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Honoring Ruth Bader Ginsburgh, ? to Ruth "How many woman should there be on the Supreme Court for you to be satisfied?", RBG. Since for most of our history there have been only men on the Supreme Court, the answer is nine. Vacant lot Corner of Wright Street and Hadley Street.

How I am going to vote?

by Vince Bushell

The question is not "who" but how. You could easily guess "who" if you read this paper regularly or look at the dedication to Ruth Bader Ginsberg next to this text. But how seems to be an issue in this election on November, 3, 2020. I cannot remember a voting day which is not a Tuesday. Lets see, I can vote **in person** on election day. I can vote **Absentee Ballot by mail**. I can vote **Absentee Ballot and drop the ballot of in one of the 24 hour drop boxes** listed below and avoid concerns about mail delivery. I can vote **Early In-person Absentee voting** on one of the early voting locations listed below from October 20 to November 1.

I choose the last method. I have done it before and checked out what I needed. It is strange to call In-person voting Absentee voting. I am there "in-person" while I am voting. But the State of Wisconsin handles in-person voting as a form of Absentee Voting.

When you vote in-person absentee your ballot is verified and witnessed by poll workers and then sealed in an envelope and not actually counted till election day. The envelopes are not opened until election day by current law.

It is usually fast and safe. You avoid crowds and long lines on election day. Your exposure to other people is limited.

One question I had was answered by the local chapter of the League of Women Voters (LWV).

"Do I have to bring my ballot to vote **in-person early**?" No. The poll workers will bring up the correct ballot based on where you live and they will check for a proper photo ID, like a Wisconsin Drivers License or Wisconsin ID, issued by DMV. There are many other forms of ID that you can use and I have put the list on-line. **Riverwestcurrents.org**. You can also get help on voting, registration and other question by visiting the Voter Assistance Centers listed to the left on this page.

How am I going to vote ? I am going to **early vote in-person** at the Fisserv Forum, most likely soon after October 20, when this option begins. I have not been in the Buck's Home, so that will be a treat to see the building inside, and I will bring my drivers license. Done!

Except for the nervous wait until all the ballots are counted in November.

What else is on the ballot besides the presidential election?

To find out what is on your ballot, go to **myvote.wi.gov** and you can look up your ballot on-line by putting in your home address. It should have and option on the top of the page: **What's on my ballot?**

It is pretty easy, even with certain officials of Republican ilk trying to make it difficult. Someone said, "If we have voting by mail", we will not win. Is that a bad thing? Why?

It is safe, it is secure, and you have a number of options and our country needs you to express your opinion at the ballot box. Now more than ever

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General Election: Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020

Voter Assistance Centers



Staff available for City of Milwaukee residents to help: apply for an absentee ballot, register to vote, provide a witness signature for your absentee ballot.

September 8 - October 14, 2020
Tuesday - Saturday each week
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

- Atkinson Library, 1960 W Atkinson Ave
- Bay View Library, 2566 S Kinnickinnic Ave
- Capitol Library, 3969 N 74th St
- Center Street Library, 2727 W Fond du Lac Ave
- Central Library, 814 W Wisconsin Ave
- East Library, 2320 N Cramer St
- Good Hope Library, 7715 W Good Hope Rd
- Martin Luther King Library, 310 W Locust St
- Mitchell Street Library, 906 W Historic Mitchell St
- Tippecanoe Library, 3912 S Howell Ave
- Villard Square Library, 5190 N 35th St
- Washington Park Library, 2121 N Sherman Blvd
- Zablocki Library, 3501 W Oklahoma Ave

Now to Nov 3: Absentee Ballot 24-hour Drop Boxes City of Milwaukee



- Atkinson Library, 1960 W Atkinson Ave
- Bay View Library, 2566 S Kinnickinnic Ave
- Capitol Library, 3969 N 74th St
- Center Street Library, 2727 W Fond du Lac Ave
- Central Library, 814 W Wisconsin Ave
- City Hall Complex, 200 E Wells Street
- East Library, 2320 N Cramer St
- Election Commission Warehouse, 1901 S Kinnickinnic Ave
- Good Hope Library, 7715 W Good Hope Rd
- Martin Luther King Library, 310 W Locust St
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Drop boxes in OTHER municipalities: Visit your municipality's website for Drop Box availability. Or contact your municipal clerk for that information: My Municipal Clerk.

Oct 20 to Nov 1: Early In-Person Absentee Voting City of Milwaukee Residents Locations and Schedules

***Note:** Not all sites have the same schedule. Voting but no voter registration on Saturday, October 31 or Sunday November 1.

Mondays - Fridays 8am to 7pm
Saturdays - Sundays 10am to 4pm

- Fiserv Forum, 1111 Vel R. Phillips Ave
- Midtown Center, 5700 W Capitol Dr
- Miller Park, 1 Brewers Way
- Zablocki Library, 3501 W Oklahoma Ave

Mondays & Tuesdays 7am to 1pm
Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 1pm to 7pm
Saturdays & Sundays 10am to 4pm

- Bay View Library, 2566 S Kinnickinnic Ave
- Cannon Park Pavilion, 303 N 95th St
- Clinton Rose Senior Center, 3045 N Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr
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- Frank P. Zeidler Municipal Building, 841 N Broadway, Room 102
- Good Hope Library, 7717 W Good Hope Rd
- Mitchell Street Library, 906 W Historic Mitchell St
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- Washington Park Library, 2121 N Sherman Blvd

Mondays - Fridays 10am to 3pm

- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Student Union, 2200 E Kenwood Blvd

By appointment only

- Independence First, 540 S 1st St
- Manitoba School, 4040 W Forest Home Ave
- Milwaukee Area Technical College, 700 W State St

October 14: Last date to register online at myvote.wi.gov and by mail.

October 15 - 30: Register at your municipal clerk's office or at early voting sites.

Today! Request an absentee ballot. Go to MyVote.wi.gov. There may be postal delays, so complete your ballot as soon as you receive it; get it witnessed and return it as soon as you can. Mail it two weeks or more before Election Day, or deliver it to an early voting site, a secure absentee ballot drop box or your Municipal Clerk/Elections Commission office. Ballot must be received by Nov. 3rd at 8pm. Residents of municipalities outside the City of Milwaukee check with your municipal clerk for locations & schedules of early in-person voting, secure absentee ballot drop boxes and for assistance.

Go to <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-US/MyMunicipalClerk> to find your clerk and get contact information.



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Dump Trump

by George Martin

If you have not yet decided to vote in the Tuesday, November 3, 2020 Presidential election, please read this.

We understand that many of us do not vote due to a lack of trust in the system, a lack of change when voting before, along with apathy, despair, voter suppression and feelings that our vote does not count. However, now your personal vote counts more than any time in our lifetimes.

