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Policing Politics by George Martin

Have you seen Trump’s campaign tv ad that is intended to strike fear in your heart about ‘defunding’ the police? The tv ad states that, “You have reached the 911 police emergency number. If you called to report a rape, a murderer, a home invasion and all other crimes, due to ‘defunding’ of the police, your estimated wait time is five days.”

During the ad, these horrendous crimes are deceptively depicted as videos of property damage and violence by outsider groups who have sought cover in the Black Lives Matter (BLM) demonstrations. By deduction, this wrongly links BLM to lawlessness and horrendous crimes. These isolated outlier instances are minute in relation to the 27 million, multi-ethnic, multi-generational, de-centralized BLM marches across the country, the largest social movement in US history.

Knowing what I and many of us know, ‘defunding’ is ‘re-allocating our tax dollars,’ instead of striking fear in our hearts. The phrase generally means shrinking the scope of police responsibilities to public safety and changing the tactics used by police officers. This will allow more security for us all by allowing the police to better focus on criminal activities and be better guards of all our communities.

In reality, a policeman’s job entails dealing with criminals — enough in itself — but also domestic violence, schools, minor drug violations, the mentally ill and the homeless. In restructuring policing duties, much of them can be reassigned to social workers, counselors, psychologists and mental health workers, allowing the police to focus on crime.

Hence, defunding is really re-allocating part of the police budget to other professionals in human services such as mental health, education, drug abuse and other social services such as housing. This allows for better community services, crime prevention and better policing.

In 1,267 days, President Trump has made 20,055 false or misleading claims, an average of 15.8 lies per day. Redistribution, this wrongfully links BLM to lives lost.

Let’s speak truth to power.

Trump has unashamedly driven the spike of racism to divide the country, prior to and since his election.

In 2016 after his inauguration, Trump dismantled the Federal Justice Department’s responsibility to monitor and regulate police injustices in the US’s 1,800 law enforcement jurisdictions. This was a real set-back for us in Milwaukee as we had worked for many years to get a Federal ‘Patterns and Practices’ Investigation of the Milwaukee Police Department.

Congressional efforts to establish a National Police Commission composed of community and law enforcement representatives were changed by a Trump Executive Order to include only law enforcement representatives appointed by him.

Beat of His Own Drum by Vince Bushell, photo Lorraine Jacobs

The placard on top of the drum reads: “F--- THAT BRING ARE (sic) BABIES BACK!” I am not sure what Bernet Trammell meant. But he certainly was not shy about sharing his views.

Turns out I saw him with a Vote Trump homemade sign on the busy corner of Humboldt and North Avenue last Friday July 17. I was driving and I didn’t think it was Bernet Trammell, but it was. I was a bit concerned about a black man promoting Trump in Riverwest, not known to be a hot bed of support for Trump here. Though the worse I could imagine was some shouting matches. Mostly it seems the cars just ignored him. After all we have enough things to worry about these days.

So imagine my concern that turned to shock when I awoke on Friday July 24 to news that someone had been shot and killed on Bremen and Wright Streets. Later on Friday I learned that it was Trammell. I had visited his storefront last year and had a fairly long conversation. I told him I published the Currents. He had stacks of Expressions magazine and he sold me

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The arrest/death of George Floyd was the catalyst to grow the BLM to the largest social movement in US history. Importantly, it has affected some cities, large and small, to "Change Police Department Policies" such as use of force, tear gas, rubber bullets, body cameras, no-knock warrants, officer's responsibility to stop police brutality and "defund" or re-allocate budgets to effectively serve their communities.

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-Keeps the criminal intent standard -- from willful to knowing or reckless -- to convict a law enforcement officer for misconduct in a federal prosecution

-limits qualified immunity as a defense

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Call To Action: H.R. 7120 - George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020

Call your Senators in Washington DC: 1-800-872-0234 (toll-free)

(From Wisconsin Sen. Tammy Baldwin)

and especially Sen. Ron Johnson)

