

## Uncle Hugo's Bookstore to Open in New Location

By CARZ NELSON



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2716 East 31st Street

Uncle Hugo's Science Fiction Bookstore and its twin, Uncle Edgar's Mystery Bookstore, will reopen soon in a new location. The two stores, known collectively as the Uncles, were burned to the ground during the

George Floyd Uprising in 2020. In the January 28, 2022 edition of the store's newsletter, *How's Business*, owner Don Blyly announced his plan to purchase the building at 2716 E 31st St. as the new site for the Uncles.

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## Challenging Responsibility

Interview with Amy Koehnen of Ebenezer Senior Living, Part One

By DWIGHT HOBBS

The corona virus contagion threw South Minneapolis businesses for a loop. Those that haven't closed are fighting to hold on. On top of which the highly contagious Omicron variant continues spreading across the country, eclipsing those fueled by the Delta variant over last summer: businesses are far from

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## Vote for your Favorite Light-Emitting Sculpture Design!

By TIM SPRINGER

Want to help determine a new sculpture in the neighborhood? Phillips residents and Midtown Greenway users are invited to vote for your favorite design from among three finalists for the proposed Light-emitting Sculpture. The sculpture will be owned by the Midtown Greenway Coalition and installed at the top of the Greenway's 18th Avenue entrance ramp. The sculpture will bring beauty and joy, provide light, and become a landmark helping people find their way to and from the Greenway. Thank you to the design phase donors: Circulo De Amigos, Ingebretsen's, East Phillips

Improvement Coalition, and the City of Minneapolis Southside Green Zone.

You are eligible to vote if you live in the greater Phillips Neighborhood or are a Midtown Greenway user who lives in the Twin Cities.

Which sculpture makes you say "Wow!", inspires joy, whimsy, laughter, or awe, and/or welcomes you, and conveys peace, love, and unity? Consider the three options on page 4 and cast your vote!

The voting deadline is  
March 31, 2022.

Vote Online:

visit

[www.midtowngreenway.org](http://www.midtowngreenway.org)

and scroll down on the homepage to find a link to the poll.

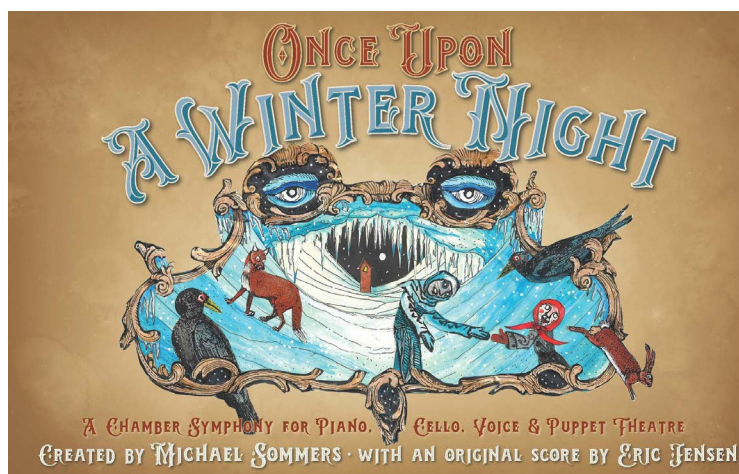
Vote by Text:

Text 612-355-9600 and answer the following questions:

- (1) Which voter category are you in, greater Phillips Neighborhood resident or general Greenway User?
- (2) Which sculpture is your favorite, New Dawn (flowers), Sunflake, or Falcon?
- (3) What is your zip code? (4) Optional, your email address if you want project updates. For example, "Phillips, New Dawn, 55407, suzy.doe@gmail.com"

See the three sculpture designs and details on page 4...

## Once Upon a Winter Night



An intimate new show celebrating a season of magic, melancholy, and mischief-making. Intended as a fairytale for grown-ups, *Once Upon a Winter Night* explores the merriment and menace of winter through a child's eyes, while meditating on the profound mystery which accompanies seasonal change.

Audiences will watch the story unfold within a meticulously designed snow globe, where crows take roost, icicles grow, and the moon sings above the forest and the fields. Smoke curls from the bell tower where a lone child sleeps, dreaming of a sister made

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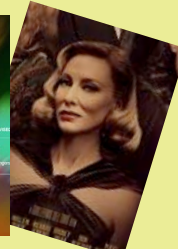
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.....Wendell Phillips  
1811-1884

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Library News

By CARZ NELSON

All information listed here is accurate as of March 15, 2022. For the most recent information, check out the library website at [www.hclib.org](http://www.hclib.org).

FRANKLIN LIBRARY HOURS

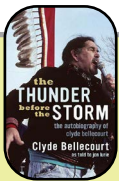
Monday	9 AM to 5 PM
Tuesday	12 Noon -8 PM
Wednesday	12 Noon -8 PM
Thursday	12 Noon -8 PM
Friday	9 AM to 5 PM
Saturday	9 AM to 5 PM
Sunday	12 Noon -5 PM

LIBRARY SERVICE AND COVID PRECAUTIONS

Everyone must wear a mask in the library and in all county buildings. Children under two years old are exempt. People who tested positive for COVID 19 or who are experiencing symptoms should not enter the library.

DISPLAYS AND EXHIBITS

The upstairs display case at Franklin Library currently features photographs from the Glanton collection. The photographs, taken by John F. Glanton, depict the lives of Black Minnesotans after World War II. The community is invited to view the photographs and learn more about John Glanton and this period of history in the Twin Cities Black community.



alley oops:

The February edition of the alley inconsistently spelled Clyde Bellecourt's Ojibwe name in the front page headline, accompanying article, and photo caption. In attempting to find the correct spelling, we've realized that the spelling of his Ojibwe name is varied across different written sources. This is a reminder to us at the *alley* of the limitations of both written language and the use of transliteration for oral traditions and histories. In our correction we will go back to Bellecour's autobiography, *Thunder Before the Storm*, as our source. There, the English transiteration of his Spirit Name is given as **Neegonnwayweedun**

Other new displays at Franklin include a Black Authors Matter display, a celebration of Black hair, and an exhibit of books on sports in the Winter Olympics.

FAIR AT FRANKLIN-GET HELP MANAGING YOUR MONEY

Have trouble opening and keeping a banking account? FAIR is a program that can help you with banking services. Their goal is to help people cash their paychecks, build credit and increase their financial literacy. FAIR offers accounts with predictable fees and no overdraft penalties.

FAIR ambassadors will be in Franklin Library's community room on March 25 to answer questions and sign up new people who may be interested in the program. For more information, call Build Wealth Minnesota at 651-262-2173.