When your house is on fire, everyone must grab a bucket of water and put the fire out. Let's talk about that later.

When our country, its values and lives are being destroyed, everyone must grab a ballot and VOTE to DUMP TRUMP!

Are you concerned about COVID, losing health care, unemployment, losing your social security, losing women's reproductive rights, white supremacy, crimes based upon race, religion or sexual preference, world peace, nuclear war, climate change and police accountability? Then Vote to Dump Trump!

We are in a fight for the soul of our country and our way of life. Trump bullied his way into the presidency and his first term with unacceptable behavior, white supremacy, mismanagement and lies dividing our country along the lines of race and wealth.

On top of the thousands of lies since his inauguration, Trump told 175 lies during this year's Republican Convention's presidential nomination acceptance speech, per the Washington Post.

Eighty percent of the COVID-19 funds approved by Congress went to billionaires and major corporations, but NOT to our people who needed funds to survive the pandemic and economic recession. I said 80% of COVID went to billionaires and major corporations, i.e. the Los Angeles Lakers who returned millions of dollars to avoid public outcry.

COVID funds went to the US Military with \$400,000 for new dress uniforms and \$1 billion for jet engine parts and

contractors for spy satellites and drone surveillance.

All this, while thousands of Wisconsinites still await meager COVID benefits.

The results of the coming presidential election will determine the future of our civil rights, human rights, and our very lives with the arrogant mismanagement of the COVID pandemic. Trump, with the support of his power-hungry Republican Party, places our democracy and the future of our planet in peril.

The Founding Fathers of the US were "leary" of political parties and the possibility of upsetting their planned checks and balances of our three branches of government: Executive (President, Vice President, Cabinet), Legislative (Senate, House of Representatives), and Judicial (US Supreme Court and lower federal courts).

This has come to reality with Trump bullying the Republican dominated Senate to replace legendary Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader-Ginsberg before the presidential election, contrary to recent tradition and her pre-death statement to hold off her replacement until after the election. Trump called her request a fabrication of the Democratic Party, meant to assure the newly Republican appointed Justice and the Supreme Court will confirm his 2020 election if in dispute. Trump has not committed to leave the White House peacefully. Preserve our democracy VOTE to DUMP TRUMP and the Republican Party!

Please VOTE! Go to myvote.gov on a computer or at the library for information on registering to vote, your registration status, your voting place or voting by mail.

[A history of bullying and KKK](#)

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Trump has a history of setting-up his competitions beforehand, ever since his high school bullying days when he was pushed by his father to think that he was better than everybody else and was to be feared. He is now the biggest bully. VOTE to DUMP TRUMP!

Donald Trump's father, Fred, was a member of the Klu Klux Klan. He was arrested in 1927 at a Klan riot in a brawl with NYC Police. Moreover, Donald Trump has often expressed his admiration for his father. We can hear the echoes of one hundred years ago in Trump's encouragement of violence at campaign rallies, his white supremacist rhetoric, and his racist policies against minorities -- against ALL minorities.

On the dark side, his mentor was Roy Cohen, Joe McCarthy's right-hand man in attacking and purging progressive US citizens. Cohen's mafia connections in the real estate and construction industries led to Trump's future business policies in real estate, which was earmarked by stepping on, exploiting and bankrupting contractors with an army of lawyers. This was also emblematic of the actions of his Trump University in fleecing students and debtors.

All of this from one of the supposedly wealthiest men in the US who will not reveal his income tax statements as all previous presidents have. The wealthy do not consider Trump one of theirs, but as a Con-Man. VOTE to DUMP TRUMP!

The Trump Family are followers of Dr. Norman Vincent Peale's "Power of Positive Thinking", even if it is out of touch with reality. Peale's influence, combined with the influences of his father, Fred, and Roy Cohen evolved into Donald Trump's driven confidence and his philosophy of simply running over other people for his own gain. This evolved into "Your Fired" – the battle cry of his television show. This was the earmark of his first presidential term's administration with cabinet and key staff firings, resignations, federal investigations, and convictions (along with numerous whistle blowers).

Trump's first presidential term was the most disastrous in US history. We cannot have a second term. VOTE to DUMP TRUMP!

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Amy Schmutte, OWL Program Manager

OWL PROGRAMMING submitted by Amy Schutte

OWL (Older.Wiser.Local) is a program created to serve, enlighten and educate area seniors (50 and up). OWL is sponsored by the Jazz Gallery Center for the Arts, along with Bader Philanthropies.

Normally we'd be gathering in-person for these programs, but to respect the safety of everyone, we're temporarily broadcasting our material (interview or lecture style) on **Riverwest Radio, WXRW, 104.1FM**.

Our shows begin at **3pm and go until 3:30pm, every Wednesday and Thursday**, every week. Please tune in!

If you miss the live broadcast, you can catch it afterward at RiverwestRadio.com.

<https://www.riverwestradio.com/show/owl-older-wiser-local/>

OCTOBER 2020:

Thurs. Oct. 1: Joe Hausch of "Photavia" talks on Keeping Creativity Alive in Aging.

Wed. Oct. 7: East-Side Senior Services' Melissa and Kelly talk with us on their Services, and their Experiences in assisting Seniors in their everyday lives.

Thurs. Oct. 8: Mark Lawson, President of the Board, Speaks on the History of The Jazz Gallery Center for the Arts

Wed. Oct. 14: Jon Janowski of The Department of Aging (of Milwaukee) joins me to discuss Safety Issues for seniors, and more!

Thurs. Oct. 15: Kyle Hawkshead of «Altered State of Mind», a Metaphysical-Goods Store, speaks on his Entrepreneurial Path, and the Healing Qualities of his Products.

Wed. Oct. 21: Pink House's Claire Moore, on Mind/Body Wellness in Tumultuous Times

Thurs. Oct. 22: Occupational Therapist, Charlie Cobb Speaks on his Career Serving Seniors, and the many years employed at the Milwaukee Jewish Home.

Wed. Oct. 28: Rosemarie Zaffiro Moser tells stories of growing up in the 1950's in the famous Zaffiro's Pizza Restaurant Family.

Thurs. Oct. 29: Ro Hanus, Jungian Psychologist, Tells the Tale of a Shaman's Toolbox for Dealing with Conflict.

RIVERWEST INVESTMENT COOPERATIVE -RIC



Helping to Build a Stronger 53212

Existing and interested potential members of the Riverwest Investment Cooperative (RIC) are invited to attend RIC's virtual annual meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20.

