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The Stenvig Years



BY TONY BOUZA

Nostalgia is morbid homesickness. We are all susceptible.

Take, for example, the Stenvig Years.

The Seventies. Charles Stenvig, the president of the police union, got elected mayor three times for two-year terms, almost explicitly on the premise he'd control Black riots.

The echoes I hear are of a reasonably harmless, lovable buffoon.

That is not the view I developed.

Gordy Johnson, one of the three Stenvig police chiefs, died in March. He was described as having "initiated 911." This is not true. 911 came to Minnesota in 1983 after I, with help, finally managed it. A heavy lift with surprising opposition, including St. Paul's then police chief. I had to visit him to stifle his opposition.

Success has many fathers. Failure is an orphan. In 1980, 911 was not a popular idea in Minnesota, except for a very few believers.

Why should it matter? Because of the risk

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Moon Palace's graffiti-covered frontage expresses their stance.

Minnehaha Ave. comeback

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

Timing is everything in the newspaper game. Last year, the piece on Minnehaha Avenue's ink was barely dry when, on 38th Street and Chicago Avenue, Derek Chauvin murdered George Floyd while being video-recorded by a teenage girl. Just before the end of the month of May, riots broke out when the police responded to peaceful protests with a wall of riot gear and undue force. The building housing the 3rd Precinct, Chauvin's precinct, was set on fire, and Mayor Jacob Frey, in perhaps the only good decision he made in a year of bad decisions, ordered the police to stand down and let it burn. History was made.

But a lot more burned besides the police station. This stretch of Minnehaha, from just north of Cub Foods to a few blocks south of Lake Street, has seen a year of dizzying change, great challenges, and sad losses—and also some groups and institutions, from established businesses, to nonprofits and churches, to spontaneous formations for mutual aid, come forth and perform lifesaving services. This will be part of the story of Minnehaha Avenue in the past year, along with the more mundane happenings.

Groceries and pharmacies

Let's start, as we often do, with grocery stores.

All three large grocery stores near the corner of Lake and Hiawatha—Cub Foods, Target and Aldi, along with the other Aldi a few blocks west on Lake Street itself—suffered enough damage and looting to close them down for many months. This caused acute distress for people who, for instance, were dependent on using local stores for their day-to-day needs. Everything in the area was closed and even the buses stopped running for about a week. Mutual aid programs sprang up almost instantly. June and most of July saw crowds of people at churches such as one mentioned below, and at sites such as the Moon Palace parking lot, where Twin Cities Democratic So-

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O brave new world

BY ED FELIEN

Shocked at seeing human beings other than her father for the first time, Miranda, in Shakespeare's "The Tempest," says, "Oh, wonder! How many goodly creatures are there here! How beauteous mankind is! O brave new world, that has such people in 't."

The forced isolation and sudden shock of seeing new people for Miranda would have been a familiar sentiment for Elizabethan audiences. An outbreak of the plague had closed all theaters and limited commerce in 1603.

Shakespeare warns against too quickly consummating intercourse with the world in Prospero's speech to Ferdinand, the suitor to Miranda: "If thou dost break her virgin knot before All sanctimonious ceremonies may With full and holy rite be ministered, No sweet aspersion shall the heavens let fall To make this contract grow, but barren hate, Sour-eyed disdain, and discord shall bestrew The union of your bed with weeds so loathly That you shall hate it both."

So, according to Prospero, we best be careful going out into this Brave New World.

But, according to The New York Times, The Morning, May 11, a lot of the fears of getting



about outdoors have been greatly exaggerated:

"Masks make a huge difference indoors and rarely matter outdoors."

"There is not a single documented Covid infection anywhere in the world from casual outdoor interactions, such as walking past someone on a street or eating at a nearby table."

A study in Ireland put the danger of transmission outdoors at 0.1%, and a study in China of 7,324 cases found one instance that involved an outdoor conversation between two people.

The CDC has finally caught up with reality and now says fully-vaccinated people could stop wearing masks in most settings, in-

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Celebrate Spring on Minnehaha Avenue

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cialists of America, for one, distributed food, paper products, baby formula and diapers, and even pet food.

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some photos in the June 2020 issue that tried to show the devastation. The entire east side of 27th Avenue was destroyed by fire, taking Gandhi Mahal and Migizi, as well as two historic buildings on ei-

ther side of Lake Street, housing small restaurant businesses and more. An affordable apartment building under construction was lost.

Not all of the buildings or businesses have returned, but Target and the other two supermarkets are back. Two smaller specialty food purveyors were thankfully outside the line of fire. Not right on Minnehaha but nearby are Coastal Seafoods and United Noodles. These establishments are open for regular shopping. Sadly, the cafe in United Noodles closed, but meanwhile Coastal Seafoods, which moved from its Minnehaha Avenue location to larger quarters at 2007 East 24th Street, has added a cafe, with some very yummy offerings. You can get their website off of Google maps for online ordering. Both Coastal Seafoods and United Noodles have delivery services as well. Coastal Seafoods also has generous weekly discounts on various days. Fridays, for example, they offer 20 percent off to students, educators and health care workers.

Pharmacies can be found in the Target and Cub supermarkets. There is a Cub superstore I was using early in the uprising period at 46th Street



Coastal Seafoods' new location looks out to the driveway for United Noodles.

between Minnehaha Avenue and Hiawatha. It is normally open 24 hours, but has had restricted hours through part of the pandemic year, and it has a pharmacy inside (but the prescription service is not 24 hours). There is also a Walgreens at 46th and Hiawatha that was damaged in the uprising but is now open as normal.

Farmers markets being another way to get groceries (as well as plants, and lunch), we'll just mention that the Midtown Farmers Market was one of the earliest to return (May 1) and their Saturday markets are open now, with Tuesday markets to follow on the first Tuesday in June.


Fitness studios and other services

Fix Studio, at 3725 Minnehaha Ave., is a different kind of fitness studio from the usual. Geared toward those who want to use running and/or biking for fitness, they provide endurance coaching, classes (virtual since the pandemic), injury and sports massage, bike fitting and gait analysis, and group running and biking. Also, they have a bike shop and a coffee shop on the premises. I'm not sure what all is open for in-person services, so best to call and check.

