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Second, when you or your guests come to the clubhouse, think of it as your own home. If you move the pool chairs, please put them back. Also, we have also been getting calls complaining that the restrooms are messy at night. I have seen pictures of garbage and paper towels thrown on the floor. If you have guests in town it is very important that they are aware of the rules of the clubhouse. We are here to keep the property clean, but it is also important that we get everyone’s help in keeping it looking nice.

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We expect that two new stop signs will have been installed on Imperial Seas Boulevard by the time this issue goes to press. One is on Island Reach Lane, and the other at the clubhouse entrance on the west side of the street. These stop signs are designed to address concerns about drivers exceeding the speed limit of 25 m.p.h.

Please make sure you are not being tailgated into the property. An incident occurred recently at another property, and the safety of the residents is our main concern.

Just a reminder, your dues need to be paid on April 1. If you have any questions about this, please call the office.

Regards,
Jay Peskoff, Property Manager

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 16, 2017

Submitted by Alene Kristal

Editor's note: This is an unofficial summary of the BOD meeting of Mar. 16.

All seven Board members, Jay Peskoff and Pedro Mena representing management, and a large number of residents were present at the March 16 meeting.

Several residents raised concerns about the proposed by-laws changes, emphasizing that residents must receive notice by mail of any proposed changes, and also emphasizing that any such changes required residents' approval. The matter was tabled. There was considerable discussion regarding THS providing physical therapy to residents although the HOA receives no compensation for providing space for this service; additional concerns were raised about insurance matters. The Board will report back regarding possible reimbursement (e.g., rent or not paying them for aerobics), and will check insurance coverage. One resident repeated her request for either chair aerobics or yoga.

Treasurer's Report, Bob Edinger

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Management Report, Jay Peskoff

- The new elliptical machine has been installed in the gym.
- A reserve audit as well as an insurance appraisal will be conducted shortly.

COBWRA, Barbara Goodman

- A new store that sells liquor is being considered across from the Military Trail entrance to Platina.
- We could expect major changes in the turnpike in the next few years, with additional lanes and perhaps additional tolls.

Security Committee, Steve Bayer

- The shredding event was successful, with 49 residents participating.
- Residents should be extremely vigilant about tailgating at the El Clair Ranch entrance. (See *Safety article on page 7.*)

Grounds Committee, Stan Davidson

- The weed control program is modestly successful. Shrubbery infected with white fly was removed and replaced.

- Some plantings in front of the clubhouse will be replaced this summer.
- The site inspection revealed that the front yards for a small number of homes need renovation due to overplanting and/or dead shrubs.

Clubhouse Report, Harvey Galan

- The decorating committee is awaiting a proposal from one additional company, and once that is received, the committee will meet with the Board; residents will be able to attend that meeting as observers.

ARC Committee report, Ed Mordis

- Four out of 5 ARC applications were accepted at the last meeting of the committee.

Recreation Committee, Jerry Ehrlich & Duncan Hopwood

- Repairs to the fence near the pickle ball court should be completed by Mar. 20.
- Although cracks in the swimming pool had been fixed, they were still rough and needed to be smoothed over.

New Neighbors Committee, Iris Rothstein

- One new resident had a welcome meeting.

Old Business

- A motion to accept the bid from All County for repaving the clubhouse parking lot was tabled. Although the Board has voted to have the work done, the project awaits the reserve audit, which will give a clearer picture of how the work will be paid for.
- A motion to replace lighting at the main gate area was tabled, pending further review by Jay.

New Business

- A motion to ratify the insurance appraisal passed unanimously.
- A motion to add a speed bump near the El Clair Ranch gate was tabled.
- A motion to change contractors for lake maintenance passed unanimously. Jay will investigate the reported non-functioning of the aerator in Lake 2.
- A motion to add two additional handicap parking spots passed unanimously.
- A motion to fine one resident \$100/day for alleged non-compliance with ARC regulations passed 7-0, over vigorous objection by that resident.
- **Paint Update.** A motion to require address numbers on newly painted houses be either black or white, depending on which shows up better, passed by a 4-3 vote.