RIC was founded in 2003 with the goal of helping to build more stable, diverse and vibrant Riverwest and Harambee neighborhoods. Its members have invested in restoring and refurbishing multi-family properties and single-family homes, and provided loans to neighborhood business and arts organizations.

Most recently RIC has been working with 53212 Presents to redevelop the vacant Grand Theater building on Holton into a practice and performance space. Those plans are currently on hold due to the gathering limitations caused by Covid-19. RIC is thus in an introspective mode as it considers what future investments should be prioritized in light

of the economic damage caused by the pandemic.

At our annual meeting, we will be reviewing our work over the past year and asking for input to help guide our investments going forward. The meeting agenda will include:

A brief history of the organization for potential new members

Update from our arts partner, 53212 Presents

Discussion of priorities for future RIC investment in light of the challenges created by Covid-19

Review of annual financials

Nomination and election of new members to the Board of Directors.

We invite interested Riverwest and Harambee residents to join us at the annual meeting online by going to <https://zoom.us/j/9449760032> or via Zoom using the Meeting ID 944 976 0032. If you like what you hear, please consider investing some of your time and/or money to help us build a stronger neighborhood.

To learn more about RIC visit riverwestinvest.com. If you are interested in joining RIC or running for our board of directors, email riverwestinvest@gmail.com.

RIVERWEST ELDERS

Sharing Wisdom with Community

Hazy-Sky Reflections of a Riverwest Elder

by Pat Small

Recently I faced and embraced my 70th birthday. I was 16 when my father was this age. "Daddy" was a naturally quiet, much older parent beset by boisterous adolescents. My own three sons are now between 40 and 50. I can't fathom being a father to a teen today. I'd feel nothing but dread as a still-at-it dad. The world has changed beyond recognition in just a few months. And our future is fraught and tenuous.

I'm probably luckier than Daddy. No arthritic pain, no crooked knees or elbows from years of dairy farming and playing sandlot baseball well into his 40s when joint injuries were simply endured. Nonetheless, Ray Small did some things very well. Foremost was that he married a smart (and tempestuous) younger woman. At home they (mostly Mama) quarreled with us children, but NEVER with each other. It was a loving, hard-working marriage that carried them into a comfortable Franklin Delano Roosevelt-insured retirement -- with each enjoying 80-plus years of life. We kids mostly made peace with them and thrived as we grew and aged.

Once removed from my farm roots in New Berlin, I enjoyed dwelling, toiling and advocating in and for Milwaukee for most of the last 52 years. Much of that time was well-spent working, investing and (sometimes) living in Riverwest.

While many of Milwaukee's ethnic-European residents were bailing out to southwestern suburbs like Muskego and New Berlin, I and every one of my 11 siblings conversely chose to leave New Berlin. "We didn't grow up in a suburb. It grew around up around us," we noted. Small town and city living had many positive aspects.

My parents also reluctantly left the farmstead where my father had lived for 70 years. In 1978 they moved to a retirement complex in West Allis where they spent their last years. The consolidating economics of family farms crushed their way of life. Every acre of our farm was sold for survival -- and, ironically, to escape the freshly scrubbed suburbanites.

Cynical 1980s "Reaganomics" relentlessly dismantled family businesses, farms, and the like in the guise of the supposed benefits of deregulation and the gutting of government. American Democracy's ability to empower common people and ensure the common good became quaint history as Reagan's disciples hewed away.

Labor unions were nearly crushed, and Earth now teeters in a potential end-times paroxysm. Globalists were enriched while the environment was further trashed. All of it was grotesquely normalized by the "aw, shucks" prattlings of the "Gipper" President.

Closer to home, let's also acknowledge the destruction of our social compact by former governors Tommy Thompson and Scooter Walker; former House Speaker Paul Ryan; Wisconsin Senator Ron Johnson (a Putin dupe) and disgraceful former Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke. All but Thompson rose to power propelled by Milwaukee's snarling hate-radio reprobates Mark Belling and Charlie Sykes (now a network TV talking head). Retrograde Republican agendas and candidates were daily advanced. "Stick it to Milwaukee," to quote the gleeful Tommy Thompson.

Now an outspoken "Never Trumper," Sykes, during his MSNBC appearances, distances himself from his past hubris. He's carefully "never mind"-ful of Wisconsin's now foundering and dysfunctional state government, and an ultra-conservative pay-for-play Supreme Court he helped install.

What Riverwesters and fair-minded citizens understand and appreciate is that the Riverwest ethic of full civic inclusion is the antithesis of Donald Trump's insulting invective about "people living their Suburban Lifestyle Dream ... will no longer be bothered or hurt by having low-income housing built in your neighborhood ... " if he remains President. (Quotation taken from a July 29, 2020 Tweet by Trump.)

Yes, it's come to that and is as clear as this: Some American suburbs (and exurban areas) are indeed racist refuges. Trump and his bigoted cult still want segregation -- and a selfish perversion of the American Dream: "I somehow got mine; that's all that matters." It's this age-old rub that is driving calls for justice in Riverwest and world-wide.

In her day, my mother, Elizabeth Small, needed the newer New Berliners with her vocal support of Father Jim Groppi and his advocacy of open housing and civil rights. It's also timely to recall the 1964 words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: "Let us realize the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward Justice."

"Riverwest Votes" — 2020's watch words.





The Skyline and the Lake – A Walk Down Government Pier

by Cari Taylor Carlson

Distance – Slightly more than a mile

Time – Time ceases to exist when you're surrounded by lake and sky.

Attire – Nautical

Where to eat – Colectivo (1701 Lincoln Memorial Drive); Moosa's (2272 Lincoln Memorial Drive)

Start -- McKinley Beach (1750 Lincoln Memorial Drive)

Parking – on the street or in a nearby lot

On a sunny, windy day when the sky is clear and the surf is up, head for Lake Michigan and Government Pier. This stroll on a concrete pier, a one-mile round trip, has spectacular views of Lake Michigan, the city's skyline, and the harbor. When waves crash on the boulders and onto the pavement on the north side of the pier, you're reminded why Milwaukee is a great city on a great lake! Yes, your feet will get wet. It's exhilarating.

The walk starts at McKinley Beach, where there's a playground and plenty of pristine sand for building castles. This sweet little beach resembles a tiny harbor, though the sign that warns of potential rip currents is a reminder that when the lake gets churned up, it can be dangerous. A rip current (or rip tide) happens on windy days when incoming waves, not gentle ripples, create a band of water that can pull a swimmer away from shore. This happened July 19, 2020 when a nineteen-year-old male went into the lake to assist two young children who struggled to return to shore. Caught in a rip tide, he drowned. That happened again on August 8, 2020 when a 50-year-old man and a teenage boy drowned, pulled underwater by that dangerous rip tide.