Another service important to keeping your body looking, feeling and working its best is a spa service. Riverstone Spa at the corner of 38th and Minnehaha Avenue is a large, comfortable, all-purpose spa where you can get a haircut, mani-pedi, massage, and waxing or facial all in one place. Reservations are required to keep occupancy lower for COVID safety and they also re-



Mutual aid from the back of a van before the smoke cleared



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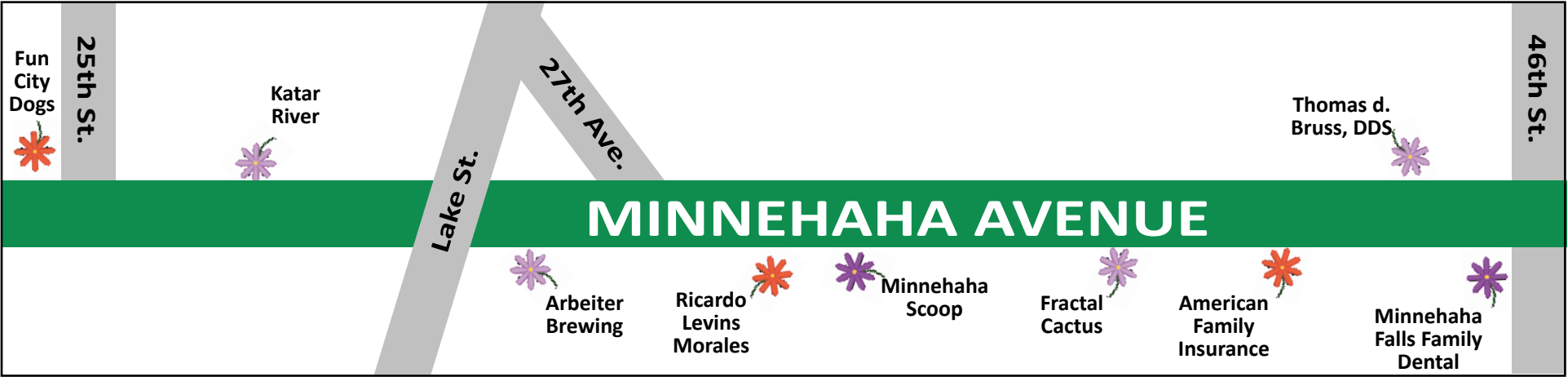
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quire you to wear a mask for any service not involving the face.

Services along Minnehaha Avenue include two beloved entertainment venues that we are happy to report made it through the past tumultuous year. This is especially a bless-



Arbeiter Brewing Co.

ing in the case of the Hook and Ladder Theater & Lounge, which is right next door to the 3rd Precinct building. Although the building did sustain some damage and looting, it was mild enough to recover relatively quickly. The venue has been livestreaming some amazing concerts and other content. Now a stellar summer outdoor music series called Under the Canopy is just starting. A lot of the most popular shows are sold out already, but check at thehookmpls.com/ to see what's still available.

The other entertainment venue is the Trylon Cinema. This used to be a micro-cinema, and I wonder if they could have survived had they not reconfigured into a small but normal cinema. During the pandemic, they have been seating up to 20 people in their 92-seat space. Check out www.trylon.org/ for upcoming shows. In June there will be a celebration of the late Polly Platt, a little-known production designer and screenwriter of some iconic films, including two based on novels by the late Larry McMurtry.

Right next to the Hook and Ladder is the Hub Bike Co-op. This is one of the most popular and trusted bike shops in

town. In addition to in-store shopping and services, they also have curbside pickup and even delivery. Across Minnehaha is another type of service we don't often cover here, but I'm going to mention it, because a friend of mine used them in a very precarious mo-

that I have used myself, then recommended to this same friend, and she has used them a couple of times during the pandemic, is PC Doodle. They provide a range of computer services, from buying and selling reconditioned devices, to iPhone repair, to software and hardware consulting for individuals. They have reasonable terms, fully disclosed upfront.

Finally, a large-scale service many of us need from time to time, Castle Remodeling. If you're exploring a remodel of a room or a whole house, you can visit Castle Remodeling's website for educational videos at www.castlebri.com/homeowner-resources and then make an appointment to stop by a showroom (one of four! — their Longfellow one is at 4020 Minnehaha Ave., but they have expanded to St. Paul, Northeast Minneapolis and Diamond Lake as well) to see how things look in the real world.

Retail

The number of antique stores along Minnehaha has shrunk a bit. Paris Apartment and E's Emporium are still there. Conversely, game stores have increased. In addition to Heroic Goods and Games, and Dreamers' Vault (on Hiawatha), which we have covered before, there is now Dumpster Cat Games at 44th and Minnehaha.

Moon Palace Books is still



Fractal Cactus

in operation. I haven't heard if they have opened for in-store browsing yet, but they have been one of the very cautious ones, with a robust online ordering platform. You can have shipping or pick up at their books-to-go window.

Ricardo Levins Morales's Art Studio is open, still in curbside pickup mode, since it's pretty small. RLM's artwork is available in all kinds of formats, from framed fine art prints, to posters, notecards, buttons,

and more. Concerned in equal measure with social justice and beautiful imagery, RLM's work is especially meaningful for the Southside (and beyond) during these times. As a testimonial on his website proclaims: "Ricardo Levins Morales is simply the single most important visual artist for progressive forces in the U.S. today, and one of the most important globally." You can see more at www.rlmartstudio.com. Awakenings is a store



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selling spiritual / metaphysical items. It's also a service in that they offer psychic and healing sessions, and also rent a space for classes, readings or other small events. Fractal cactus is a unique store, part gardening center, part florist, if you consider cacti to be flowers. In good weather, they have an indoor-outdoor shop but still limit customers, so appointments are recommended.

Restaurants, cafes, breweries and bars

A wonderful-sounding new taproom has opened up next to Moon Palace—Arbeiter Brewing. I'm going to check it out very soon. Geek Love Cafe, inside Moon Palace, is still in pre-order (online) take-out mode. They use a pickup window, separate from Moon Palace's. I never got a chance to check out Dripping Root, a new WOC-owned juice bar

coming to 40th and Minnehaha. Their social media says it's opening May 29. There are two very popular Ethiopian restaurants on Minnehaha. Katar River, just north of Cub Foods, serves a wide variety of mouthwatering dishes, both vegetarian and meat, including Doro Wot (chicken stew, Katar-style) and Dinich Wot (potato stew in a curry and cumin sauce) as just a couple of examples. Meseret, at 39th Street, also has glowing reviews for its Ethiopian cuisine. Both use GrubHub for delivery.

I did get to visit Wildflyer Coffee twice. This is a partnership with Peace Coffee, the previous business in this space, and a program for formerly homeless or at-risk youth, who run the current cafe. They sell their own brands of coffee in drinks, some from Peace roasters and some from Dogwood. They have a few food items and some merch as well. A very nice place, open for limited sit-down sipping and nibbling.

The following restaurants and eateries are also now open:

- Machi Machi (Taiwanese tea bar).
- Minnehaha Scoop (outdoor ice cream).
- All Square (nonprofit grilled



Holy Trinity was flooded with donations for their pop-up food shelf.

cheese).

- Dumpling (pan-Asian dumplings).
- Sea Salt (outdoor casual, focus on beer and seafood).

Faith communities

We'll conclude with a quick look at a couple of faith communities of note. On the north half of Minnehaha, you will find a large and traditional Islamic Center with a mosque and an Islamic academy. This is Tawfiq Islamic Center (tawfiqic.org).