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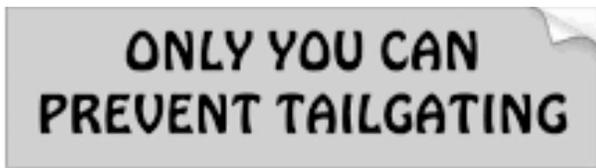
By Steve Bayer

ATTENTION: Majestic Isles residents! I want to alert everyone to a serious security breach that occurred in our area. A neighboring community, The Club, is located on Boynton Beach Blvd., with a side entrance on El Clair Ranch Road. Their side entrance is similar to ours, but with only a security bar, not a gate.

On Sunday, February 19th, a gentleman in his early 80s left Walgreens at about 10:30 at night and drove home to The Club. He was followed and tailgated to his home. He was assaulted by two males with hand guns and robbed. Fortunately, he wasn't harmed.

A caution to all of you: when entering through the El Clair entrance, stop at the sign that says "Gate closes behind each vehicle." Wait until the gate arm goes up and proceed to make a full stop at the stop sign. Before turning, check your rearview mirror to be sure that no one is following and the arm is coming down.

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By Marilyn Levy



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To Rae Guzik on the loss of her husband, Harvey.

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Addition to Summary Of BOD February 2017 Meeting

The BOD president, Harvey Galan, stated that since M.I. opened, assessments have totaled only \$1087.52. Six hundred dollars of that amount were because of Hurricane Wilma.

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 By Elaine Jay

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Highlights of COBWRA Meeting Valencia Lakes, March 15, 2017

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Glen Harvie announced that the Strategic Planning Committee is currently tweaking the Plan to reflect the future needs of COBWRA.

ELECTED OFFICIALS’ REPORTS

Michelle McGovern, State Director for US Senator Bill Nelson recommended that constituents who wish to contact the senator’s office should call or write to the local office, as requests received in that office are processed more quickly than those received in Washington. She also announced that Senator Nelson has again filed a bill to allow Medicare to negotiate the cost of prescription drugs.

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Commissioner David Kerner complimented the COBWRA Tallahassee Delegation for a very positive and interactive experience during Palm Beach County Days in the Legislature.

FIRST RESPONDER’S REPORT

Captain Chris Keane announced:

- That the Citizen’s Police Academy is going very well
- That another shredding event is being planned
- That the Department has a special unit addressing the drag racing and speeding on US 441, resulting so far in 152 citations written, 10 criminal citations issued, and 5 arrests.

ELECTION OF 2017/2018 OFFICERS

With no nominations from the floor being made at the February meeting, President Harvie called for an acclamation vote for the slate presented by the Nominating Committee:

President	Myrna Rosoff
1st VP	Phil Barlage
2nd VP	Bruce Brodsky
Secretary	Debbie Murphy
Treasurer	Beth Miller

GROWTH MANAGEMENT REPORT

Committee Chair Steve Oseroff presented a project at the northwest intersection of Boynton Beach Boulevard and Military Trail, adjacent to the rear

entrance to Platina. The project includes a 7-ELEVEN convenience store and gas pumps. County codes

permit convenience stores to sell beer from 7:00 a.m. through 5:00 a.m. the following day.

The **Growth Management Committee** and Executive Board recommended approval of the project with the condition that no beer or wine is to be sold between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. The Delegates also voted to recommend approval with the same condition.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION...

Florida Turnpike Expansions Within Cobwra’s Service Area

Michael Shannon, Director of Transportation Development, Florida Turnpike Enterprise presented complex and far reaching plans for the expansion of Florida’s Turnpike. The initial project will be the addition of paid Express Lanes between Boynton Beach Boulevard and Lake Worth Road.

A **public meeting** on this project will be held at the West Boynton Recreation Center, 6000 Northtree Blvd. (adjacent to Park Vista High School) on May 2, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. For information, contact Victoria Williams at 954-934-1104 or e-mail victoria.williams@dot.st.fl.us.

FUTURE DELEGATES MEETINGS

- **Installation of Officers:** Wednesday, April 19, 9:30 a.m. at Banyan Springs
- **Legislative Update** with State Senator Jeff Clemens, State Senator Kevin Rader, State Representative Joseph Abruzzo and State Representative Emily Slosberg, Wednesday, May 17, 9:30 a.m. at Bellaggio
- **SEVERE WEATHER UPDATE** presented by wpbf-25 Meteorologist Mike Lyons: Wednesday, June 21, 9:30 a.m. at Coral Lakes