HELP FINDING RESOURCES AND SUPPORT

The Bridge for Youth visits Franklin Library the fourth Wednesday of each month from 2 to 5 PM. They connect people with resources and provide hygiene items and other supplies. Look for them in their outreach van on the corner of 14<sup>th</sup> and Franklin Avenues.

FREE FOOD

Franklin Library is collaborating with Every Meal to distribute free meal bags. Bags are located inside the library entrance and are free for anyone to take, while supplies last.

HOMEWORK HELP

Homework Help was paused in February, due to Covid restrictions. By the time you read this, those restrictions will most likely be lifted and Homework Help restored back to its normal

schedule. You can check the library website for the most recent news on Covid restrictions. Both Franklin and Hosmer Libraries will return to providing free one-on-one tutoring for K-12 students.

Franklin:

Wednesdays 3:30-7:30 PM  
Thursdays 3:30-7:30 PM

Hosmer:

Mondays 4-7:30 PM Saturdays 1-4 PM

CONNECT AND PLAY AT HOSMER LIBRARY

For children under five and their caregivers. Connect with your child during this drop-in program exploring early literacy activities. Don't forget- masks are required for everyone over two years old. Wednesdays, 4-6 PM.

FAMILY STORYTIME/ RIMAS Y CUENTOS AT HOSMER LIBRARY

For children of all ages and their caregivers. Share books, stories, rhymes, music and movement in English and Spanish. Please remember - masks are required for everybody over two years old.

Sunday, March 13 and Sunday, March 27, 1-1:30 PM.

READING SUGGESTIONS

Looking for a good book to read? You could ask a librarian. At [hclib.org](http://hclib.org), towards the bottom of the page, you'll find the link, *Ask us for reading suggestions*. This leads to a form you fill out about what sorts of books you like, and what sorts you don't like. Fill in the form and you will get an email with reading recommendations. If you don't want to fill out a form, you can always ask librarians for recommendations in person, over the phone, or via chat.



AT HOME SERVICE

At Home service is provided free of charge to Hennepin County residents who can't get to a library due to illness, disability, or visual impairment. To apply for At Home service, submit an online application or apply by phone at

612-543-8850

Monday through Friday, 10 AM to 5 PM.

ASK THE LIBRARY

Have a reference or library account question? Call, text, chat with, or email a library worker.

[www.hclib.org/contact](http://www.hclib.org/contact)

Call 612-543-KNOW (5669) to reach library staff by phone.

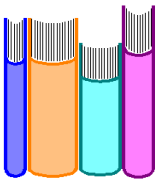
**Mon to Thurs – 9 AM to 9 PM  
Friday & Sat – 9 AM to 5 PM  
Sunday – Noon to 5 PM**

ESPAÑOL/SPANISH: Llame o envíe un texto al 651-503-8013 para recibir ayuda en español.

HMOOB/HMONG: Hu losis text rau lub tsev nyeem ntawv ntawm 612-385-0886 txais kev pab hais lus Hmoob.

SOOMAALI/SOMALI: Caawimaad Soomaali ah, soo wac ama qoraal (text) usoo dir maktabada 612-235-1339.

*Carz is a Phillips resident and an enthusiastic patron of Hennepin County Library.*



Got Heat and Electricity?

By MARY ELLEN KALUZA

Can you imagine life without electricity and heat? During a Minnesota winter we'd be going to bed at 4 pm in December and sleeping under a pile of smelly bear skins. We take our access to electricity and heating for granted, but there is a lot happening on the other side of our utility meters that impacts the what, where, and how we get that access.

► Regulation

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is charged with regulating policies, rates, and services for utilities like electricity, natural gas, and land-line phone service. This includes approving rate increases for our energy. The PUC members are

appointed by the governor and their responsibilities are determined by state law. Most of the regulated utilities are for-profit entities whose purpose is to maximize return to stockholders - like CenterPoint Energy and Xcel Energy. You can imagine, then, the pressure they exert on the PUC to allow rate increases. Learn more about the PUC at: <https://mn.gov/puc/>.

The Citizen Utility Board (CUB) of Minnesota, a non-profit organization funded by grants and donations, advocates on behalf of consumers for reasonable rates and regulation of the utility industries. Besides being at the table for us, CUB also promotes energy efficiency and clean energy, and provides direct consumer assistance, such as reviewing utility


bills. CUB Minnesota travels the state speaking to citizen groups about how to understand their bills, informing us of programs and rebates to offset the cost of energy in our homes, promoting ways to reduce energy use, and offering guides on renewable



energy sources. Find upcoming events and subscribe to their blog on the website: <https://cub-minnesota.org>.

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# Tales from Pioneers and Soldiers Memorial Cemetery

By SUE HUNTER WEIR

196TH IN A SERIES

## Bad Luck Followed Him

BY SUE HUNTER WEIR

Bad things can happen to people for any number of reasons. Some people make bad decisions. Others simply have bad luck. Arthur Pruitt may well be one of the unluckiest people buried in the cemetery. The last ten years of his life was a series of tragedies, all of them beyond his control.

Arthur Pruitt was born in Kentucky sometime around 1837. He married Irene Elizabeth Tribble in Scott, Illinois on May 21, 1857. On May 7, 1864, he enlisted in Company B of the 27<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry. He signed on for 100 days. His military records state that he was 28 years old, that he was 5 feet 8 inches tall, and had light hair and blue eyes.

Three months after he enlisted, he was captured and sent to Andersonville Prison, the worst prisoner of war camp during the Civil War. Of the 45,000 men held captive there, 13,000 died from malnutrition and disease. He was released in a prisoner exchange on April 1, 1865.

After the war, he and his wife settled in Memphis and that is when the first in what would turn out to be a series of heart-

breaking losses began. Their children died during a yellow fever epidemic. Soon after, their house containing everything that they owned was destroyed by fire. They left Memphis in late 1873 and moved to Minnesota with an eye to starting over. Irene had relatives in Long Lake who had promised to help them but there was some misunderstanding. By the time that the couple arrived, the people who they were counting on to help them had moved to Missouri. Arthur found work and he and his wife stayed in Long Lake until February 6th when they came to Minneapolis. They met a veteran who offered Arthur work, and on February 7<sup>th</sup>, they boarded a train to St. Paul where Arthur was going to start his new job.

The train was overcrowded and there were no seats in the passenger cars. Arthur told his wife that he was going to go to the baggage car to find a place to sit down. As the train was crossing from Nicollet Island to the east side of the Mississippi, he stepped out onto the platform connecting the cars, lost his balance and fell onto the frozen

river below. He died instantly. The coroner ruled it an accidental death and ordered that Arthur be buried in what was then called Layman's Cemetery at the county's expense.