McKinley Beach fronts Lincoln Memorial Drive, the result of a landfill project that took 22 years -- from 1907 until Lincoln Memorial Drive opened in 1929. Before the landfill, the drive as we know it was under water, until the state gave the city a 300-yard-wide strip of lakebed along the shore from Juneau Park to Lake Park. The dual purpose of this landfill project was to create public recreational space and to halt erosion from storms coming off the lake. I once overheard a teacher explain the landfill to her class. She got their attention when she said, "You are standing on a large garbage dump."

The effort to halt erosion wasn't 100% successful. In 1987, the McKinley Beach Restoration Project used boulders from the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewage District's deep

tunnel project to prevent erosion after a storm upended chunks of the original landfill. Again in 2020, the lake uprooted a chunk of walkway adjacent to McKinley Beach. It found a path through the boulders, and once again, damage control was needed.

From McKinley Beach, face downtown and head through the parking lot toward the concrete pier known as Government Pier. You'll pass huge rocks that were part of the reconstruction project and four boat launches before you arrive at the entrance gate to the pier. This concrete walkway, part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Navigation Project, stretches for a half mile into Lake Michigan, a fine place for walkers and fishermen to spend an hour or even a day. And so, they do. On any summer day, fishermen who settle into chairs alongside the lake do not look especially concerned about whether the fish are biting. They come with rods and reels, beer and cigarettes, buckets, lunch, and often music. "Where can you get better fresh air than here?" seems to be the prevailing sentiment.

The view is stunning. The eye is drawn to the south, downtown, and beyond to a harbor filled with boats. There might be a lone kayak outside the harbor, skimming the waves, looking like a leaf accidentally blown onto the lake's surface. Look south to see past the Hoan Bridge and down the lake shore, all the way to Bay View. Behind you, pancake stacks of apartments and Milwaukee mansions line the bluff, and dead ahead, Lake Michigan -- open water and infinity.

There was a day, July 7, 2010, when an angler made history on the pier. He snared a 48-inch muskie using alewives for bait while he was targeting salmon. According to the Journal Sentinel, "... such fish are virtually unheard of in the southern waters of Lake Michigan."

The North Gap navigation point at the end of the pier marks the entry to the harbor, the place where boats can pass from lake Michigan into sheltered water and the McKinley Marina. A concrete barrier tells you to return to start, refreshed and ready for a meal across Lincoln Memorial Drive at Colectivo, or a burger up the road at Moosa's, after a good walk and those invigorating lake breezes.





The Wisconsin Humane Society's annual Paws & Claws fundraising gala is going virtual this year. Now more than ever they are counting on support to continue to provide critical services to animals in need.

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Keep in Touch

by Tree Moore

The world is whirling and swirling around me. Every day brings surprises – some of them catastrophic, some filled with disappointment, others bringing new light and hopeful possibilities.

As someone wishing to write of happenings that are relevant, that may guide us in fresh, meaningful directions, maybe even toward a mini personal economic revolution, I ask myself: What might I focus on? What really matters? (Besides Black Lives, which we definitely know Matter.)

In my inquiry for an appropriate topic, I am aware of my concern about social distancing. I have no quarrel with the effort to keep an approximate six feet between us, nor with staying home when we seem to be exhibiting suspicious symptoms. My concern is that in an already touch-deprived culture, where touch has been relegated mainly to sex, sports and violence, we are continuing to shrink our sensory experiences.

As humans we are blessed with intricate nervous system resulting in amazingly sensitive skin. As most primates, we are created to thrive through tactile experience. We meet the world initially through touch. In Ashley Montagu's classic book, *Touching, The Human Significance of Skin*, he tells us of orphanages in Romania where infants were not held. Even feedings are arranged without touching. The infant mortality rate was high, and the children did not thrive. To be physically touched is a basic need from birth onward.

My question is, how can we respect the present 6-foot distancing need and still find relatively safe ways to connect with each other or physically touch? I'm hoping that with more parents remaining home, there will be more opportunities for loving, physical contacts – more hugs, more holding and stroking. Within our homes there are plenty of ways to offer nurturing touch. One does



not need to be a masseuse to give a massage. Combing hair, sitting close, rubbing shoulders (even if they aren't aching). There are always foot rubs. These are inordinately effective since nerve pathways on the feet allow one to stimulate the entire body. And it feels great! You might even want to wash each other's feet as part of the experience.

If you are spending time with a close friend, yet keeping a distance, it occurs to me that in addition to foot rubs, playing footsie could add to a slim touch repertoire.

Besides actual physical contact there are other ways to connect.

Despite our masks, we can see each other, we can look into each other's eyes. I have encountered a distressing phenomenon emanating from some folks I encounter – a deliberate avoidance of visual contact. I am making a serious practice of greeting anyone I pass with a clear acknowledgement of their presence through a firm "Hello." So the failure to look at me as well as an audible response, I'm guessing, comes from a

belief that somehow the virus can be contagious even through looking, so security is increased by the least contact possible. Sad how unnecessarily we shrink ourselves.

Besides eyes, we could be more creative with our voices. Imagine singing as you walk down the street (folks might really wonder about you – so what? Actually these days some folks are frequently talking on their cell phones as they walk along.) Then there is the possibility of serenading the neighbors from your balcony or front steps – preferably when you are sober, or not for great lengths. You and your children could sing some ditties. The vocal vibrations would actually touch other ears. You do need to let go of judgements of how you sound. The neighbors can always close their windows if your vocals offend them. In pleasant weather, when I play the piano in the Pink House, I leave the doors to the outside open so I can be heard – real music.

Along with connecting with others through touch, voice, eyes and physical gestures like waving, we have other opportunities to touch or be touched. I'm aware that some professional massage therapists are doing massage within practical, wise limits. We mustn't forget the potential of giving ourselves massages. Perhaps we can't quite manage backrubs, but much of us is available to be stimulated or comforted by our very own hands.

I have a dear friend who, as she is going to sleep, holds one of her hands with the other, expressing gratefulness.

Our bodies are miracles, and our most intimate home. This may be a time of loneliness and isolation for many, yet it can be a perfect time to be your own loving companion.

Lastly, there is a special contribution from our pets in the way of tactile experience. Furry, hairy textures; warm bodies; wagging tails; purring and face-licking. I read some research on variables on recovery

from heart surgery. Top of the list was a pet, even above a spouse. When you pat your dog, your heartbeat slows down and helps you relax. One study even shows that your heartbeat synchronizes with your pet's.

It makes sense these days that pet adoption agencies are not keeping up with the demand. A warm, alive body is of great value in a chaotic, unpredictable, scary world. If you are lacking a pet to stroke, there is always the Sip & Purr Cat Café (2021 E Ivanhoe Place) where there is an abundance of fur and purr.

