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Tropical Storm – An organized system of strong thunderstorms with a defined surface circulation and maximum sustained winds of 39-73 mph.

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Category 2: Sustained winds of 96-110 mph, storm Surge 6-8 ft

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Residents are urged to develop a disaster preparedness plan before an emergency strikes. Plan in advance where you will stay, how you will get there and what supplies you will take.

- Arrange with friends or relatives living in a non-evacuation area or check into a hotel located inland or, as a last resort, use a public shelter.
- Have a transportation plan for emergencies
- Tell family or neighbors where you will go to stay in case of an emergency.
- Don’t leave your pet(s) behind; make arrangements with a kennel or friend to care for them. There are hotels that will accept pets with prior registration..

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Before Evacuating, Secure Your home:

Take down and bring in any signs, tables, garbage cans, plants, furniture, umbrellas and other loose and/or unsecured structures from outdoors.

Please keep the following in mind when preparing your home before evacuating:

- Fill prescriptions and vehicle gas tanks.
- Unplug TV’s and computers.
- Move furniture and electronics away from windows and cover with plastic.
- Turn refrigerator to its coolest setting.
- Place valuables in waterproof containers and store in a high place.

Two-Week Supply of Necessary Items

Maintain a two-week supply of food and drink for when you return after a storm. You may want to include the following items:

- Water and ice
- Special dietary need items
- Small containers of canned meats, fruits, soups, etc.
- Dry cereal and crackers
- Granola, cereal, protein bars, nuts, peanut butter
- Canned or bottled juices
- Dry or non-refrigerated milk

Survival Kit for Pets

Keep a kit at your home with the following items in it. Some you will take with you when you evacuate, and others that will be needed once the storm has passed and you are allowed to re-occupy your home:

- Medication, medical records and first aid kit
- Sturdy leashes, harnesses, and/or carriers to transport pets safely and ensure that your animals can’t escape
- Food, potable water, bowls, cat litter/pan, and can opener
- Current pet photo in case they get lost
- Information on feeding schedules, medical conditions, or behavior problems
- Name and number of your veterinarian in case you have to foster or board your pets.

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Space is limited and food will be provided, so limit personal belongings to only those essential items that you will need during your stay.

For more information, visit: PBC Animal Care and Control at PBC.org/public_safety/animal_care.

For more information, you can reach out to Palm Beach County Emergency Management Department, 20 S. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33415, www.discover.pbcgov.org.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Bob Edinger

Let me share with you how we attempt to communicate within Majestic Isles. There are weekly reports prepared by our property management staff, Channel 63 on your TV - a dedicated Community Channel, e-blasts, our website, our monthly newsletter, posters, and meetings. As far as residents communicating with the office and the Board, you can attend meetings, (the monthly workshop is in person and the Board meeting is held via Zoom), you can send written comments/questions to the property managers and make suggestions in writing to the Board. Please identify yourself in all written correspondence.

These are unprecedented times and wherever we look we see prices skyrocketing and the unavailability of parts and labor. Your Board is reevaluating everything, including our vendors. We recently replaced Hometown Pest with Hulett Pest Control to get a better grip on the white fly infestation affecting our shrews, as one example of change.

Our first show this year featured The Motowners, and those who attended saw a great performance. There is the lingering memory of Dr. Watson who provided great historical insight in his lecture. We are looking forward to the future events planned by the Entertainment Committee and by MILT. I am sure you all have ideas, so please share them. Hats off to the Landscaping Committee for providing the community with a colorful display of flowers - we are the envy of many of the communities nearby. Congrats to Leah Polin for sparking new committees that are now a part of our community.

The Board is trying to reach the newest members of our community to elicit what expectations they had moving in and inform them how an HOA operates. We wish to instill the understanding that Majestic Isles is a community and home to the vast majority of the residents. It is not a second home to the majority of residents, but their only home. We have in the past and will continue in the future to run the community with that sensibility.



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By Stu Schuster



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MI ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

By Steve Berry

In March we had a great start with our first three events of the year. It got even better in April. We're just getting started.

Casino Outing at The Isles of Pompano Beach

We started out on a luxury bus, and everyone was strategizing about how to make their killing. The upscale casino was roomy and smoke free. For the ride back, we think everyone might have been a little lighter. The free hot dog helped soothe our wounds.

Sunday Music At The Pool

We enjoyed two Sundays of music of various genres. First, DJ Warren Hill returned with his exciting mix of music and dance. Next, we had Dan Murphy playing music with his multiple saxophones and flute. Everyone enjoyed the poolside entertainment.

"The Motowners"

Our first major show was a huge success! The Motowners blew the walls out. It was truly a stroll down memory lane. If we closed our eyes, we could almost see The Temps, Miracles, Supremes, Four Tops and many others. Everyone who attended had a great time, felt uplifted and wanted to know when we can get them back. They will be back!

Billy Joel Cabaret

Saturday, May 7th at 8 p.m.: Tables are filling up as we look forward to one of his best concerts with a few surprise guests: Tony Bennett, Paul McCartney and other stars. If it's not sold out yet, it should be soon. The cost is \$5 pp and includes light snacks and soft drinks. Feel free to BYOB. Reservations are necessary.

We are firming up plans for Memorial Day (Monday, May 30th) and July 4th (Monday). Stay tuned for details.

We are always looking for fresh ideas for entertainment, and people to help make it happen. If you have an idea(s), please bring them to us.

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DEAR BETTY (WACHTEL)

By Alene Kristal

This is probably the last newsletter you'll read in person before you move on to the next stage of your life. Since you've been a good friend and mentor, I want to pay tribute to you for all the years we've known each other.

I think we first met when you were the editor of the "MI News," and I joined the staff. I enjoyed the work and appreciated your feedback as well as your skillful leadership of a group of enthusiastic amateur writers. You set high standards of excellence for writing, content and format – always with a kind word and thoughtfulness.

When you decided to "retire" as editor, you asked me if I'd be willing to take your job, and I jumped at the chance. It's a decision I've never regretted.

As with everything one starts from scratch, my transition was rocky at times, but you encouraged me and helped get me over the bumps in the road. More than anything, you were a voice of sanity and clear-eyed perspective – which I appreciated all the more when I got overwhelmed or frazzled. Throughout my tenure as editor, you've remained a mentor and sounding board, helping me navigate what at times have been stormy seas with a strong moral compass. I felt I had a colleague who understood me, and, at the same time, encouraged me to find my own way.

You have been an important part of my life, Betty Wachtel. Your contribution to this community as newsletter editor is a standard I aspire to emulate. And since there is no adequate way to say "Thank You," this will just have to do!

Love,
Alene



OUR SNOWBIRDS

Wishing our snowbird neighbors a safe trip back North. Enjoy your summer, stay safe and return to us healthy in the Fall.

A VIEW FROM ATOP THE CAT TREE

By Lily K



Hi neighbors! I heard Mom and Dad talking the other day about how my eating behavior is so different from my brothers'. I guess I'd have to agree. Unfortunately, Katerina, the woman from whom they adopted me, didn't know any of my background and, of course, I hadn't told her as I don't speak human. I do, of course, understand it.

So I thought I'd fill everyone in on what my early childhood was like so you all can better understand the girl I am today. I started life in a house owned by a hoarder, and she had so many cats, I lost count. Food was scarce and unpredictable, so eating became an anxiety provoking issue for me. I also learned to be a very fast eater so that no other cat could get my food.

It wasn't until I was fostered by Katerina that I learned what living in a normal human's home was like. I was in heaven! I got fed regularly and well and I didn't have to compete for my food. And I was loved unconditionally. Wow!

Now, about an hour before my usual mealtime, I'm all over Mom letting her know I'm ready to eat. I climb over her, sit on her, and interrupt whatever she's doing. She tells me, lovingly, that I'm being a pest, but she knows I'm food anxious. She eventually gets up and feeds us all, but it's never soon enough for me! I do the same thing when it's treat time – around 9 p.m. (I can tell time.) I am admittedly relentless - I'll admit it!

I'm still a nervous eater, which Mom takes care of sometimes by putting my bowl separate from those of my brothers. I'm still a very fast eater and don't know if I'll ever get over that habit. Also, my brothers are big eaters and seem to be waiting for me to finish before attacking anything I've left in my bowl. Mom keeps hoping I'll conquer my food anxiety but I'm not sure I can. It's so much a part of me that I don't know how to shut it off. Got any treats for me? I can ALWAYS use more!