Tell them, "As the Senator's constituent, I want the Senator to vote for 'H.R. 7120 - George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020' which addresses policing practices and law enforcement accountability. Tell them, "This is important to me and I will be aware of the Senator's vote. If their vote is against H.R. 7120, I will vote against the Senator in future elections. Thank you."
A young girl I remember saying that she wanted to be a "farmer-ette" when she grew up. A curious desire, as none of my family, ancestral or present, were farmers, or do I ever remember visiting a farm or knowing a farmer. Along with several patches of raspberries and strawberries, my mother created a yard filled with bushes and flowers, a place of beauty, but not a farm. Regardless of the source of such a sweet childhood dream, it was never lost, but lived on, tucked away in a far corner of my soul. Bits and pieces began to emerge as each year I lived in invited me to get my hands in the soil. My dream gained momentum when I built a small strawbale house in the Northwest surrounded by an acre of inviting land. Over the next twenty-some years I created an incredible fruit heaven – strawberries, raspberries, grapes, cherries, peaches, currants, pears, rhubarb, along with a plum tree that was so productive I was forced to add far too many rotting plums to my compost pile – pits and all.

Following my mini-Garden of Eden, I abandoned my vision for five or six years to live in Milwaukee in my daughters’ Pink House, surrounded by cement – not exactly an agrarian landscape. The need to be closer to my family of three daughters and three grandsons was a higher priority than being part of a movement to restore our country’s soil. Needs conflict, and one must make hard choices.

And so, for the last five years I have been experiencing Riverwest in wonderful ways as well as being an active mom and grandmother. Despite walks along the river, biking the Oak Leaf Trail, having a small plot at Greenfools Garden, and writing for the Currents, my farmer-ette dream continued to call me. Slowly moving to Riverwest, I met Barbara. In our developing friendship, it became clear that not only did we share similar values but had similar dreams of living in the country and farming the land. Barbara had extensive experience in creating an urban yard with a percumul- ture design, and I had taken a two-week permaculture course.

And so we began our search that has taken us approximately three years. During that time, our process included many different and sometimes conflicting feelings and disappointments. Threaded through the feelings was a strong streak of doubt. We are elders. Not quite or even close to the strength of most young people. Although we had both gard-ened, neither of us had been real farm-ers. Our families at present are not ready to move with us. There are important and urgent causes in Milwaukee which we are already part of as well as organizations that have recently developed that we might join. You might describe us as activists. Plus we are part of a relevant and effective network.

Move? Seemed crazy, but our dream has to be part of a regenerative vital farm- ing movement was still calling. We also yearned to live in the proximity of a small town where folks were already participat- ing in progressive activities. Our dreamy desires eventually took us to an old farmhouse on ten acres of land just west of Viroqua. Our families helped us with the huge task of moving: loading and unloading U-Haul, followed by clean- ing and painting a neglected abode. Obvi- ously, our dream was not for a paradise. So here we are, three weeks later, slowly settling in, discovering such challenges as a bat nest in the upstairs closet, gutters precariously hanging on, tobacco-stained con- taminants, and a 4 million pesky flies. Yet who can complain with only the rare mos-quitoes and a patch of poisonous garlic.ירושלים...):

Following your dream is not wishful thinking. It is listening and honoring a message from deep inside yourself. It is not a magical process, but it can be a synergis- tic one where the right elements fall into place. No fairy godmother, but frequently receiving just the right needed support. One needs to hold a vision clearly so that small steps can lead in the truly desired direction. This is a time of chaos, pain and craziness. Yet out of disruption can come new life. We will never return to "normal," – thank goodness! If ever there was an opportunity for a much healthier, wonder- ful world it is now. So allow yourself to imagine a world of caring and sharing, of true democracy and equality, where we all – including the birds and the bees – matter. What might be a gift of yours that is needed and welcomed? There is room for a world of dreams to flourish – none too small. So grab your suspenders and straw hats and get your hands in the earth. May we unleash the power of dreams to create the future we want.
How to develop new behavior … maybe

by Bonita Bruch

Have you ever found yourself wanting to change a behavior or restart an old hobby, yet it doesn’t happen? The intentions, thoughts, dreams and desires are there but they need to go to the gym, den, library, university, yard, etc. The rationale here is that small successes make us feel good for the rest of the day. Our brain rewards us with small doses of the happiness chemical dopamine, which makes us want to repeat the behavior. This is turn makes it likely that this new habit will become a long-time routine.