So regardless of our strange world that demands separation, we as humans need to be creative as to the many ways of connecting with each other. Our incredible nervous system must be stimulated, be it through our fingers, toes, eyes, ears, voice, skin. To be in touch with ourselves, others and the world, is to be fully alive.



Real Estate Market Surprisingly Steady

By Neill Kleven

In spite of the Covid pandemic and how it has changed so many lives in ways we never imagined, the real estate market continues to be a manageable situation. When Covid went down, it seemed like the end of the world was coming. But this is simply not the case. Lance Wooten, who became a licensed realtor in the Spring of 2013, says "It's been a seller's market for a while. The driver of this has been the low inventory with low interest rates---making people want to buy houses. Covid hasn't changed this other than a slight slow down in March. It's just as busy as other years. In fact, sales have been higher than recent years."

While Riverwest residents are adapting to change, the houses in Riverwest still have high value. However, this is not to say that the market hasn't changed. In March and April when things went down, sellers were resistant to having buyers in their home spreading the virus. The buying and selling activity declined a bit, causing a shift in demand. This caused a lot of business to be delayed until mid summer, making this time of year (now) more busy than it has been in recent years. But it wasn't enough to create a huge wave of change. Courageous

house-hunters and virtual walk-throughs have kept this shift in check.

There is no denying that the globe-circling virus is changing the way people are thinking about home-buying. A lot of people who are working from home are going out looking for homes with bigger office spaces while other people who have lost their jobs are looking for smaller places. Covid is changing things, but the housing market seems to stay balanced.

While things are steady, properties are selling at higher than tax assessment values, this is not reflective of a distraught market. Norm Terapak, a real estate broker who has been dealing in Riverwest real estate since the late 80s and has seen all of the booms and busts, says "Potential buyers shouldn't be concerned with this. The tax assessments happened before Covid."

It is not abnormal for properties to sell for more than the tax assessed values. Low interest rates make it easier to buy at a higher price.

What about the future of the Riverwest real estate market? As RW realtors see it, there probably won't be any big changes. "The future is always uncertain," says Terapak, "but as long as the interest rates stay low, it will be balanced. And Riverwest will probably be in good shape. It's always been a popular area."



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Virtual learning is actual chaos for early elementary students

An inside look at virtual learning through the eyes of a childcare worker

By Brenna Gonderman

Autumn has arrived. The days are getting shorter and the dawn of digital learning has begun. In order to help slow the spread of COVID-19 Milwaukee schools remain closed. But most families cannot afford to put their lives on hold. Working at a local childcare and youth center I have watched virtual learning unfold and worry that we are not able to meet the most basic needs of our children in this moment. This is particularly true for those in our city who are youngest and living below the poverty line. What I see reveals more than just a moment of failure; it is the systemic failure of an education system desperately in need of re-imagining if it hopes to stay relevant in the emerging decade.

Born a Hoosier, I originate from a state where you are not mandated to attend school until you are seven years old. In Wisconsin, the legal age to attend school is six. In recent years there has been a push for K4 and K5 programs across the country. What used to be termed 'child care' has come under the purview of 'early education'. It is an area that is somewhat blurred, because while younger kids still require a great deal of nurturing, an increasing number families depend on the dual income of two parents participating in the work force. This has created a greater need for programs that expose young children, from poor and middle-class communities, to rich foundational experiences while the brain is rapidly developing.

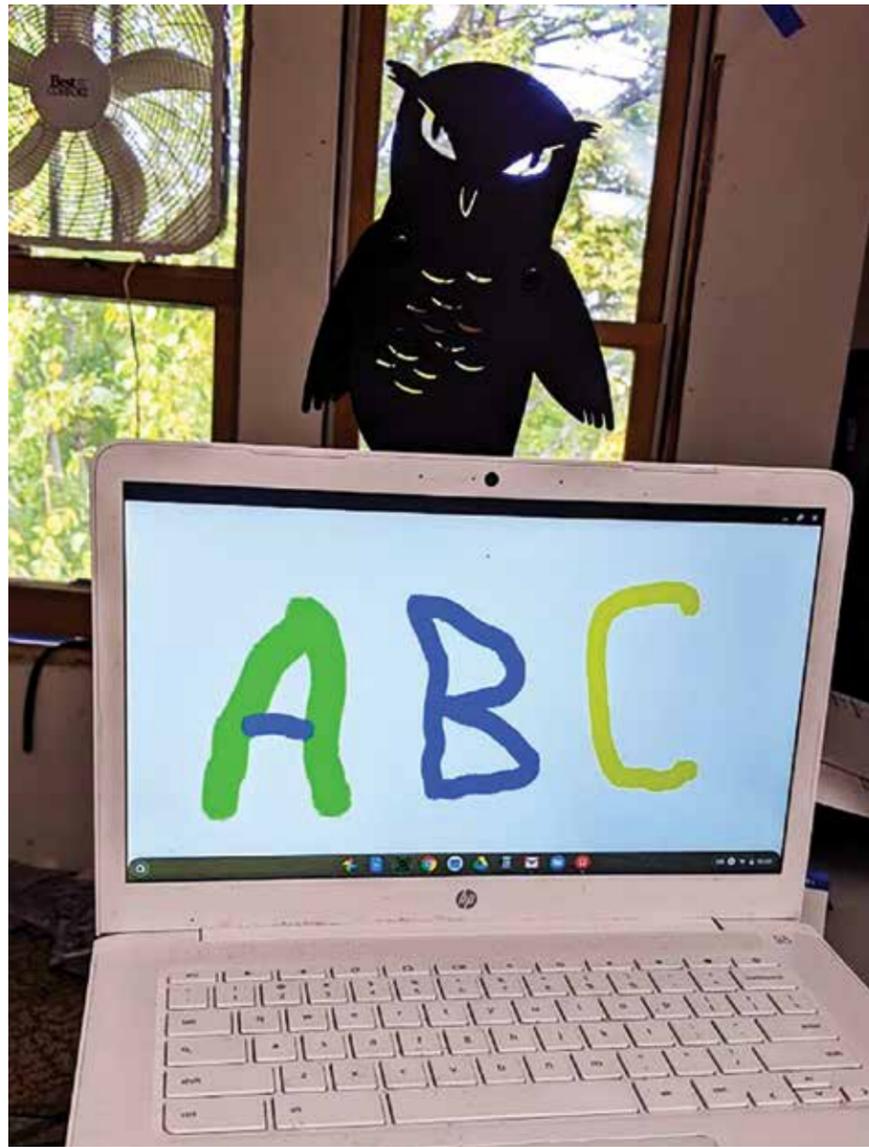
That said, one can debate whether our current approach of putting our four, five and six-year-olds into video conference calls for large segments of the day is truly meeting that basic need for rich foundational experience. This is my experience with digital learning working with kids from K4 to 1st grade.