“AND THE BEAT GOES ON”

Continuing our series on MI Newsletter staff...

Betty Wachtel, Former Editor

Betty attended elementary school and junior high in Yonkers, NY, and then moved to the Bronx shortly before the start of her sophomore year in high school and attended the Bronx High School of Science.

Soon after starting high school, she accompanied two new friends to a school track meet. It was there that she briefly first encountered her future husband, Jim Wachtel. Her new friends suggested that she become the team manager. So, without having any idea of what that entailed, she took the job. It wasn't what she'd thought a sports manager's job was, but it was fun – a sophomore girl and all those boys!

Two years later, while she was a student at Barnard College, she had another chance meeting with Jim at a subway station, and the first thing Jim said was, “Betty, you cut your hair.” It was then that Jim asked her out on their first date. A friend asked her how the date went, and she answered, he has brown hair and blue eyes and I'm going to marry him. To this day, she has no idea why she'd said that.

Sometime later, in March 1956, Jim was about to leave for Pittsburgh for a job interview. He asked her if she would go with him if he got the job, which, at that time, and under those circumstances, was tantamount to asking her to marry him. She said “yes.” However, after he left, she said to herself, “I don't care if I never see him again.” Obviously, she got “cold feet” - she was dating two other men at the same time.

When Jim returned, she told him about her change of heart. He stuck around, feeling more certain than she, and waited for her. After a few months, she got those other men out of her system, and she and Jim made plans to get married, which they did during the Christmas break of her senior year at Barnard. Then Jim accepted a position as a chemical engineer at Dupont, and they moved to Delaware, where Betty taught elementary school. As with many other chemical engineers, Jim changed jobs fairly often, and they subsequently lived in Brookline, MA, North Haven, CT,

While living in Brookline, their daughter, Margie was born, and Betty quit teaching to become a stay-at-home mom. David joined the family in Connecticut, and the youngest, Steve, was born in Princeton. While living in New Jersey, still a stay-at-home mom, Betty earned a doctorate at Rutgers, and she went on to work as a school psychologist when they moved to Illinois. They remained there until Jim's retirement at age 60. The Wachtels moved to Florida in late 2002.

After house hunting for a while, a mutual friend introduced them to Janice and Stan Davidson. The Davidsons told them of a house for sale in Majestic Isles and they bought it. They were making the most of their new life in the land of the sun when Jim was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2012. Betty says she knew he had it before he got the official diagnosis because he was exhibiting certain tell-tale symptoms. As the years went by, they “soldiered on,” but Jim became progressively worse, and on August 1, 2021, he passed away. As the disease advanced, Betty had a great deal of time to come to grips with the inevitable; nonetheless, it remains a disorienting loss.

Recently, Betty decided to make another major change in her life and is moving to an independent living facility to be near to her daughter Margie, in New Hampshire, and closer to her son David in Washington, DC.

This move is a bittersweet decision and is bittersweet as well as for Betty's many friends. We hate to see her go, but, as we all know, the only constant in life is change. For over 11 of the 19 years she has lived here, she was the editor of this newsletter. She said, “It was a great pleasure to have the privilege of working closely with the friendly and dedicated staff.” I'm quite sure the “MI News” staff feel the same way about her. And while we understand the reasons she has decided to move, we will miss her greatly, but are glad she will be living closer to her family for support in the years ahead. Do you have a winter coat Betty?





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THE MOUSE THAT COULDN'T ROAR

By Betty Wachtel

Mom's efforts to teach me to stand up for myself were no more effective than spitting in the ocean. She never got directly involved in my childhood squabbles, but after calming me down in the aftermath she would often give "If she says this, you can say that," advice – advice impossible for a child as shy as I was.

Teaching by example was more effective. A new school principal had each third grader who had been late to school during the month stand up and explain in front of the class why he or she had been late. I explained that I had been late because my mother told me to take the bus and the bus was very late. Good excuse, no? No. The principal asked over and over why didn't I walk when I saw the bus wasn't coming. A gutsier child would have pointed out that I could only know that the bus wasn't there, not if or when it would arrive. A gutsier child could also have said if it came while I was part way between bus stops, the bus would go flying by me. I thought those things, but couldn't get them out and eventually I started to cry. The incident may have taken five minutes, but it felt like forever. After the lunch dismissal bell rang, she scolded me again and sent me home.

After I told my mother what had happened, I became so uncontrollably hysterical that Mom kept me home that afternoon. She confronted the principal the next morning, saying she had been out of line berating me for following parental instructions. The principal just repeated, "We can't have tardiness." There was no apology, no acknowledgement that she had gone too far, but the message I took from Mom – the seed that had been planted – was that it was important to speak up when one was wronged.

When I was a camp counselor, the camp director scolded me after my co-counselor reported that I had not done my assigned dock duty, had been sound asleep when the children came back from the waterfront and had remained asleep while they dressed and got ready for supper. Her accusations were true, but she didn't know that I had a fever, had received permission from the waterfront

director to go up to bed instead of standing on the dock and had been so sound asleep that I didn't hear the kids. I just hung my head in shame, promised it wouldn't happen again and didn't explain myself. No roaring from this mouse and to this day I cringe when I remember how I failed to defend myself.

Mom modeled, "You don't always have to accept 'No' as an answer." She often told about a job interview when she was in her early twenties. Her skills and references were excellent and she was offered the job. She then informed her potential boss that she would need several days off in September to observe the Jewish holidays. He replied, "Then I can't hire you. I need someone here every day." Mom came back with, "If you hired someone else and she fell down the subway steps on the way to work, she wouldn't be here and you wouldn't have the advantage of knowing in advance." She got the job. Even as a child, I realized that Mom, too, could have unexpected absences. I'm sure the man hired her not on the merit of her argument but because her response demonstrated her ability to think on her feet.

Years later, I was asked at an interview how I could be reliable when I had a household to run and three children still at home. My mind flashed back to Mom's story, I came back with a scenario parallel to hers and walked away with the job. My response was an imitation, but the very fact that I could speak up at all came from her. Around the same time, I had been turned down when I tried to open a credit card in my own name. I wrote back saying that a man with my position and salary would have received the credit card; mine arrived almost by return mail.

I got better at speaking up over the years, and because it had been so very hard, I'm proud of myself when my efforts are successful. None of my "battles" were "fought" on a scale larger than my own life, but for me they were battles because "fighting" them didn't come naturally. It was years before the seed Mom planted matured and gave fruit, but I thank my mother that I can speak up for myself.

MOVIES/STREAMING

By Joan Sorkin



“An Invisible Thread” on *Netflix* follows the life of a young French man being raised by two fathers. Am I allowed to say that in the state of Florida?

An excellent book with almost the same name, highly recommended by Jerry Fefferman, is “The Invisible Thread” by Laura Schroff. It is a fascinating true story and very fast reading. It is available in our local Palm Beach libraries.

“Marvelous Mrs. Maisel” continues for another season on *Prime* and will keep you laughing throughout the episodes.

Steve and Alene love “Benjamin Franklin” on *PBS*, another fine movie by Ken Burns, which reveals many new facts about our favorite statesman never told in history class.

They also like “The Bay” on *Acorn* for those of you that subscribe to that streaming service.

“Hero” with Sam Elliot, a movie on *Prime*, features an aging actor facing his own mortality.

“Ave Maryam” on *Netflix* is an Indonesian film showing the conflict between a young sister’s vows and her love for a young priest.

“Before We Die” a Swedish series on *Prime*, tells the story of an undercover police investigator tracking the disappearance of her lover and the manhunt that ensues; this search somehow involves her adult son. There are many twists and turns over two seasons, but worth watching.

So many good shows to watch ... so little time. Let me know your favorites - these are some of mine.