His wife was reported to be “in great affliction.” She had lost her children, her home and finally her husband. She was “...left alone in a strange country with scarcely any money” and the paper urged the “benevolent... not to forget her case.” And the benevolent did step up. Mr. A. Murphy, described as a “laboring man”, circulated a subscription paper and raised \$40.00 in small amounts. One benefactor didn’t have any money but donated a half-pound of tea. Another man who he approached “declined to give anything,” and treated Mr. Murphy “in the most insulting manner.” The *Tribune* didn’t name the man but probably didn’t need to since readers would know who the man

that the paper described as the “agent of the St. Paul and Pacific Railroad in the East Division” was.

After her husband died, Mrs. Pruitt went back to Long Lake and stayed with friends that she and her husband had met during the six weeks that they had stayed there. Where she went after that is unknown.

Arthur Pruitt was buried in Section H, the paupers' section of the cemetery on February 9,

1874, and that's something of a puzzle. The Grand Army of the Republic had purchased a block of graves in 1871 in order to prevent veterans from being buried as paupers. Why he was not buried in one of those graves is not clear. He has been buried in an unmarked grave for 148 years, something that we will correct when we order a military marker for him.

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 1938

**The Grand Army of the Republic Block which was established to prevent Civil War veterans from being buried as paupers. The block of graves was purchased in 1870-71, and Arthur Pruitt, who died in 1874, should have been buried here. For some reason he was not and was buried in an unmarked grave in the Cemetery's paupers' section.**

**Do you read “the alley”?**  
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and land at your  
doorstep or on a newsstand  
as a “free newspaper”  
each month?



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or send a check to P.O.

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on GiveMN, 55407**

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## ► Your Bill

Everyone has felt the significant increase in energy prices. Much of this spike is thanks to price gouging during the record low temperatures across the South last year. The natural gas supply infrastructure in Texas had not been winterized, leaving it vulnerable to cold weather and failure. (This was not the first such incident in Texas, but the state government had ignored recommendations to upgrade the infrastructure after prior incidents). Reduced supply and heavy demand drove prices up. Big time. Analysts estimate gas sellers made \$11 billion dollars while hundreds of Texans died in the cold. (Welcome to capitalism). It is worth noting that CenterPoint Energy supplies gas in eight states, including Texas.

Minnesota gas supply infrastructure (also regulated by the PUC) is built to withstand cold

weather. Still, we are paying for the problems in Texas with higher prices. A separate surcharge has also been added to help utilities recoup their costs incurred during that time. The PUC typically allows a certain amount of increase while it investigates the need and reasonableness of the request, hence our already hefty bills. CUB is arguing (along with the MN Attorney General's office, the MN Department of Commerce, and the City of Minneapolis) before the PUC to disallow passing on these costs to consumers.

Citizens will also have a chance to weigh in at public hearings scheduled for March 3, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Find details on how to attend or submit comments in writing at: <https://cubminnesota.org/public-hearings-being-held-on-feb-21-natural-gas-price-spike/>.

## ► The Future

Natural gas, oil, and coal are all finite resources. Natural gas will run out, by some estimates, within 40 years. The urgency to move to renewable energy cannot be overstated. But no single answer will save us from smelly bear skins and 4 pm bedtimes. Reducing how much energy we use is critical. The will of our lawmakers to take strong action on this looming crisis is criminally lacking. I'm grateful CUB exists to educate and advocate for fair and sustainable energy policies but we all must step up our game for the not-so-distant future.

## ► What can we do right now?

- Submit a comment to the PUC telling them not to let for-profit corporations off the hook for their bad planning.
- Contact elected representatives at all levels about

keeping energy companies accountable, providing clean energy, reducing waste, and stepping up education about our looming crisis.

- Reduce energy use - see CUB's website for ideas and how to get an energy audit: <https://cubminnesota.org/consumer-resources/saving-money/>.
- Vote! We elect those that appoint the PUC members and those that make the laws.
- And, perhaps most importantly: Spread the word - talk to others about conservation and the need for renewable energy. Our future depends on it.

*Mary Ellen Kaluza is a Certified Financial, Housing, and Reverse Mortgage Counselor.*

Is there something going on in Phillips that should be noted in the alley?

Let us know all about it by  
sending your sentences and/  
or photographs to:

copydesk@alleynews.org

# CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS





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## Greenway, cont.

Here are the three finalists, presented in an order that was generated randomly.



- **Art Piece Name: New Dawn**
- Dimensions: 17-foot tall, 12-foot wide
  - Materials: Stainless steel, porcelain enameled steel and LED lights
  - Inspiration: Inspired by the moment when flowers have spun open to greet the new dawn
  - Artist Name: Heather Doyle (she/her)
  - Artist location: Minneapolis, Minnesota
  - Artist Website: [www.cafac.org/public-art](http://www.cafac.org/public-art)

- **Art Piece Name: Sunflake**
- Dimensions: 15 ½ -foot tall, 12-foot wide
  - Materials: Steel framework, polycarbonate, aluminum, yellow powder coat finish, LED lights
  - Inspiration: Inspired by the snowflakes of the winter storms of Minnesota
  - Artist Name: Jeff Zischke (he/him)
  - Artist location: Scottsdale, Arizona
  - Artist Website: [www.jeffzischke.com](http://www.jeffzischke.com)



- **Art Piece Name: Falcon**
- Dimensions: 20-foot long, 16-foot wide, 23-foot tall
  - Materials: Stainless steel, LED lights
  - Inspiration: Reestablishment of endangered species. Minneapolis has an active program to reestablish falcons in the area.
  - Artist Name: Fairfield Enterprises, LLC
  - Stephen Fairfield (he/him)
  - David Olsen (he/him)
  - Kempton (they/them)
  - Artist location: Saint David, Arizona
  - Artist Website: [www.newmediasculpture.com](http://www.newmediasculpture.com)



## East Phillips Improvement Coalition (EPIC)

### EPIC's March Community Meeting Thursday, March 10 6:30pm-7:30pm

How can East Phillips become a more joyful, vibrant and holistically safe neighborhood?

**EPIC has begun a planning process and we need your input!**

Join our March Community Meeting to help decide how our neighborhood can address issues like affordable housing, food access, environmental quality, and more.

Join via ZOOM (find the link at [eastphillips.org](http://eastphillips.org)) or in person at East Phillips Park.

