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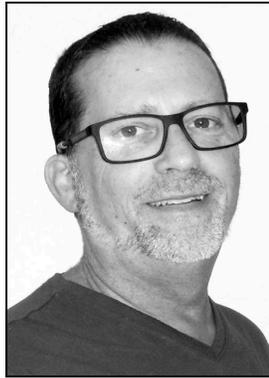
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The following are a few reminders of the Rules and Regulations of Majestic Isles. I'm emphasizing them because we get complaints about these issues frequently.

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Overnight street parking is not permitted anywhere in the community. Do not park in front of mailboxes or directly opposite a driveway, and park in the correct direction. Please note that homeowners are responsible for their guests' vehicles.

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Tuesday and Friday are trash pickup days, with recycling on Tuesday and bulk on Friday. All trash must be in a covered receptacle and cannot be placed outside before 5:00 p.m. the day prior to pick up. No plastic bags are allowed on the ground.

Hurricane shutters may only be up between June 1st and Nov 30th. Leaving them up at any other time could result in a fine.

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**REMINDER**

Copies of this newsletter are available in the back lobby of the clubhouse and in a box by the pool. Be sure to pick up copies for your homebound neighbors! **SNOWBIRDS** can also find the current issue at MajesticIsles.com under the heading "Newsletter" and past issues are available for your enjoyment through the resident portal on the website.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By **Bob Edinger**

As we move into summer, Steve Berry has made us aware he will be resigning as Entertainment Committee Chair for personal reasons on or about July 1st. We wish him well in the future. At the Board meeting in May, the Board announced that the new Committee Chair's responsibility will be handled by Priscilla Nieves and supported by Jay Peskoff. Before coming to Majestic Isles, Priscilla had experience in planning events, and Jay has access to a large and affordable list of entertainers. Steve will be in a background role for the rest of 2022. Ellen Nelson is continuing as Board liaison.

The Board is aware that more than a dozen new families have moved into Majestic Isles, and we encourage them to join committees as a way to be involved in what is going on and helping shape the future of our community. Because the Entertainment Committee has had such a positive effect on our community we are trying to expand the number of individuals on the committee. Please contact Jay or Priscilla to join. Things only work in Majestic Isles if the people who live here extend themselves to be of service to the community. Even those who work full time can make suggestions and share ideas to make this a place for everyone to enjoy.

During the summer months we will be spending more of our time in and around the pool, in the shade, or more actively using the clubhouse. COVID is still with us, albeit in lessening numbers. However, those who have it or test positive, as well as their families, should self-quarantine and alert our property management to their condition.

We have received more than a handful of positive comments from residents and visitors about how nicely we keep our grounds and facilities. We are all immensely proud that this is how people view our community.

We must never forget the daily services of Jay, Priscilla, Michael, and Paula that keep us looking good. Having said that, those of you who come to the pool and move the chairs from where they were set originally, please put them back where you found them. If you opened an umbrella at a table, please close it. This will make Michael's job easier, especially as we are approaching a period of uncertain weather.

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(If you wish to serve on a committee, call the committee chair. – Ed.)

GOOD AND WELFARE

MESSAGES

Thank you to all my friends and neighbors at Majestic Isles for your thoughtful get well wishes and many cards and calls. I am so delighted to be a part of this lovely community.

Rita Leidner

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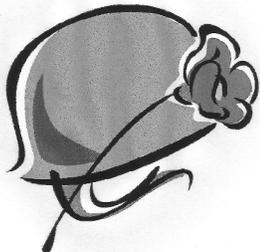
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MI ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

By Steve Berry

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COMING UP...

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We’re in the planning stage for...

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New Year’s Eve Gala

We’re starting early as we expect to sell out the room. It will be a catered affair with music performed by a super DJ. All we can say is, get your reservation in as quickly as possible. Invitations will be going out momentarily.

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

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GET READY, SET AND VOTE

By Claire Deveney



The Primary is August 23; the General Election is Nov. 8

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Districts for precinct 5028 are: U.S. Congress: 21, State Senate: 31, State House Rep.: 91, County Commission: 5, School Board: 3.

Primary Election: Tuesday, August 23, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Florida is a closed primary state, and a voter may only vote for candidates of the party in which the voter is registered. Voters registered with no party affiliation (NPA) are not eligible to vote for partisan candidates in a primary election.

Early Voting: Monday, Aug. 8 through Sunday, Aug. 21, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Locations: to be announced; details in the newspapers.

Deadline to register to vote or change your party affiliation: Monday July 25.

Deadline to request a Vote by Mail ballot: Saturday, August 13.

The rules for voting by mail have changed since the last election, so please be aware of the following:

(1) To request a Vote by Mail ballot, call PBC Supervisor of Elections office at 561-656-6208 and ask for a Vote by Mail ballot or visit any PBC elections office. Alternatively, you can go to pbcelections.org and scroll down to "Vote by Mail," which will allow you to request a ballot for the primary and the general election. The application requires your name, home address and your date of birth. Provide your mailing address, if different from your home address; ballots cannot be forwarded.

(2) Under current Florida law, Vote by Mail requests are valid only through the end of the calendar year of the next regularly scheduled general election – in this case, on November 8, 2022. Those who wish to continue to receive a Vote

by Mail ballot for 2023 through 2024 elections WILL BE REQUIRED to submit a new mail ballot request after November 8, 2022.

Vote by Mail ballots are counted first - before other ballots are counted - and the return postage is pre-paid.

If you need to update your signature, please visit one of the elections offices or download, complete and mail a Voter Registration Application form at pbcelections.org. The offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Registered voters are now slated to receive a new voter card in early August in the U.S. Mail.

Early voting sites are yet to be announced. In the past these have included: Hagen Ranch Branch Library, Lantana Library, Ezell Hester Community Center and South County Civic Center.

Completed Vote-by-Mail ballots may be dropped into specially marked boxes that are supervised by PBC Elections staff at Supervisor of Elections offices listed below and at other locations to be announced.

The offices of the Supervisor of Elections are: main office at 240 Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33415, telephone 561-656-6200 and South County Branch Office, Southeast PBC Administrative Complex, 345 South Congress Avenue, Room 103, Delray Beach, FL 33445, telephone 561-276-1226.

At this time, it has not been announced whether Vote by Mail ballots may be dropped off at Early Voting sites.

Voter ID at polls and other voting matters:

- On the ballot, you will be darkening an oval rather than connecting lines to form one line.
- To vote in person, bring one or two forms of valid and current ID that include your signature and photo.
- You may also verify receipt of your Vote by Mail ballot a few days after you mail it at pbcelections.org.

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DID YOU KNOW? A HISTORY OF BOYNTON BEACH

Submitted by Claire Deveney

First occupied by the Native American Jeaga until the early 1700s, the modern history of Boynton Beach began in 1894, one year after the last “Barefoot Mailmen” walked its sandy shores and two years before Henry Flagler’s railroad reached Miami, when a former Civil War major from Port Huron, Michigan named Nathan S. Boynton (1837-1911) first set eyes on the area that now bears his name.

Impressed by the natural beauty, year-round sunshine and pristine beaches, Boynton bought 500 acres for \$25 per acre. He returned in 1895 to begin building the legendary Boynton Beach Hotel that opened in 1897, to attract tourists from the north and serve as his family’s summer residence until 1925.

Boynton Beach was officially founded on September 26, 1898, when Byrd Spilman Dewey and her husband Fred S. Dewey filed the original plat in the Dade County courthouse for the Town of Boynton; today, Boynton Beach is located in Palm Beach County. The town was incorporated in 1920, and the name was changed to Boynton Beach in 1941.

The first white settlers soon realized that an unlimited assortment of fruits and vegetables thrived in the fertile climate. Cultivated pineapples, tomatoes, mangos, oranges, lemons, grapefruits and limes were packed in crates and shipped by the ton on Flagler’s newly built Florida East Coast Railroad to satisfy the appetites of hungry Americans across the country.