Every day you do your new behavior, celebrate it. Positive emotions are powerful and hardwire new habits into our brain. Smile and say YEAH! Or, I did it! Do a little dance! Positive feelings make it easier to build new habits. When you feel good about yourself, you will start exploring, experimenting and begin excited.

I am sharing this advice with you because I want you to get back into my studio and create. I hope you will start doing the things that you have wanted to do but haven’t. Will I succeed? I hope so. Next time you see me, ask me.

Note from the editor: When I write a poem I wait for a trigger or prompt if you will. I see a couple walking down the alley. I think that visual cue will lead me to a story. I immediately write or start writing to catch the moment.

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Thurs. August 13: Teaching in this Brave New Cyber World, with Alissa Gonyea

Wed. August 26: A One-Woman Show! with Comedian/Musician, Whitney Reiske

Thurs. August 27: Strategic Planning for Business and for Life, with Jerry Schumate

Older, Wiser, Local (OWL)

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Voting Aug 11

by Vince Bushell

This election on 8/11 is not the biggest. That will happen in November 3. But this is the chance for you to register, or to verify that your registration is correct. If you vote in person that is important to save everyone’s time on election day in November 3.

If you vote by mail, mail early to make sure your vote is received on time and counted. I voted by Absentee Ballot in the last election and it did not mail the ballot. I dropped it off downtown in a box in front of the early voting site. This assured it was there on time and counted.

Where do I vote?

What’s on the Ballot?

This can be confusing but we have excellent resources to help you. I am doing this on a computer. It is easier to read.

Wievs, August 5: Part 2. Navigating the nuances of Narcissism, by Jill Reiske

Wievs, August 12: World-Fusion Music by Nazario Chickpezio

OWL August 2020 Programming

OWL (Older Wiser Local) is a program created to bring resources to senior citizens in the Riverwest area seniors (50 and up). OWL is sponsored by the Jazz Gallery Center for the Arts, along with BaderPhilanthropies. Normally we’d be gathering in-person for these programs, but to respect the safety of everyone, we’re temporarily broadening your online inter- view-style on Riverwest Radio, WXRN, 104.1FM.

Our shows begin at 3pm and go until 3:30pm, every Weds. and Thurs., every week. Please tune in!

If you miss the live broadcast, you can catch it afterward at: https://www.riverwestradio.com/show/owl-older-wiser-local/

Weds. August 5: Shepherds of the Earth’s Littoral Coastline on Climate Change

Weds. August 12: World-Fusion Music by Nazario Chickpezio

2. If you get a list of selections, you can vote for the candidates in the party I choose. I can only vote in ONE PARTY. I will choose to vote in the Democratic Party, or I could vote in the Republican Party or on my ballot the Constitution Party. BUT I CANNOT VOTE IN MORE THAN ONE.

This will determine what candidates will be on the November 3 ballot, but only those offices that have not been determined in the April election. I hope your are still with me.

7. In this election there are only a few contested offices for the Democratic party where I live. One is for State of Wisconsin Senate District 6. Incumbent is LaTonya Johnson, challenger is Michelle Bryant, both Democrats. I will vote for LaTonya Johnson, she is supported by group called Women Lead. You can do your own research at the League of Women voters site, Vote411 for Wisconsin. The only other contested race on my ballot is the Milwaukee County Register of Deeds. I am voting for Israel Ramon, appointed by Governor Evers. Ramon has an impressive resume.

I live in Riverwest, and instead of me listing all the options, which is confusing, I suggest you go to What’s on My Ballot. I live south of Locust on Penn St. If I lived north of Locust I would have a different State Senator. If I lived east of Humboldt I would have a different State Senator. I would also have different State Assembly Representatives. Do your research or ask someone to help.

Make a note of where your reps are and holler at them, politely, if they are not doing what you desire.

Make a difference. Vote!!
Zashary Torres is a young Riverwester who has lived here since she was three. She turned 23 this July, when we sat for a “socially-distanced” interview in her back yard. “Yep! I’ve lived here for 20 years. I consider myself a hard core Riverwester,” she agreed as we started our chat.

Zashary (who goes by “Zashy” or “Zash”) has boundless energy, and many projects in the works that need energy on. A student at UWM, she’s also juggling two jobs, one of which will drop from full-time to 30 hours a week when she starts the fall semester. Global Management is her current field of study.