If you would like to request interpretation, contact Sarah at (612) 354-6802 or [sarah@eastphillips.org](mailto:sarah@eastphillips.org)

### Join the EPIC Board!

Are you interested in getting more involved in your neighborhood? **Join the EPIC Board!**

EPIC board members do the important work of making sure that EPIC is a functional and legally compliant organization while pursuing its mission.

**Go to [eastphillips.org](http://eastphillips.org) for more information on being a board member. Nominations from the floor of the Annual Meeting on March 26 are welcome!**

### Join us at EPIC's Annual Meeting!



We are planning for a hybrid meeting, join us in person at East Phillips Park or online via Zoom.

Come hear what EPIC has been up to over the last year, learn about EPIC's financial condition and participate in the board election!

The ballot for the board election will be live from March 26 to March 31 at 12pm.

Go to [eastphillips.org](http://eastphillips.org) to access the online ballot or the EPIC office (2433 Bloomington) to fill out a paper ballot.



# Random alley News



By LINDSEY FENNER

► **Pillsbury House Launches Documenters, A New Civic Reporting Project:**

The Documenters project was first developed in Chicago by City Bureau, a local media non-profit with a goal of making journalism more democratic and public meetings more accessible. Documenters trains and pays community members to attend public meetings, take and share notes, and gather related public documents. Minneapolis joins other Documenters networks in Cleveland, Detroit, and Chicago. Find Minneapolis Documenters information here: <https://minneapolis.documenters.org/>

► **Hennepin County Workers Cancel Strike, Approve New Contract:**

Thirty-five hundred Hennepin County workers represented by AFSCME Locals 34 and 2822 voted to accept a new contract

offer from Hennepin County in February. Workers, including human services workers and clerical workers, had been planning on going on strike at the beginning of February unless a last minute agreement could be made. The new offer from the County cleared “negative leave balances” that workers might have accrued during the COVID-19 pandemic. Previously, County workers who didn’t have enough paid leave to cover COVID-related time off could go into a leave debt that would need to be repaid if they left employment with the County.

► **Free Home Weatherization Classes Through Rethos and Hennepin County:**

Workshops will teach homeowners, renters, and caretakers of old buildings how to maximize energy efficiency in their residences, saving money and prolonging the life of their homes. Some workshops will include a free home weatherization kit that attendees can take home and apply themselves.

Free, but register at [rethos.org/classes](https://rethos.org/classes). Upcoming classes:

**March 16:** Why Old Is Green: Sustainability in Older Homes

**April 14:** Maximizing Window Energy Efficiency

**May 3:** Old Home Weatherization: Low-Cost Upgrades

**May 24:** Repairing and Restoring Old Windows

► **Therapists at Abbott Northwestern (ANW) Hospital Vote to Join SEIU:**

Over 100 workers who do jobs such as Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Language Pathology voted overwhelmingly to unionize in early February. They join 220 lab workers who also recently voted to join SEIU Healthcare MN (Service Employees International Union). According to SEIU, the therapists at Abbott Northwestern are among the first therapists in Minnesota to unionize. SEIU Healthcare MN represents a wide-variety of workers at ANW, including maintenance, food and environmental service workers, and nursing assistants.

► **City’s Behavioral Crisis Response Teams Now Operate 24 Hours a Day, Monday - Friday (from Ward 9 Update):**

The City’s Behavioral Crisis Response (BCR) teams are now operating 24 hours a day, Monday

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through Friday. The teams are part of a pilot project led by the City’s Office of Performance and Innovation with Canopy Roots serving as the provider. Two mobile units operate throughout Minneapolis. Each has a team of two behavioral health responders and outreach supplies, such as water, socks, snacks and toiletries. Minneapolis 911 dispatches the responders. The teams can’t be called directly by residents. The response teams are an Alternative to Police Response. The Minneapolis Police Department will only be on scene if dispatch determines the need

to clear the scene first or the response teams request assistance to complete their work.

► **Bring Her Home, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Documentary Airing on PBS:**

The documentary, directed by Leya Hale (Dakota/Diné) and produced by Sergio Rapu (Rapanui), follows three indigenous women: artist and All My Relations Gallery Director Angela Two Stars, activist Mysti Babineau, and U.S. Rep. Ruth Buffalo, as they fight to vindicate and honor their missing and murdered relatives who have fallen victims to a growing epidemic across Indian country.

Airing on Twin Cities Public Television Channel TPT 2 Monday, Mar 21 at 8pm or streaming at <https://www.tpt.org/bring-her-home/>



TPT

## Peace House Community - A Place to Belong

# Do Whatever You Want

By MARTI MALTBY

When people find out that I have worked with the homeless, they sometimes ask me if they should give money to panhandlers. I used to give the standard social work answer: “If you give them money, it could be used for drugs or alcohol. It’s better to give them a snack, or to donate money to agencies that help the homeless.” Eventually I realized how insulting and hypocritical that answer was.

It’s insulting because it reinforces the stereotype that people are homeless because they use drugs and alcohol, or that all the homeless use drugs and alcohol. It also implies that they don’t know any better than to blow their money on things that won’t improve their situation. And this coming from social workers who say we’re trying to reduce the stigma of homelessness, and that we care for the people we “serve”.

It’s also hypocritical because it implies that the homeless shouldn’t drink, even though it’s okay for others. If you have

dinner at my house, I’m likely to offer you wine or beer with the meal. Not only am I removing any doubt about whether the money will be used for alcohol, I’m actively promoting the consumption of “spirits”. Heaven forbid someone who is homeless touch alcohol, though.

These days, when I’m asked about giving out money, I just say “Do whatever you want.” I don’t mean to sound flippant when I say this (okay, yes, I do), but I want to recognize that there is no one answer that will fit each situation. If someone feels strongly that they should not hand out money, I have no objection. I just ask that they say “no” respectfully and without derision. If they want to offer the person a snack or some socks instead, wonderful. But if someone decides to give money to a panhandler, trusting that they will use it to buy themselves food or to get on a bus, I won’t criticize them. They are being generous and showing faith in another person’s goodness and

wisdom. Who am I to tell them the world would be a better place if they were suspicious and tight-fisted to those who really need help?

I know that giving cash to a homeless person won’t solve all their problems. But then, neither will giving them socks or snacks. Even putting them in touch with a social worker who focuses on housing will almost never solve the problems they are facing right now (although it can produce benefits down the road).

Of course, what I’m saying about how the homeless are treated goes far beyond that population. We are suspicious of “them” because “they” don’t live the way we think “they” should, or because we know better than “them”. We know how to solve their problems, even if we haven’t faced the same challenges “they” do. Or we keep separate from “them” altogether.

We may never really understand “them” or become friends, but at the very least we don’t need to look down on “them”.