To circle back to the uprising, one of the mainstays of the huge mutual aid efforts sustaining people after the riots in Longfellow was Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Already known for hosting Fare for All



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Pickup window at The Fix Studio Cafe

and many other community aid projects, at the end of May the church became nearly 12 hours a day, every day, an outlet for food distribution and minor urgent medical care. They also hosted a massive free COVID testing the first week of June, so that activists who had spent a week or so in crowds, stress and violence could see if they had also been infected. Hats off and gratitude to Holy Trinity!



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

Conscientious objection

Conscientious objectors of every generation have heard some version of this: “Your freedom to be a conscientious objector was won for you by the military you refuse to join and the wars you refuse to fight.” Yet, those same generations have seen the military used to suppress the very rights it claims to protect. This year the Center on Conscience & War

counseled dozens of military members whose conscientious objector (CO) beliefs solidified after seeing the protests or seeing other soldiers being mobilized in that way. For these recent COs, their moral, ethical or religious beliefs guided them to not only oppose being called to take up arms against civilian protesters, but also to realize that they could no longer support the mission of the military in general, which is, of course, to fight wars. Under military regulations, which also apply to the National Guard, these COs have the right to be honorably discharged or to be reassigned as noncombatants who do not bear arms.

In his application for dis-

charge, a Navy officer wrote how his conscience was awakened even after an immersion in militarism. “I’d occasionally think, ‘Am I complicit in suffering?’ No, I’m not personally killing anyone. And I never stood on George Floyd’s neck for over eight minutes, suffocating him to death, while another officer watched, with his hands in his pockets. This certainly wasn’t the first time that police brutality happened to an unarmed Black man in America. It unfortunately won’t be the last time it happens. So, what has that to do with me? I’m the officer with his hands in his pockets.”

How many of us are not standing around with our hands in our pockets?

Leadership

BY TONY BOUZA

In the English history of man the wise (Homo sapiens) there has never been even one who didn’t consider him(her)self a national leader. It might tempt you to ask—then where are all those cockups coming from?

People—leadership is in short supply.

Just looking at our last few years together renders the vista of hundreds of thousands of deaths—mostly preventable and unnecessary. And all in the service of an inherited economy and its momentum. And a maskless life.

Leadership is morally neutral—as likely to produce Hitler as Gandhi. It connotes power and requires skill. Crises should not be wasted. We’ve just been through four years of what appalling leadership can produce.

A scientific, disciplined and logical approach would have spared countless lives and illnesses. Our wartime leaders usually had the excuse that they were doing their best and hadn’t—usually—provoked the bloodshed in the first place.

Look around.

How do you get effective leadership?

Amazingly that’s what capitalism is really all about. Produce or perish. The bottom line. Nobody cares that the chief has all the virtues of an Eagle Scout.

Our companies are well led. Our governments are champion featherbedders. How come? The former are capitalisms and the latter are socialisms.

Nuclear science and brain surgery combined, right?

I’ll risk gross immodesty and admit I actively and energetically sought leadership skills. Why?

Out of desperation. I had failed at everything. Perhaps management was the answer? The only thing I hadn’t tried. What do managers do?

Leaders move organizations toward the realization of objectives through making decisions, outlining objectives, budgeting, writing, even public speaking and the generic virtues associated with leading the pack.

We have, nationally, just witnessed the results and costs of inept and dishonest leadership. The man has made us experts at such evaluations. Pardon me for withholding thanks. Staggering, really, to think that, maybe, of the more than half a million deaths, three-fourths might have been spared had effective leadership been applied.

I live in an amazingly managed geezer-land.

We had a rigorous, enforced and widespread lock-down from the pandemic’s earliest stages. Vaccinations were done early. The entire staff was engaged and pleasant. No recorded infections.

The leader of all this is a lady not embarrassed to wield a broom, lift heavy furniture, swab toilets or elevators or prepare informative memos.

Jennifer Volkenant will never have a statue as a memorial, but there are people alive and walking about because of her.

Brava!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Getting it right

Thank you, Southside Pride, for showing a picture of Chief Arradondo on the front page of your April edition. Thank you for quoting Chief Arradondo re-

garding his words at the Derek Chauvin trial: “It’s not part of our training, and it is certainly not part of our ethics and our values.” For many years, I have served in a volunteer capacity on neighborhood committees and also committees that meet with

our police chiefs and precinct commanders. It is my belief that Chief Dolan, Chief Harteau and, most importantly, our current Chief Arradondo believes that “It’s not part of our training, and it is certainly not part of our ethics and our values.”

Thank you, Southside Pride, for being an important and frank voice in our community.

Kindly,
Doris Overby

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EVENTS

George Floyd Memorial Vigil
Tuesday, May 25, 2 to 9 p.m.
Plymouth Congregational Church
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Gather together to honor the life of George Floyd. The Racial Justice Initiative of Plymouth Congregational Church invites you to join us for a few minutes or a few hours. In solidarity with the work at George Floyd Square we will be consciously holding space for peace, love and justice.
Special Remembrance at 8 to 9 p.m.
Plymouth clergy will celebrate the life of George Floyd with reflection and a call to action. Prayer Tent—Join us for times of silence, song, poetry, small group discussions, a water ceremony and more. Labyrinth—Walk the labyrinth in honor of George Floyd and all Black lives senselessly lost. <https://www.plymouth.org/2021/05/03/george-floyd-memorial-vigil/>

Personal Pilgrimages
Tuesdays, 1 to 3 p.m.
Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral
519 Oak Grove St., Mpls.
A time for quiet, a time for prayer. The cathedral nave is open for Personal Pilgrimage.
Registration is not necessary for pilgrimages, and we will limit the number in the nave to 10 people, appropriately distanced. Face masks are required, along with health and temperature check at the doorway. The door to use for personal pilgrimages is the Narthex door, facing Loring Park. <https://ourcathedral.org/lenten-pilgrimages-2021/>

2021 Collegeville Connections Virtual events
Join us for Collegeville Connections – a one-hour, weekly virtual event that features the work of Collegeville Institute alumni. Grab a cup of coffee or a bagged lunch and Zoom into our events on Wednesdays from 12-1 p.m., CST. Consider it your mid-week warm up, encouraging you to explore faith, ignite imagination, and renew community with the Collegeville Institute. For more info and to register, go to <https://collegevilleinstitute.org/events/>.
Raising Kids for a Just World, with Lydia Wylie-Kellermann and Bill Wylie-Kellermann
Wednesday, June 2, noon
It is a complex time to be a parent. Our climate is in crisis, and economic inequality is deepening. Racialized violence is spreading, and school shootings are escalating. How do we, as parents, cultivate in our children a love of the earth, a cry for justice, and a commitment to nonviolence? Where do we place our bodies so we teach our kids that resistance is crucial and change is possible? What practices do we hold as a family to encourage them to work with their hands, honor their hearts, and nurture their spirits? Visit <https://collegevilleinstitute.org/events/event/>

raising-kids-for-a-just-world/ for more information on the presenters and to register for the event.