It is 8 AM and students are getting ready for breakfast. More will come staggered throughout the day. We are gathered in a classroom, but it is not anyone's real classroom. The irony is lost on no one. Schools are currently closed to avoid children being together in close proximity, yet here we stand, a group of mixed ages, school affiliations, and readiness.

All come prepared to learn... virtually. Some students attend Milwaukee Public Schools. Others attend charter or language immersion schools. Each comes with a unique schedule, a set of applications designed to deliver best results, and of course, the ubiquitous Chrome book laptop.

It seems rather glamorous, after living in India for a few years, to look out at a group of kindergarten kids, each armed with a laptop. But this illusion quickly shattered when one of my students mistakes the keyboard for a breakfast plate at the same moment another inverts it to make a ramp for a toy race car. The computers are tossed to the ground at the prospect of playing with a nearby friend.

First attempts to login are stymied by the fact that no one knows how to get passed the first log in screen, let alone how to navigate amongst Google classrooms, meeting links, and assignment



submission portals.

Some of the issues from the week described can admittedly be ascribed to a steep learning curve. Nothing that a little practice and persistence can't overcome. Not necessarily reasons to give up. I am aware that we are all learning. Students, teachers and care providers are equally unqualified for this particular circumstance and each day brings about new challenges: a lost charger, a forgotten computer, or an unexpected firewall. These are the weeds that can be walked through. It is only when we started to develop a more constant rhythm that my deeper fears about virtual learning begin to take root.

Even on the best of days, twenty kindergartners on a zoom call is going to lead to some major challenges. And of course, it has. Many of these challenges are comical. Like the obsession we see on-line with kids wanting to show classmates their dog (it does happen!) Or forgetting to put on their shirt. But all meme worthy jokes aside, the negative consequences of these challenges are significant.

Working with children this young it that there is a small window to grab the child's attention. The basic mechanics of muting, unmuting and tabbing between web pages is extremely difficult for a child still too young to spell their name. Inviting the class to share their own viewpoint is a painfully long process where they become unglued.

One of the particular challenges of having many children digitally learning in a childcare setting, is each class has "brain breaks" at different times. When one kid is being forced to look at a screen while other children are allowed to play it becomes a major punishment to have to sit still and listen to long unintelligible intermissions of trouble shooting. Simply put, the kids don't want to do it. It becomes a battle which has turned excited first year students into avid school haters. This is

especially painful to see for k4 students, for whom this truly is their first educational experience.

Every teacher I have seen has taken a different tact when it comes to digital learning. Milwaukee Public Schools has taken on a more uniform approach that tends to miss the mark. There is usually a fairly long period of live instruction followed by homework submissions on an application called Seesaw.

These assignments are typically worksheets for tracing number and letters or for practicing basic addition. The issue with all of this is that while these worksheets might have been helpful in physical form, the student are not remotely capable of navigating the platform itself or reading the instructions without an adult present. And parents are working.

In some cases, students don't have the necessary touch screen or enough strength in their fingers to hold down and move the touchpad. I realized this when I saw one student trying to drag the cursor across the screen with his thumb. When I asked him what he was doing he gave me a thumbs up proudly, "It's my strongest finger!" Other students get hung up because they can't get the letters to look good enough and languish seeking impossible perfection. Some students are racking up 50 to 60 late assignments which they see every time they log in inside a bright red bubble. I didn't realize that four-year olds could experience adult stress, but they, too, feel the same weight we do under the crush of seemingly impossible deadlines.

Teachers are limited by the structure of the applications they use and seem unable to meet the immediate needs of the students. This phenomenon seems to be worse for public school teachers where the applications used have been standardized.

This is not meant to be a dig at public schools. It is to illustrate how an over reliance on technology and delivery systems can be blinding and severely cripple an educator's ability to meet needs of the present moment.

The schools that seem to be performing the best are those able to be flexible. They have cut out all non-essentials. They tend to skip the live stream, opt for a short morning meeting and focus on few self-directed videos and activities each day. These students spend less time on the computer and are able to apply the knowledge of the day through play. One notable teacher scraped the first week of lessons in order to schedule 1:1 meeting with student and parent to go over the basic mechanics of operating a computer. I was saddened when I hopped on the live stream and caught that same teacher being reprimanded by a colleague for not keeping the class going despite all the disruption.

Even before the current era of virtual learning, there has been a lot of criticism about pushing rigorous academics before a child is ready. Our teaching of basic mathematics does not fully align with the fine motor skills necessary to grasp a pencil. During the first seven years of life a child is still devoting much of their brain power towards learning to manipulate and control the movements of the body. Why as a culture do we need to put so much pressure of having children mature early?

And this all brings me to the point that depth takes time. When I look at what is happening to children, I feel helpless. I am proud of the teachers and parent who are pouring their hearts into trying to make this work, but it seems as though they are pouring their time and energy into a bucket with no bottom. We seem to have lost the ability to take a step back and examine what is really important.

Through all the stress of this past month, there have been some glittering moments. They have happened at the peak of chaos when there was no choice but to pack of the computers for the day and go out to the garden. One particular day we put on a puppet show and everyone did their best to write their name on the ticket with shaky hands.

There is fear when we compare the development of one child to that of another when know that each child develops in their own unique time signature. And there is fear here, too, in pushing our youngest too hard. The fear of missing out. Or falling behind. It is a fear born in the world of adults that has no place in the realm of childhood. How many of us have forgotten our own childhood? How did the morning grass look covered in dew?

One particular morning a K4 student was having an exceedingly rough time and kept repeating, "I hate school. I don't want to go to school," while rolling under a desk. A nearby teacher responded with exasperation, "but you are too young to hate school!" It made me pause. Four IS too young to be hating school. Somehow, somehow we have lost our way when it comes to education in this country. The most natural thing to a child is curiosity. We need to fight the dynamics of fear and once again trust that things will fall in place if the flame of curiosity keeps burning. And so I would like to ask of you, my community, what foundational experiences should we truly be protecting?

Neighborhood Spotlight: Richard Franklin

by Adam Krueger

"Good morning, Riverwest. This is Richard and Bagel." It is a welcome many in the community see every morning on social media. They are the routine words written almost daily by the unofficial Mayor of Roverwest, Richard Franklin speaking in part on the behalf of everyone's favorite neighborhood beagle, Bagel. Both are beloved fixtures in the local dog park, where Franklin spends much of his time in his retirement. Most mornings you can find Richard conversing with locals, telling stories of his long life in Milwaukee and imparting wisdom only age and experience offers. Both serve as a boon to the neighborhood and a means of better knowing our collective history.