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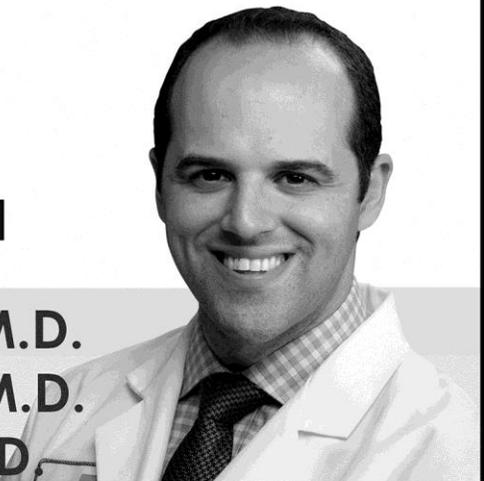
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A Good Book To Check Out “HILLBILLY ELEGY”

by J.D. Vance

By Stan Kaish

I think the candidacy and subsequent election of Donald Trump has a lot to do with *Hillbilly Elegy* sitting at or near the top of the New York Times Best Seller list for 31 weeks and counting. The book is subtitled, “A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis.” The culture, broadly defined, is The White Industrial Worker in America—a group Trump recognized to be in crisis and mounted a campaign to appeal to their needs. The family is the Kentucky hillbilly family of author J.D. Vance. In 1947, when factory jobs were plentiful and pay was good, they left the hollers of Jackson, Kentucky to work for Armco Steel in Middletown, Ohio. But by the 1980’s plants were closing, jobs disappearing, and mortgages under water. People were stuck, and such economic mobility as had existed turned decidedly downward.

The author introduces himself as a 31-year-old anomaly. He grew up in this Rust Belt hillbilly culture. His mother was a five-time legally, and many time common-law, married drug addict. He knew which husband was his biological father, but to all intents and purposes, his grandparents, Mamaw and Papaw raised him. He is an anomaly because he emerged from this cultural squalor to graduate from Yale Law School. From the position of security that status accords him, he reflects back on the circumstances of his chaotic younger days.

The hillbillies are a violent lot. Easily insulted, they settle arguments with fists, guns and angry words. They are also a dispirited group. They aspire to move up economically, but don’t know how to in today’s world. On the job, they are undisciplined, often losing employment because they forgot to, or chose not to show up to work one day. Vance tells us they value luck and legacy, rather than hard work as the way to get ahead. Come to think of it, they may be on to something.

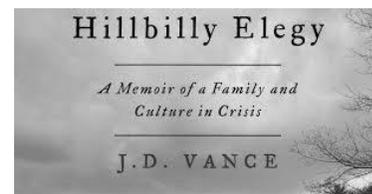
The author succeeded largely because of high IQ, and because Mamaw, despite a fondness for four letter words, and Papaw, despite a fondness for the bottle, provided a home away from home that sheltered him from his mother’s impulses. Unlike many of his peers, he finished high school, vacillated about college -- the debt it would require was critical to his decision -- and instead joined the Marines for four years. There he

became a *mensch*. The GI bill enabled him to attend Ohio State University, from which he graduated in two years by overloading his curriculum. When he applied to Yale Law School, he hit a number of their key acceptance criteria. He was a hillbilly; they didn’t have many. He had gone to a state school; they didn’t have many non-Ivies. He was an ex-Marine; they didn’t have many of them. He had no money. Yale’s financial aid scholarships were abundant and generous. And so he found himself in an atmosphere as alien to him as the moon. Fellow students had parents who were doctors and engineers. They knew what each piece of the silverware at a place setting should be used for. They knew that the way to get a job was to have your uncle’s golfing partner make a phone call. They knew you should wear a suit when you got that job interview. They also knew that eating at Cracker Barrel was not considered fine dining.

Little by little, J.D. assimilated into his new culture and grew away from his hillbilly roots. He was mentored by a valued faculty member at Yale, and along the way acquired a well-bred and cultured young woman as a fiancée. Things were looking up, but still he occasionally had to fight his demons. He had to suppress violent reactions and hurtful language and apply diplomacy where warranted. With help, he succeeded, but was left to wonder why, of all the people he had known in Jackson, Kentucky and Middletown, Ohio, he was the only one to go to an Ivy League School. Somewhere along the way in the rust belt, ambition yielded to hopelessness. With the closing of the mines and factories, there were just too few opportunities for which his people qualified. Drugs, alcohol and apathy took over.