Zashy’s parents met in New Orleans, where she was born. Her mother, from Honduras, and her father, from Illinois, decided to move north to settle in Milwaukee—specifically Riverwest, where they had friends and family nearby.

**Importance of language**

Her first language is Spanish. “Mom always preferred that we spoke Spanish at home. It’s not that we weren’t allowed to speak English—she just didn’t want us to lose our language,” Zashy explains. (The “us” she refers to here includes Zash and her sister, Rosie.) “At first, I had a harder time in school, with my ESL classes,” she explained. “I attended bilingual schools since grade school at Fratney Escuela, then middle school at Lincoln Center for the Arts. I even took Spanish classes in high school (Milwaukee High School of the Arts). My parents wanted to ensure that I actually learned the language and became fluent. And I’m so thankful they did, because I’ve had so many doors open to me since I speak Spanish.”

One door that was opened lead to her current job at Ragie Consulting’s interpret- ing arm, where she does anything from helping schedule interpreters to serving as a Spanish interpreter herself. “We service all of the hospitals in Milwaukee, and the Health Department and just about any what the City of Milwaukee needs,” Zash explained. “With the approximately 30 interpreters we have, we speak 40 different languages.”

2b has been working lately with Ragie Consulting at the Corona Virus testing sites – both “the main one” at UMOS (2701 S. Chase) and the one at Custer High School. She schedules interpreters to work at the sites, as well as doing Spanish interpreting herself. “So, I’m calling people with their results, getting their contacts … I’ve been learning so much about how you can get it (COVID-19) and how to prevent it, how to stay safe. It’s been really cool being able to provide that information to people.”

**Life-long learning**

“I remember never being able to just sit at home over the summer,” Zashy laughed. “You were either at a soccer camp, or a band camp, jazz camp, drum camp, dance camp, some kind of camp! Which I’m also grateful for. And then there were Saturday morning music lessons from Dad.” … “I’ve been learning so much about how you can get it (COVID-19) and how to prevent it, how to stay safe. It’s been really cool being able to provide that information to people.”

“I also got a scholarship for private music lessons at the Wisconsin Conservatoire of Music. So that started in eighth grade and lasted through the eleventh grade.”

Zashy was successful academically and athleti- cally in high school. She made it into UW-Madi- son and attended for two semesters, but then came home to Milwaukee. “Madison didn’t work out for me when I first started college. I was liv- ing away from home, out of my parent’s house for the first time. It was quite the culture shock, going to Madison. Even though I grew up with a white dad and half my family is white, I was having kind of an identity cri- sis. At first, during orientation, there were a lot of other scholarship recipients in my circle, which is where a lot of the minority students were. But then as school went on, I was the only person of color in many of my classes, which made me feel uncom- fortable. I always was feeling like people looked at me like me the sole representative of my race, or Black people, or Latinos. Like I represented an entire group. Which I was uncomfortable with.”

But Zashy also realizes that she just wasn’t ready to go to college right out of high school. After coming back to Mil- waukee, getting her own apartment and a few different restaurant waitstaff jobs, she did her trees back up into college by enrolling at MATC. “I’m glad I left Madison and started over with school when I was ready. I had to realign my priorities. I figured out how to learn. I just found out this year that I actually love to read the textbooks, and actually do the work,” she laughed. “I’m so glad I took that break.” She completed her course of study at MATC and is now a full-time student at UWM.

“ar major is Global Management (es- sentially like International Business). My major chose to drop the bombs. The combination of the nuclear crisis and the increased development and production of nuclear weapons has put us on the very dangerous path of an existential threat to life as we know it on this planet.”

As we face another generation of chil- dren growing up under the shadow of the nuclear bomb, the pressure of the nuclear armament movement is faced with a huge challenge. Many people have removed this issue from their radar. Younger generations may be unaware of the history of this danger. Here in Milwaukee, Peace Action of Wisconsin has focused on disarmament

**Future goals, ongoing education**

One of the biggest goals in life is to be able to provide education to women worldwide. Specifically, financially literacy to women. Because there are so many around this world that are so attached to a man. There are so many countries that are making a woman stay attached to a man to be able to own anything. Zashy marvels at the old ways that have taken so long to change. “There are still forced sterilizations in parts of India. The one-child-only laws in China only ended in 2015! There are all these things that I’ve never been exposed to and wouldn’t have known about without re- ally good teachers. It’s sad. Everyone should know what’s going on in the world. I love learning about these things.”