Marti Maltby



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# RETURNING

## CHAPTER 18: TESSERACT

By PATRICK CABELLO HANSEL

Your author has asked you to suspend disbelief on more than one occasion. That a multi-million dollar criminal enterprise disguised as a non-profit can be

hidden in plain site in the part of East Phillips once known as “the swale.” That a 4-year-old could expertly call 911 and communicate exact details. That tunnels and passageways can appear out of nowhere.

But feature this: we are asked to suspend disbelief all the time. Or maybe it’s suspend belief (which it our crazy world, can amount to the same thing). We are asked to believe that there is liberty and justice for all, that anyone can become President, that if you just work hard enough, you can do anything, that it’s just a few “bad apples” that spoil (take your pick: the police, the NFL, the entertainment industry), that the Vikings will win the Super Bowl if they just get the right: coach, GM, quarterback, kicker.

So why should it surprise you that our blessed little family, under the threat of an evil man’s gun travelled not only through space but through time, ending up in the swale, the same place in space, but a different place in time: the 1870s, when the mystery surrounding Mateo Kelly Hidalgo began. \*

The beginning of Mateo Kelly Hidalgo was certain: son of Guadalupe Hidalgo and Matthew Kelly, born ten minutes after his brother Marcos in 1868. His father was an Irish patriot who fled the Potato Famine in the 1840s and fought in the U.S. Army in the Mexican War. Until he saw the cruelty and imperialism of his adopted country, when he switched sides and joined the *San Patricios*, Irishmen who fought for Mexico. His mother, Guadalupe, could trace her lineage back to the Golden Age of Andalucía, before the *Reconquista* under Ferdinand and Isabella. Luz and Angel were both descended from Guadalupe’s sons, but whether it was Marcos or Mateo, no one knew.

The end of Mateo Kelly Hidalgo remains clouded in mystery. Some say that he was kidnapped by Guadalupe’s family and raised in Mexico. Some say he died of typhus or cholera when it ravages the swale. And more than a few have written about a young boy named Mateo, who was murdered, and whose spirit roamed the swale for years and years later.



Patrick Cabello Hansel

So how did our precious family and Brian Fleming, their captor get to the 1870s? By a tesseract, of course! A tesseract is a four dimensional cube, first used in 1888 by Charles Howard Hinton. A regular cube has three dimensions: height, length, breadth. A tesseract adds the fourth: time. Made famous by Madeline L’Engle in “A Wrinkle in Time.” People travel through time and space via a tesseract, where time and space bend. Don’t believe me? Ask Einstein about it.

So now we have our protagonists and villain in the 1870s. Will we find out what happens to them and their search for their missing daughter Lupita? Stay tuned.

\* For more information on Mateo Kelly Hidalgo, readers may wish to consult the first novella in this series “Searching, especially chapters 9-24. If after doing that, you remain confused, well welcome to the club!

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### Uncles, cont.

It’s conveniently located - within walking distance of a light rail stop and Lake Street buses. Off-street parking won’t be available; however, there is always plenty of free street parking in the area.

The 5000 square foot building was built in 1932, and reportedly has a WPA painting of Minnehaha Falls on an interior wall. If all goes well, the sale will close on March 24. After some work on the building, Blyly anticipates the store will open in June. He cautions that projects like this often take longer than planned, so this schedule is only an estimate.

While they are no longer located in the Phillips Neighborhood, many are grateful that the Uncles will remain in South Minneapolis. The stores’ presence is sure to be a benefit to the Longfellow Neighborhood.

Until the bookstore is operational, Blyly is selling books online at AbeBooks.com as *Uncle Hugo’s SF/ Uncle Edgar’s Mystery*.

There is a GoFundMe campaign to help the bookstore back on its feet called *Official Help Save Uncle Hugo’s Fund*.

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### Open Eye, cont.

of snow. Up on the mountaintop, Sister Winter looks down, wishing to steal the little girl’s warmth, so she may melt into the sea and transition into something new. The ensuing adventure—both playful and perilous—begins when Sister Winter sends a mischievous snow fox to lead the girl away from the bell tower and deep into the woods....

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## WILL YOU JOIN US?

**By: Mike Huffman - Executive Director with Our Saviour’s Community Services**

We are always looking for new volunteers seeking to directly impact the lives of immigrants and individuals struggling with homelessness. Whatever you choose to do, from serving meals in our Emergency Shelter to teaching math or computers in our English Learning Center, you will make a tremendous difference to the people we serve.

- People volunteer at Our Saviour’s Community Services for many different reasons:
- Desire to make a real impact in the lives of adult English language learners who immigrated to the United States
  - Desire to make a tangible impact in the lives of those experiencing homelessness
  - Passion to learn about diversity of cultures in your neighborhood
  - Interest in language learning and education
  - Opportunity to gain experience for a future career or to just try something new
  - New friends and a fun, vibrant community

There’s a volunteer opportunity for everybody—for every schedule, interest, age, individual, or group. Learn more and complete your online application. Reach out to [volunteer@oshousing.org](mailto:volunteer@oshousing.org) with any questions. We look forward to meeting you!

## Minneapolis is a Broken City

**By: Melanie Majors - Lifetime Resident**

Do you ever wonder why it is so expensive to live in this city? Where all of the money goes that you pay in fees, taxes, fines etc.? Everyone does, especially when you see the perpetually broken systems that exist within our city. Every year we pay more to get less.

There are people who quickly reference other cities and say that the same problems persist around the country – but not every city the size of Minneapolis is as expensive or broken, and I live here...that’s what I care about.

Some examples of things that do not work in our city are 311, 911, public school system, plowing, parking enforcement, ordinance enforcement, city departments and city council.

Who is on your side in local government? If you are of average income or a bit lower, if you pay your bills and taxes, if you go to work every day and if you are an engaged citizen who does not commit crimes – the answer is NO ONE. I’ll say it again. NO ONE. Think about that.

How often do you hear anyone talk about what to do about the victims of crimes? If your car is stolen, even though you are a victim, if your car is found, you will still have to pay for towing, impound charges, sometimes tickets and increases in your insurance if you make a claim because your car has been totaled. If someone steals your catalytic converter – oh well, just deal with it. Everyone must have an extra \$1,700 to pay for those costs, right? If your home is invaded, if you are robbed or shot or stabbed, you will hear elected officials talk about how we can help the person who victimized us. People have to resort to creating GoFundMe pages to help them recover financially and physically.

Residents, businesses, and employees deserve so much more than we are getting. It’s been 2 years since the 3rd Precinct was burned down and still, it sits there, a rotted shell with no plan for when it will be returned or torn down or turned into something else. We don’t just deserve a rebuilt 3rd precinct, we need one. We are paying for it anyway.