Vance doesn’t think highly of welfare for the unemployed as a social remedy. He recognizes that his Mamaw and Pawpaw are what saved him, but that such role models are sadly lacking for much of the working class. He delves at length into the sociological literature on class, culture, and self-esteem, and in the end, comes away with no workable answer short of a cultural transplant for the hillbillies.

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Logger Head Marine Life Center

Loggerhead Park

14200 US Highway 1, Juno Beach 33408

There is an outdoor Sea Turtle Hospital with interactive exhibits, as well as many educational programs. There is also a café and gift store. Admission is always free.

The Society of the Four Arts

2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach, 33480

561-655-7226

www.fourarts.org

There are many activities here. Check out the calendar for events, lectures, concerts, films and the Metropolitan Opera Simulcast.

The Wick Theater

Federal Highway in Boca Raton

561-995-2333

www.thewick.org

The theatre is staging “The Beehive” from April 20-May 14, and you can satisfy your inner fashionista at the museum exhibit entitled “Where Runaway Meets Broadway.”

The Lake Worth Playhouse

561-586-6410

www.LakeWorthPlayhouse.org

The Playhouse is presenting “They Are Playing Our Song” from April 13-April 30. From April 27-May 7, they are performing “Good People” which is set in the quirky Boston neighborhood known as Southie.

Palm Beach Dramaworks

561-514-4042

www.palmbeachdramaworks.org.

From March 21 to April 30 Palm Beach Dramaworks presents “Arcadia,” a work which examines the intersection of emotion and reason.

Kravis on Broadway

561-832-7469.

www.kravis.org

Kravis is showcasing “Kinky Boots” from April 18-23. This is a buddy comedy with a fabulous twist, about a man named Charlie who must save his family’s struggling shoe business. His salvation comes when a drag queen suggests Charlie make women’s shoes for men. This musical romp in the spirit of La Cage aux Folles is a fun evening.

Palm Beach Book Festival

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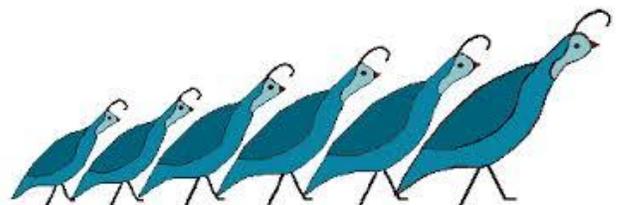
www.palmbeachbookfestival.com.

The Palm Beach Book Festival is featuring Sebastian Junger and Jeffrey Toobin.

A man always blames the woman who fools him. In the same way he blames the door he walks into in the dark. ~Henry Louis Mencken

It is the ability to take a joke, not make one, that proves you have a sense of humor. ~Max Eastman

Real friends are those who, when you feel you've made a fool of yourself, don't feel you've done a permanent job. ~Author Unknown





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Gardening in the Isles

***By
Stan Davidson***

One of the best ways to add color to your landscape is to plant some low growing flowering trees. My rule of thumb is that a tree that does not mature well over 15 feet can be considered a small tree. Many of us have the larger trees that do not flower and maybe are more susceptible to hurricane damage. One can use a small flowering tree as a focal point near the entry of a home, at the corner of a home to accent the landscape, to provide some height to a planted bed, to plant together in order to balance a larger tree in the yard and to form a line along a long driveway. Also, some small trees have other benefits than those mentioned above, such as the ability to attract butterflies and birds with their scented blossoms. How does one choose a small tree blossom color? You should plant a contrasting color other than the painted exterior house color to compliment the color of the house. Below are some small flowering trees that can be seen growing in our community.

The red cluster bottlebrush tree falls into the above grouping. This small tree works well as a focal point in a small yard. This tree can be pruned easily to have a global form. The bottlebrush tree attracts both butterflies and humming birds. This small tree is excellent for accenting the corner of a house or planted near the house entry.

The standard bougainvillea is a beautiful specimen when in full bloom. This tree requires minimum care, just a dry sunny location. It can survive almost complete neglect and still display beautiful blossoms several times a year.

The geiger tree is believed to be a native of the Florida Keys. This tree blooms in the warm weather with clusters of vivid orange blossoms. It requires low maintenance and is salt tolerant, making it desirable for landscapes close to a beach. The geiger tree is a slow grower compared to the other small trees.

The desert cassia grows to only 10 feet in height. This tree is a butterfly attractor with bright green foliage and vivid yellow blossoms. Cassia trees prefer a sunny location with well-drained soil.