Boynton Beach remained a fairly unknown tropical paradise with its perfect weather and delicious produce until the end of World War II.

Soldiers returning home from the war discovered that the small town located only 60 miles north of Miami was an extraordinarily healthy place to raise a family. In addition, Boynton’s close proximity to the Atlantic’s Gulfstream soon yielded a bonanza of world-record fishing, and guaranteed that one of the best kept secrets on Florida’s Gold Coast would be a secret no more.

Since that time, Boynton Beach has grown steadily and never looked back. The city’s population has risen from 5,000 in 1958 to approximately 80,000 residents today.

Major Boynton and his colorful hotel have long since passed into the first chapter of the history of Boynton Beach, but the irresistible qualities that attracted him and the city’s first settlers remain as strong as ever to entice a new generation of visitors and residents.

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Questions about ballots: Complete and mail your Vote by Mail ballot as soon as possible upon receiving it. If you have questions regarding voter registration or Vote by Mail ballots, please contact Claire Deveney, Precinct Captain, 10800 Royal Caribbean Circle, on her cell phone at 561-504-3842. If you need a ride to the PBC Elections Office or need help dropping off your Vote by Mail ballot, call Claire.

TO O(BE)Y OR NOT TO O(BE)Y?

By Steve Karten

Don't ask me where exactly, but a few days ago, I stumbled across an item about the famous woman aviator, Amelia Earhart. It was written by "New York Times" journalist, Amanda Hess, who was searching through Earhart's letters in the Purdue University's on-line library. Amongst them, she found a very interesting one written to Earhart's future husband, George Palmer Putnam, the famous publisher.

Mr. Putnam proposed marriage six times before she agreed to marry him. However, before doing so, Ms. Earhart wrote to Putnam as follows: "some things which should be writ before we are married." She then went on to list her requirements for marrying him. She informed him, "I want you to understand I shall not hold you to any medaevil [sic] code of faithfulness to me nor shall I consider myself bound to you similarly." She stated further that she would not quit flying. "Please let us not interfere with the other's work or play." And she would not commit to forever. She wrote, "I must exact a cruel promise, and that is you will let me go in a year if we find no happiness together." The word "obey" was not included in their wedding vows. They were married on February 7, 1931. She was age 33, he was 44. They remained married until her disappearance.

Ms. Hess posted the letter to her online *Tumblr* account. Hundreds of women approved of it. Although this "pre-nup" letter had been quoted before, for some reason it seems to have struck a chord in this particular time in relationship history...for lack of a better way of putting it. Lori Adelman, director of Feminister.com, called the letter "A pretty darn modern vision of marriage." "Rolling Stone" journalist, and editor of "The Frisky.com," Amelia McDonnell-Parry, praised Earhart's "incredibly modern view...including expressing her weariness of the institution itself, and then laying out her expectations for such a union, which include a willingness to be monogamish...and a need for privacy and respect for her career aspirations." In addition, Earhart would not commit to forever, as noted in the quote above.

Ms. Earhart wrote her views on marriage over 80 years ago, but it speaks to the contemporary ambivalence about the institution of marriage in the U.S. 39% of Americans believe marriage is obsolete. Statistics on marriage show that the marriage rate has steadily dropped from 72% in 1960 to 51% in 2010.

The editor of the web site, The Broke-Ass Bride.com, Dana LaRue, has said she would like to see marriage evolve "as a social construct away from a lifetime commitment under god, and more toward a 'civil union in whatever form speaks most to those involved.'" And yet, what ends up "speaking to us" today isn't necessarily so different from what used to be. "I think the ambivalence is more toward the governmental 'sanctity' of marriage as an institution than to committed domestic partnership as a concept," LaRue says. "This ambivalence doesn't detract from our desires to celebrate our love and union with our families, friends and communities. Weddings are still attractive."

Of course, marriages are different now, thanks to legal, medical, and social advances in contraception. Unmarried women today are no longer socially marginalized and tucked away in the attic. However, Ms. Earhart still told Putnam; "I feel the move just now as foolish as anything I could do. I know there may be compensations but have no heart to look ahead." Kind of negative, don't ya think? Personally, I'm surprised she even entered into the marriage; and, even more so, I'm surprised that their marriage lasted until her death.

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INTERVIEW

By Steve Karten

The “Majestic Isles News” could not and would not exist without our hardworking staff. Stan Kaish is our resident book reviewer, and Lois is one of our expert editors and proofreaders.

Lois grew up in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn. From the time she was eleven years old, her family was in the publishing business. It was there that, during off hours from school, and holidays, she pitched in and learned about the publishing industry; the “MI News” benefits from her years of experience as an editor and proofreader.

Stan grew up in the lovely little town of Maplewood, NJ. He attended local public schools, and upon his graduation from high school, he attended Cornell University.

Lois and Stan met at Cornell where she was a student at the Cornell Industrial and Labor Relations school.

After graduation, Stan took a position in advertising and marketing with Gallup & Robinson (Gallup would become the famous pollsters). Stan had been in the ROTC while in school at Cornell and then spent two years on active duty in the Army. Then, utilizing the GI bill, he went on to the prestigious Wharton Business School of the University of Pennsylvania, where he earned an MBA.

Soon after that he and Lois were married. The wedding was held at the luxurious Park Manor Hall on Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn, on a day in which 18 inches of snow fell on NY City. After the wedding, they lived in Brooklyn for three years while Stan attended NYU at night working towards his PhD. He went on to teach economics at Rutgers University and eventually became Associate Dean of the undergraduate business school; he continued teaching economics until his retirement.

After graduating from Cornell, Lois worked for several companies in human resources departments. She stopped working full time after their first child was born; however, Lois never really stopped working. For many years she and Stan both worked in her family’s publishing company.

In addition to raising their two sons, Lois has always been an active volunteer in a variety of organizations. She has been on the boards of their

synagogue, the Women’s Division of Israel Bonds, the Jewish Family Service, The Rachel Coalition, Jewish Women International, and Project S.A.R.A.H. She has also been the editor of her synagogue’s newsletter for many years.

The Kaish’s have two sons. Harvey, the older of the two is 62, an attorney who attended Brandeis University and Harvard Law School. He works in the legal department of Bristol Meyers and is due to retire soon. Harvey and his wife Michelle have three children - Michael, 30, a graduate of Northwestern University School of Drama who works in theater as a musical director; Jeremy is 26 and is a computer programmer; and Harrison who will be graduating from Brandeis University this year.

Lois and Stan’s younger son, Steven, earned his baccalaureate degree at Cornell University and a master’s degree from Stanford; he worked for Bell Labs for some time and helped patent call center technology. When asked, Lois couldn’t tell me exactly what Steven does now, but described him as “an IT person” who works for a small company that produces technology applications. Steven and his wife Julie’s older son Alex is following in his father’s footsteps and will be graduating from Hofstra University this year with a degree in computer science, and their younger son, Ian, is a freshman at Northeastern University. All in all, the Kaishes are clearly a highly educated and accomplished family.

When Lois and Stan decided to spend part of the winters in Florida, they did so as snowbirds, preferring to return to their home in NJ during the milder months of the year. At first, they rented in Boca Raton. Not very long after, they found Majestic Isles and decided to buy here. They remain snowbirds to this day. When they are in MI, Stan stays active playing tennis, pickleball, and bowling. Lois plays tennis, works out at the gym, is a member of PAP and is a wizard canasta player.

Lois and Stan will each be 91 years old this year; Lois in May, and Stan in September. They have been married for 64 years, and, I might add, they still look quite happy. Personally, I think that in this era of quick and easy divorce they are an inspiration to anyone who is presently considering marriage. And we at the “MI News” are grateful for their continued contribution to our efforts.

MOVIES/STREAMING

By Joan Sorkin



The last season of “Grace and Frankie” is on *Netflix*. Although it is not as good as the previous seasons, it still pays to watch Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin working so well together.

Netflix has a new mini-series, “Anatomy of an Affair,” which is most intriguing and shows that you really don't know your spouse as well as you think you do.