Braver Angels Workshops
April—May
Online via Zoom
Braver Angels brings reds (conservatives), blues (liberals) and others together to talk, listen, and understand. The mission of Braver Angels is to bring Americans together to bridge the partisan divide and strengthen our democratic republic for the sake of the common good. Braver Angels is a bipartisan organization. To learn more about Braver Angels, go here: <https://braverangels.org/welcome/>.
In an effort to serve a larger audience, the Braver Angels National Workshop team will start offering the four most popular workshops on a standing schedule as follows:
Depolarizing Conversations About Race: Third Saturday of each month
Depolarizing Within: Fourth Saturday of each month
Skills for Bridging the Divide: First Saturday of each month
Families and Politics: Second Saturday of each month
For more upcoming events, including workshops and skills trainings, you can check out the Braver Angels events and registration page here: <https://braverangels.org/events/>.

‘Visual Prayer’ Virtual Exhibit
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Online
Prayer has been around since the beginning of time. It is the human connection to a God personally and communally—acknowledging, blessing, asking, thanking, arguing and trying to find spiritual understanding of our existence from our birth to our death. Prayer has been expressed through music, poetry, dance and art. Visual prayer is the creative exploration and expression of prayer through images. Although this is a contemporary concept, there were illustrated and illuminated religious books from the 400s to 600s CE through the medieval and Renaissance periods. Exploring prayer through different modalities allows us to express our thoughts and feelings creatively. By exhibiting together in our Interfaith Artist Circle, our goal is to find commonality and connectivity between religions and to appreciate and respect our similarities and differences in belief and self-expression. Access this online exhibition here: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/1fe7c7ba432dc4f9d890cfb13a05c4604>.
Presented by the University of Minnesota Libraries, Jay Phillips Center for Interreligious Studies, University of St. Thomas, Jay Phillips Center for Interfaith Learning, St. John's University, and the Interfaith Artist Circle.

New Homes, New Hopes
We at the Minnesota Council of Churches are once again heading to the airport, welcoming individuals and families with refugee status to new beginnings in Minnesota. With the promised

increase of refugee arrival numbers by May 15, we are rebuilding for welcome. We are in need of the following items to prepare their homes: liquid hand soap pumps, deodorant – both men's and women's, bar soap, men's shaving cream, men's disposable razors, toothpaste, standard size bed pillows – must be new, electric alarm clocks, large cooking pots with lids, stockpots. For more information, or to arrange a covid-safe drop-off, please contact rsvolunteers@mnchurches.org/.

Minneapolis Friends Meeting (Quaker)
4401 York Ave. S., Mpls.
Minneapolis Friends Meeting is looking forward to spring, and joining in silent worship together, in person, as the weather warms and pandemic subsidies. We continue to monitor health concerns to determine when this can be done safely. Meanwhile, we gather online. Worship Sundays, 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. (with planned speaker). Other online activities include: Mid-morning program Sundays at 10:15 a.m., with a discussion of various social and spiritual concerns. First Day School for youth, and get-togethers that include Lectio Divina, a writing group, and other activities to help keep our community connected. Office email: office@minneapolisfriends.org. www.minneapolisfriends.org

Bahá'í Center of Minneapolis
3644 Chicago Ave., Mpls.
Devotions at the Bahá'í Center and via Zoom, Sundays at 10 a.m., and Tuesdays via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. Please visit the Bahá'í community of Minneapolis website at www.minneapolisbahai.org/. Here you will find information about upcoming and past Holy Day celebrations, as well as news, announcements and information.

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Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
3430 E. 51st St., Mpls.
www.faithlutheranmpls.org
Sunday Worship (with safety measures in place) at 9 a.m. Those who are over 65, have pre-existing conditions, or live in proximity to at-risk demographics are encouraged to remain home. We will continue to post videos online for Sunday morning for those who can't join us yet on YouTube and Facebook www.facebook.com/felcmpls/. Bible classes on Sundays at 10:15 a.m. and Wednes-

days 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 services at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. (in person and online). Visit our website at www.first-freechurch.org for more information.

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No place like – Earth? Home and garden improvement for sustainability

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

This issue of No Place Like Home is going to discuss sustainability, building on the themes raised for Earth Day last month. Most of the suggestions here apply mostly to homeowners, but if you're a renter, you can try to get your property owner or manager onboard to do them, possibly by organizing fellow tenants if you're in a multi-unit building. If you're in a single-family unit that's your landlord's only (or one of few) properties, they ought to be amenable, since many of the ideas around sustainability also save money in the long run.

The word "sustainable" has become a buzzword to the corporate world. It's of-

ten used as a simple substitute for "meanness" in the ancient form of that word, i.e., being overly reluctant to spend money or energy. To "sustain" is to nourish and promote healthy growth. The essence of sustainability is where something is nurtured and grows just enough to keep the organism or system healthy, but not out of control.

It's an ideal thing to aspire to, in your individual home, or your planetary home. So the building, replacing, spending and growing should be careful and balanced, not just restrained and denied.

In the interest of balance, we have divided your home into its outdoors and its indoors, and then we'll consider sustainable practices,

choices and improvements for the various elements comprising each.

Outdoors

Probably the most sustainable thing you can do outside your home is have less lawn. Lawns don't contribute to carbon-storage, and they often require harmful chemical inputs to "maintain." If you ruthlessly destroy all the natural flowering weeds, you are taking something useful out of the system, often at great and wasteful expense. If you really especially like lawns, you might consider having a small one, as a treat.

The obvious and best alternative to a lawn is to devote

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as much land as practical to growing things that you can eat, or use, or that store car-

bon well and provide shade and beauty at the same time. So, gardening. Vegetable gardening, which includes a few ground-dwelling fruits, flow-

er gardening, and herb gardening.

In my opinion, herb gardening is not only the highest use you can put your land to, but also a great investment of time and knowledge. Herbs are as beautiful as flowers, many of them are as edible as vegetables and fruits, and they often have side benefits, like enriching the soil, repelling pests, or attracting pollinators.

When you start studying about herbs for the purpose of growing them, you learn how arbitrary these labels are. Take sorrel. Is that an herb or a vegetable? Dandelion—weed or herb? To one trying to make a perfect lawn, it's a noxious weed, but then the co-op is



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selling dandelion extract at \$15 per ounce. It makes you think. Good gardening centers like Mother Earth Gardens

have book sections where you can gain a wealth of knowledge: mother-earth-gardens-webstore.myshopify.com/collections/books.