The oleander tree starts out as a shrub, but can be left to grow large with the proper pruning to a multi-trunk tree. Bright showy white, pink, and red flowers appear on and off all year round. This tree makes a good choice as an easy care tree for a small yard that can mature to a height of 15 feet. The tree has some drawbacks, since it is susceptible to caterpillar damage and can be toxic if ingested, and also cause skin irritation upon contact.

If you visit Hawaii, the beautiful pink, red and yellow pinwheel shaped flowers found in the traditional lei comes from the frangipani tree. This tree is found growing in many yards in South Florida. It displays no foliage during our colder months.

Small flowering trees can be used in large landscapes as a full size tree or in smaller landscapes as an accent tree. Most of all, small flowering trees are beautiful, exotic and easy to grow.

To Laminate Or Not To Laminate . . . That Is The Question!

By Liz Hopwood

I moved into Majestic Isles in 2008 a little after the housing market had crested and home values were declining. Little did I know (or did anyone else for that matter) how low values would go before reaching bottom. However, being a Georgia Peach who has spent most of my adult life in Colorado, I wanted a second home in Florida as my family vacationed in Florida whenever they had the opportunity. Mostly the trips were to mid-Florida, although I distinctly remember a vacation to Miami because my father was intrigued with the Cuban migration and assimilation into our country. Looking back upon it, those were the best times of my youth and, perhaps, my heart wanted to recapture the nostalgic feeling of yesteryear with a Florida home purchase.

All of this does not explain my naive decision to buy a home in Majestic Isles that was a short sale. I had never done anything like this in the past and my husband had a lot of questions about my commitment to the project (as well as his own). Not only was this home a short sale, but it was also a wreck. One of the previous owners used an electric wheelchair which, apparently, she had accidentally lost control of as there were holes in every wall except the one behind the refrigerator. Most of the doors and kitchen cabinet doors had been pulled off the frame as she used the doors to support herself in rising from the wheelchair. All appliances had to be replaced. And the flooring was scary. Immediately we replaced the carpet in the three bedrooms, but we thought we could save the tile.

I had never lived with tile before and I thought that it looked so very "Floridian." It seemed simple enough to clean and, while the overall tile was not in the best of shape, it was manageable in those early years. Gradually I began to notice my varicose veins popping out a little more on this tile. I noticed that I never went barefoot but my legs were still tired. I noticed the tiles were cold and not very forgiving whenever something was dropped upon them, and I began to notice more hairline cracks throughout the house. And then, reluctantly, I noticed some of the cracks were not so hairline and the tile was actually lifting. I was denying the inevitable reality because I didn't want to spend money . . . a somewhat common characteristic amongst all of us in MI.

My first consultation was with a tile specialist who said the cheapest way to handle the problem was to replace the tiles. Off I went to purchase more tiles as we had none from the builder. Remembering that these tiles are 20 years old, I knew my search would have to be extensive. I found something close . . . passable in my mind. The salesman warned me that when air gets under the seal causing the hairline fractures and cracks, removing them can cause other tiles to lift and break because of pressure or lack thereof. The cracking may spread to other tiles which is exactly what happened. I finally threw the tile company out when, instead of replacing one row of broken tiles, there were three more rows of cracked tiles. I could visualize money flying out of the door to repair this mess along with the so-called tile installers. The tile company called me, not to apologize, but to ask me for another \$300 for the so-called work they had done. A judge is going to have to order me to make that payment.

I began my quest for laminate flooring and got bids from three different contractors. I got the best bid and highest quality product from the contractor who had completed a kitchen cabinet resurfacing project a couple of years ago. Familiar with her work, I knew that everything would be guaranteed and that the project would go right and/or be fixed correctly. What I didn't understand was the enormity of the project which was putting laminate in the living room, dining room, kitchen and hallway. It took four days: one day to remove all the loose/ broken tiles and put down something like concrete foam to stabilize the area, one day to make sure that the concrete foam had dried and two days to lay the laminate, quarter round, caulk and paint the baseboards.

The completed job was exceptional and I'm thrilled with my beautiful floor, but I should have checked into a hotel during those four days. We couldn't use the kitchen and all the bedrooms/garage were stuffed with furniture. So I say: If you have any concerns about your tile floor, definitely laminate and check yourself into my most favorite hotel, The Breakers!

See the centerfold for two April Fool's gems by our beloved late former editor, Naomi Marcus. Enjoy!