If you were a fan of singer-songwriter-storyteller Harry Chapin, you will enjoy the documentary of his life on *Netflix*. He was a formidable talent and, most of all, a most wonderful human being. My family saw him a few times in concert, and my oldest son was at Eisenhower Park waiting for him to perform the night he was killed on the LIE. His most famous song, “Cat’s in the Cradle,” is quoted today in so many TV sit-coms.

“Navalny” on *CNN* follows the life of opposition leader Alexei Navalny, his rise to fame, attempted assassination and his search for the truth.

“The First Lady” on *SHO* follows the lives of three of the most famous and popular President’s wives: Eleanor Roosevelt, Betty Ford and Michele Obama, and stars Michele Pfeiffer, Viola Davis and Gillian Anderson. At a time when Presidents’ wives took a back seat to their spouses, these three stood up for what they believed.

If you enjoyed “Bosch,” he is now a retired private investigator, and his daughter is a patrolman in the new series “Bosch Legacy.” It is on a new streaming service called *FreeVee*. You should be able to access it through Comcast if you go to Apps. It is a free service, but does have a few short commercials; it’s worth sitting through them if you like the character.

SHO has a new comedy series, “I Love That for You,” starring Vanessa Bayer. She is also the creator of the series. She is a childhood leukemia survivor who dreams of being a star on the home shopping network. This is what I have been watching ... let me know your favorites.

THANK YOU

By Gloria Steingart

Thank You Joan Sorkin

Why is it that people are quick to criticize but slow to compliment someone on a job well done and appreciated? I would like to give thanks to Joan for her monthly articles recommending shows to watch. Last month, she recommended a movie on *Netflix*, “The Invisible Thread.” I can't remember a movie that I enjoyed so much. If you haven't seen it, put it on your watch list.

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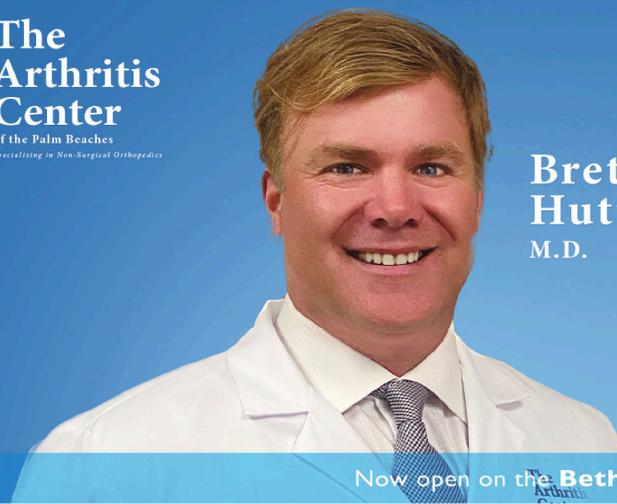
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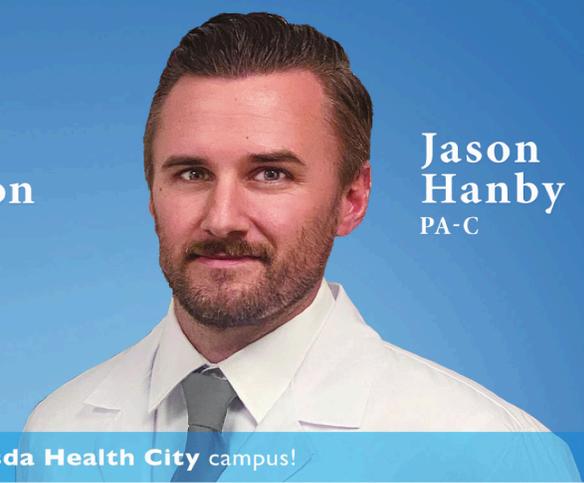


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PURA VIDA!

By Barbara Van Asselt



If you are ever lucky enough to visit Costa Rica, “Pura Vida” is a phrase you will hear – a whole lot! It literally means pure or simple life, which is something most Ticos (native Costa Ricans), strive for. However, it’s also used instead of hello, goodbye, thank you, you’re welcome or no worries, don’t stress.

As my 70th birthday present to myself, I decided that I needed some Pura Vida in my life. I also knew that I wanted to spend time with our children and grandchildren, especially after the long COVID isolation; and it was pretty evident that we were all Pura Vida deprived. After months of research and planning, my birthday trip to Costa Rica became a reality, even if it was nine months after my actual birthday ... Pura Vida!

Our trip started in the capital city of San José, located in the center of the country. The city has an interesting history, equally interesting and varied architecture, many historic buildings, a few good museums, parks, pedestrian shopping malls, a large market and many restaurants. Our son and daughter-in-law flew in from their home in California and our daughter, son-in-law and our two grandsons flew in from New York; and we all met in San José. After a bit of sightseeing and a typical Costa Rican lunch of chicken, rice and beans, plantains and fried yuca, we boarded a private van and headed for our first Costa Rican adventure. Three hours later, we reached Monteverde and the Cloud Forest, one of the main tourist destinations in Costa Rica.

Santa Elena, a charming town with a heavy Quaker influence, was a two-minute walk from our hotel and a great spot for a cup of delicious Costa Rican coffee and a pastry. After the kids went for a swim in the pool, we took an Uber to our dinner destination and enjoyed a delicious meal, with music provided by a talented guitarist and singer from Tennessee who came to Costa Rica six years ago and never left! Pura Vida!

The rest of our time in the Cloud Forest included zip lining above the forest canopy, (See the picture on the next column—this is really me.)



touring the rain forest, visiting a coffee, cacao and sugar cane farm, swimming and eating. We were able to find activities that we all enjoyed, even though our group ranged in age from 13 to 72 years. Pura Vida.

We all love adventure and new experiences, as well as new foods. The next morning we spent a few hours at the hotel pool, and then we packed up to get ready for our next stop.

The transportation to our next destination, by jeep/boat/jeep, actually was our next adventure. We made our way to the largest lake in Costa Rica which lies at the base of Arenal Volcano and the town of La Fortuna. The lake is a water sport paradise and a famous spot for wind surfing (which we did NOT do). The lake was created in the 1970s by damming up a river. Two towns, housing 2,500 people, schools, homes, houses of worship and stores, were relocated when the lake was created, and everything was replaced by the government.

Lake Arenal is flanked on all sides by lush greenery and aquatic wildlife. There are no lakefront properties because the lakefront land is owned by the government, and Costa Rica has been a leader in environmental policy and maintaining natural animal habitats. Pura Vida! Our boat ride was delightful, and as the volcano came into view, we were gifted magnificent views of the steam escaping from her crater!

Once docked, another jeep met us at the base of Arenal and took us to our hotel. From the balcony of our hotel room in La Fortuna, we had a magnificent view of the volcano and were assured that the lava flow has always been on the other side of the cone; we were told that’s the reason the town is called Fortuna. (I’m not sure if that’s true, but I chose to believe it!) After a walk around the beautiful hotel grounds, which included a butterfly garden, tropical flora, a few agoutis (rodents), and 11 pools fed by natural hot springs, we took an Uber to town for the sunset and dinner.

More jungle tours awaited us, this time including hanging bridges, leaf ants, snakes, monkeys, birds, and a diverse array of vegetation. We also took a creepy crawly night tour which included a few
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FAMILY HISTORY

Submitted by Edie Ballan

Fate!

In June of 1941, Hitler's Army began a rampage through Ukraine, razing towns, unleashing death squads, and massacring Jews by the hundreds of thousands. In one village, four Jewish brothers enlisted in the military, said goodbye to their parents, and walked off to fight the Nazis.

By the war's end in 1945, only one of the brothers, named Semyon, was still alive. He returned to find that the Nazis had torched his entire village, burning his parents to death. Semyon's family was dead, and his beloved Ukraine was in ruins. The Nazis had murdered between 1.2 and 1.6 million Ukrainian Jews.