Zashy’s parents are both bilingual ed- ucators – her dad at the high school and college level, and her mom at Head Start (pre-K) and elementary levels. “My dad always gives me book to read on stuff he’s learning. It’s usually about some injustice happening to minority communities. He’s always encouraging me to do my own re- search on these issues, too. Both of my parents are really amazing. Mom is the strongest person I know. It’s just a great combination of parents to have.”
July 24 and 25 brought us the coronavirus slimmed down version of the MK24. The Funk Club Wagon cruised down the blocks spewing funky jazz on Saturday the 25th. It showed the flag for RW innovation. Not quite a street fest, but sure good to catch the friendly vibes.

**Quarantine Chronicles Vol. II**

by Adam Krueger

Day one-hundred-and-whatever.  Now is the summer of our discontent. Political anxieties are on the rise as with the list of lives lost to Covid-19. We all are faced with the quandrums of action and inaction. To protest violence sanctioned by the state, or to stay home and save lives. Hamlet, eat your heart out.

For most it is a balance, like walking along the edge of a knife. It is just as an older neighbor once told me. To stray a small degree is to bring us all to ruin. Then again, maybe it was an elf from The Lord of the Rings. As the quarantine continues, fiction bleeds into the holes of reality carved out by the coronavirus. Satire has caught up with the online world, and with Kanye West out by the coronavirus. Parody may have in step with the online world, and with Kanye West out by the coronavirus. Parody may have in step with the online world, and with Kanye West out by the coronavirus. Parody may have in step with the online world, and with Kanye West out by the coronavirus.

The Zoom meetings fade away when it is evident nobody has anything new to talk about. But one way or another, friends and family find ways to get through everything together. We suffer as a community. But as my elfin neighbor suggested, our saving hope and grace can be found in our company. Thankfully, none of us have lost our minds in the dystopian labyrinth of social media in an age of polarization we have not seen since the Civil Rights Movement during a time of economic uncertainty unparalleled since the Great Depression. Because that would be awkward.

But the world keeps spinning and we roll on. And as we pick up the pieces and attempt to regain some sense of normalcy, we look ahead into the necessary changes awaiting us. Taking stock of where we are and what roads get us here becomes paramount. After all, our collective sanitary habits can be found somewhere around here. In the meantime, we do our best to keep it together. To drive hours to get to an Air Bnb to stare at different walls and walk around separate neighborhoods. We hang out in the backyards of our strange aunts and uncles because nice apartments still feel like prisons after several weeks, and no sane person is going to Disney World this summer. After all, Floridians are everywhere down there. We develop new routines. We wait for either the reprieve of a new normal or for the end of the world as we know it. And Leonard Bernstein didn’t even bother to show up for this one.

Luckily, there are no zombie sightings yet. If 2020 has taught me anything, it is that we are well on the rise as with the list of lives lost to Covid-19. We all are faced with the quandrums of action and inaction. To protest violence sanctioned by the state, or to stay home and save lives. Hamlet, eat your heart out.

Our bodies are temples and should be treated as such. Therefore, regular virgin sacrifices really ought to be mandatory.

After the lockdown is over and AI replaces all our old jobs, we must be ready to practice kindness and obedience to robot overlords. We can begin by acknowledging our imperfections by listing every past crime and misdemeanor we have ever committed to Siri and Alexa. It’s not as if the government is listening.

Acknowledging privilege is important, and no privilege is greater than living in the twenty-first century, so we must concede to philosophies from the Dark Ages of the fifth through the fifteenth Centuries to be truly progressive.

Improve our athletic abilities. If my video game avatar can win MVP in 2K, MLB the Show, and Madden NFL, then you have no excuse. You don’t even need to get off your couch.

Expand your mind with art to the extent that the projections of your own shortcomings can be found everywhere. It is easier to rage against broken systems than a dysfunctional spirit.

Study history to not repeat the mistakes of the past. Everything is at your fingertips. It is time to learn the truth about the lizard People.

Learn about politics so may come to gather to find the best solutions. Many suggest we need radical politics for unprecedented times. Some even go as far to suggest Marxism. And I could not agree more. As the great Groucho Marx once said, “Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly, and applying the wrong remedies.” If 2020 has taught me anything, it is that we are well on our way of doing exactly that.