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Semiknolls Make Offer for Poker Room

Boynton Beach The Semiknolls, in a continued effort to expand their empire, have extended an offer to Majestic Isles for lease of its poker room. The amount for yearly rental is rumored to be in the high six figures. Bill Breath, Board President of the Home Owners Association, told an unnamed source that the Board of Directors would consider the proposal at its next meeting. "It would replenish our reserve account and make any further assessments unnecessary for a long time to come," he is alleged to have said.

According to a high placed Semiknoll official, Majestic Isles was chosen because it has developed a well-deserved reputation for high rollers.

Global Warning Alert from Phew Foundation

Philadelphia, PA The renowned Phew Foundation today announced that it has detected a direct statistical correlation between political campaigns and global warming. Hot air generated by politicians, it claims, is a major contributor to climate change.

TV networks will be urged to place a limit on the number of political spots they will accept.

REMEMBER THE WEEDIEST! At this time of the year we remember the weediest areas in our community. Please help by making a donation to the Lake Mirth Drainage District. All funds will be used for plantings on the north side of Woolbright from El Clair Ranch Road east to the end of Majestic Isles property. Mail your checks to LMDD, Lake Mirth, FL 33333

E. T. s Spotted Locally

Boynton Beach Several extra-terrestrials were seen yesterday in the Publix shopping center lot at Boynton Beach Boulevard and Jog Road. Apparently they were looking for a parking spot for their UFO.

When reporters Sylvia Plant and Rita Leader asked what they were doing here they replied, "We have come to check out an intergalactic transmission that at Publix, shlepping is always a pleasure."

Ban on Voice Mail

Washington, D.C. The United States Supreme Court, in a decision citing both the Declaration of Independence and the Preamble to the Constitution, today ruled that the use of voice mail by commercial establishments and medical facilities henceforth will be illegal.

Marge Reason, Esquire, in arguing for the ban produced numerous witnesses who testified about the damage to their health, happiness and general welfare created by frustrating and time consuming voice mail labyrinths. "Please select from the following menu presents a clear and present danger to all citizens," she asserted. Dissenting were Justices Scalia, Thomas and Kennedy.

FP & L Provides Bonus to M. I.

Boynton Beach After Florida Power and Light installs 10 additional streetlights on Imperial Seas Boulevard it will provide pole dancers to perform on the poles from 8 to 10:30 p.m. every Saturday night. However, FP & L has stated that it will not be responsible for any medical problems caused by the performances and it recommends that trained EMT personnel be alerted to stand by to assist residents if necessary

Moratorium on Road Construction

Tallahassee The Department of Transportation today announced a 5-year moratorium on road construction in southeast Florida. Governor Crisp said, "This is more than a money-saving move, and we don't need more roads anyway. We already have an excellent network of inexpensive and convenient mass transportation. Our system of trolleys, buses and subways is unequalled in the country."

Compiled by N. M.



April Fool!

MAJESTIC ISLES NEWS

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“MEA CULPA”

Inspired by a letter from a former Commissioner, last week Palm Beach County observed a Day of Repugnance. The highlight of the day was a \$10,000 per person dinner at the Ritz Cracker Hotel. Speakers at the event included convicted County officials and members of the clergy, legislators involved in sex scandals and fraudulent financiers. When questioned about restitution of misappropriated funds none of the speakers was willing to comment.

RINK CONSIDERED

The Board of Directors, in response to requests for additional recreational facilities, is considering installation of an ice skating rink on the premises. Initial financial studies indicate that kickbacks from a private ambulance service will cover costs of installation and maintenance.

7 OBSCENE WORDS

In a 6 to 3 decision citing the 1978 George Carlin ruling as precedent, the US Supreme Court declared as obscene the following seven words or phrases: bailout, depression, Dow Jones, bipartisanship, meltdown, toxic assets and foreclosure.

ROAD LEASING

Following the privatization of Woolbright Road, now leased to Chinese investors, Majestic Isles is negotiating with a firm of Swiss bankers that wants to lease all roads within Majestic Isles for a period of 10 years. In addition to a substantial initial payment to the M. I. Home Owners Association, the investors would be responsible for cleaning and maintaining all our internal streets. Residents and guests would be charged a small toll. COP cars, fire/rescue vehicles and similar users would be charged a reduced fee.

NEW SCHOOL HRS.