NOTABLE MAY BIRTHDAYS

Submitted by Lois Kaish

May 3 - Niccolo Machiavelli (1469-1527)
 May 3 - Golda Meir (1898-1978)
 May 5 - Karl Marx (1818-1883)
 May 5 - Nellie Bly (1867-1922)
 May 6 - Sigmund Freud (1856-1939)
 May 6 - Robert E. Peary (1856-1920)
 May 7 - Robert E. Peary (1856-1920)
 May 7 - Archibald MacLeish (1892-1982)
 May 8 - Harry S. Truman (1884-1972)
 May 9 - John Brown (1800-1859)
 May 11 - Irving Berlin (1888-1989)
 May 11 - Martha Graham (1893-1991)
 May 12 - Florence Nightingale (1820-1910)
 May 14 - Gabriel Fahrenheit (1686-1736)
 May 14 - Thomas Gainsborough (1727-1788)
 May 18 - Frank Capra (1897-1991)
 May 19 - Ho Chi Minh (1890-1969)
 May 19 - Malcolm X (1925-1965)
 May 19 - Lorraine Hansberry (1930-1965)
 May 20 - Theodore Herzl (1860-1904)
 May 22 - Richard Wagner (1813-1883)
 May 22 - Arthur Conan Doyle (1859-1930)
 May 22 - Laurence Olivier (1907-1989)
 May 25 - Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)
 May 26 - Isadora Duncan (1878-1927)
 May 26 - Al Jolson (1886-1950)
 May 27 - Wild Bill Hickok (1837-1876)
 May 28 - Jim Thorpe (1888-1953)
 May 29 - Patrick Henry (1736-1799)
 May 29 - John Fitzgerald Kennedy (1917-1963)
 May 30 - Peter the Great (1672-1725)
 May 31 - Walt Whitman (1819-1892)

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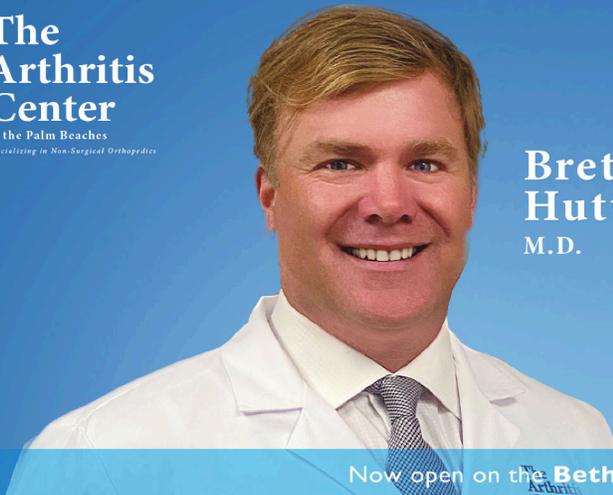
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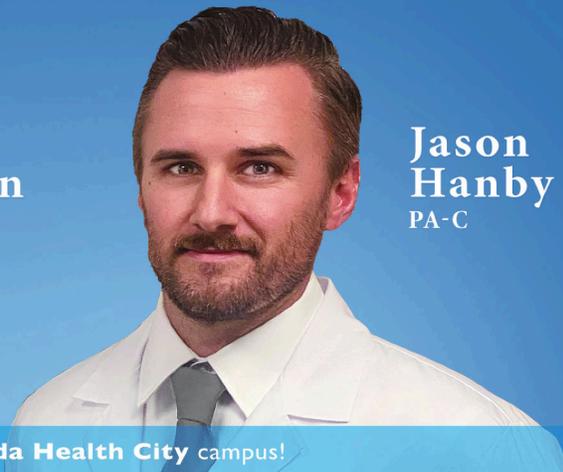


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MOTHER'S DAY QUOTES

Submitted by Helene Riffle

"Mother is a verb. It's something you do; not just who you are."

- Cheryl Lacey Donovan

"Motherhood was the great equalizer for me; I started to identify with everybody."

- Annie Lennox

"A mother's love liberates."

- Maya Angelou

"A mother's love for her child is like nothing else in the world. It knows no law, no pity; it dates all things and crushes down remorselessly all that stands in its path."

- Agatha Christie

"Having kids – the responsibility of rearing good, kind, ethical, responsible human beings – is the biggest job anyone can embark on."

- Maria Shriver

"All that I am, or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother."

- Abraham Lincoln

"If love is as sweet as a flower, then my mother is that *sweet flower of love*."

- Stevie Wonder

"Life began with waking up and loving my mother's face."

- George Eliot

"A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place *no one* else can take."

- Cardinal Mermillod

"Motherhood is the biggest gamble in the world. It is the glorious life force. It's huge and scary – it's an act of optimism."

- Gilda Radner

"Nothing is really lost until your mom can't find it."

- Unknown

"The natural state of motherhood is unselfishness."

- Jessica Lange

"My mom is *definitely* my rock."

- Alicia Keys

"A mother's love *endures* through all."

- Washington Irving

"Most mothers are instinctive *philosophers*."

- Harriet Beecher Stowe

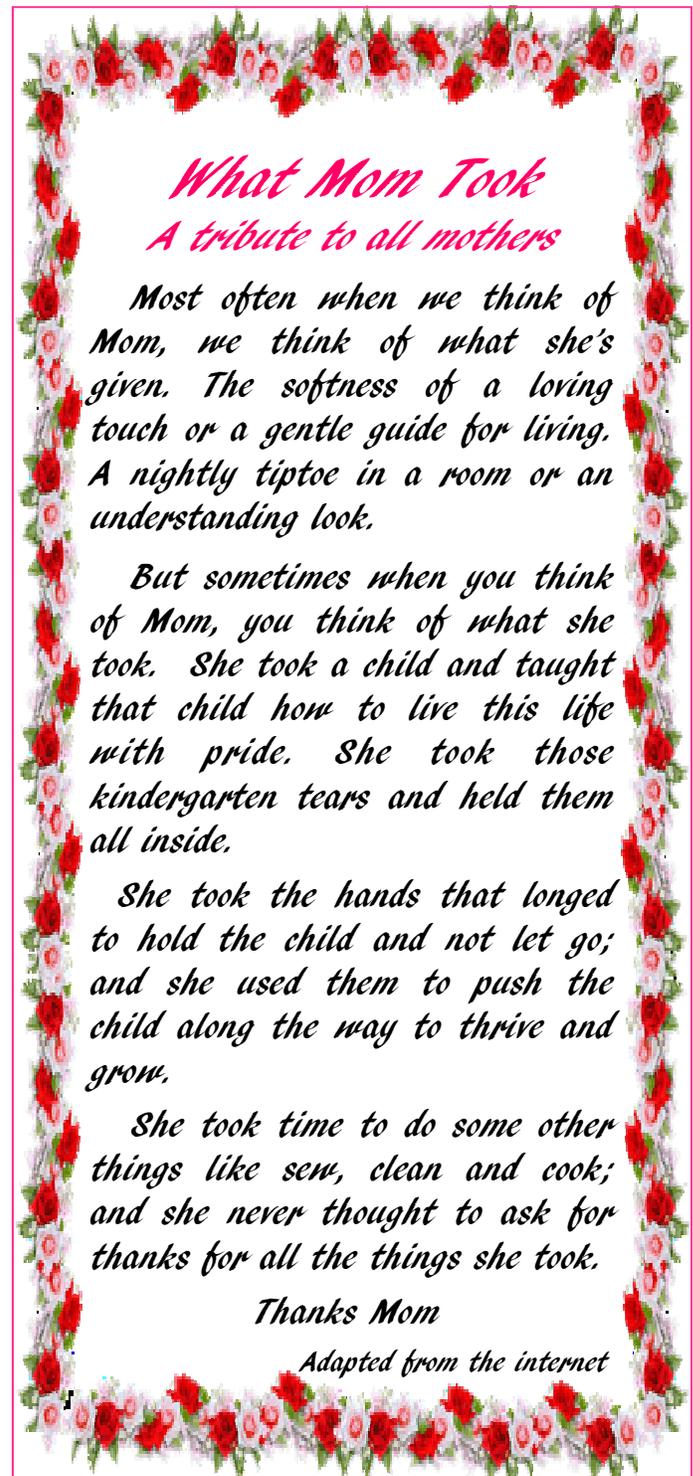
"When you look into your mother's eyes, you know that is the purest love you can find."

- Mitch Albom

"There's no way to be a perfect mother, and a million ways to be a good one."

- Jill Churchill

From the Internet



DUST IF YOU MUST

By Rose Milligan

“Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better
To paint a picture, or write a letter,
Bake a cake, or plant a seed;
Ponder the difference between want and need?