Flower gardening may seem like an unsustainable practice at first glance, but it's still superior on several levels to growing lawn. No matter how beautiful your lawn, though, the flowers bordering it and maybe taking it over are more beautiful still, with fewer inputs. If you like cut flowers in your indoor decor, growing them yourself saves a ton of excess carbon, a few bucks per bouquet, and gives you a glow of accomplishment and satisfaction. Also, some flowers, such as marigolds and morning glories, make good companion plants in your kitchen garden.

There are lots of "niche" garden styles for various specific purposes. A rain garden consists of water-loving, and attractive, plantings in a low spot in your garden, and helps to control floods and pools that might breed mosquitos or kill other plants, including grass and even trees. A rock garden is good for a sunny spot with poor soil. A pollinator garden is specifically designed to attract and nourish bees, butterflies and other pollinating little critters.

Vegetable gardening's benefits are so obvious, what do we need to say? What if you're just not a good gardener, though? You may have issues of age, mobility, or even time that make you hesitate to start a garden that might end up badly. Here's an idea—hire



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someone else to do the work you can't do. Or, how about a swap, a cooperative agreement, or even urban sharecropping, where you provide the land and money, they provide the labor, and you agree ahead of time on a fair division of the output?

Some investment of technology may help overcome personal limitations, or environmental ones. For instance, older people may build raised beds or use straw-bale gardening techniques. Cold frames or small greenhouses can extend the growing season and the range of things you can grow. An irrigation system can make watering easier and more regular. There are so many home irrigation providers in the Twin Cities! They are mostly designed for huge lawns, but I'm sure some of them can provide for a gardener as well.

Which brings us to the subject of water. Here, in most of the U.S., water scarcity is not a big problem yet. But we still pay for water, and it's not inexhaustible. The use of rain barrels is a very sustainable practice which is catching on here. (In England, where I used to live, it was absolutely de rigueur.) Another piece of water conservation is preventing stormwater runoff pollution. We have an excellent watershed management organization in our local government where you can get thorough information on doing your part. If you're in the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, like much of South Minneapolis, check out their website at www.minnehahacreek.org, or search the internet for other organizations.

Also, within the purview of outdoors are recreation equipment, trees and outbuildings, including garages, decks and patios. I am a big fan of the shed. In most European countries, almost every home has a shed. Allotments, similar to community gardens, allow plot holders to install a shed on their allotment, and gardeners (mostly men) hang out there all day.

Unless your garage is huge and your yard is tiny, consider adding a shed, a greenhouse,

or some other useful outbuilding to your life.

Decks and patios can be considered like outbuildings, but open to the sky. I think decks are slightly more sustainable than patios, which are, after all, not that different from pavement. But either way, you can put large containers of plants on them for a slightly beneficial carbon effect. For a new deck, be sure to choose sustainable and fairly-traded materials to build and furnish it.

If you like to cook outdoors, consider a solar oven instead of a barbecue or gas cooker. Consider something more sustainable than a wood fire as a focus for evenings out-



Grow your own medicine.

doors and forgo the fire pit or bonfire. Use strings of lights in the trees and a few solar

lamps, for instance.

And finally, trees. Have as many trees on your land as it

can sensibly support. Consult a tree expert for best practices, safety and a lifecycle plan for your trees. The earth is desperately short of trees!

Indoors

The sustainable principle here is to always have a reason for a building project, a renovation, an enhancement or a new purchase. Most of us just have too much stuff, and we need to find a way to slow our consumption, and thus our production, without creating want. Part of that is not consuming for its own sake.

Start by visualizing your home as an ideal of efficient

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cy, sustainability, comfort and beauty. Make a plan before you buy or contract for services, and make sure that every choice is moving you toward your vision.

What most people spend the most money and energy on improving is either their kitchen or their bathroom, probably more so the kitchen. Kitchens are the big energy hogs of the home, besides heating and cooling systems, so this makes sense. You can get this same information from a good contractor, if you're using one for your renovation, and we do have contractors in our city that specialize in "green" building practices and sustainability. But in case you're a DIY person, here are some thoughts to get you started:

- Light - the more natural light, the less energy use. Also good for kitchen window herbs and microgreens.
- Herbs and microgreens - grow indoors to extend your output (and also as utilitari-

an decor).

- Energy-efficient appliances - pretty obvious.
- Sustainable materials for floors, countertops, backsplash, storage.
- Low VOC, less toxic paints.
- Water filtration system to replace buying bottled water for drinking, etc.
- Dishwashers save water and energy if you are a two-plus person household, but maybe not for a single person household.
- Multi-use appliances such as a microwave, pressure cooker or food processor save on production and transportation costs to the environment.
- Use "Buy Nothing" pages on Facebook (most South Minneapolis neighborhoods have one) or other sharing economy networks to give away and acquire, before you discard or purchase new.
- Garbage - have a recycling plan and station, and also a home composting system if possible. Consult the many resources on reducing waste. Use bfy.tw/Qr13.

- Water - water your houseplants with leftover non-polluted water. And don't waste it. Don't leave the tap running if the water's not being used. If you wash dishes by hand, wash as many as possible before discarding water.

A lot of the same ideas apply to the rest of your home. Here's a list of some more ideas:

- Use window coverings to control temperature, such as cellular shades, quilted drapes, room-darkening blinds.
- Your heating and cooling system is the other high energy consumer in your home. Consider smart thermostats, solar items, small personal coolers, humidifying and/or dehumidifying. Upgrading to central air will save over time.
- Or just bite the bullet and go solar. A lot of people have decided it's now time. (Hooray for you if you do it! But don't think that gives you a pass on everything else.)
- Use water-saving technology in your bathroom and



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laundry too.

- Although it's nice to have a wood fire in a fireplace indoors or a fire pit outside, it's still contributing to global warming and carbon release. Consider reducing wood and gas fires as much as possible by eating more raw foods, using a solar cooker, and not having a fire indoors in your fireplace.
- Use non-toxic or less toxic products everywhere! Things don't just disappear from the ecosystem when you put them down the drain or in

the trash.

- Make sure furniture purchases are sustainable materials and fair-trade. (Fair-trade is especially important for imported rugs, which may be produced by child labor.)

I hope this has given you some good ideas on how to improve your home environment and the surrounding planetary environment at the same time. South Minneapolis is teeming with better experts than me, so find one and get the information you need.

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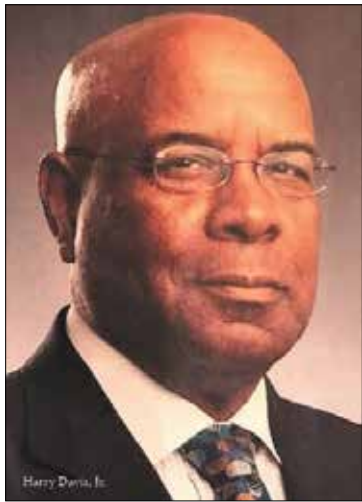
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BY HARRY W. DAVIS JR.