Due to the massive cuts in State funding for education, all public schools will advance their schedules by 12 hours. Thus, if a school's regular hours were from 8:30 in the morning to 2:30 in the afternoon, its new hours will be from 8:30 at night to 2:30 in the morning. This will reduce air conditioning costs, eliminate the need for school cafeterias and provide teachers more opportunity to find second or third jobs during the daytime.

Motorists are warned to be alert to children coming to or going from school during these new hours.

GREEN LINES

In keeping with its policy to make Majestic Isles the greenest community in south Florida, the Board voted to permit residents to string outdoor clotheslines on common ground, thereby reducing the use of power hungry electric clothes dryers. Certain guidelines apply, regarding garments that may be exposed to public view. The ACLU is investigating the ban on display of jock straps and thongs. For complete guidelines on green lines, see notice on back bulletin board.

AMERICAN MIDOL

The tremendously successful M.I.L.T. series **American Midol** is now holding auditions for its 12th season. The first scheduled program will be *PMS, I Love You*, opening April 31.

DINING OUT

Palm Beach **SOLDER** (Save Our Local Diners, Eateries and Restaurants) thanks residents for sticking together in this time of flux and eating out more frequently. You are reminded not to use coupons or go for the Early Bird Special. **SOLDER's** work is applauded by M.I.'s Board of Digestors.

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**Reel Impressions of....
 "FENCES"**

By Edye Frankel



"Fences" was first performed as a play on Broadway. Denzel Washington and Viola Davis won Tony awards and much acclaim for their performances. So, the movie is considered an adaptation of August Wilson's Pulitzer Prize-winning play. That being said, this review is purely one of only the movie, as I did not see the play.

The movie is set in Pittsburgh during the 1950's and is very skillfully directed by Denzel Washington. Troy Maxson (played by Denzel Washington) is a complex man who is deeply imperfect, hypocritical, and consumed with self-doubt. He still holds a grudge over his failed potential to be a professional baseball player due to the infamous color barrier of those times. Troy's wife Rose (played by Viola Davis) constantly tries to keep her family together, but Troy's actions place a severe test on the capacity of her devotion and affection for him and his relationship with his sons. All of this lends itself to much heavy drama.

The performances of these two people and the entire cast are exceptional, powerful and so very realistic. When you watch them actually become these characters, you are immersed in the drama playing out before you and moved by the raw emotions being portrayed.

In no way is this a "happy or feel good" movie. It is dark, but its message is potent and well worth seeing. You will not 'skip' out of the theater, but will leave deep in thought

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THE OSTRICH DANCE

By Phyllis M. Cohen



No matter what your political persuasion may be, we can all agree that the last few months have been frightening: drastic changes in government, terror attacks, and daily frenzied reports on the news media and social media. If we were children we might jump into bed and pull the covers over our head until better times came. But since we are adults, we have to deal with these things. Some have decided that the best solution may be to hunker down behind our walls and keep out everything and everyone foreign, like Floridians taking shelter during a hurricane.

With that thought in mind, I decide to see if I could spend a day without access to anything other than American-made products and services. I began the first thing one morning and made my way into the kitchen for breakfast, Ugh. I'm already having a bad day. No coffee, no tea. Thankfully, bread, milk and jam are all locally produced, but I may have to eat from the table top. I don't have one dish or utensil made in the USA, except for my 50-year-old Farberware pots. Strike one. Then it's on to my daily meds. My main required drug has traveled around the world to reach me. I gave up buying it at the local drug store when, like the EpiPen, the price rose 300% in two months. Even my back-up over-the-counter pills are made in Mexico.

A shower is refreshing and causes no problems except for my Canadian hand lotion and my French cream for pain. I pop a Tylenol instead.

Dressing proves a challenge. I finally find some old LL Bean and Lands End jerseys and jeans in my Goodwill bag, and at least one pair of my New Balance sneakers is American made. Unfortunately, I will have to go commando style (if you don't know what that means, you don't watch enough television) since every item of intimate apparel comes from somewhere in South America. In contrast, all of the outerwear tops and pants are made in various Asian factories from India to Egypt to Indonesia.

I decide to do some errands. Outside, the thrum of lawnmowers and trimmers fills the air as the crews of silent workers brought in by truck daily go about their tasks. I don't know if they speak any English since we

are forbidden to communicate with them, but on the occasion that I have brought out a cold soda to one of them on a brutally hot day, they are always very thankful and friendly. Later in the day, I know that the two young women who come to clean for me will arrive and they, too, speak little English, just a few housekeeper words. They get hysterical when I try to talk to them in my fractured Spanish. I suspect that I am telling them to wipe my nose when I think that I am asking them to mop the floor.