Dust if you must, but there's not much time,
With rivers to swim, and mountains to climb:
Music to hear, and books to read;
Friends to cherish, and life to lead.

Dust if you must, but the world's out there
With the sun in your eyes, and the wind in your
hair; A flutter of snow, a shower of rain,
This day will not come around again.

Dust if you must, but bear in mind,
Old age will come and it's not kind.
And when you go (and go you must)
You, yourself, will make more dust.”

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COOKING CORNER

By Michele Zaitz



Back In New Jersey, Memorial Day usually meant the beginning of barbeque season! Traditional barbeques consisted of hamburgers and hot dogs with sides of corn on the cob, baked beans, potato salad and coleslaw. Yum!! Add a Mexican flair to your next barbeque with this recipe.

CHIPOTLE SLAW

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 bag coleslaw mix
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 4 teaspoons white vinegar (or a little more to thin the dressing)
- ½ teaspoon coarse ground black pepper
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional)
- ¼ teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 chipotle pepper in adobo, chopped (if you like more heat, add ½ tablespoon adobo sauce)
- 1 cup fresh cilantro, barely chopped

DIRECTIONS:

Pour the coleslaw mix into a large bowl. In a separate bowl, mix mayonnaise, sugar, vinegar, black pepper, cayenne, salt and chipotles (and adobo sauce if using.) Add more vinegar if you like the dressing a little thinner. Pour the dressing over the cabbage and toss to combine. Just before serving, toss in the cilantro.



UNFORGETTABLE

By Joan Sorkin

Seventh of ten children, she was born into a typical struggling immigrant family in the year 1915.

A child of a seasonal sewing machine operator meant food on the table in the working season and going to bed hungry in the off-season. Clothes were hand me-downs, but the house abounded with excitement and love.

With two months free rent offered with each new apartment, they kept moving to different locations. All the apartments looked alike - railroad flats with never enough bedrooms.

She didn't even have a bed for herself. At least two sisters slept together. When someone wet the bed, everyone got punished. Although today's society would look at their life as full of neglect, she understood her mother just did not have enough time to give each child the attention they deserved.

She had to leave school at fifteen to help support the family. Even married older siblings contributed long after they left home. This is the way it had to be done and everyone seemed to accept this way of life.

Through it all, she kept her warm personality, her optimistic view on life and her ability to listen carefully to each friend, companion or family member.

She never had a cruel word to say about anyone and gave advice only when asked.

She went by many different names: to some she was Tillie, Grandma, Bubbe, sister or friend. She was a very special lady, and I was proud to call her Mother.



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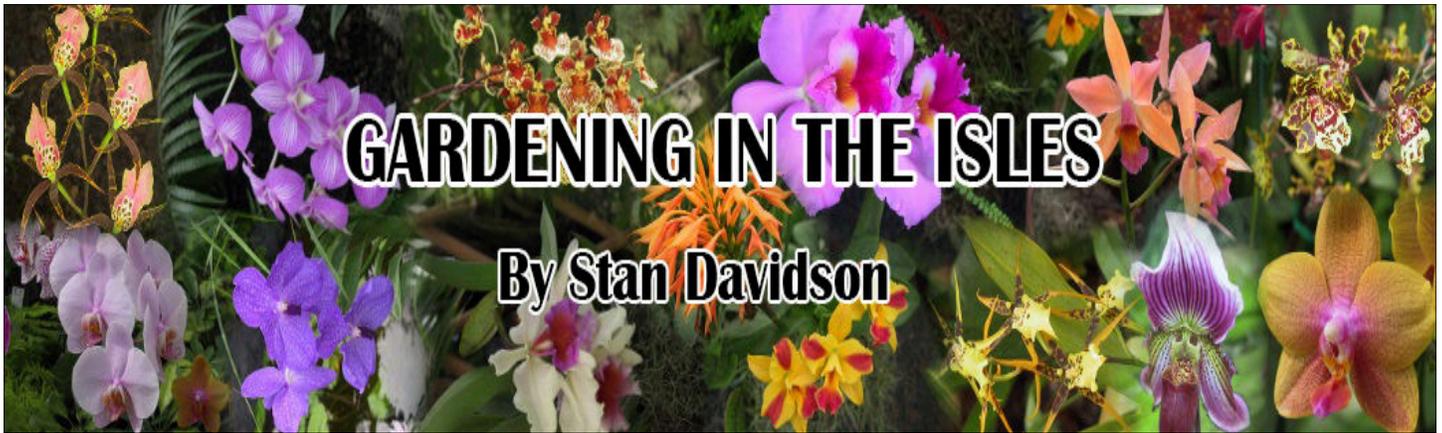
“And I’m proud to be an American,
where at least I know I’m free.
And I won’t forget the men who died,
who gave that right to me.”

— Lee Greenwood



MEMORIAL DAY





Almost every one has heard the proverb “March winds and April showers make way for May flowers.” With that in mind, let’s look at what the weather will bring Majestic Isles in May 2022. We all hope for new plant life and beautiful landscapes in the warmer months.

Although it’s just recently passed, Florida observed April as Water Conservation Month. Water is one of Florida’s most valuable resources, and we have at least a five to six monthlong “dry season.” Consequently, most counties in our state include many miles of rivers, streams, canals, retention ponds and wetlands that form the reserves to see us through the drier months.

While it has been estimated that half of the county’s rainfall (about 56 inches a year) occurs in our rainy season, which runs from May/June to September/October, I believe that climate change may have increased the amount of moisture we received during the usual dry months. The good news is that this newer weather pattern lowered the usual demand on our water reserves and they are at a healthy level.

Ever conscious of the unpredictability of rainfall, the county collects and stores it for use during the winter drought months. Boynton’s Green Cay Nature Center and Wetlands is one such example of a water retention facility. (I highly recommend you visit this nature reserve.)

Water Conservation Month in April also reminds us to stop and ask, “What can we do to ensure a reliable source of water both potable and non-potable for the years to come?”

Here are a few steps individual homeowners can take to conserve water: check toilet fixtures for leaks, install water saving devices on your kitchen and bath supply lines, take shorter showers, and turn the water off when brushing your teeth and shaving. Also, remodel bathrooms with flush saving toilets, purchase appliances that have water saving features and wait to operate dishwashers and washing machines until they are fully loaded.

To conserve non-potable water, the community follows weekly county restrictions on lawn irrigation, applies adequate mulch to retain plant moisture, locates and adjusts sprinkler heads to conserve water, and places them to meet watering needs.

Following the above recommendations can conserve the consumption of our precious Florida water year round in Majestic Isles.

POETRY

Submitted by Joan Sorkin

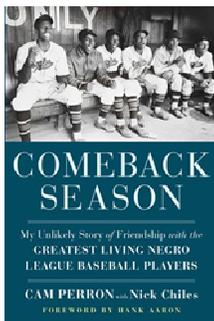
WOMAN

**was created from the rib of man
She was not made from his head - to top him
Nor from his feet - to be trampled on
She was made from his side -
to be equal to him
From under his arm - to be protected by him
From near his heart - to be loved by him.**

From the Internet

“COMEBACK SEASON” BY CAM PERRON AND NICK CHILES

By Stan Kaish



In June of 2010 the First Birmingham Negro League Players Reunion took place in Birmingham, Alabama. The year also marked the 100th anniversary of Rickwood Field, the oldest professional baseball park in the United States and the home of the Birmingham Black Barons. One

hundred players and family attended, many of whom had lost track of one another over the years. And there was one curiosity among them: a 15-year-old white boy who rather than being seen as an intruder, was welcomed as a brother, or son, or colleague, and certainly as a friend. He was Cam Perrone, the author of our book, and one of the key people responsible for their presence at the reunion.

In a book illustrated with pictures of players and studded with correspondence between them and the author as well as a foreword by Henry “Hank” Aaron, we get the first-person story of a precocious kid who collected coins, comic books, and baseball cards before he began pursuing players’ autographs. We learn that baseball stars were unlikely to comply, but the bench warmers were happy to receive any recognition and responded. Cam refers to these players as “Cup of Coffee” players, i.e. players in the league only long enough to get a cup of coffee.

One batch of baseball cards he got from Topps included a card for a Negro League player named John “Mule” Miles. Cam sent his usual request to Miles asking him to sign the enclosed card and received back a personal letter thanking him and sharing some reminiscences about the Negro League. Cam was thrilled. A new batch of players longing for attention.