Semyon married a fellow Ukrainian Jew who had survived the war by fleeing her city, in which the Nazis had killed 5,000 Jews. Two years later, in that same city, they had a son, Oleksandr, keeping alive the family line that the Nazis had brought to a razor's width from extinction. Thirty-one years after that, Oleksandr had his own little boy.

That boy was Volodymyr Zelensky, who grew up to become the President of independent, democratic Ukraine. Today, he leads his outmanned, outgunned, ferociously defiant nation against the onslaught of Russia. As Russia dashes itself against the will of his people, Zelensky, the survivor of survivors, summons the resilience of his ancestors. He does not bend.

From the Internet

Pura Vida! (Continued from Page 16)

tarantulas, two poisonous snakes, insects the size of my fist, poisonous frogs and lots of flying things large and small! Our sloth tour the following day didn't disappoint, as we saw both two-toed and three-toed sloths, males, females and mothers with babies. Pura Vida!

Our guides were all wonderful and spoke fluent English. We learned about Costa Rica's commitment to keep the country green, reduce single use plastics, concentrate on renewable sources of energy, and protect the rainforests. Ticos are very proud of this commitment and take great pride in their country. Most of their food is locally sourced from farms in the fertile valleys and there is ample fishing along the Pacific coast. As part of their wildlife conservation, there is a total ban on hunting, and 25% of the country is protected land.

Our last adventure was a hike to the bottom of La Fortuna Waterfall, 500 steps down, to a very rocky (more like boulders) "beach."

We did manage to spend a few hours navigating the rocks and swimming in the very "refreshing" water before heading back up those 500 steps. Brutal, but so worth it!

After all this adventure we were all ready for our last destination, which was devoted to rest and relaxation on the Papagayo Peninsula, where we enjoyed the beach, gourmet meals, massages, infinity pools and a surprise birthday dinner (for me) in a private dining room with our own live music arranged by our daughter and daughter-in-law. It was magical, delicious, and very, very Pura Vida!

Our parting activity was a sunset, snorkel and sailing tour on the gulf of Papagayo...a perfect ending to a perfect vacation. PURA VIDA!

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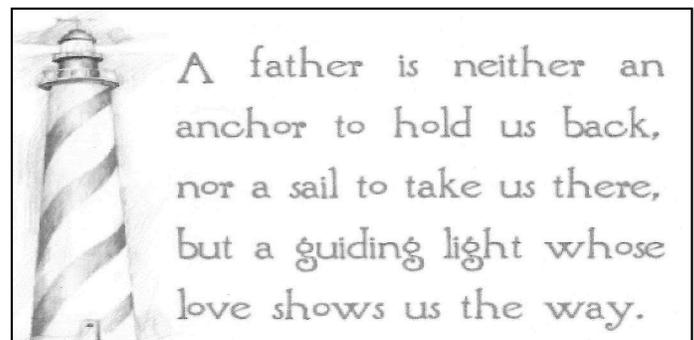
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MASTERING THE ART OF STRESS EATING

Submitted by Alene Kristal

The following is an excerpt (slightly modified) from an article in “The New Yorker” 5/9/22, by Jiji Lee. I especially liked it because it emphasizes French food, of which I’m inordinately fond.

“Much like the art of French cooking, the art of stress eating can be honed through practice, proper technique and watching the evening news in a state of panic.”

“Here are some of my favorite dishes that you can prepare while crying into your Le Creuset.”

“**Canape:** Canape is just a fancy French term for “I can’t be bothered with utensils.” And when it comes to stress eating, you’ll want to dispense with formalities such as silverware and plates, and opt for something more practical, like using your palm as a serving bowl. **Ingredients:** Nutella, your fingers, potato chips. **Instructions:** Plunge a finger into a jar of Nutella and then transfer it directly into your mouth. While using one hand to dip into the Nutella, use the other to flip through today’s paper. Continue until you find yourself boiling with anger but unable to articulate any intelligent thoughts. For a sweet and savory treat, dip some potato chips into the Nutella. If you accidentally drop chips down the front of your shirt, don’t worry. Just pluck those gooey chips from your cleavage and pop them right back in your mouth. Yum!”

“**Ratatouille:** This classic Provençal dish showcases fresh summer produce. If you don’t have fresh vegetables on hand, substitute Cheetos. **Ingredients:** bags of regular Cheetos and Flamin’ Hot Cheetos. **Instructions:** In a baking dish, arrange the Cheetos in the following pattern: one layer of Cheetos, one layer of Flamin’ Hot Cheetos; repeat. Take special care to include different Cheeto shapes and textures, and reasons why you can’t sleep at night. Mounting tensions between superpowers? Our enormous supply of nuclear weapons? You’ll know the dish is ready when a finger dipped in the center of it comes out DEFCON orange.”

“**Boeuf Bourguignon:** This classic French stew is made by simmering beef in red wine for hours. Serves one person. **Ingredients:** A bottle of red

wine that, miraculously, you haven’t polished off yet (no beef required). **Instructions:** Pour wine into a nice, stemmed glass – go ahead and break out the crystal. Let your thoughts wander as you wonder if you’ve waited too long to respond to that invitation. Chide yourself for worrying about social etiquette at a time like this. You won’t have to worry about tardy R.S.V.P.’s when Armageddon arrives. Allow your emotions to cool before helping yourself to [more] Nutella.”

“Bon Appetit!”

COOKING CORNER

By Michelle Zaitz



As the summer heats up, refreshing cold salads are always a mainstay at our house. This is one of our favorites. (Also a delicious appetizer when served with taco chips!) It’s so good, you may want to double the recipe!!

BLACK BEAN AND CORN SALSA

1 can black beans, drained and rinsed
 1¼ cups frozen corn kernels, defrosted and dried in a paper towel
 ¾ cup finely diced red onion
 ¾ cup finely diced red pepper
 2 jalapeños, seeded and minced (optional)
 1 large or 2 small tomatoes, diced
 Zest of 1 lime
 Juice of 2 limes or ¼ cup lime juice
 Salt and pepper to taste
 ¼ cup chopped cilantro (optional)

Combine all ingredients except for cilantro and mix well. Refrigerate for at least two to three hours. This will keep for three days in the refrigerator. Before serving, bring to room temperature, and add cilantro.



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Many of us in Majestic Isles may never have the opportunity to visit Israel. I had no idea what flora I would see in this county. I was anxious to visit the botanical gardens and to observe the vast expanses of a variety of landscapes bordering Jordan, Syria, and Egypt. My journey started in Tel-Aviv, in northern Israel, and ended in Eilat (the grove of all trees), in southern Israel.

Packed into Israel's small area are snow covered mountains, parched deserts, fertile fields, lush woodlands, and long stretches of sand dunes. No less than four different geographical growing zones are included in the state of Israel, and the country's climate ranges from semi-arid, to temperate, to sub-tropical, making it amenable for growing wheat, barley, cotton, citrus, fruit, bananas, nuts, and a variety of flowers, including my favorite the rose. Today there are well over 200 million trees in Israeli forests, a good many donated from abroad.

My journey began in Tel-Aviv. Driving from Ben-Gurion airport to our hotel, the streets were lined with stately looking native date palms and a scattering of imported Washingtonian palms. What were very impressive to me were the medians in the roadways that were neatly planted with colorful spikes of snapdragons and row after row of rose bushes that complimented the brilliant, spiked plants. Geraniums were also visible in the medians and hanging from window boxes.

On to Haifa, the next stop on my journey, Israel's third largest city, and its northern capital - the heart of it all. The city is situated in a broad natural bay between the beautiful Mediterranean Sea on one side and the inspiring Carmel mountains on the other side. My hotel was located on the top of Mt. Carmel and offered a breath-taking panoramic view of the city and its terraced landscape from my balcony. Although my journey did not include a tour of the famous Bahja gardens on Mt. Carmel's northern slope, it was very accessible from a promenade for photographing the stunning plants in the terraced gardens that lead to a

magnificent gold domed shrine at the base of the slope.