The people who pay the costs for everything in our city have been forgotten about and it’s time that we come to the realization that nothing will change unless we change.

In November of 2021 we had a municipal election for our Mayor and City Council. The City Council will be up for election again in November of 2023. Pay attention over the next 2 years to the actions of council members. Ask yourself if they are prioritizing the things that you care about or if they are using their time in office to fulfill their own agenda as activists, or they are politicians that bow down to activists.

If we weren’t all so busy working, trying to keep ourselves and our families safe, we would have more time to be involved politically. As someone who grew up in this city, that still lives here and loves what Minneapolis used to be, I implore all good citizens to get involved. Join your local neighborhood association. Volunteer at a local nonprofit and see what the real needs and priorities are. Run for office or give your support to candidates who want to make our city better for the people who pay for it, not those that seek to destroy it. We didn’t break this city and we cannot continue to rely on those who did to make it better. Speak up, step up and make sure that you do everything you can to fix our city before it is too late.

## Ventura Village Neighborhood News!

- Our next General Membership meeting will be Wednesday, March 9th at 7 PM in person at ICCM Life Center, 1812 Park Avenue, and via Zoom by contacting us via phone or email.
- Committee Meetings are the last week of each month. Highlights from our January meetings include:
  - Tom McElveen from the American Indian Community Development Corporation (AICDC) came to Property and Land Use and requested support for needed repairs at Many Rivers West (1400 E. Franklin). He also discussed the status of their other projects.
  - Charles Caine from Brothers EMpowered Peacekeepers came to Crime and Safety and summarized what they have been doing in the Franklin - Elliot area and their future plans.
  - Community Engagement and Wellness Greening and Gardening prioritized their budgets for 2022.
- Did you know you can get a free meal any day of the week in Ventura Village? Contact our neighborhood newsletter or website for more information.

## KRSM Youth Media Internship Update

**By Emmett Bostic**

Despite the pandemic, the KRSM Youth Media Internship is still going strong in our Fall 2021-Spring 2022 Session. We are continuing to meet online now as the presence of Omicron has prevented us from seeing each other in person. We have some new interns, all of whom are learning about their chosen lane: On-Air Host, DJ, and Journalist. Two of our older interns, Max J. and Michael A, have new shows airing on KRSM radio. “Max Talk” hosted by Max J., will air on Wednesdays from 4:00-5:00pm. “Teen Perspective” hosted by Michael A, will air on Wednesdays from 5:00-6:00pm.

Not only are interns preparing shows and writing articles, but we are also getting ready for graduation and talking about next steps for us after high school. Whether that be applying to colleges, looking for jobs, or talking with mentors, students are being given the opportunity to explore their options and ask for help when it is needed.

Finally, we are starting to get ready to produce our second Zine, which is a collaboration of all we accomplished this session whether that be student playlists, show descriptions, articles, photos, etc., We will be combining all of them into a small fun to read zine. We made our first Zine in the summer of 2021; we learned a lot from that experience, and we hope to create an even cooler experience this time.

You can tune into the station at 98.9 FM, [krsmradio.org](http://krsmradio.org), or download the KRSM Radio app for iOS and Android.



## Prevent Being a Victim of Crimes of Opportunity

**By: Kali Pliego - Crime Prevention Specialist**

I have noticed a recent uptick in crimes that are preventable—auto thefts, theft of motor vehicle (and parts), as well as reports from business owners and landlords that non-customers/residents are abusing their spaces. Consider these tips to protect yourself from becoming a victim of crimes of opportunity:

### Auto Theft

- Many stolen cars are ones that are “warming up” on cold days. They are running, have keys in them, and are unoccupied. This type of auto theft is completely preventable. If you must warm up your car, stay in it and lock the doors while it warms up.
- In similar cases, a car is left running and unlocked while the owner goes into a store for “just a minute”—and returns to find their car has been stolen. When entering businesses, no matter how quick the errand, turn off the ignition and lock the doors.
- Lock car doors while pumping gas
- Use a steering wheel club

### Theft from Motor Vehicle/Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts

- Always lock your car doors.
- Store valuables out of sight; better yet, don’t leave any valuables in the vehicle
- *Catalytic Converters*—these thefts are on the rise!
  - Park your car in a garage if possible
  - If a garage is unavailable, park in a well-lit area
  - Look into after market products you can install for extra protection
- *License plate*—these thefts have traditionally been high
  - Stolen plates are used to mask stolen vehicles; always report stolen license plates asap
  - Look into specialty license plate screws (at any auto parts store)

### “Unwanted” entrants in apartment buildings and businesses

- Make sure all doors latch properly
- Conduct daily checks on doors and locks
- Educate residents on how to prevent non-residents “piggy backing” into the building (this is when they follow someone in at a secure door, or enter under false pretenses of visiting a friend)
- Post “No Public Restroom” signs (if that is the business policy)
- Post signs that indicate the area is under surveillance (if that’s the case)

Above all, be a good neighbor. Make an effort to know your neighbors and keep an eye out for each other and each other’s property. Report any suspicious activity in progress to 911, and any other concerns to 311.



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Ebenezer, cont...

full strength. “There are many places in the country where hospitalizations now are increasing,” Dr. William Schaffner of Vanderbilt University Medical Center, told CNN in December. As of January, the rate of infections in Hennepin County is “very high”, according to the New York Times.

Ebenezer shoulders the unenviable responsibility to not only stay in business – after all, the bottom line is the bottom line – but continue providing invaluable human services, for tenants and residents the most highly at risk at Ebenezer Park Apartments and Ebenezer Tower Apartments (senior housing), Ebenezer Loren On Park (assisted living) and Ebenezer Care Center (nursing home). As of January 6, Ebenezer complies with the City of Minneapolis’ reinstated mask mandate. On top of which, if you’re not vaccinated, you can’t work at Ebenezer. Amy Koehnen, Minneapolis Campus Administrator spoke with *the alley* about meeting the challenges these past couple years.



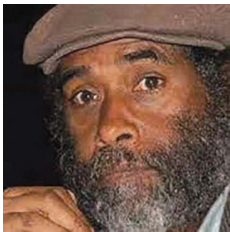
Ebenezer Care Center

*Yours is no easy job.*  
It isn’t. But, I have experience. Twenty-seven years in the profession, doing this type of work.

*For good measure, you oversee a fifth site.*  
The University of Minnesota Transitional Care Unit. It is on the west bank and is connected to the Acute Rehab also at the University of Minnesota. It is licensed as a skilled nursing facility so I am the administrator of record. Although they do have someone that manages the day to day operations.