He writes “It was like the proverbial lightbulb had been switched on. I had a new project that would quickly grow into an obsession: find and contact every former Negro League player who was still alive in America.”

The book is filled with correspondence between teenage Cam Perron and 60 and 70-year-old Negro players. Along the way, Cam learns of Dr. Layton Revel, a 59-year-old white physician who is a researcher and collector of Negro League



memorabilia who was intent on establishing a museum housing it. As he and Cam talk, Dr. Revel realizes that his young counterpart possesses computer

skills that he lacks. There are web sites containing addresses that Cam uses while the doctor relies on hours spent on 411 information on the telephone. And so, Cam’s collaboration with Dr. Revel advances his plan to see a reunion become a reality.

Of course, when major league baseball began drafting the best players from the Negro Leagues, starting with Jackie Robinson, the end of the Negro Leagues became inevitable. Major League baseball decided it could perhaps offer some compensation for its slights by establishing pensions for players who were four-year veterans of a Negro League and contacted Dr. Revel about identifying and locating eligible players. The doctor and his young aide undertook this task. What was needed was proof that the player under consideration had played at least four years in a Negro League. Record keeping had been spotty in the early days. The presence of a player in a game frequently came from newspaper reporting, and it was unearthing these reports that fell to Cam to access. His efforts provided income for dozens of needy veteran players.

His efforts also brought Cam some well-deserved recognition. Bryant Gumbel featured his activities on his HBO series, “Real Sports,” saying “Although just eighteen, he has become one of this country’s foremost authorities on baseball’s old Negro Leagues - and one of their closest friends as well.” All in all, an interesting read for baseball and history fans.

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SOME MIAMI HISTORY

By Claire Deveney



The first people in South Florida were Paleo-Indians. They discovered the area more than 10,000 years ago. Hundreds of years ago, when

Christopher Columbus discovered the New World, the Tequesta Indians lived here. Abundant food supplied by the land and sea made life easy.

Miami took its name from the Miami River, which was based on a Tequesta Indian word believed to mean “big water.” The Tequesta had Miami to themselves until the Spanish claimed it in the 1500s.

Pedro Menendez de Aviles and his men visited the Tequesta settlement in 1566, and Spanish settlers built a mission at the mouth of the Miami River by 1567 and a fort in 1743. Many Spanish colonists, along with residents of other lands, established homes and farms along the Miami River and Biscayne Bay.

People came from the Bahamas to South Florida and the Keys to hunt for treasure from the ships that crashed onto the treacherous Great Florida reef. Some accepted Spanish land offers along the Miami River. At about the same time, the Seminole Indians arrived, along with a group of runaway slaves. In 1821, the United States purchased Florida from Spain.

In the 1830s, Richard Fitzpatrick bought land on the Miami River from the Bahamians. He operated a successful plantation where he cultivated sugar cane, bananas, corn and tropical fruit. Fort Dallas was located on Fitzpatrick’s Plantation on the north bank of the river.

The area became a war zone during the Second Seminole War. Most non-Indian residents were soldiers stationed at Fort Dallas. It was the most devastating Indian war in American history. It caused an almost total loss of population in the Miami area.

After the Second Seminole War ended in 1842, Fitzpatrick’s nephew, William English, reestablished the plantation in Miami. He charted the “Village of Miami” on the south bank of the Miami River and sold several plots of land.

The Third Seminole War (1855-1858) was not as destructive as the second one. Even so, it slowed down the settlement of southeast Florida. At the end of the war, a few of the soldiers stayed. Some of the Seminole remained in the Everglades. However as late as the 1890s, only a handful of families made their homes in Miami.

The scene began to change as a few wealthy and influential pioneers arrived. Julia Tuttle and William and Mary Brickell had a real impact on the Miami area. In 1895, a record freeze hit most of north Florida. At the time, Henry Flagler’s railroad was bringing thousands of rich northerners to sunny Florida. Flagler met with Tuttle and received fresh orange blossoms to assure him that the Miami area was frost-free. Flagler agreed to extend his railroad into Miami. In exchange, Tuttle and the Brickells provided Flagler with land.

On April 13, 1896, the first train entered Miami. The city incorporated that same year. One year later, Flagler opened the famous Royal Palm Hotel in Miami. It had five stories, more than 400 rooms, and attracted the rich and famous. All kinds of people came to Miami. Most of the early merchants were Jewish. Blacks provided the primary labor force for the building of Miami. Black Americans and Bahamians made up one-third of the city’s population. The city’s black residents were allowed to purchase land only in one area of Miami. As a result, Colored Town, later called Overtown, developed.

By the turn of the century, the State of Florida began draining the Everglades in order to provide more usable land. Speculators bought millions of acres from the state. They marketed the property all over the country. Sometimes investors paid for land that was actually underwater.

The Miami River empties into Biscayne Bay at the heart of what is now the Miami central business district. In 1913, a bridge was built across Biscayne Bay to create a man-made beach paradise offshore of Miami. The bay was dredged, and a sandbar became Miami Beach.

Miami’s tourism industry began to grow. Brickell Avenue became “Millionaire’s Row” when many

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wealthy visitors built sprawling vacation homes there. One home, Villa Vizcaya, is a grand mansion built in the Italian Renaissance style. Built between 1914 and 1916, it employed ten percent of Miami's population during its construction. By the Roaring Twenties, the city's population had soared to 30,000. Coral Gables, Miami Shores, Lemon City, and Coconut Grove all became part of the city in 1925.

By 1926, the real estate boom was over. In September, a massive hurricane swept through. A depression followed.

During the depression, a group of predominantly Jewish investors came to Miami Beach. They built a large number of small hotels with stark modern lines. This building boom helped bring the area out of the depression. Forty years later, it would become the world-famous Art Deco District and includes the internationally renowned South Beach.

During World War II, many training facilities for armed forces were established throughout Miami. After the war, many veterans returned to the area to live. The draining of the Everglades, along with highway building, and the coming of universal air conditioning stimulated the growth of the Miami area.

Fidel Castro's takeover of Cuba in 1959 brought many new residents as Cuban exiles flooded into the area. Many of them were well educated. Their presence brought new life to the city's economy and neighborhoods. Beginning in 1965, "Freedom Flights" brought even more Cubans to the area. An additional 125,000 boat people from Cuba were admitted to the United States in 1980.

Miami was evolving into a Latin American gateway. By the 1980s, so many Haitian immigrants had arrived that Lemon City was renamed Little Haiti.

The refugees competed with the blacks for many entry-level jobs, which led to serious tension. In the 1980s there were four race riots in Miami.

Also in the 1980s, the area gained prominence as an entry port for drug dealers, and the accompanying money and crime. As a result of the popularity of the TV show Miami Vice, Miami became a glamorous destination.

Hurricane Andrew devastated Miami in 1992. This was the costliest natural disaster in American history. By the mid 1990s, Miami had largely recovered from the damage.

Today, Miami is increasingly international. Over 65 percent of the city's people are Hispanics, a diverse population who share a Spanish language heritage. Miami has many cultures, languages, lifestyles, and festivals. Miami's people make up one of America's most vibrant, colorful communities.

Miami is now the third most popular American destination for international tourists. Miami's connections to Latin America are of particular importance. From its beginnings as a tiny settlement along the Miami River to the international city of today, Miami represents a place to begin anew, and a gateway to a better tomorrow. The city isn't perfect, but then again, what is?

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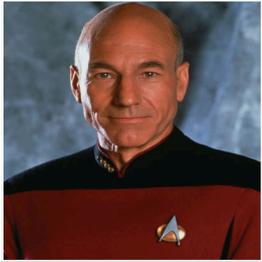
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Submitted by Steve Karten



Unlike the action-oriented exuberance of Captain James T. Kirk on the original “Star Trek”, Jean-Luc Picard (“Star Trek, The Next Generation”) was a philosopher who chewed on the moral complexities of

life, duty, and the many unknowns of the universe that confronted his crew week after week. Picard’s thoughtful aura was created by the acting prowess of Patrick Stewart, who spent most of his career walking in the shoes of some of William Shakespeare’s most complex characters. Stewart told Smithsonian Magazine in 2014, “I used to get asked, ‘In a fight between Kirk and Picard, who would win?’” And my answer always was there wouldn’t be a fight because Picard would negotiate his way around it.”