I spent the next six days in Jerusalem. On the first day, we drove up to the Golan Heights to enjoy a magnificent view of the entire Hula valley. Since the climate in this region is Mediterranean, with hot dry summers and cool rainy winters, one finds interesting flora blooming in late winter and spring that included rare orchids, anemones, tulips and wildflowers. On the upper slopes of the Golan Heights, alpine meadows and other vegetation can be found.

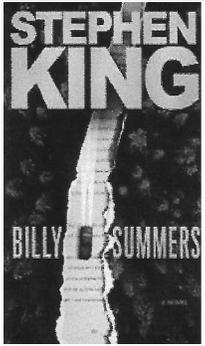
My stay in Jerusalem included a visit to the Military Cemetery to view the gravesites of past Israeli leaders and some of the heroic 22,000 soldiers who gave their lives for their country. Of interest to me was the cemetery's terraced landscape heavily planted with a variety of flowers, with many cut flowers at the gravesites. This was in stark contrast to the more formal, less colorful cemetery at Arlington National Cemetery in the States.

On our last day in Jerusalem, I visited the Wohl Rose Garden located between the Knesset and the Israeli Supreme Court. Israel produces roses all year round, and the Wohl Rose Garden displayed many of its varieties. The garden also included a "Garden of Nations" that displayed rose varieties from Argentina, Holland, Germany, England, Spain and Canada. One Israeli was quoted as saying that "the Wohl Rose Garden is an eye healing green refuge from the city traffic and nauseous noise."

To conclude my journey, we proceeded south from Jerusalem across the Negev desert, with brief stops at the Dead Sea and Masada. In this very hot and dry part of Israel's desert, flora survive by adapting to the climate; Acacia trees commonly seen in the African deserts and prickly sabra cactus suck moisture from the desert floor. In the Negev
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ANOTHER GOOD BOOK TO CHECK OUT: "BILLY SUMMERS" BY STEPHEN KING

By Stan Kaish



Billy Summers is that rare Stephen King book that doesn't involve a ghost or goblin. The only thing supernatural is that Billy, a hardened criminal and hired assassin with 15 hits to his credit (or blame) is the fan-favorite, hero of the story. Working in his favor is the fact that he will only agree to assassinate "bad guys," but evidently that hasn't been too much of a constraint. Most targets who are drawn from the underworld meet that criterion. No. Billy wins our sympathy because aside from killing people for pay, he demonstrates, in every way, that he is an upstanding fellow who loves children, treats women with respect, and gets along well with his law-abiding neighbors.

We get to witness all that good behavior while Billy waits for his newest target. The crime syndicate has agreed to pay Billy two million dollars to shoot a killer connected to them, whom the police have already arrested. The syndicate wants him killed before he has a chance to stand trial and trade what he knows about them for leniency. Billy is ready and waiting, but there is an unexpected problem. The arrest took place in California and the man is fighting extradition to the east coast city in which the trial will take place. The syndicate has paid Billy a half-million dollars in advance and will deposit the balance when the deed is done. He intends to retire after this payday.

Much of the first half of the book takes place while they are waiting for the extradition to take place. No one knows just when the target will be brought to town. This means Billy must be available whenever the opportunity arises, in a position to take the shot. So the gang rents him an office in a building across the street from the door to which the victim will be delivered. To create a story explaining why a lone occupant is hanging around an office with nothing to do for an unknown amount of time, the fiction is created that he is a writer named David Lockridge working on a book. The content of the book must be held in secrecy should anyone ask and they do. A

house is also rented in a nearby neighborhood where he will offer the same story. Dave is right at home with his neighbors and their kids. A real nice guy.

As considerable time passes, a bored Billy decides to dabble with actually trying to write an autobiography to pass the time. Here we learn of a troubled childhood. He writes, "I call 911 and a lady answered. I said hello. My name is Benji Compson and I just killed my mother's boyfriend after he killed my sister." That leads to his being put into foster care and joining the Marines five years later at age 17. King devotes dozens of pages to reproducing Billy's vivid narrative about his service in the Iraq war, fighting in Fallujah as a sniper. We see how his current career could be considered a logical extension of the skills he learned there. But writing makes Billy wonder if perhaps another career could await him afterwards.

What I have related here is only a tiny fragment of the story. There is a great deal more. Much of it follows when those who hired him don't deposit the remaining million and a half owed and consider Billy a "loose end" to be disposed of. Then there is the rape victim whose life he saves.

One reviewer called "Billy Summers" Stephen King's "best book in years." I have read a few King novels, but not a representative share of the 60 plus he has written. I don't know if this is the best in years. I do know I found it a very enjoyable and provocative tale, as will you.



Gardening (Continued from page 23)

highlands, massive ancient Atlantic pistachio trees strike a dramatic note among the dry riverbeds and hundreds of date palms can be seen wherever there is underground water.

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A VIEW FROM ATOP A CAT TREE

By Winnie K



OK, it's time for a confession. I have been told I've become a bit of a bully, and no one in the house is happy with me about this. I've gotten rather aggressive around mealtime, edging Lily out of the way so I can eat out of her bowl. I take

advantage of her skittishness, knowing she'll run away from her bowl at the slightest thing. That is, unless Mom is watching. She's reacted to my behavior by trying to feed Lily in another room – but it's behind a closed door! Closing a door in MY HOUSE is a criminal offense when I'm on the wrong side of the door.

It's also true that I've gotten bigger than my brother and have been jumping on his back in the normal way we play. But since I now outweigh him, I have a definite advantage, and he's not so happy about that. He stops playing with me when I do this. I love him to pieces, and love playing with him, and truly mean him no harm.

I have a new toy! Dad has this new rolling thingie that helps him walk, and it has a seat that's just the perfect size for me. It's my new favorite spot to hang out. And here's the best part – I stay in the seat when he uses it to walk around, and I get to go for a ride! And it's not to the vet's!

There's another new development in our house. Mom, being the Francophile she is, has decided to start talking to us in French. She says it's because she loves the language and has no one to practice it with. Here's a sample of things she says to us: when I'm purring, she says "tu ronronnes;" when I sit and I sit and stare at nothing for hours, she says "tu restes assis et tu regardes fixement dans le vide pendant des heures." Now I've learned enough English to mostly understand what she and Dad say (or I pretend to – and mostly I pretend, if I'm being honest), but French?? Give me a break!



JUNE IN HISTORY

Submitted by Lois Kaish

June 3, 1937 - The Duke of Windsor married Wallis Warfield Simpson. He had abdicated the British throne in December of 1936.

June 3, 1972 - Sally Jan Priesand was ordained a rabbi, and became the first woman rabbi in the U.S.

June 4, 1989 - The Chinese government ordered its troops to open fire on unarmed protesters in Tiananmen Square in Beijing.

June 5, 1783 - The first sustained flight occurred as a hot-air balloon was launched at Annonay, France.

June 5, 1968 - Robert F. Kennedy was shot and mortally wounded.

June 6, 1872 - Pioneering feminist Susan B. Anthony was fined for voting in a presidential election.

June 6, 1944 - D-Day, the largest amphibious landing in history, began in the early-morning hours as Allied forces landed in Normandy.

June 11, 1994 - After 49 years, the Soviet military occupation of East Germany ended.

June 12, 1963 - Civil rights leader Medgar Evers was assassinated in Jackson, Mississippi.

June 13, 1966 - The U.S. Supreme Court established the Miranda Law in a 5-4 decision.

June 14, 1951 - Univac 1, the world's first commercial electronic computer, was unveiled in Philadelphia.

June 15, 1215 - King John set his seal to the Magna Carta, the first charter of British liberties, guaranteeing basic rights that have since become the foundation of modern democracies around the world.

June 16, 1963 - Valentina Tereshkova, 26, became the first woman in space.

June 17, 1972 - Following a seemingly routine burglary, five men were arrested at the National Democratic Headquarters in the Watergate complex in Washington, D.C. Subsequent investigations revealed they were actually agents hired by the Committee for the Re-election of President Nixon.