As a golfer at Hiawatha for the last 20 years, and a native Minneapolis resident for 75 years, I have followed the plan for the future of our beloved Hiawatha

To the community:

Golf Course.

I have a family legacy in Minnesota of 153 years, and I have a very special interest in maintaining an 18-hole course at Hiawatha for our community. Our inner-city youth would have little opportunity to play golf, except at Hiawatha, because of cost and availability.

I also have had the pleasure of using the golf course from my youth going back to 1957 when I was 11 years old and had the opportunity to meet Joe Louis, the legendary Boxing Champion of the World, who made an appearance at Hiawatha for young people, and showed us the art

of the game, along with various golf shots. What a wonderful experience for us young boys at that time.

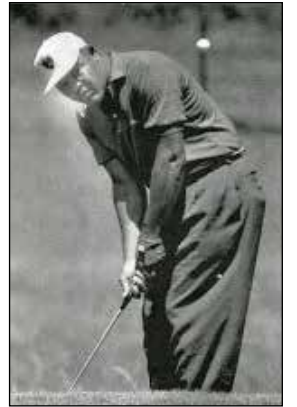
Hiawatha is not only a golf course, it's an institution of history for our African American community. Maintaining the course to serve our community is very important.

I have played in a league every Tuesday at Hiawatha for the last 20 years in a group with a total membership of 52 African American men. The friendship, camaraderie and fellowship we have is an example of the community spirit Hiawatha has provided to our group, not only for playing

golf but for a community of togetherness and point of pride in South Minneapolis.

Mr. Charles Rodgers is a candidate for District 5 Park Board commissioner. Charles is a strong community advocate for our parks. His leadership is needed to work with all of the community for maintaining a strong partnership with homeowners, businesses, schools and young people.

I endorse Charles, and I know his leadership will provide District 5 a future of keeping our parks strong and maintaining a point of pride and beauty for our community.



Joe Louis won The Bronze in 1957.

Tragedy upon tragedy

BY SAFIYO MOHAMED

One of the tragedies of 2020 was the killing of George Floyd. George Floyd's murder, caught on video, was one of the worst police killings that America has ever witnessed. I couldn't imagine this happening in America where I believe the vast majority of people respect human life and dignity. The police officer put his knee on George Floyd's neck for a full 9 minutes and 29 seconds. While Floyd fought for his life, the officer continued to kneel on his neck, and eventually murdered him.

The next day after he was killed, I was one of the many people gathered in the street where he died even though I knew any of us could be the next victim. And because he was killed in a way that no human being would ever wish, even for their worst

enemy, our outrage was magnified. I was mourning as if he was one of my loved ones and I still get emotional whenever I hear his name or see the video of his murder. His death touched me so deeply, and I believe his death touched people's hearts around the world; in fact, it will change how policing is done.

The next day I intended to go grocery shopping on Lake Street, but when I arrived, Wendy's, the police precinct and Autozone were on fire. It was like a war zone. I was surprised and scared to see angry people burning, destroying and looting the nearby stores. I could see people running away from Target and Cub Foods on Minnehaha Avenue with food, milk, clothes and many more items.

Even though most protesters were peaceful, there were others who were taking advantage

of the situation and disrupted the gathering, which twisted what the general public thought of those who only wanted justice for George Floyd. Police were violent toward the protesters and were pepper-spraying them. Maybe the police were scared, maybe they were attempting to protect themselves, but ultimately the police triggered more angry violence and chaos.

All the grocery stores and pharmacies near my area were burnt down or destroyed, so I had to go to other cities in order to buy what I needed despite being told to stay home because we were under curfew.

Police for one reason or another abandoned South Minneapolis, so some merciless people took advantage of the situation and broke into neighborhood homes to rob and harm residents. Many residents close to the Lake Street area had to flee for their safety, which reminded me of the civil war in Somalia. Civil unrest and societal breakdown can happen anywhere and to anyone. Even though you have peace today, tomorrow might be different. We need to cherish peace and stability, not take it for granted. If you have difficulty relating to this, it might be hard for you to understand, but you are one of the few

fortunate ones in this world.

The city of Minneapolis became a ghost town and unrecognizable within a few days, ashes and burnt buildings could be seen on every street. Small business owners, mostly immigrants, lost everything they had struggled to build for such a long time. The situation was so out of control. Yet, we could see people, no matter their race and color, coming together to mourn and help each other. There was love between the communities of Minnesota. Grocery bags and food were left on the streets for

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May 12: Alfred Walking Bull (Fresh Fruit) - Pow Wow Music
May 14: Jamie Edwards (Beats, Rhymes & Democracy) - Pow Wow Beats and Indigenous Hip-Hop
May 19: Melissa Olson (Sanctuary: Arts & Activism)
May 21: Roy Taylor (Indigeneity Rising) - Tribute to Laura Waterman Wittstock
May 26: Alfred Walking Bull (Fresh Fruit) - Pow Wow Music
May 28: Melissa Olson (Sanctuary: Arts & Activism)
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The Arc Toward Justice Tuesdays, May 18 and 25 Online

The Westminster Town Hall Forum focuses on two remaining speakers this May: May 18 "Race, Civil Rights, and the Law" with Deborah Archer (former President of the American Civil Liberties Union; current Professor of Clinical Law at the New York University School of Law). May 25 "Changing the World, One Year Later" with Angela Harrelson and Paris Stevens (aunt and cousin of George Floyd) and Ben Crump (lawyer for Floyd family). Visit our website to sign up to watch at <https://westminsterforum.org/>. Each forum will also be permanently archived on the Westminster Town Hall Forum's website for on-demand viewing. Audio will be broadcast by MPR (Minnesota Public Radio) (check their schedule for exact times). Questions for speakers can be submitted in advance. Email info@westminsterforum.org or leave a voicemail at 612-584-9843.

Hope and Healing Painting Experience Wednesday, May 19

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Midtown Global Market 920 E. Lake St., Mpls. The public is invited to sign up for an evening painting experience led by Simone Alexa, Midtown Global Market's resident artist. Simone will provide step-by-step painting instructions and answer questions as she guides the group on how to create a version of her original art that was featured on Midtown Global Market's exterior. This COVID-safe event is a great opportunity to learn or improve upon painting skills while creating art keepsakes. Artists of all skill levels are invited to participate. \$30 per person. Canvas, paint and brushes are provided. Participants will learn hands-on acrylic painting techniques. Proceeds will go to two local nonprofits: Friends of Global Market and HOPE Youth Center. Sign up at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/152119915763>.

Vaccines for Veterans, their Spouses and Caregivers

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Tragedy, from page 11

the people who were impacted. This shows me how similar we are when tragedy happens.