The following 10 quotes represent moments of Picard’s brilliance throughout the show’s seven seasons. While many of the Starfleet captain’s problems are firmly embedded in the 24th century - the personhood of super-advanced AI, the moral failings of a galaxy-wide government, and so very many time anomalies - his words speak to timeless truths about what it means to be human.

“There can be no justice, so long as laws are absolute. Life itself is an exercise in exceptions.”

“You have to measure your successes and your failures within. Not by anything that I or anyone else might think.”

“Seize the time.... Live now! Make now always the most precious time. Now will never come again.”

“It is possible to commit no mistakes and still lose. That is not weakness, that is life.”

“The only person you’re truly competing against is yourself.”

“Someone once told me that time was a predator that stalked us all our lives. But I rather believe that time is a companion who goes with us on the journey and reminds us to cherish every moment because they’ll never come again.”

“You cannot explain away a wantonly immoral act because you think that it is connected to some higher purpose.”

“Open your mind to the past: to history, art, philosophy. And then [looks at the stars] this will mean something.”

“There are times, sir, when men of good conscience cannot blindly follow orders.”

“What we leave behind is not as important as how we lived. After all, number one, we’re only mortal.”

From the Internet

REVOLUTIONARY WAR HERO

Submitted by Arlene Brizel



Haym Salomon was born in Lesno, Poland. His parents were refugees from Portugal, having escaped religious persecution there. Following a decade of travel through Europe in his early 20s, he returned to Poland to join in that country’s war with Russia. After earning enough money to pay for his passage to America, he arrived in New York City during the winter of 1772. At that time, New York was a thriving colonial city with a population of about 14,000 people.

Salomon soon learned that the colonies were in political turmoil over the issue of taxation without representation. He started a brokerage company which became very successful. Once the Revolutionary War began, he brokered many financial transactions that kept the American soldiers clothed and armed. He went on to make numerous personal loans to members of the fledgling U.S. government and raised money to pay the new government’s debts.

In 1975, the U.S. Post Office issued a commemorative stamp honoring Haym Salomon as a Revolutionary War hero. The front of the stamp depicted Salomon at his desk with the words “Financial Hero.” For only the second time in 143 years of U.S. stamps, a message appeared on the back of the stamp reading: “Businessman and broker, Haym Salomon was responsible for raising most of the money needed to finance the American Revolution and later to save the new nation from collapse.” Many historians who have studied Salomon’s story suggest that without his contributions, there would be no America today.

From the Revolutionary War archives on the Internet, in celebration of Jewish American Heritage Month (May)

MAY IN HISTORY

Submitted by Lois Kaish

May 1, 1707 - Great Britain was formed from a union between England and Scotland, including Wales, which had been part of England since the 1500s. The United Kingdom today consists of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

May 2, 2011 - U.S. Special Operations Forces killed Osama bin Laden.

May 4, 1886 -The Haymarket Square Riot occurred in Chicago.

May 4, 1970 - At Kent State University, four students were killed by National Guardsmen who opened fire on students protesting President Richard Nixon's decision to invade Cambodia.

May 5th - Celebrated in Mexico as Cinco de Mayo, a national holiday in remembrance of the Battle of Puebla in 1862.

May 5, 1865 - Decoration Day was first observed in the U.S., with the tradition of decorating soldiers' graves from the Civil War with flowers.

May 5, 1893 - The Wall Street Crash of 1893 began, the worst economic crisis in U.S. history up to that time.

May 7, 1945 - In a small red brick schoolhouse in Reims, Germany, General Alfred Jodl signed the unconditional surrender of all German fighting forces, thus ending World War II in Europe.

May 8, 1942 - During World War II in the Pacific, the Battle of the Coral Sea began in which Japan would suffer its first defeat of the war.

May 10, 1869 - The newly constructed tracks of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railways were first linked at Promontory Point, Utah.

May 10, 1994 - Former political prisoner Nelson Mandela was inaugurated as president of South Africa.

May 14, 1607 -The first permanent English settlement in America was established at Jamestown, Virginia, by a group of royally chartered Virginia Company settlers from Plymouth, England.

May 14, 1804 - Meriwether Lewis and William Clark departed St. Louis on their expedition to explore the Northwest.

May 14, 1796 - Smallpox vaccine was developed by Dr. Edward Jenner.

May 14, 1942 - During World War II, an Act of Congress allowed women to enlist for noncombat duties in the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WAAC), the Women Appointed for Voluntary Emergency Service (WAVES), Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS), and Semper Paratus Always Ready Service (SPARS), the Women's Reserve of the Marine Corp.

May 17, 1875 -The first Kentucky Derby horse race took place at Churchill Downs in Louisville.

May 17, 1954 - In *Brown v. Board of Education*, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled that segregation of public schools denies black children "equal educational opportunity. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal."

May 18, 1804 - Napoleon Bonaparte became Emperor of France.

May 18, 1980 - Mount St. Helens volcano erupted in southwestern Washington State.

May 20, 1862 - President Lincoln signed the Homestead Act opening millions of acres of government owned land in the West to "homesteaders" who could acquire up to 160 acres by living on the land and cultivating it for five years, paying just \$1.25 per acre.

May 20, 1927 - Charles Lindbergh took off from Roosevelt Field, Long Island, in the *Spirit of St. Louis*, attempting to win a \$25,000 prize for the first solo nonstop flight between New York City and Paris.

May 20, 1932 - Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic.

May 21, 1881 -The American Red Cross was founded by Clara Barton.

May 22, 1972 - President Richard Nixon became the first American president to visit Moscow.

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YE OLDE DRUG SHOPPE

By Phyllis M. Cohen



Every time I stand in line at one of the new mega drug stores waiting for a prescription to be filled, I think back to my Brooklyn childhood and my father's corner drugstore.

For over forty years, my father was consumed with making a living from this small business on the ground floor of a large apartment house built in the early part of the century. Like most neighborhood drug stores of that era, it suffered from the effects of the depression, the scarcity of merchandise during World War II, and the proximity of another three or four drug stores within a few blocks. Nevertheless, inside that little store, my dad was king.

Being a druggist, in those days, was only a step away from being a doctor. Everyone called my dad, "Doc," and his store was the first place anyone stopped in for a splinter or a speck in the eye to be removed or a wound to be taped. He routinely prescribed cough mixtures, fever remedies, tonics and cures for heartburn, sore throats, colds and headaches. In a time when sex was a taboo subject and personal hygiene products were not displayed or discussed all over television, there was always some slightly embarrassed man or woman asking to speak to the pharmacist privately. It took me years to figure out what items they were purchasing so secretly.

Filling prescriptions actually involved compounding medicines from a list of chemicals and drugs. Not only were liquids mixed and bottled, but salves were mixed on a marble slab, capsules were individually filled from concoctions crushed and combined with a mortar and pestle, and powders were measured and dispensed in little paper folded packs (much like chewing gum wrappers.) My father would frantically call one of his four girls to come assist him in the store on a day when he was overwhelmed with filling eight or 10 prescriptions. Unbeknownst to the Board of Pharmacy, a little eight-year-old would join him behind the counter to help fill capsules or powders.

In the pre-penicillin and wonder drug days, I don't

remember any drug that ever cost more than \$4 or \$5, and even in those "good olde" days, the customers complained bitterly about the prices. One of his favorite stories involved a customer who insisted that an item he was selling for \$1.25 was only \$1.00 down the street. "Why didn't you buy it there?" my dad asked. She replied, "He's out of it today." "Well," he answered, "when I'm out of it, it's only 75¢."

In addition to prescriptions, a variety of nostrums, patent medicines and cure-alls were offered off the shelf. Standard wound treatments included the ever-dependable Mercurochrome and for bigger wounds, straight iodine, guaranteed by its sting to make you forget your original injury. There were remedies for soaking or washing injured parts like Epsom salts, Burrough's Solution (boric acid) or witch hazel. Vicks and mustard plasters were used to burn the coughs and colds from your chest. Lydia Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was something for ladies' "complaints" (old advertising in the 1890's promised "A baby in every bottle"). Carter's Little Liver Pills or Doan's Pills were for grown-up intestinal problems, and Fletchers Castoria was a well know laxative for children. Strings of rock candy seeped with hot milk and butter were a sweet cure for colds and coughs. Headaches could be cured with B.C. Headache powders, and hangovers and bellyaches were treated with a bottle of bromide water that was dispensed like a soda bottle.