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June in History (Continued from page 26)

June 18, 1812 - After much debate, the U.S. Senate voted 19 to 13 in favor of a declaration of war against Great Britain, prompted by Britain's violation of America's rights on the high seas and British incitement of Indian warfare on the Western frontier.

June 18, 1983 - Dr. Sally Ride, a 32-year-old physicist and pilot, was the first American woman in space.

June 19, 1953 - Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were executed by electrocution at Sing Sing Prison.

June 20, 1782 - The U.S. Congress officially adopted the Great Seal of the United States of America.

June 21, 1964 - Three white civil rights workers - James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner - left Meridian, Mississippi, at 9 a.m. When they failed to return, a search was begun. Their murdered bodies were discovered on August 4th.

June 24, 2010 - Labor Party deputy Julia Gillard became Australia's first female Prime Minister.

June 25, 1876 - "Custer's Last Stand" on the Little Bighorn Battlefield.

June 25, 1950 - The Korean War began, lasting until July 27, 1953, when an armistice was signed, dividing the country into North and South Korea.

June 26, 1945 - The United Nations Charter was signed in San Francisco by 50 nations. The Charter was ratified on October 24, 1945.

June 28, 1914 - Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his wife were assassinated at Sarajevo, touching off a conflict that escalated into World War I.

June 28, 1919 - The signing of the Treaty of Versailles formally ended World War I.

June 30, 1971 - The 26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was enacted, granting the right to vote in all federal, state and local elections to American citizens 18 years or older.

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YOSEMITE SAM

Submitted by Steve Karten

One Tuesday, the ex-President emitted a gaffe funny enough to provide a brief moment of levity during a 2020 White House event celebrating the signing of the Great American Outdoors Act. He pronounced Yosemite National Park as “Yosemite.”

This mispronunciation had several effects. The National Museum of American Jewish History made a small fortune selling “YO – SEMITE” tee shirts.

More interestingly, the ex-President’s malapropism prompted an unexpected question about a 75-year-old cartoon character: Yosemite Sam. Yes, the belligerent, rabbit-hating, Bugs Bunny-antagonizing cowboy from “Looney Tunes.” Was he in fact ... Jewish?

Historian and “Atlantic” editor Yoni Appelbaum opined that Yosemite Sam really did have ambiguously Jewish origins. According to Appelbaum, Yosemite Sam bears more than a passing resemblance to his creator, Isadore Freleng (who was Jewish), and his full name is given in one episode as Samuel Rosenbaum.

Upon Freleng’s death in 1995, the Associated Press noted that Freleng “once admitted to serving as the model for the brazen, gun-slinging Yosemite Sam.” Whether that makes the character actually Jewish is, of course, still an open question.

According to Freleng’s daughter Hope Shaw, her father created Yosemite Sam because he felt Bugs Bunny needed a stronger adversary than the dim-witted Elmer Fudd. The character was inspired by trigger-happy train robbers from Westerns. “Dad just wanted a rough, tough little guy to go against Bugs Bunny,” Shaw says.

For the character’s voice, Freleng used Warner Brothers voice man Mel Blanc, who found the character’s brash, shouty delivery so draining that he had to save Sam’s lines for the end of each recording session. “There weren’t too many Jewish people in the industry at the time,” Shaw says, “but [my father] gave Mel Blanc his job because he was so talented.”

While Shaw cannot explain the Samuel Rosenbaum

reference, she is certain the character bore a striking resemblance to her dad. “Everybody else thought that Yosemite Sam was absolutely my father. He had red hair when he was a kid. And he was very tiny - only 5’4” tall.”

So was Yosemite Sam Jewish? Shaw can’t tell you definitively. She’s just happy her dad’s work lives on. “I used to [joke to] my friends, ‘All these characters that my father created are Jewish. Because we’re Jewish!’” Shaw says with a laugh!

Excerpted from an article in an online publication, “MEL Magazine.”

NOTABLE JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Submitted by Lois Kaish

June 1 - Brigham Young (1801-1877)
 June 1 - Marilyn Monroe (1926-1962)
 June 3 - Jefferson Davis (1808-1889)
 June 4 - King George III (1738-1820)
 June 5 - Adam Smith (1723-1790)
 June 5 - John Maynard Keynes (1883-1946)
 June 6 - Nathan Hale (1755-1776)
 June 7 - Paul Gauguin (1848-1903)
 June 8 - Frank Lloyd Wright (1867-1959)
 June 9 - Cole Porter (1893-1964)
 June 10 - Judy Garland (1922-1969)
 June 11 - Jacques Cousteau (1910-1997)
 June 11 - Vince Lombardi (1913-1970)
 June 12 - Anne Frank (1929-1945)
 June 13 - William Butler Yeats (1865-1939)
 June 14 - Margaret Bourke-White (1906-1971)
 June 14 - Harriet Beecher Stowe (1811-1896)
 June 14 - John Bartlett (1820-1905)
 June 14 - Alois Alzheimer (1864-1915)
 June 15 - Edvard Grieg (1843-1907)
 June 16 - Stan Laurel (1890-1965)
 June 17 - Igor Stravinsky (1882-1971)
 June 18 - George Mallory (1886-1924)
 June 19 - Lou Gehrig (1903-1941)
 June 21 - Jean-Paul Sartre (1905-1980)
 June 24 - Jack Dempsey (1895-1983)
 June 25 - George Orwell (1903-1950)
 June 26 - Pearl Buck (1892-1973)
 June 26 - Mildred "Babe" Didrikson (1914-1952)
 June 28 - Peter Paul Rubens (1577-1640)
 June 28 - Jean-Jacques Rousseau (1712-1778)
 June 29 - William Mayo (1861-1939)

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WHAT TO DO IN PALM BEACH

Submitted by Helene Riffle

Palm Beach is buzzier than ever before. A younger crowd moved to the area during the pandemic, making Palm Beach County the number-one county for both population and income growth in Florida, according to the tourism organization of The Palm Beaches. Besides its warm weather, pristine beaches, and lack of state income taxes, there are quite a few reasons why younger generations are now happily calling the region home.

Take in the tranquility of the koi pond at Bethesda-by-the-Sea Church. This koi pond has been called “a respite from cares of the world.” It’s tucked away in the garden of South Florida’s oldest Episcopal Church. 141 South County Road.

Explore JFK’s presidential bunker on Peanut Island. Take a water taxi or powerboat out to this 80-acre county park, which features the Palm Beach Maritime Museum, a former Coast Guard station and President John F. Kennedy’s presidential bunker. Bring a swimsuit because the surrounding waters offer top-notch snorkeling. Intracoastal waterway, near the Lake Worth Inlet, Riviera Beach.

In 2019, the Norton Museum of Art tapped architect Lord Norman Foster to create the feeling of a museum in a garden by transforming a 20,000 square-foot parking lot into 37,000 square feet of lush subtropical gardens. The gardens include picnic areas and “garden rooms,” and outdoor sculpture installations by numerous modern artists.

The sculpture gardens aren’t the only impressive part of the Norton Museum. The museum, which industrialist Ralph Hubbard Norton and his wife Elizabeth Calhoun Norton founded in 1941, is now the largest museum in Florida. Its collection includes more than 8,200 works in five curatorial departments: European, American, Chinese, Contemporary, and Photography. A recent exhibition, “Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera and Mexican Modernism from the Jacques and Natasha Gelman Collection” featured more than 150 paintings and works on paper. 1450 South Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach.

Whitehall, the 75-room Gilded Age mansion that Standard Oil co-founder Henry Morrison Flagler built as a wedding present for his wife, Mary Lily Kenan, is now open to the public as the Henry Morrison Flagler Museum. Carrère and Hastings, the architectural firm known especially for the New York Public Library, designed the 60,000 square-foot mansion. Today visitors can tour the home and Flagler’s private railcar, Railcar No. 91. 1 Whitehall Way, Palm Beach.