Richard Franklin was born on a rare snowy day on May 7, 1948 in St. Anthony's Hospital and has spent his entire life in Milwaukee. According to Richard, there is nowhere else he would rather live. Raised in a Christian family, first African Methodist and then Lutheran, Richard attended Riverside Highschool and MSOE where he studied engineering before working in industrial and civil engineering as well as architecture. Through all the years Franklin has seen good times and bad for the city but speaks as a man knowing how blessed he has been to witness everything. Growing up an African American in Milwaukee, Franklin admits to never knowing how racist much of the country was until hearing the speeches of Dr. King. Richard happily looks back on an integrated childhood with diverse populations in the schools he attended and his circle of friends. As a child, Richard never much considered race despite being vaguely aware of the existence of racism. On occasions, some women would hurl racial epithets to Richard, and at times bullies would chase him and other friends of color. But for Franklin, it was not until hearing the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. that he became more aware of the institutionalized racism of the Jim Crow South. To Franklin growing up in integrated areas of a mostly segregated city, his peers judged each other more on ability than anything else, especially while playing sports. To Richard, having common goals with one another can help overcome individual differences as he saw time and again running track and playing baseball and football.

Growing older, Richard Franklin has gained the knowledge and insight to acknowledge some of these problems that saw so much division in segregated cities like Milwaukee. Franklin is deeply troubled about issues of systemic discrimination in areas like the industrial sector which he sees playing out across the Rust Belt. As he can surmise there is a regular issue of Black men being hired for ninety days and then let go without reason only to be called back to the same job six months later. Franklin voices concern over this leading to frustration which only amplifies issues of violence in the city. Franklin believes that better education, a more solid family structure, and greater respect for life can help Milwaukee heal from so many lives lost to murder from street violence and police brutality. Richard is optimistic that such change is being ushered in from movements like Black Lives Matter. While he



may not agree with all of the movement's policies like attitudes on the nuclear family and abolishing or defunding the police, he hopes Black men and women can feel safe in the city sharing the same privileges as others.

Yet Richard knows that making that dream a reality will take work and careful considerations of policies that will help build better futures and preserve life. To this end, Franklin is an advocate for reforming education with more equal share of public funding and higher standards set in schools. Additionally, as Richard laughs telling me about his youth and running from the police on occasion, he knows perfectly well that apprehending suspects needs a far more delicate hand than is being given. Years ago, in his eyes cops were more likely to chase someone down than to try and stop them with bullets. Franklin knows these trainings and procedures are in dire need of change, adding that rubber bullets may be one of the best solutions for when occasions get out of hand.

Franklin of course acknowledges these are deep and complex issues, which is why he is more focused on doing what he can to help bring the people of Riverwest together on a more personal level. As a result, Richard loves Roverwest, the local dog park, meeting those with common interests, while listening to different perspectives on life, belief, and politics. This is one of the main reasons he now devotes such time to updating regulars of the park on weather conditions through social media. Outside of the summer, the conditions tend to vary greatly from day to day, so the updates help his fellow dog owners prepare. As a result, it is easier for everyone to gather while safely social distancing and allowing the dogs a place to run and play. Still, he knows more can be done for our parks and our community.

Richard Franklin longs for the days when others would gather in the dog park on Friday evenings for cookouts, bonfires, and drinks. Due to struggles with health, they bring burdens he cannot currently bear while holding out hope that others may bring back the tradition. As someone who has watched Milwaukee evolve so much in his seven decades of life, Richard believes that creating safe spaces to come together is key in troubled times like we now face. Because while the

pandemic may complicate matters, Franklin knows from experience that there is little the community cannot accomplish while working together.

May 7, 1948. Born. St Anthony's Hospital. Snowing that day.

Been in MKE all life, raised a Christian

African Methodist to Lutheran
Palmer Elementary school, Robert Fulton Jr High School, River side HS (River Rat), MSOE, studied engineering
Worked: Industrial engineering and civil engineering, and architecture (favorite)

Retired around 15 years ago (by Scott Walker, didn't like him) , 72 now

Raised in integrated environment

Didn't know how bad racism was until MLK speeches, didn't know much about Jim Crow

All his schools were mixed, though some white flight took place in Jr High

Didn't consider racism much as children. Older kids chased them, Old Karens said N-word to him. But his peers all got along, racism is a learned behavior.

Racist attitudes changed on playground, people didn't see color, but saw athleticism in the games they played. Richard didn't feel racism in those days

Raised by dog lovers. Dad had a German Pedigree Dog, then dachshund, then great dame. Always had dogs, but took a break after Sport.

Had Bagel for 5 years.

Married for 57 years, but separated not divorced for most of that time, **separate relationship (GF) for over thirty years**

BLM means to Rich not fearing for lives, have same privileges as anyone else, no racial profiling

Not against police, knows good cops exist. Wants Rubber Bullets, not shooting in back. Cops need to run after law breakers. Knows from experience from running from cops as a youth, getting in trouble (weed, etc, no rapes, nothing too bad)

Rich was a good running, running track, playing football, baseball

Running from cops, jump on garages, laid flat yard side, avoided dogs,

There was way less shouting growing up, **young people lack respect for life**

Need for family structure, broken homes, too many single parents, kids not taught respect, from black community. Needs to dress appropriately for big events

like weddings, one of his family didn't he still feels embarrassed and ashamed

Rich is black sheep of family, cuz father was independent strong, father, set a high bar, didn't want to live in dad's shadow

He was one of the few Franklin's that distanced himself from family, from dad, he avoided family drama but was therefore often the last to know of family news, kept out of the loop of fam affairs

Rich loves the dog park, meeting ppl of common interests and common age. He values different opinions and politics, willing to listen

Loves the 4 seasons of the dog park, wants others to know conditions in spring and fall, know of big muddy, summer dustbowl, wants others to be able to prep for its conditions

Thinks closing park for quarantine was the best thing for it, may need to do it every few years

Rich used to decorate the dog park, buying yard decorations, not since hurting his hip and the bills of it, other meds

Used to sponsor meet and greets on fri at Roverwest, bring beer etc and had bonfires. Stopped when hurting his hip, wants to bring that back to strengthen the community

Bought kiddy pools from park, loves the dogs

2nd bonfire out here someone called Fire Dept from smokey wood, they came, asked if they have cover for the fire (told them to say they had cover), they said so (lied) and the Fire Dept went away before Richard could offer them to have a beer

Grew up w good jobs readily available, lost industry, unemployment, rised jobs can't sustain family