Also, systems are hard and complex. People are easier. Be kind to everyone.
John Lewis ¡Presente!

by George Martin

H umanity lost a Lion of the Civil Rights Movement in the passing of Congressman John Lewis at the age of 80. Significantly, in his last public moment while dying of cancer, he chose to visit the Black Lives Matter Plaza which leads up to the White House. He came to pay homage, to give honor and encourage the Black Lives Matter movement in his humble way. The first time I saw John Lewis was at the 1963 Great March on Washington. At 23, I had traveled with Father James Groppi and others to that historic gathering.HAVING wandered away from the Milwaukee group, I ended up about ten feet from the microphone where Dr Martin Luther King gave his iconic “I Have a Dream” speech.

John Lewis, the youngest speaker at 23, stood out by his use of the word “revolution.” His radical speech was censored by the civil rights movement leadership (in which he also had a leadership role). John toned it down out of love for Dr King.

At the time, Lewis was chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), whose student action included the sit-ins to desegregate lunch counters and movie theaters in Nashville. They started the Freedom Rides throughout the South to desegregate bus stations and register voters.

Lewis helped spearhead one of the most seminal moments of the Civil Rights Movement. Rev. Hosea Williams, another notable Civil Rights leader, and John Lewis led over 600 peaceful, orderly protesters across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama on March 7, 1965. They intended to march from Selma to Montgomery to demonstrate the need for voting rights in the state. The marchers were attacked by Alabama state troopers in a brutal confrontation that became known as “Bloody Sunday.” In the forefront of the march, John Lewis was the first to be beaten. He thought he was going to die. News broadcasts and photographs revealing the senseless cruelty of the segregated South helped hasten the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Despite more than 40 arrests, physical attacks and serious injuries, John Lewis remained a devoted advocate of the philosophy of nonviolence. Rep. John Lewis served his Georgia congressional district for 34 years with outstanding leadership in the House of Representatives and a stellar reputation for working across the aisle with Republicans for the common good. John was the recipient of numerous national and international awards.

While writing this memorial, I got a call from Boswell Books that our order of John Lewis’s bestselling, award winning graphic novel memoir trilogy, MARCH, had arrived. The MARCH series is used in schools across the country to teach the Civil Rights Movement to the next generation of young activists and has been selected as a First-Year common reading text at many colleges and universities. What a legacy!

The last time that I saw Rep. John Lewis was about a year ago, in a Dulles Airport Terminal in DC. Hearing a crowd roar, I went to see what was happening and there was a modest John Lewis, a Lion of Civil Rights, departing a plane and moving through the crowd. With my big mouth, I gave him a huge shout out, “Congressman John Lewis” and started clapping. Hundreds of people who knew and loved John Lewis joined in a thunderous round of applause until he got through the cheering crowd and out of the terminal. ¡Presente John Lewis!

What’s Going on Riverwest Radio: Talk about Change!

By Martin Hallanger

“The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing.”

Socrates

W e are living in tumultuous times that can challenge our natural dispositions of optimism and hope. If we focus too much on the true realities of the world, we may find that it causes nothing but pessimism and despair. Here we are in the sixth month of the pandemic, cut off from a normal life of friends, jobs, sports, movies, concerts, street festivals, religious gatherings, vacations….

It feels like everything has changed. We can be alone and without the strength to even figure out what we could do or should do, let alone what we will do. The mixture of emotional and rational ideas often contradict each other. We can get trapped in our own unchallenged fallacious arguments.

One of the important steps for transforming all of the noise and confusion of our thoughts is to listen to others in our community. Have you ever been surprised to hear what you think as the words come out of your mouth? Having conversations helps us organize our thoughts, gain perspective and work through difficult situations.

Here is some good news: Riverwest Radio is still on the air! Our studios are closed until further notice, but our hosts’ mouths are still open! Live shows are aired by hosts calling in from their homes via Zoom as we continue to broadcast on WXRW 104.1 fm and stream on riverwestradio.com.