With 100 vendors, the GreenMarket, now celebrating its 27th season, is the largest it has ever been. It’s open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. nearly every Sunday (check the website for the most up-to-date information) and free parking is available in the City of West Palm Beach-managed Evernia and City Center garages until noon. 100 North Clematis Street, West Palm Beach.

The Kravis Center has hosted top performing arts acts, like Patti LaBelle and the Palm Beach Symphony, since it opened in 1992. Check your local newspapers, or the Kravis website, for the list of Broadway shows in the upcoming 2022-2023 season. 701 Okeechobee Boulevard, West Palm Beach.

Go for a walk along the beach. Given all there is to do in the Palm Beach area, it’s easy to forget that the region has some beautiful beaches worth visiting. Try Municipal Beach, which is located near the Atlantic Ocean end of Worth Avenue - just past the iconic clock tower.

Or, if you’re athletically inclined, rent a bike from Palm Beach Bicycle Trail Shop and then head up north to where the trail ends just past the Sailfish Club. For a guided bike tour, book with Island Living Tours. Longtime Palm Beach resident Leslie Diver has been offering tours of the island for more than 15 years, and she has the stories to prove it. 50 Cocoanut Row, Palm Beach.

This is just the first installment – look for a continuation in future issues.

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BITCOIN FOR BEGINNERS

By Stan Kaish



Cryptocurrency is a very hot topic these days in the financial world. Fortunes have been made and lost. Countries have agonized over whether or not to allow it. MIT is offering a course in it. What's it all about? I will piece together what I have learned from various sources to try to explain it, but confess there are elements that seem to defy mortal comprehension.

It all began on January 14, 2009. On that day, a little over thirteen years ago, a fellow who is usually referred to as the pseudonymous Satoshi Nakamoto published an article called "The Bitcoin Whitepaper" in which he described the workings of the first decentralized cryptocurrency. Decentralized means it is a system that does not require a central authority to oversee it and will perfectly keep track of who owns what cryptographically (def: various mathematical techniques used for encrypting and decrypting data to keep it private). Confidentiality and accuracy are managed through a process called blockchain.

Whether Nakamoto is the real author of "The Bitcoin Whitepaper" is irrelevant to understanding that Bitcoin exists largely as described, but so do 10,363 other cryptocurrencies that are said to be held by some 300 million users. New cryptos are being born every day, but it is estimated that 60 percent of the ongoing dealing involves the one called Bitcoin.

So, to put it more simply, Bitcoin is a currency that is not issued by the government. It comes into existence through a process called mining. Bitcoin mining is a little mysterious. Mining is described as working to solve a series of complex mathematical problems. The first to offer each correct answer is rewarded an agreed number of Bitcoins. Since it is competitive, companies involved invest in elaborate computer technology to work on the problems, and lately an issue has arisen over the enormous amount of electricity this

his industry consumes. Estimates vary, but one points to the industry having contributed 65 million tons of carbon dioxide to the atmosphere.

I mentioned blockchain earlier. This is the accounting method used to record every exchange involving cryptocurrency. The records are kept in something called blocks. Each block indicates who holds what, as a result of a transaction, and the blocks are widely distributed on a network of computers. This way, at any time, all the copies of each block should be identical. If anyone tries to cheat by altering the amount of coin he holds, it will become evident since all the relevant copies will no longer be identical.

The computations involved in the mining have to do with determining the content of a block, certifying it is stable and allowing the sealed block to join the chain of similarly certified blocks. Is it necessary to say that this chain of closed blocks is called a blockchain? Evidently the accounting profession looks to apply blockchain in an ever-expanding number of industries, or so I've read. No mention is made of miners in this context.

One more part of the Bitcoin mechanism warrants mention; the process called halving. The award Mr. Nakamoto suggested for a successful miner was 50 Bitcoins. However, he suggested this amount should be cut in half each time the blockchain grew by 210,000 blocks. In practice, this has occurred around every four years. So far, there have been three halvings, cutting mining rewards from 50 in 2009, to 25 in 2012, to 12.5 in 2016, to 6.25 in 2020. A cut to 3.125 is projected to take place in March of 2024. It has been agreed that there will be a ceiling on the number of Bitcoins created: 21 million. This figure was spelled out by Mr. Nakamoto in his original White Paper, and it is generally felt that a firm limit on the eventual amount of Bitcoin adds to its sense of stability.

In the weeks leading up to each halving that has taken place, the dollar value of a Bitcoin rose in anticipation of a slowing in the rate of growth. Miners usually sell part of their reward as income and retain the rest. The more they are able to retain due to other sources of income, the fewer the number of Bitcoins circulating for trade. It was after

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the 2020 halving that Bitcoin reached its highest value, somewhere in excess of \$68,000 per coin. It then fell to \$42,000, still a substantial rise from \$8,787, Bitcoin's price on the day of the halving in 2020.

Like most things, Bitcoin acquires its value in the marketplace. People who want it seek out people who have it and offer a price in dollars. If the seller finds the offer acceptable, and an exchange takes place, that is Bitcoin's momentary value. In financial markets, the value is posted and the price at which subsequent trades take place will depend on the expectations of suppliers and demanders. Ideally no one or group holds a commanding quantity or dictates value.

So, how do you get cryptocurrencies and what is it about them that gets people so excited? Most stockbrokers do not handle crypto or contracts involving them yet. There are a number of specialized houses that do. Two that I am aware of are Coinbase and Currency.com. In 2021, Morgan Stanley announced that it will be offering access to Bitcoin funds for their wealthier clients "with an aggressive risk tolerance." BNY Mellon made a similar announcement that year. Fidelity has a fund with \$100,000 as a minimum transaction. Elon Musk has announced that you can pay for a Tesla with Bitcoin.

You can open an account with a phone call and set up what they call a crypto coin wallet. This is presumably a secure place where a record of your crypto trading holdings will be kept. Historically, there have been a number of infamous hackings of accounts where crypto holdings were lost, but hopefully those days are behind us. Recognition and acceptance of the legitimacy of crypto currencies has grown of late and it looks like they are here to stay, although in the early days it was characterized as a speculative bubble by eight winners of the Nobel Prize in Economics.

While crypto has been used by countries to get around financial sanctions in times of financial stress, and is legal tender in El Salvador, most private use seems motivated by speculation and, secondarily, a desire for secrecy. In its relatively

short life span, one Bitcoin has ranged in value from a few cents to more than \$68,000. There are promoters who say that someday one Bitcoin will be worth a million dollars.

A little cold water was splashed on this unbridled optimism by a "New York Times" article published on (of all days) Friday the 13th of May. Its headline read "As Cryptocurrencies Melt Down, \$300 Billion Evaporates in Days." It tells us "The crypto world went into a full meltdown this week in a sell-off that graphically illustrated the risks of the experimental and unregulated digital currencies." I say stay tuned. More to follow. Meanwhile...

Unlike the dollar, the supply of Bitcoin will be fixed and finite – at 21 million. Today's inflation provides a clear example of why having a fixed maximum supply may be desirable. The inflation we are currently experiencing was largely brought on by the generous distribution of dollars manufactured by the Federal Reserve during the early years of the COVID epidemic. This resulted in the classic inflation driver: "too many dollars chasing too few goods. Each good commands more dollars."

As things cost more, it simply means that each dollar is worth less. Also, one key function of money is as a store of value to carry wealth into the future, and the dollar has not proven itself a very practical store of value. Still, monetary policy has proved helpful to smooth out the rough edges of the business cycle.

And if secrecy has value to you, there is a lot to be said for cryptocurrency. If Al Capone had crypto, the authorities would likely have never jailed him for tax evasion.

TENNIS

By Marshall Deutsch



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PAP CORPS

By Marilyn Chermak



News from Sylvester! A Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center researcher has been awarded a \$5 million seven-year grant from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to study how advanced imaging during treatment may be used to improve radiation therapy for patients with glioblastoma, a deadly brain tumor.