And though his new post-war refrigerator was purchased to hold the life saving insulin and antibiotics that were coming into use, he still sold, during those terrible polio epidemics of the 1940's, camphor squares which mothers sewed into little bags for children to wear around their necks to ward off the dreaded disease. (If nothing else, they kept away the moths.)

Many of my dad's sales were composed of a single post card or three-cent stamp, tiny tins of aspirin, a package of bobby pins, and once in a while, a big Evening in Paris perfume set for a special occasion. If necessary, he would make the holes in the nipples for baby bottles (sold in those days without openings) or notarize a document for you with his big embossing seal for a dollar.

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THE WHISTLE

By Michele Zaitz

I often think about a story discussed in my seventh-grade English class, "The Whistle," written by Benjamin Franklin. It's the story of a young man who goes to a toy store and falls in love with a whistle another child had. He spent all his money to buy one just like it. When he returned home, he excitedly went whistling all around the house. But his family members were not as delighted with his purchase as he was. They teased him for paying too much and made him feel silly because he could have used his money on better things. Their teasing took away the pleasure his whistle had given him.

Franklin then goes on to discuss different observations of instances in which he felt someone "paid too much for his whistle." He talks about people he felt sacrificed their time, and possibly relationships, to gain wealth as "paying too much for their whistle."

Here's my take-away as an adult: I believe the main goal most of us had was to provide as nice a lifestyle as we could for our families and ourselves. Yes, that often took many hours away from time we would have preferred to spend with our children, other family members, friends and time for ourselves.

My question all these years later: what determines paying a lot for your whistle as opposed to paying too much? It's such a personal thing. I think many of us paid a lot for our "whistle." It doesn't necessarily mean we paid too much if we got to enjoy it. Did this young man really pay too much for it (at any amount) if he got to enjoy playing it?

I know for myself there were times in my life that I indeed was paying too much for my whistle to provide a nice life for my family because what my son really wanted was more of my time. So the lesson I learned that I want to pass on to the next generation is to find a balance and enjoy your whistle along the way. And for those of us who paid too much, take the time now to enjoy your whistle.



May History (Continued from Page 27)

May 22, 1947 - Congress approved the Truman Doctrine, assuring U.S. support for Greece and Turkey to prevent the spread of Communism.

May 24, 1844 – Telegraph inventor Samuel Morse sent the first official telegraph message, "What hath God wrought?" from the Capitol building in Washington, D.C., to Baltimore.

May 25, 1787 -The Constitutional Convention began in Philadelphia with delegates from seven states forming a quorum.

May 26, 1940 - The Dunkirk evacuation began in order to save the British Expeditionary Force trapped by advancing German armies on the northern coast of France. Boats and vessels of all shapes and sizes ferried 200,000 British and 140,000 French and Belgian soldiers across the English Channel by June 2nd.

May 30, 1783 -The Pennsylvania Evening Post became the first daily newspaper published in America.

May 30, 1922 -The Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., was dedicated. The Memorial was designed by architect Henry Bacon and features a compelling statue of "Seated Lincoln" by sculptor Daniel Chester French.



Ye Old Drug Shoppe (Continued from Page 28)

All that of course, is gone now. Personally knowing the druggist, calling him at midnight to open the store for a medicine for a sick baby, taking messages for neighbors on the public phones, are things of the past. Impersonal, corporate-run businesses are part of the fabric of our lives. Yet my father would have loved the new drug stores. He was always adding product to his little store: baby foods when they came out, beautiful boxes of Valentine and then Christmas candy, big displays of tissues and soaps and cosmetics as they became more plentiful. I know he would stand in awe at the sight of those hundreds of prescriptions being filled daily at one of the big stores on any given day. And he would sigh!



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BOOK TALKS

By Claire Deveney



Allan Topolosky will lead a discussion of “The Lions of Fifth Avenue” by Fiona Davis at the next Book Talks meeting on **Wednesday June 15** in the clubhouse ballroom at 2 p.m. The

book selection is a “Good Morning America” Book Club pick and a “New York Times” bestseller.

The reviews below are from the Barnes and Noble and Amazon websites.

“In *New York Times* bestselling author Fiona Davis's latest historical novel, a series of book thefts roils the iconic New York Public Library, leaving two generations of strong-willed women to pick up the pieces.”

“It's 1913, and on the surface, Laura Lyons couldn't ask for more out of life - her husband is the superintendent of the New York Public Library, allowing their family to live in an apartment within the grand building, and they are blessed with two children. But headstrong, passionate Laura wants more, and when she takes a leap of faith and applies to the Columbia Journalism School, her world is cracked wide open. As her studies take her all over the city, she is drawn to Greenwich Village's new bohemia, where she discovers the Heterodoxy Club—a radical, all-female group in which women are encouraged to loudly share their opinions on suffrage, birth control, and women's rights. Soon Laura finds herself questioning her traditional role as wife and mother. And when valuable books are stolen back at the library, threatening the home and institution she loves, she's forced to confront her shifting priorities head on . . . and may just lose everything in the process.”

Majestic Isles Book Talks regularly meets the third Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. in the clubhouse, October through June. An email notice of the June meeting will be sent to Book Talks members as well as a reminder a day before

the meeting. To add your name and email address to the list, please email cdeveney@comcast.net. Contacts for Book Talks are Claire Deveney, cell: 561-504-3842, and Allan Topolosky, 301-335-2288.

MILT

By Ed Strauber



Greetings to all our friends and neighbors of Majestic Isles. Thanks to Dr. Harvey Vetstein, MILT IS BACK. On Sunday, March 20th he delivered a rousing lecture entitled “Society’s Outsiders” in literature, a look at non-conformity by authors and characters. We can always count on Harvey for a program of entertaining and thought-provoking edification.

As I write this, MILT is looking forward to our next production on Sunday April 24th at 7:30 p.m. The program is called “Entertainment Tonight,” and includes a tribute to Stephen Sondheim and his lyrics, a comedic impression of Phyllis Diller, followed by three talented soloists singing selections from musical theater and the “American Songbook.”

At this time, our next MILT evening is scheduled for Sunday May 22nd. Please look for the flyer, with more details, in the back of the clubhouse. MILT needs and welcomes new participants. For more information, please call Ed Strauber 561-732-3344. Thank you for your continued support to Community Theater.

TENNIS

By Marshall Deutsch



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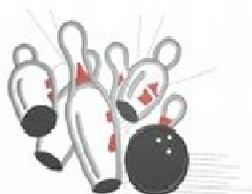
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By Joyce Stoudermire



HIGH GAME

Week 27 - MEN:

K. Ramnarine	183
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Jerry Elefson	159

Week 27 - WOMEN

J. Stoudermire	168
Ilene Gross	143
Iris Rothstein	135

Week 28 - MEN

B. Numeroff	189
B. Rosenhouch	184
Jerry Elefson	170

Week 28 - WOMEN

J. Stoudermire	174
Issy Elefson	141
Ilene Gross	134

Week 29 – MEN

B. Numeroff	186
Steve Herbin	185
Fred Neikrug	176

Week 29 – WOMEN

D. Rothman	143
J. Stoudermire	135
M. Ramnarine	134

Week 30 – MEN

K. Ramnarine	218
Alan Stevens	184
Steve Herbin	169

HIGH SERIES

K. Ramnarine	499
B. Numeroff	449
Jerry Elefson	445

Ilene Gross	387
J. Stoudermire	376
Issy Elefson	336

B. Numeroff	549
K. Ramnarine	464
Steve Herbin	456

J. Stoudermire	406
Ilene Gross	365
M. Ramnarine	356

Steve Herbin	513
B. Numeroff	494
K. Ramnarine	478

D. Rothman	375
Ilene Gross	355
J. Stoudermire	349

K. Ramnarine	576
B. Numeroff	447
Alan Stevens	441

Week 30 – WOMEN

J. Stoudermire	155	E. Snyder	411
E. Snyder	150	J. Stoudermire	392
Issy Elefson	134	Natalie Herbin	346

Week 31 – MEN

K. Ramnarine	156	Steve Herbin	445
Steve Herbin	153	K. Ramnarine	379
B. Numeroff	145	B. Numeroff	357

Week 31 – WOMEN

J. Stoudermire	132	J. Stoudermire	360
Ilene Gross	126	Iris Rothstein	343
Iris Rothstein	125	Ilene Gross	336

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCORERS:

Men: Ken Ramnarine 183 (week 27), 218 (week 30); Bob Numeroff 174 (week 27), 189 (week 28), 186 (week 29); Bob Rosenhouch 184 (week 28) Jerry Elefson 170 (week 28); Steve Herbin 185 (week 29), 169 (week 30); Fred Neikrug 176 (week 29); Alan Stevens 184 (week 30).