While these small businesses are still trying to recover from the 2020 unrest, Daunte Wright became yet another victim of a police killing. Small businesses around Seward Market and Lake Street areas in Minneapolis are once again the victims of looting and vandalism. One close friend of mine, a Somali business owner, had opened his business less than a year ago near Seward Market. He closed his store at 9 p.m., April 12, and went to his house nearby. A few minutes later, a friend called to inform him his store was being looted. He said he ran there, but it was too late. Shattered glass was strewn all over the floor; his business computers and everything else were broken. He had put all his efforts into building this business, which is his only income, and now it's gone, leaving him in a precarious situation with a complicated insurance policy. This is one of many stories of Somali businesses that have been looted or vandalized in Minneapolis as a byproduct of unreasonable police brutality. With the conviction of Derek Chauvin for the murder of George Floyd, we have reason to hope for change. We can anticipate being safe and able to shop in our own neighborhood; we can foresee better days ahead for our community.

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New MN Bicycling Handbook Rolls Out for Spring Cycling

More people than ever before are riding bicycles in Minnesota. That's why the Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota (BikeMN) is rolling out the 2021 edition of the Minnesota Bicycling Handbook just in time for National Bike Month in May and to support people riding their bike for the first time or returning to it. The handbook is a comprehensive informational resource that equips bicyclists of all skill levels to safely enjoy Minnesota's roads and trails and to know their rights. The handbook also provides guidance for motorists on what to expect from bicyclists and how to safely drive when bikes are around. Many bicyclists feel that Minnesota bike laws are not straightforward and that it can be challenging to ride a bicycle both safely and legally, especially given some of the nuances in state statutes around bicycling. The Minnesota Bicycling Handbook provides 36 pages of Minnesota-specific information and digs into the details of many complicated topics, such as lane positioning, roadway and bike lane markings, bike law, equipment, bicyclists' rights, and more. This is the only place this information has been captured and put into one resource. BikeMN printed a record 50,000 handbooks this year and is in the process of distributing them across the state. The handbook is available to view, download digital copies, and order physical copies at www.bikemn.org/handbook.

Coming to the Table: Racial Healing Talking Circles and Learning Sessions

Wednesday, May 19,

7 to 8:30 p.m.

Monday, May 24, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Coming to the Table gatherings are racial healing talking circles to address interpersonal, community, and structural racial violence and trauma. At CTTT, descendants of those who were enslaved, descendants of slave owners, Indigenous community members, and all those interested in engaging in safe constructive dialogue are invited to come together to envision Minneapolis as a just and truthful community - one that acknowledges and seeks to heal the racial wounds from the historical trauma of slavery, genocide of Native Americans, and the racism these collective traumas continue to spawn. CTTT provides ongoing relationship engagement, leadership, resources, and a supportive environment to dismantle racism. Join Peacebuilding's Assistant Executive Director Crixell Shell for one or more of our CTTT racial healing talking circles. Until risks associated with the Coronavirus (COVID-19) have abated, all of our trainings and events will be virtual. Please register at <http://www.mnpeace.org/events.html> and a Zoom video conference link will be emailed to you before the training or event begins. If you have any questions, please direct them to info@mnpeace.org. Twin Cities Cohousing Network (TCCN) is an all-volunteer 501c3 nonprofit

devoted to educating about and supporting cohousing in the Twin Cities Area.

Highpoint Presents: Prints from Crow's Shadow

Thursday, May 20, 1 p.m.—Public conversation with Jim Denomie via Zoom Exhibition on view through July 17

Monday—Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m.

Highpoint Center for Printmaking 912 W. Lake St., Mpls. Highpoint Center for Printmaking announces the opening of Prints from Crow's Shadow, an exhibition featuring prints from Crow's Shadow Institute of the Arts' (CSIA) highlighting 30 years of collaborative commitment to Indigenous artists and fine art printmaking. Located on the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation outside of Pendleton, Ore., CSIA is a non-profit organization committed to providing a creative conduit for educational, social, and economic opportunities for Native Americans through artistic development. Crow's Shadow, their residency program and their commitment to supporting Indigenous and marginalized voices has done much to usurp and guide the conversation surrounding work made by Indigenous artists. This stunning exhibition at Highpoint will feature a wide variety of prints published by Crow's Shadow Press in collaboration with artists of a diversity of background and media. Thursday, May 20 from 1 to 2 p.m., we will be hosting a virtual conversation with

Minnesota-based artist and Crow's Shadow collaborator Jim Denomie. Visit our website for more information, as well as the link to attend. <https://www.highpointprintmaking.org/calendar/2021/3/9/prints-from-crows-shadow>.

PLEASE NOTE: Gallery viewing hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. A maximum of 10 people will be allowed in the gallery at a time and visitors are required to wear a mask while inside Highpoint. Please call or visit highpointprintmaking.org for more information on visitor protocol.

Cafesjian's Carousel Opens in Como Park

May 21—TBD: Friday, Saturday—Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Cafesjian's Carousel opens for its 22nd season in Como Park on May 21. The historic carousel that graced the Minnesota State Fair for 75 years (and was in downtown St. Paul for a few years) has operated since 2000 in a \$1.1 million pavilion just next to the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory and the new Visitor Center at Como Park. The carousel's 68 horses and two chariots have been fully restored to the way they looked when new in 1914, and a fully restored band organ plays waltzes, marches and popular tunes. About 100,000 people ride the carousel each season. The carousel is owned and operated by Our Fair Carousel, the nonprofit community group that saved it from being auctioned to collectors in 1988. More volunteers are needed to operate the ride, assist riders, and sell tickets and merchandise. For information, call (651) 489-4628, email ourfaircarousel@outlook.com, or see www.ourfaircarousel.org.

Brave World, from page 1

cluding crowded indoor settings. Gov. Walz has lifted the mask mandate for Minnesota.

There is a new variant in India, but it seems existing vaccines are effective against it. But the virus will continue to mutate and new vaccines will have to be created to fight new resistant strains.

The flu that develops every fall and winter is the descendant of the Spanish Flu that terrorized the world in 1918. It was never fully eradicated. Every year between 9 and 45 million people get sick from it, between 140,000 and 810,000 get hospitalized and between 12,000 and 61,000 die. This last season the flu almost disappeared. Because of all the public health precautions for Covid, only 1,500 people in the U.S. actually got the flu.

But the flu never really went away, and Covid probably won't either.

Even if everyone in the world were to get vaccinated, the vaccines are only 90 to 95 percent effective, and the virus is communicable to animals other than humans. We had better luck with SARS and other viral outbreaks because authorities acted quickly in containing the virus, but some leaders let the genie out of the bottle. The countries that suffered most were those run by megalomaniacs who thought they were smarter than the virus and smarter than the scientists who studied it: Trump in the U.S.; Modi in India; Bolsonaro in Brazil. Their stupidity allowed the virus to mutate and create variants that are harder to contain. Because they refused

to adopt sensible public health measures — lockdowns, contact tracing, masks, etc. — almost 7 million people have died from Covid.