“Glioblastoma is the most common cancer originating in the brain, with an average survival of only 18-24 months,” said Eric A. Mellon, M.D., PhD. “Our goal is to identify glioblastoma patients who are failing radiation therapy during treatment and implement aggressive second-line treatments to improve survival. Our study may also have important applications for treating other types of tumors.”

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Wow! Walkathon! A day filled with walkers, helpers, seated supporters, sunshine, enthusiasm, and goodies! Thank you to all our 46 participants and sponsors who raised \$4,500, to our incredible chairperson Fran Silling, to our dedicated PAP board members, to all those that helped set up and dismantle the equipment, and to the HOA board members who helped make the day the success it was. See some pictures in the centerfold of this newsletter!

We are planning a fun, game-playing afternoon in the clubhouse. Join us for canasta, Mah-Jongg, bridge, rummy Q, dominoes, Scrabble, etc. on Thursday June 23 at 1 p.m. Assorted snacks and beverages will be provided. \$15 pp. Pick up flyers in the back lobby for further details. All are invited.

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer!

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BOOK TALKS

By Claire Deveney



Join us for a discussion of “The Lions of Fifth Avenue,” by Fiona Davis, at the Majestic Isles Book Club meeting, led by Allan Topolosky in the clubhouse ballroom at 2 p.m. on June 15th.

And to rouse your reading appetite, check out the four books below, reviewed by Anne Bockock, the host of “Between the Covers” on PBS. The Book Talks summer reading list will appear in the next issue of this newsletter.

“The Rose Code” by Kate Quinn is “another heart-stopping World War II story of three female code breakers at Bletchley Park and the spy they must root out after the war is over.”

One reviewer said of “The Family Roe” by Joshua Prager, that it is “An epic work spanning fifty years of American history, [which] will change the way you think about our enduring American divide: the right to choose or the right to life. [It is] a masterpiece of reporting on the Supreme Court’s most divisive case, *Roe v. Wade*, and the unknown lives at its heart.”

Another reviewer wrote that in “The Turnout,” Megan Abbot is at the height of her game - a sharp and strange dissection of family ties and sexuality, femininity, and power, and a sinister tale that is both alarming and irresistible.”

“Matrix” by Lauren Groff tells the story of an orphan “[C]ast out of the royal court by Eleanor of Aquitaine, deemed too coarse and rough-hewn for marriage or courtly life, 17-year-old Marie de France is sent to England to be the new prioress of an impoverished abbey, its nuns on the brink of starvation and beset by disease.”

Book Talks meetings will resume in October. To add your name to the list, please email cdeveney@comcast.net, or call either Claire Deveney, 561-504-3842, or Allan Topolosky, 301-335-2288.

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NEWS AND VIEWS

By Bobbie Rosenfeld



We continue to share our diverse opinions about a variety of topics. Our participants are engaged in the world around them, and all the conundrums it has to offer, and everyone seems to be up on what's happening. Opinions on Ukraine are stable, but people seem more emotionally caught in the horror of it all. Definitely, anti-Russian sentiment abounds. Guilt and moral issues demand much of all of us. Some expressed a desire for more involvement by America if nuclear or biological weapons are used.

We discussed Macron's victory in France, the gas and oil issues, and Gov. Abbott's Texas rules that left tons of fruits and vegetables rotting in trucks for inspection reviews. Something else to drive up food prices.

We spent some time discussing the auto industry in Germany, and how, during the Holocaust, the companies were taken over from the Jewish owners and the industry now brings in billions of dollars. No reparations were ever paid to the survivors, and the companies continue to flourish. We mentioned the four survivors of the Tulsa, OK massacre, now being allowed to sue for their families' lost fortunes. And we continue to object to the purchase of oil and gas from Russia.

There was mention of the JBS (Jewish Broadcasting Service) which had some shows on the Holocaust that told great stories on the Jewish families, and then we covered the "HBO" show of the "Survivor," about a boxer who survived and later fought Rocky Marciano. Great story.

We spoke of the press and the lack of true commentary, with entertainment and ads being what passes for news these days. We all miss Edward R. Morrow and Walter Cronkite.

And then there was *Roe v Wade*, and the leaked Supreme Court decision. Where to begin? To a person, our group was pretty upset. I would say alarm was apparent among the men and women present. The potential loss of freedom over our rights and privacy had me feeling I was now living under the Taliban and ayatollahs. I was amazed that

our members all seemed to understand the ramifications of what this would mean to life in general in the "former" land of the free, and we spent one session focusing on this topic. Obviously, this issue will take our time and attention over the weeks to come before the full and final decision comes down, so I will cover it in more detail in the future. In the meantime, please join us to let your ideas be known, on Mondays at 3 in the clubhouse ballroom.



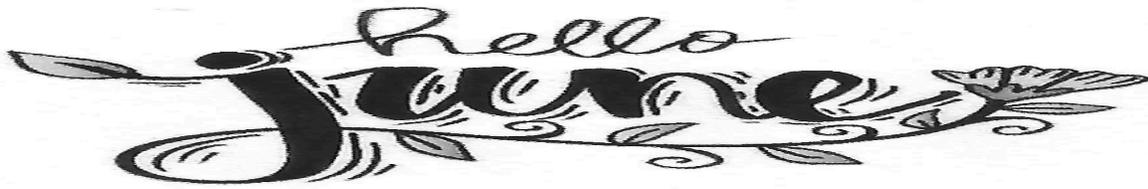
MILT

By Ed Strauber



Greetings to all our friends and neighbors in Majestic Isles. On Sunday, April 24th, MILT presented a show called "Entertainment Tonight." The program included a special tribute to the lyrics of Stephen Sondheim, and featured Carol Shulman, Linda Kessler, Roberta Jaffie, Harriet Kutner, Debby Lurie, Marilyn Chermak, Iris Rothstein and Stan Rothstein. This was followed by Estelle Snyder and her unique interpretation of the comedy of Phyllis Diller. We concluded with three amazingly talented soloists. They were Julie Capozzoli, Alene Kristal and Steve Shifnadel, singing selections from musical theater and the "American Songbook." Thanks go to our Director, Barbara Portnoff, and a very special "Thank You" to Ira Schneider. Without his expertise with computers, sound and video, our show would not have been possible. Thanks also to Ed Strauber on lighting and audio, (Hey, that's me!) The show drew many kind words of praise.

On Sunday, May 22nd at 7:30 p.m., MILT presented a pre-recorded video of a prior MILT performance. The show was called "ROXIE" and was originally performed by MILT in March of 2005. "ROXIE" was adapted and based on the Broadway Show "Chicago." In order to accommodate our residents, it was performed for three nights in a row. Those were the good old days! Thank you to our MILT members and friends of MILT for your continued support of Community Theatre. MILT needs and welcomes new participants. Questions? Please Call Ed at 561-732-3344 or email harbestra@gmail.com.



What's Happening in June

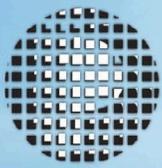
2	Thursday	10:30 a.m.	Calendar Committee	(f,h)
6	Monday	10:00 a.m.	Board Workshop	(f,h)
		2:00 p.m.	Recipes Galore	(p,h)
9	Thursday	2:00 p.m.	PAP Board Meeting	(f,h)
		4:00 p.m.	Marlin's Game	(p,a)
13	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Glitz & Glam Beading	(p,h)
15	Wednesday	2:00 p.m.	Book Talks	(f,h)
16	Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting	(f,h)
20	Monday	2:00 p.m.	Recipes Galore	(p,h)
23	Thursday	10:00 a.m.	PAP Game Day	(p,h)

Weekly Activities

Daily	8:30 a.m.	Pickleball	(f,h)
Monday	10:00 a.m.	Water Aerobics/Yoga	(f,h)
	10:00 a.m.	Papercraft	(f,h)
	3:00 p.m.	News 'N Views	(f,h)
Tuesday	9:15 a.m.	Water Aerobics	(f,h)
	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)
	1:00 p.m.	Needlecraft	(f,h)
Thursday	9:00 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.
Read weekly management bulletin for additions, cancellations or changes in date or time.
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