Women: Joyce Stoudermire 168 (week 27), 174 (week 28), 155 (week 30); Ilene Gross 143 (week 27); Issy Elefson 141 (week 28); Denise Rothman 143 (week 29); Estelle Snyder 150 (week 30).

We ended our fall season on April 12 with a delicious pizza party. Everyone had such a wonderful time. We will be back in September. In the meantime, our summer bowling for fun begins on Tuesday, June 7 at 12 noon. Cost is \$3.59 plus tax with a requirement of three games. It's not league bowling, so you can just show up and teams will be set up by our captain, Alan Stevens. Please join us whenever you can.

If anyone is interested in joining us in the fall, please call Alan Stevens 561-336-4223. We look forward to hearing from you.



PAP CORPS

By Marilyn Chermak and Renee Stichel



The Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center is transforming cancer research and treatment in South Florida and beyond. Proceeds from The Pap Corps

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All members and residents are invited to our annual Wine and hors d'oeuvres with Pap! Join us Thursday, May 26 at 3 pm. for an afternoon filled with delicious delights provided by our amazing board members, glasses of wine, and the beautiful voice of James Perkowski! RSVP required! Watch for details on the flyer!

Come and enjoy a fun filled afternoon. Canasta, mah-jongg, bridge, dominoes, scrabble etc. in our clubhouse ballroom on Thursday June 23 at 1 p.m. Snacks and beverages will be provided! All are invited!

Please look for Pap flyers detailing all our events in the back lobby.

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NEW CLUBS

By Michele Zaitz

Two new clubs started in March at Majestic Isles. *Glitz and Glamor Beading*, led by Venita Ackerman, was fun and a wonderful way to start our new endeavors! Each participant left with a beautiful necklace they created with Venita's help. The choice of beads to use was amazing. We chatted and beaded and before we knew it, we had a lovely piece of jewelry!

The club meets once a month on Monday night at 7 p.m. in the arts and crafts room. You can find the date for the next class on channel 63. Pre-registration is necessary due to limited space, and fees may apply. If interested, please contact Venita at Venita.ackerman@gmail.com.

The second club, *Cooking in Majestic Isles*, presented by Ira and Michele Zaitz, meets twice a month. The first class was a demonstration and tasting which featured a cold taco dip and chips. Attendees received a copy of the recipe as well as a recipe for a hot taco dip. Everyone sampled and enjoyed conversation with friends, old and new. At the second meeting, two eggplant appetizers and crostini were featured. Techniques for cutting the ingredients were demonstrated and little extra tips were given. After everyone had a chance to taste and socialize, the leftovers were raffled off and many people got to take home a delicious treat!

The twice monthly meetings are on Mondays at 2:00 p.m. You can find the date of the next class on channel 63. Again, pre-registration is necessary due to limited space. There is a \$3 charge to cover food costs and supplies if you choose to taste what is presented. If you don't wish to taste, but would like to attend, there is no charge, but please pre-register. If interested, please contact Michele at mzaitz811@gmail.com.

NEWS AND VIEWS

By **Bobbie Rosenfeld**



A month of horror has just passed and is still on-going. Much sadness is in the world, and here at home. The Ukrainian War has taken much of our discussion time and broken our hearts. The emotional impact has been brutal.

This is not a situation that can be put to rest, as new atrocities occur daily. We remain torn as to whether we should do more or stay the course we are on. Some feel we are already at war and should send planes and troops, with most feeling we should not. There are no easy answers and no relief in sight. The desecration of Bucha has raised the ante and has us all concerned about the other occupied cities of Ukraine. We mostly all feel this war will end the reign of Putin. The Russian propaganda machine is pervasive and so much disinformation is being put out there that Russians seem to be buying the lies in lieu of facts. How can the facts get through to people when all they hear is lies? More to come on this topic - join us and share your views.

We talked about the overdosing at West Point and what the outcome will be for the cadets involved.

We noted the death of Madeline Albright. We also spoke about the passing of our wonderful contributor, Bill Harris. Bill was a regular attendee at our meetings and always brought up thoughtful and important topics for discussion. His intelligence enlightened us all. A wonderful man who will be missed by us all. R.I.P. Bill.

We spent a lot of time discussing the Senate confirmation hearings of Ketanji Brown Jackson. Many were embarrassed by the rudeness of the Republicans' lines of questioning and the lack of credibility exhibited by Senators Hawley, Graham, and Cruz. Their agenda was on full display and was insulting to the nominee for the court. Their "get-even" attitude appeared childish, especially in light of the fact they have approved many judges with far worse voting records on the topics on which they attacked Judge Jackson. She stood tall and kept her demeanor measured and respectful throughout the hearings. It was a sad commentary on how broken the Senate is. We also discussed the situation

Justice Thomas is in due to the emails and tweets written by his wife Ginni. We all felt he needed to recuse himself in any case in which his wife has had a part, and we also felt the need to put more ethical controls in place to uphold the integrity of the Court.

Of course, the issue of gas prices came up again and how state taxes on gas prices work. It is clear the gas companies are making lots of money by producing less gas. We discussed the Parkland penalty case, with most feeling that the death penalty was warranted over life in prison. Those in favor of life imprisonment believe that the death penalty has killed too many innocent people while many horrific criminals get off with the wrong sentence. Unfortunately, one must remember that the legal system doesn't guarantee either justice or fairness.

We discussed the completion of the human Genome Project. We spoke of why it was important and how it can be used to help mankind with diseases and health in general. Mention was made of the potential danger for human engineering, and some discussion took place around that as a future concern that will need further discussion. Join us for more on Mondays at 3 p.m. So many topics are ongoing and your voices are important. See you there.

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1	Sunday	6:00 p.m.	Singles Pizza & Bingo	(p,h)
2	Monday	10:00 a.m.	Board Workshop	(f,h)
4	Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Entertainment Comm. Meeting	(f,h)
5	Thursday	10:30 a.m.	Calendar Comm. Meeting	(f,h)
6	Friday	11:00 a.m.	Newsletter Comm. Meeting	(f,h)
7	Saturday	7:30 p.m.	Billy Joel Cabaret	(p,h)
9	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Glitz & Glam Beading	(p,h)
11	Wednesday	2:00 p.m.	MILT Board Meeting	(f,h)
12	Thursday	2:00 p.m.	PAP Board Meeting	(f,h)
15	Sunday	7:30 p.m.	Movie Night	(p,h)
18	Wednesday	2:00 p.m.	Book Talks	(f,h)
19	Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting	(f,h)
22	Sunday	7:30 p.m.	MILT Event	(f,h)
23	Monday	2:00 p.m.	Cooking in Majestic Isles	(p,h)
26	Thursday	3:00 p.m.	PAP Opening Day	(p,h)
30	Monday	2:00 p.m.	Entertainment Event	(p,h)
31	Tuesday	10:30 a.m.	Entertainment Comm. Meeting	(f,h)

Weekly Activities

Daily	8:30 a.m.	Pickleball	(f,h)
Monday	10:00 a.m.	Chair Aerobics/Yoga	(f,h)
Monday	1:00 p.m.	Paper Craft	(f,h)
Monday	3:00 p.m.	News and Views	(f,h)
Tuesday	9:15 a.m.	Water Aerobics	(f,h)
Tuesday	12:00 p.m.	Bowling	(p,a)
Tues/Thurs/Sat	9:30 a.m.	Tennis	(f,h)
Wednesday	10:15 a.m.	Water Aerobics	(f,h)
Wednesday	1:00 p.m.	Needlecraft	(f,h)
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Chair Aerobics/Yoga	(f,h)
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Water Aerobics	(f,h)

Dates and times are subject to change. Please see channel 63 or our website for updates.

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