Are you interested in letting the world know what you think? Riverwest Radio is accepting proposals for new radio shows. You have the opportunity to join the amazing collection of voices that represent our community. Once we’ve got your proposal, all you need to get on the air is a smartphone or computer with internet access, earbuds with a microphone and something you want to talk about for a half-hour every week. Please fill out the form at riverwestradio.com and plan on attending the mandatory orientation on August 29 @ 12:30 pm via Zoom conference call.

Here is another quote by Socrates from over 2400 years ago: “I cannot teach anybody anything, I can only make them think.” So let’s make them think. Let’s disagree, argue, get mad, share grief, be open to change, make change, laugh, cry, feel highs, feel lows, get to know each other, acknowledge our faults, overcome obstacles….

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By Martin Hallanger

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At Momo Mee, Xiao Long Bao, their momos came to the table in a wooden steaming basket, a more impressive presentation than the ones unceremoniously handed to me on a paper napkin in Nepal. Eight thick-skinned momos, made with a mix of wheat flour and water, looked like elegant purses. The chef filled them with hot pork broth and bits of pork, making tasty packages, enhanced by the gentle tang of the accompanying soy-ginger sauce. (dine in only)

This newcomer to Walker’s Point opened in 2018 in the Freshwater Plaza at the intersection of South 1st Street and E. Greenfield Avenue. It’s tucked into the plaza, blink as you drive by and you’ll miss it. A parking lot offers convenient parking, or, there’s ample parking on Greenfield.

It’s contemporary, sleek and bright, with windows on three sides, “L” shaped, with two thirds four tops, and one third bar with high top tables. On both visits, I noticed Executive Chef-Owner Tony Ho chatting with his customers, a good sign when the chef wants to hear your reaction to his food. In our conversation, I learned that Chef Ho grew up in Hong Kong, lived in Japan, ran four restaurants in Kansas, and worked at Potawatomi for four years until he opened Momo Mee.

His passion flows into all his food including the four kinds of noodles he makes daily starting at 5:30 a.m. He learned the technique in Japan from a Chinese MasterChef and says he is the only local chef to serve 100% handmade noodles. He told friends and me that nothing at his restaurant is pre-made.

I believed that when he described how he made my Garlic Japanese Eggplant, an innocuous sounding dish, except it was one of the best Asian entrees I’ve ever tasted. To make it, he first dipped eggplant slices in an egg wash, then quickly and briefly deep-fried them which made each slice both crunchy and soft. He served them with a caramelized roasted garlic sauce made with garlic oil, and soy sauce, then finished with a whisper of apple cider vinegar.

For the Cantonese Crispy Noodles with shrimp, Chef Ho served abundant shrimp, more than my companion expected, along with bok choy, shiitake mushrooms, and those hand-thrown noodles, crisp and full of flavor.

Like so many restaurants in Milwaukee, business at Momo Mee, according to Chef Ho, is currently down 50%. Thank you, Chef Ho for your good work. You have created a memorable collection of Asian dishes, a playground of textures and flavors, sweet, salty, and spicy, a joyful party that danced in my mouth.
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I saw them walking in the alley
A boy and a girl
A girl and a boy
A young man and a young woman
I could see the backs of their heads
He was a foot taller than her
I could not see if they were holding hands
I imagined they were a couple
Lovers maybe
Young lovers
Like so many of us
Affairs of the heart dominate
The fierce passion of young love
New love
It bites you and you cannot resist
The couple
Often one taller than the other
It is genetic push
It is barely alive
It only reproduces
At five slim years and younger
Children hold their parents hands
Children jump on each other and tumble like puppies on the grass
Often holding hands
If two girls, young women
The couple
It bites you and you cannot resist
It can kill
It can be mild
But the virus has not a conscious mind
It is genetic push
The hug
The hand shake
I long for the touch
I feel empty
The change of leadership was just happening
It was entitled Living Black - On Black Experience
It was an excellent look at the subject at hand, real peoples lives in Milwaukee
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At the Zeidler Group. They do excellent work and we wanted to inform our readers of this great resource in our community.

ZEIDLER GROUP ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF PARDEEP KALEKA AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND SHARON MCMURRAY AS PROGRAM DIRECTOR

This experienced team brings many years of addressing community conflict and difficulty, in alignment with Zeider Group’s mission of facilitating civil dialogue and inviting trust.