*Since the contagion struck in March 2020, I guess you’ve had to pitch in and wear different hats.*  
I’ve thought about that a lot. I should have a hat rack in my office

*You haven’t just sat in your office. You’ve been hands on.*  
I keep my fingers in quite a bit. From the beginning Ebenezer staff have [been conscientious]. From the top. John Lundberg,



Dwight Hobbes

CEO, and leaders around the organization put in calls to all the [sites] 7 days a week for 6 months. They passed on information and policy and we would [disseminate] it to the sites.

*So, your watchword is professionalism and you take that personally.*  
It’s as much an avocation as a vocation for me.

*With the onset of the contagion, what was your important challenge to meet for the safety of tenants and clients?*  
The first order of business was to utilize proper PPE (Personal Protective Equipment), keep people [six feet] apart and look for signs and symptoms of the illness. And then start testing people to see if they had [it]. We were, first, vigilant on “Is anyone sick and everybody needs to stay away from each other.” So, we kept their families out, kept them in their apartments and in their rooms. We wore masks, shields and gowns and all that, which we still have. The priority was to explain to staff and residents how serious it is and have them comply with necessary precautions.

*You also make it clear Ebenezer is not just a business operation covering its back with rules. There’s a humanizing touch with staff actually caring about people.*

Exactly. The nursing home and assisted living residence have strict measures. At Ebenezer Park and Ebenezer Tower, we’re just the landlord. HUD, [which] regulates landlord-tenant relationships, did not [provide oversight] Jennifer Rutschke, the Park executive director and her team have instituted some measures that are stricter than what we might expect from the government. They weren’t forced to do it, but they did because they care about the tenants.

*How did you make sure the caring attitude and approach was in place at all the facilities? For instance those nursing home residents not feeling they’d been warehoused?*  
When we first shut down, nobody did anything and no one went anywhere. Although it’s necessary to keep people safe, isolation isn’t good for people emotionally, mentally, spiritually, or socially. Over time we became creative and reached a balance. At some point we

Nourish Your Liver

By NIKKI FLECK

As we transition towards spring, you may have noticed your body waking earlier, a few more birds chirping, your brain daydreaming of beautifully bold colored vegetables from the farmers market...subtle energies awakening again. From a Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) Perspective spring is related to the liver, or wood element. This Five Element perspective provides us with a special lens to view the seasons. This lens provides insight and wisdom on how to

care for our bodies and brains throughout the ever shifting seasons. Our body’s requirements in August are quite different from January for example. In March we enter liver season which is all about waking up, expanding, cleansing, visioning the future and flowing freely. It relates to the color green and being confident and clear within the choices we make while being flexible as plans often shift. The liver has many responsibilities from both a western medical and eastern medicine perspective. In TCM the liver plays an important role in emotional health, regulating men-

ties and mood swings. Liver disharmony may also cause sluggishness, swollen eyes or throat, headaches, chronic stiffness and difficulty making decisions. During liver season our bodies appreciate a higher ratio of plant based foods, herbs and sour foods like pickles, lemons, sourdough bread and leeks. The season asks us to keep things moving if able. Practices like dancing, hiking, playing with your kiddos and yard work are welcomed. It’s best to wrap up any dinner or snacking a couple hours before bed and to avoid overeating foods that stress the liver like caffeine, alcohol and



Green garden harvest ready to support the liver

realized we were telling visitors that they were breaking rules by giving their mom a hug. This was tough. We’ve learned to weigh being vigilant against the disease and also being conscious about being human, the need for human connection. It’s not easy. It’s a balance. But, that’s what you need to do.

*Part Two of Challenging Responsibility will continue to look at the ever-changing response to COVID-19 as the virus continues to evolve.*

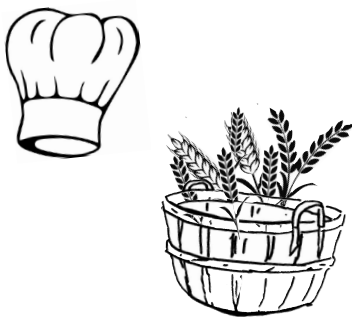
struation, supporting the eyes, tendons, hair and nails. The health of the liver ensures all of the other organs are working properly and assists in protecting us against infections like the common cold. When the liver is strong and functioning properly we are much better equipped at receiving what comes our way. It’s about learning how to stay soft, open, present, even within physical pain or emotional discomfort.

Signs that the liver may be stuck or not functioning optimally (in TCM) include: irritability, depression, menstrual irregular-

sugar. Finding outlets to nourish emotional health is also wise. Our emotions impact every aspect of us, even our organs. Journaling, seeking out counseling, stretching (especially twists), regular acupuncture and practicing deep breathing all support our liver health (which supports our emotional health)!

*Nikki Fleck is a Licensed Acupuncturist at Perennial Acupuncture and Companion Medicine*





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To the Businesses Bringing the  
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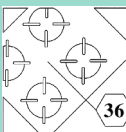
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## What is the South Minneapolis Community Collaborative?

The South Minneapolis Community Collaborative (SMCC) is a resource sharing structure (or “resource hub”) for neighborhood organizations in South Minneapolis and the populations they serve. Currently, the organizations that are a part of SMCC are the Stevens Square Community Organization (SSCO) & the Phillips West Neighborhood Organization (PWNO).

## What is the goal of SMCC?

The primary goal of SMCC is to share administrative and operational resources across neighborhood organizations so that we can focus more of our time, money, and energy on the core functions of our organizations: engaging with our neighbors and supporting neighborhood leadership from the ground up. Through deeper organizational collaboration, we envision SMCC as a vehicle for 1) more effective operation of our programs and 2) building neighborhood power.

## What resources will the organizations in SMCC share?

The scope of SMCC is still emerging to give time for the neighborhoods involved to gather input, test things out, and see what works. We are starting out by sharing resources related to staffing. Starting in mid-2022, SSCO and PWNO will share three full-time staff covering outreach, communications, and operations duties.

The SMCC shared staff model will ensure each organization can employ multiple full-time permanent staff with backgrounds and expertise in their specific role’s field. The stability of these staff positions will increase retention of qualified staff, strengthen the effectiveness of programming, and allow organizations to build historical memory in each neighborhood and the community as a whole. In addition to these benefits, participating SMCC organizations will save money through payroll taxes, processing fees, insurance policies, and staff salaries, in addition to savings in time and retention.