Young black men work 90 days then let them go, leads to frustration, called 6 months later to come back, systemic issue (industrial sector)

Needs jobs permanence, need transport systems restored to get jobs

Job loss in these industries (in rust belt) target based on race, disproportionately, Rust Belt declines, esp Detroit

Automation is key, hits black community hard, feels let down by Democrats, feels like they don't explore ideas to help others, need to look into UBI, etc. Dems need to examine faults of their own, and look to weak areas where improvement is needed

Only wants to live in MKE

Suffers from chronic sinusitis

Church caught fire in 95, opened doors for FD, went down in chappel in Feb 2am, breathed in smoke fell to ground, damaged lungs since

Colon explodes, starts bleeding, illness since retired, been inactive since damaged hip after fall, waiting for hip transfer

Invalid without meds, loves the fresh air of the dog park

Likes: Model trains, rail road expert, likes to travel on the railroad thru the country, few negative experiences, one w a drunk, one w a racist karen asking him to change seats

Seen community changed from prosperous community, to political greed driven society. Schools and medical care suffer the most from the greed and division



Tenet - Mitchell Horner gets to see the film, on the big screen

Nolan delivers a satisfying yet flawed espionage thriller

Christopher Nolan's latest directorial effort, Tenet, starring John-David Washington and Robert Pattinson, is as Nolan as Nolan could be: soaring spectacle mired in underdeveloped character and rambling plot.

At their best, Nolan's works are singularly motivated pieces which disregard individual character for the overarching machinations of the story at hand. At their worst, they get bogged down in underdeveloped characters and needlessly complicated plots. With Tenet, Nolan gives in to his worst tendencies, with characters almost devoid of characterization and dialogue composed mostly of exposition. Additionally, the audio is poorly mixed, with half of the dialogue being almost completely unrecognizable, crushed under the weight of the deafening

background sounds.

A film of this nature is difficult to break down into a three act structure, but for descriptive purposes, what I will refer to as the "final act" (you'll know it when you see it) becomes bogged down with brown-grey desert combat unbecoming of the espionage thriller which preceded it. Why Nolan chose to conclude the film with this sort of finale, when he demonstrably has a different, and better, ending, is anyone's guess, and while it all works logically in the diegesis of the film, it is a frankly jarring and misplaced finale.

In spite of all of this, though, Tenet does entertain. The action is, until the finale, creative, and the setpieces impressive in scope and execution. John David Washington is a great lead, and the cast is anchored by terrific actors, including Kenneth Branagh and Elizabeth Debicki. While Tenet might not be his finest film, Nolan does deliver on a thoroughly entertaining, engaging return to the theaters.

And as for my last column, I was wrong: Tenet is not about stopping 9/11 with time travel.

- Mitchell Horner

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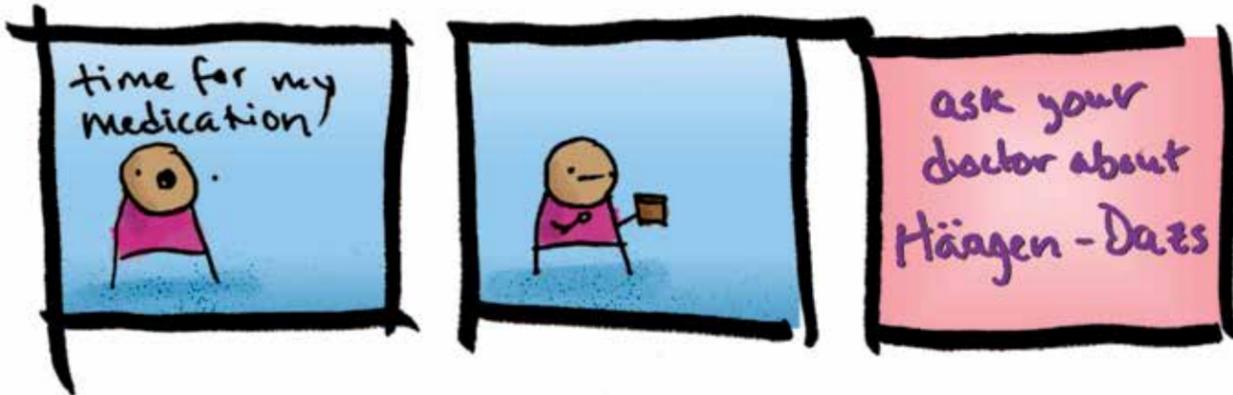
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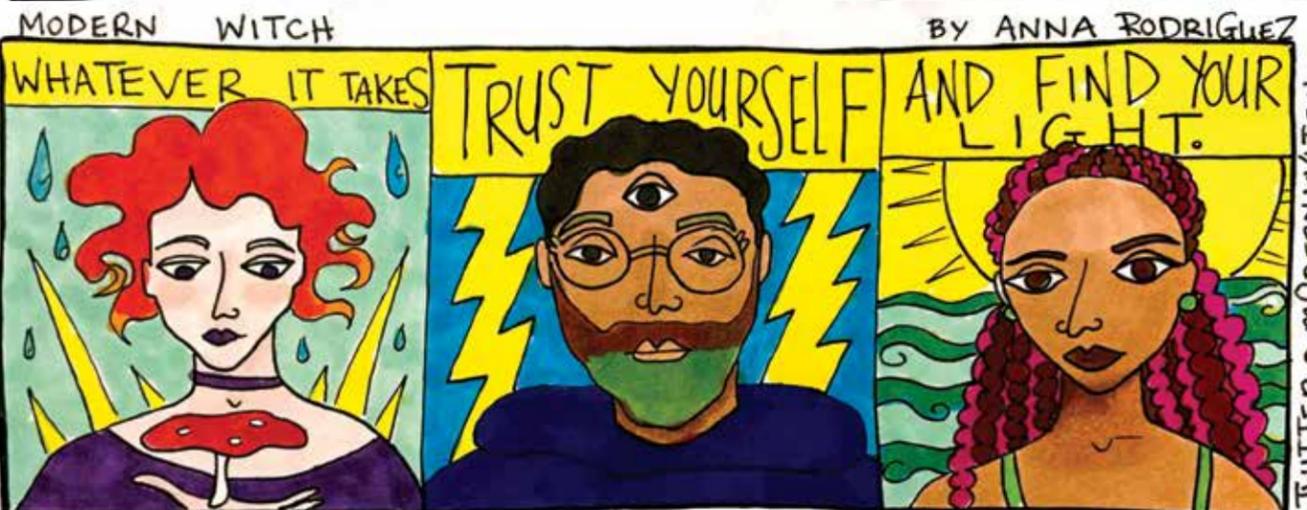
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