The Zeidler Group Board is excited to announce the appointment of Pardeep Kaleka, accomplished and respected community leader, as Executive Director of the Zeider Group. Pardeep will remain as Executive Director of Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee. His work around Interfaith’s Restorative Practices aligns well with Zeider Group’s services and creates opportunity for collaboration between the two organizations. With the transition, the Interfaith Conference will begin to share office space with the Zeider Group, both now based out of Redeemer Lutheran Church on West Wisconsin Avenue.

The Board is also pleased to share the good news that Sharon McMurray, long-time Zeider Group Facilitation Leader, has accepted an ongoing position of Program Director. A community leader, activist, and mentor, Ms. McMurray was honored as the Zeider Group’s 2019 Facilitator of the Year and is an expert in the Zeider facilitation method.

Board Chair Susan Tyndall welcomes the new leadership team to Zeider Group, saying, “Our community, state, and nation are currently facing an extraordinary time of transition. Now more than ever, the work of the Zeider Group is critical in helping our community engage in productive dialogue that can help change the course of our city. This team’s strong leadership and expertise will continue to build trust and bring about positive change.”

“The Zeider Group, along with Interfaith, were both formed with the aspirational goal of connecting community,” Pardeep said. “Both organizations’ profound reliance on moderators and community involvement speaks to a unique type of service model. With a location in the heart of the city, we have a duty to facilitate difficult dialogue across race, religion, ethnicity, language, regionality, gender, and experience dynamics. We aim to foster understanding which serves as the impetus for positive reform at the individual and societal level.”

The Zeider Group will use this transition as an opportunity to assess how Zeider Group can best serve the community in a year of unprecedented challenges. Under Pardeep’s leadership, Zeider Group will develop new methods for delivering remote services, while forging new connections, creating partnerships, and building trust. The Zeider Group Board and Executive team will be meeting over the coming weeks to address immediate community needs and develop opportunities for positive dialogue and connection.

About Pardeep Kaleka
Pardeep Kaleka is Executive Director of Zeider Group, Executive Director of Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee, Founder of Serve2Unite, Published Author of “The Gifts of Our Wounds,” Award-winning Community Relations columnist and Clinician specializing in utilizing a trauma-informed approach to trauma survivors and perpetrators of assault, abuse and acts of violence. A native of Punjab, India, Pardeep Singh Kaleka grew up in Milwaukee, WI. As a former Police Officer and Educator in the city of Milwaukee Pardeep understands many of the dynamic difficulties facing communities locally and abroad. Both in his practice and out, Pardeep’s passion remains one of healing and loving transformation. An example of this is Serve2Unite, an organization he co-founded in response to tragedy. This organization engages communities in building healthy social fabric and communal identity to address conflict from a trauma-informed lens.

About Sharon McMurray
Ms. McMurray has over 3 decades of experience in management and as a business- owner. She is well-known in the Milwaukee community as a leader, mentor to young women, volunteer and activist, taking on the plight of the poor, disabled and the disenfranchised to heart. Over 5 years ago, Ms. McMurray decided to become a Zeider Group Facilitator as a way to grow personally and expand her repertoire of expertise in interpersonal communication and listening. Since that time, she has been an essential part of the Zeider Group’s Facilitation leadership team, supporting both the staff and participants with her dependability, breadth of expertise, clarity of communication and facilitation skills. She was honored as the Zeider Group’s 2019 Facilitator of the Year. In 2020, with the retirement of Dr. Katherine Wilson, Ms. McMurray served as Interim Director. With Pardeep Kaleka’s addition, Ms. McMurray will continue as Program Director for the organization.

Editors Note: In our July 2020 issue Ellen Warren had contributed a story of stories, of interviews of people of Milwaukee.
It was entitled Living Black - On Black Experience
The series of interviews was an excellent look at the subject at hand, real peoples lives in Milwaukee.

Shooting Stars and Meteor Showers
Wed., August 5 and Fri., August 7 @ 7:00 p.m.
Many know shooting stars for the striking trails of light they give off, but their name is misleading since they are not shooting nor are they stars. These light trails, also known as meteors, are fragments of either comets or asteroids. When our Earth travels through the orbit of a comet, we are treated to a dazzling meteor shower. Dr. Jean Creighton, Director of the UWM Planetarium, will describe how and when are the best times to see shooting stars.
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