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Movie Corner

Ten Best Films of 2021

BY HOWARD MCQUITTER II

- 1. *Summer of Soul* (Questlove)
- 2. *The Power of the Dog* (Jane Campion)
- 3. *CODA* (Sian Heder)
- 4. *Passing* (Rebecca Hall)
- 5. *Belfast* (Kenneth Branagh)
- 6. *Last Night in Soho* (Edgar Wright)
- 7. *Parallel Mothers* (Pedro Almodóvar)
- 8. *Nine Days* (Edson Oda)
- 9. *Spider-Man: No Way Home* (Jon Watts)
- 10. *Nightmare Alley* (Guillermo del Toro)

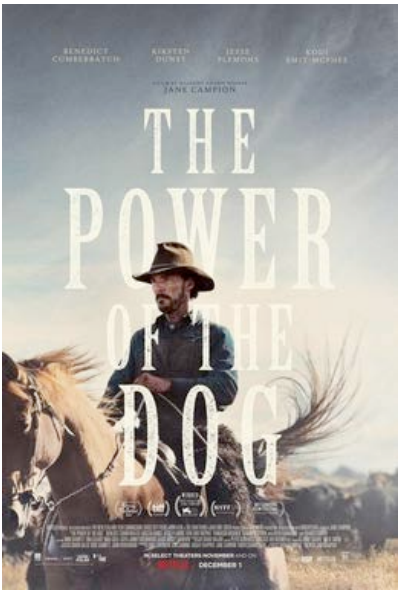
**Other films of 2021 to see:**  
*West Side Story* (Steven Spielberg),  
*In the Heights* (Jon M. Chu),  
*The Lost Daughter* (Maggie Gyllenhaal),  
*Respect* (Liesl Tommy),  
*The Eyes of Tammy Faye* (Michael Showalter),  
*Licorice Pizza* (Paul Thomas Anderson),  
*Dune* (Denis Villeneuve),  
*The French Dispatch* (Wes Anderson),  
*Drive My Car* (Ryusuke Hamaguchi).



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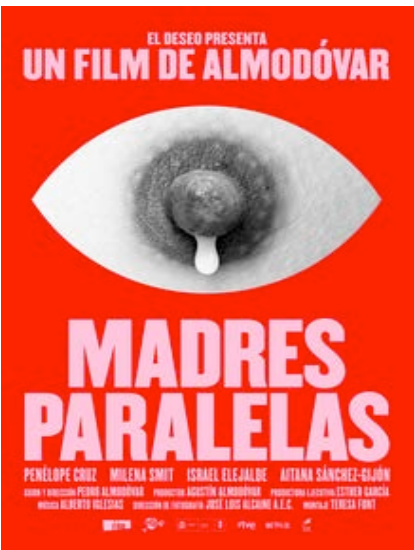
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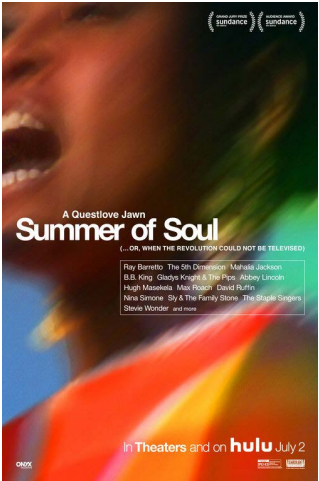
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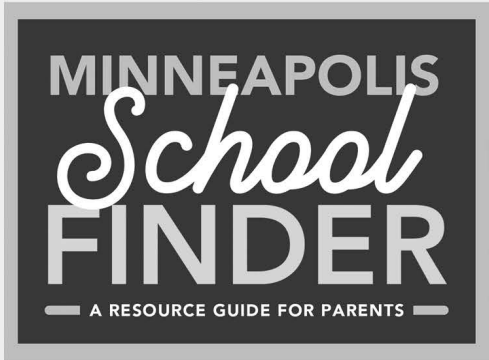
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Upon retiring from Smith Foundry, this writer undertook distribution of *the alley* to the various agencies and businesses of the Phillips Community and surrounding neighborhoods. In the realm of said distribution, a sometimes annoying competition for space exists with our friends from Southside Pride.

However, of greater concern is Tony Bouza's column in the February issue of that paper, *How to get rich*. "Capitalism is very cruel," writes Bouza, "its only saving grace is that it accords with human nature... My reaction to such cruelty? Bravo!... Altruism doesn't work ... is this so complex?"

"Look around you, for God's sake. I didn't invent it and I much rather socialism worked." He appears even to slight Jesus for manifesting communistic proclivities! And then, "Stop kidding yourself... if you are so smart, why aren't you rich?"

Is the man being facetious? Golly, in my case I worked long arduous overtime hours for many years to barely cover a mortgage payment. Truthfully, most of us lack the funds and the necessary time needed to invest wisely in stock purchases. You will allow me then to push back philosophically on behalf of us "masses".

Actually, the belief that only capitalism works in accordance with "human nature" is flawed in several ways: 1) It is an ahistorical assumption. 2) its metaphysical (i.e. it fails to see the big picture). 3) It reflects a narrow empiricism. 4) It fails to take the long view.

A historical assumption? In fact, for the greater part of human existence (the hunter-gatherer phase) a matriarchal order prevailed in the village. Said order was a reflection of maternalistic altruism. Hey, if a man killed a buffalo, he fully intended to share it.

Metaphysical? Success or failure occurs within a context. The first socialist county sacrificed 26 million people and a third of its productive infrastructure in the war against fascism. Factor that in, please.

Narrow empiricism? The eye sees merely the outward appearance of things, but fails to see the inner essence, i.e., fails to recognize the struggle of opposing forces beneath the surface. In other words, Tony, altruism and egoism are interpenetrating aspects of human nature which relatively manifest in conjunction with social existence.

The long view? Some 40-plus years ago a co-worker asked how things would be better under socialism. I explained that public ownership of the means of production would inspire labor for the sake of the whole nation. Socialism will render us free men and women, and the bosses will then be employed by us! Hey Tony, how much longer?

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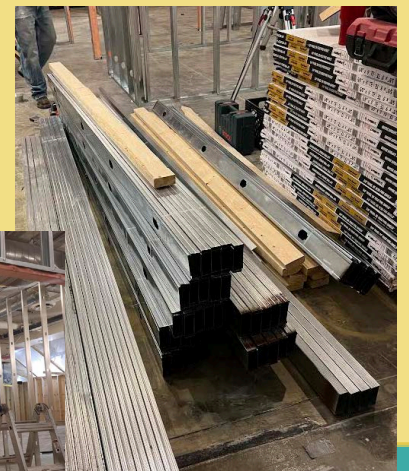
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