, they are rising due to developer-friendly loopholes and carve-outs like those described above.)
- Another myth is that rent control suppresses new housing construction. Data shows quite the opposite.

**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.

**CLUES Minneapolis - Canasta Familiar.** Free food distribution, Wednesdays Noon to 5 p.m.

**DuNord Foundation Community Market.** Preorder staples on website or by phone and select pickup time. See mutual aid link for more details.

**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.

**Food Shelf in a Box at Macedonia Baptist Church (Kingfield).** Mobile boxed food distribution. 4th Wed. each month 1 - 3:30 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.

**Hennepin County Government Center - Warming site.** Open Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. No other services.

**Keefer Court Meals on Wednesdays.** Meals provided by Keefer Court, Wally's Falafel, Afro Deli, Mim's Café, free to all, 2 - 5 p.m. every Wednesday at Keefer Court.

**Terrell, from page 2**

force-fed as were the other leaders. She also marched in and was an organizer for the NWP's giant suffrage parade. In 1948 Mollie testified before the House Judiciary Committee in support of the ERA on behalf of the NWP.

After a lifetime of work for human rights advocacy and a few months before her 90th birthday, Mary Church Terrell took on another major project: the desegregation of Washington D.C. As one of Mollie's last leadership acts as the chair of the Coordinating Committee for the Enforcement of the D.C. Anti-Discrimination Laws, she led a picket in 1952 to integrate a lunch counter. After death

**Homeless, from page 7**

ter what. A staff member said, "I learned a great deal from them about resilience and attitude. I will miss them dearly."

Homelessness impacts all of us, not just unsheltered individuals. It impacts the availability of health care resources, crime and safety, the workforce and use of tax dollars. A 2017 study presented by the National Alliance to End Homelessness reveals that by properly sheltering people it is estimated that health care costs would be reduced by 59 percent, emergency services by 61 percent and hospitalizations by 77 percent. The study

**Lake Hiawatha Park - Warming House.** Open Monday - Friday, 4 - 9 p.m.; Saturday, noon - 9 p.m.; Sunday, 1 - 5 p.m.

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

**MPRB Community Garden Plots.** Plots available in Powderhorn, Sibley and Franklin Steele. Use form at [tinyurl.com/d4hbjaar](https://tinyurl.com/d4hbjaar) to apply.

**Peace House (Whittier) - Loaves and Fishes.** Free meals Monday - Friday, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. As of January 2021, this replaces St. Stephen's meal distribution. (NB - there are numerous Loaves and Fishes locations throughout the Twin Cities. See mutual aid link for complete list.)

**Phillips Free Store at Walker Church.** See mutual aid link for list of needs. Open 2 - 7 p.m. Fridays.

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

**Sanctuaries for houseless people.** The last encampment, at Minnehaha Falls, was cleared out by the MPRB on Jan. 6, 2021. In February 2021, the MPRB passed a resolution to cease permitting sanctuaries (houseless encampments) in the parks. The Sanctuary Supply Depot continues to support houseless people in scattered, non-permitted sites in Minneapolis.

**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.

threats and other violence, the committee tried to dissuade her from leading the picket. One of the other picketers, Marvin Caplan, described Mary Church Terrell's determination: "Turning a deaf ear to last-minute warnings of the impending race riots and violence that would result, she put on her fur coat, wrapped a scarf around her head, and with a cane in one hand and a picket sign in the other, led the first detachments of pickets in a snowstorm."

Buy the book! Give it to friends! Mary Church Terrell, The Unceasing Militant, was a great leader. We have her life as a model to continue her work for justice.

estimates an overall savings of \$4,800 per (unsheltered) person per year. Beyond dollars saved, this is an ethical issue. It involves economic and racial disparities and inequities. Native Americans made up more than a quarter of those who died homeless or unsheltered in 2020 while they represent just 1.1 percent of the Minnesota population. Put simply, sheltering people is the right thing to do.

I'd like to borrow from Deb Holman, outreach worker from Duluth who shared a beautiful quote: "Please, when you meet a stranger treat them well, under a ragged coat there may be wings." (Osler)



# The Biden health care plan doesn't go far enough

BY JOHN KOLSTAD

Is President Biden's proposal regarding health care the improvement we need? How does it compare to Universal Single Payer (Improved Medicare for All)?

Biden's plan reads like a campaign promo piece. He speaks in glowing terms about how great the Obama Affordable Care Act (ACA) is and how he'll make it better. The ACA did some good things, but it has not solved our health care disaster, and it has left many millions with no coverage.

Health care policy is very complex and can be intimidating. The cost and complication is primarily caused by the insurance industry. Insurance companies often get between us and our doctors.

The rest of the industrialized world has solved this problem with universal health care through a Single Payer. They do it to make their nation more economically competitive and provide a healthy, happy, productive work force. Single Payer is all in, no one out. You have your choice of doctor, hospital or clinic. It costs half as much as the U.S. model using insurance, and the cost to you is determined by your ability to pay. It has better health outcomes and there is no annual enrollment.

Biden's proposal is filled with good-sounding phrases, some misleading at best. For example, the piece on the public option uses "... Medicare like ...". It is not Medicare, it is publicly subsidized private insurance. It states, "... reduce

the cost of health insurance ..." and "... more affordable option ...", again achieved with subsidies. Biden plans to use our public money to reduce costs. Money from one pocket to the next to subsidize insurance companies and call it savings.

Biden is lifting the income cap, allowing those with much higher incomes to benefit from the subsidies and tax credits compared to the ACA. He still has deductibles and out of pocket costs. He claims this will end surprise billing for out of network care and end market concentration.

Biden will repeal the existing law explicitly barring Medicare from negotiating lower prices with drug companies, but Medicare for All would negotiate drug prices for all Americans, giving them



the leverage of the biggest market in the world to reduce the price. Biden also plans to limit price increases on generics and other drugs, allow U.S. citizens to buy drugs from other countries, end tax breaks for drug advertisement and improve the supplies of generics. Maternal and infant mortality rates in the U.S. are at the levels of non-industrialized countries. Biden wants to work on this issue. A Single Payer System would alleviate this problem.

Biden's plan makes many promises. It is complicated and expensive. It will not stabilize this nation or reduce the anxiety across the country. Biden said it himself: "Nothing is going to change." His proposal will only be a marginal improvement.

A universal Single Payer system would be simpler, less expensive and everyone would be covered. This would help all people and would help the small and medium businesses crushed by COVID-19, increase jobs, wages and the economy. The entire industrialized world is already doing it.

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