Minnesota is handling it a bit better than average. Biden praised Gov. Walz for the comprehensive vaccine rollout: "You've saved thousands of lives."

And things are starting to open up.

Outdoor businesses no longer have occupancy limits or distancing requirements. Face covering is required only in crowds of 500 or more. On May 27, restaurants and bars will be allowed 75 percent capacity, up to

250 patrons.

We are all entering a Brave New World, but in many ways the pandemic has brought us closer together. There is deep empathy with the struggles of others: the reaction to the killing of George Floyd; the welcoming concern for the homeless last summer; the ongoing offers of mutual aid and assistance. We have learned how dependent we are on each other, and how our happiness and well-being is dependent on everyone else's happiness and well-being. If we do not forget these lessons, then maybe our new consciousness will be a great gift from an otherwise horrifying year.

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Guilty!

Guilty, as judged by the whole world.

Everyone saw what happened. Millions watched 17-year-old Darnella Frazier's iPhone video of Derek Chauvin squeezing the life out of George Floyd.

The world was outraged.

And local politicians acted surprised.

Mayor Frey said, "That there will be Black Minneapolis residents and Minnesotans left stunned, suspended in disbelief that the jury actually delivered this moment for George Floyd—that reality speaks volumes to the trauma our society has inflicted both quietly and overtly. Ours is a deeply imperfect city—one with its work cut out for it—but as a people we have never been so completely committed to doing that work."

Really, Jacob Frey?

Last year, in the May editions of Southside Pride, I wrote to the mayor and City Council:

"On April 29, the Minneapolis City Council agreed to begin paying out more than a million dollars rather than challenge the civil lawsuit against Officer Lucas Peterson for the wrongful death of Terrance Franklin.

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

In March of 2020 Council President Lisa Bender said, "I

think our policy changes in the police department, leadership changes, have really created a scenario where this is unlikely to happen again, so I think it's time to move forward and really continue with the changes that we're making in the police department to make sure this never happens again."

Really, Lisa Bender?

But those who refuse to learn from history are doomed to repeat it, and in May Derek Chauvin killed George Floyd because he believed, like Lucas Peterson, that he could get away with it.

Council Member Phillippe Cunningham, the chair of the Public Safety Committee that has responsibility for holding the police accountable, joined in the chorus: "As a city we have to work together to build systems of public safety and justice that work for all of us and keep all of us safe. Everyone in our community deserves to be safe."

Really, Phillippe Cunningham?

I have written to Cunningham, "the public support for and credibility of the MPD will not be restored until the Department seriously investigates the behavior of Officer Lucas Peterson in the murder of Terrance Franklin," and requested an interview, and he has refused to answer me.

I contacted Attorney General Keith Ellison's office and they told me they only investigate actions of Minnesota law enforcement officers at the request of



like this. And the only way it will change is through systemic reform.

"We must rebuild, restore, and reimagine the relationship between law enforcement and the communities they serve. We must tackle racial inequalities in every corner of society—from health to home ownership to education. We must come together around our common humanity."

Really, Tim Walz?

Isn't this just some political trick to propose a few outlandish ideas to win back some of the progressives you lost with your overreaction to the demonstrations when

you called out the National Guard? You know the Republicans in the Senate are going to block any proposals you make that would represent real systemic change. Are you just doing this to have an issue you can use against them next year when the governor, the House and the Senate are up for re-election?

Jordan Kushner has written on the Minneapolis Issues Forum: "The Chauvin trial and the upcoming trials are not about changing or reforming the police—THEY ARE ABOUT PROTECTING THE STATUS QUO."

I would add to that, all the theatrical posturing about reforming the police and changing the structure would only make lines of accountability even more remote and end up making the police even less accountable. It's not just about protecting the status quo. It's about making the status quo impenetrable.

There's nothing wrong with the structures that exist right now. If only our elected officials would have the courage and the will to use them.

The City Council could hold hearings and discover the facts about what happened in the police killing of Terrance Franklin, and in the even more recent police killings of Jamar Clark and Thurman Blevins and Travis Jordan. The mayor could demand that Chief Arradondo explain whether his officers observed protocol in killing these young Black men. And the governor could request that Attorney General Keith Ellison investigate these killings to see if criminal charges should be brought against the officers involved. These actions wouldn't require any new ordinances or legislation, they would simply require the willingness of our elected officials to discharge their proper responsibilities.

The U.S. Justice Department is launching an investigation of the Minneapolis Police Department to see if there is a culture of systemic racism. I'm sure they'll find something, and I'm sure the mayor and City Council will act shocked and vow to change things, and I'm not confident that much will actually change.

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of repetition.

Homophobia—in the form of gay bathhouse raids—was rampant. The last such was on 2/10/80. I was sworn in the next day and bounced the Vice Squad commander—a consummate bully—and his boss—a tittering idiot.

History demands truth.

Stenvig launched the most corrosive spoils system ever seen in American policing. Cronies and political hacks were richly rewarded. Johnson was one of three prime examples. I got to know them all since they returned to the ranks—as cap-

tains—when Stenvig gave way to Hofstede. I had occasion to deal harshly with all three.

All pretty harmless ancient history, right?

Wrong.

Gays were harassed and abused. Blacks were routinely brutalized and any thoughts of effective policing buried under the weight of political expediency.

Stenvig gave way to Donald Fraser (not directly, but certainly cause and effect).

Consider it.

Does it matter?

Do you care if Blacks are harassed; gays paraded obscenely; or legitimate issues

ignored? This is what bad governing looks like. To be fair, the department was not corrupt—only racist, brutal and homophobic.

Could George Floyd have happened under Fraser? It didn't and it wouldn't.

The Gordy Johnsons and their ilk are wonderful reminders that governing does matter; truth is relevant; spoils systems and cronyism in government are real and truly harmful.

Bad governments are costing you (every person in the city) about \$70 apiece for the Floyd case, and then there's the Damond case, and on and on. Thank God you've got deep

pockets.

Stenvig and Johnson are gone but not forgotten. They are not ancient history but surprisingly contemporary and relevant. Floyd, Damond, et alia, are stark illustrations of how rarely we escape history.

How comforting they're gone—but metempsychosis teaches us that their spirits live on in Minneapolis—to its citizens' eternal shame and regret.

Today we face a genuine crossroads—chaos or order. The future is not bright. Minneapolis looks like a community that has lost its way. The costs are high and the consequences daunting.



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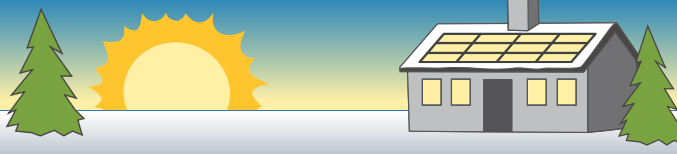
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