I get into my Hyundai with my Samsung cell phone for a trip to Publix. I've lost track of how many violations I now have in my famous all-American plan, but in the supermarket I notice that my bagels cuddle up to the tacos and pita breads I pick up. Even my taste buds are international. I try to keep on track by choosing a couple of big California avocados instead of my favorite Haas avocados (from Mexico) but I hate to pass up all of the fresh fruits that are still coming from South America. No bananas, no blueberries today.

Later in the day, I head for my physical therapy. I can hear the mingled accents of the therapists; it's a regular U.N. of people. But they all greet me cheerfully and work with me diligently as if I were Tom Brady coming in for a Super Bowl tune-up instead of a little old lady with dissolving joints.

That night, I sit in front of the TV watching one of my favorite shows on PBS, a crime caper from Australia! By going online I know I can find thousands of made-in-the-USA products if I really wanted to travel down that path. And, of course, I could be more conscientious in making purchases and support our own industry. But am I going to ask everyone I encounter for their ID or green card before we do business? Scary and reminiscent of very evil days not too far in our past. As I assess the results of my failed experiment, I come to this conclusion. Like an ostrich, I could try and hide my head in the sand and be safe from any threats. Alas, my tail feathers are still out in the open waving frantically for the entire world to see.

Apology to Phyllis: The March issue of the Majestic Isles News was supposed to have this article, but instead I unintentionally reprinted an old article. My apologies to Phyllis – and to her faithful and disappointed readers. BRW



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By Selma Friedman



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Well done, M.I.L.T. cast members and the unseen technical crew who held this difficult presentation together and kept it running smoothly. Each scene was an entity unto itself. There were more that could have been selected, and so we were introduced to many situations. We laughed all the way around this merry-go-round. Thank you.

On stage were Iris Rothstein and Bernie Fishkin, Claire Deveney and Jerry Ehrlich, Francine Gitto and Ed Strauber, Marilyn Chermak and Ed Gerard, and Nancy Levitan and Ed Mordes.

The production staff people were more in number: Director, Barbara Portnoff; Assistant Director, Roberta Jaffie; and Producer, Ed Strauber. So many positions were capably filled by Mark Jaffie, Marty Baron, Michael Neikrug, Buddy Koch, Harriet Kutner, Estelle Snyder, Isabel Lubchansky, Doris Davidoff, Jerry Fefferman, Ray Kozlin, Wynne Shilling, Stan Rothstein, Ira Schneider, Marilyn Broth and Enid Bayer. Such wonderful support! We appreciate all of you.

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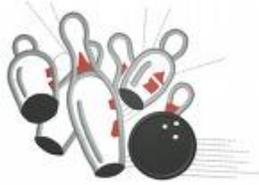
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Bob Wolff 162	Al Lynn 438
J. Schectman 158	Jerry Elefson 409

Week 20 – WOMEN

Ilene Gross 176	Ilene Gross 458
Natalie Herbin 146	J. Stoudermire 389
J Stoudermire 136	Natalie Herbin 339

Week 21 - MEN

Steve Herbin 216	Steve Herin 477
Bob Wolff 162	Bob Wolff 412
Jerry Elefson 147	Alan Stevens 392

Week 21– WOMEN

Zita Granoff 163	Ilene Gross 404
Natalie Herbin 159	Zita Granoff 397
J Stoudermire 154	Natalie Herbin 384

Week 22 – MEN

Ken Ramnarine 179	Ken Ramnarine 512
Jerry Elefson 169	Steve Herbin 470
Steve Herbin 168	Jerry Elefson 430

Week 22 – WOMEN

Ilene Gross 155	Ilene Gross 400
Carol Stevens 139	Carol Stevens 342
M. Ramnarine 138	Natalie Herbin 329

Week 23 – MEN

Ken Ramnarine 197	Ken Ramnarine 524
Bob Wolff 184	J. Schectman 426
Alan Stevens 163	Steve Herbin 425

HIGH SERIES

Week 23 – WOMEN

Ilene Gross 153	Ilene Gross 446
J. Stoudermire 145	J. Stoudermire 391
Estelle Snyder 138	Estelle Snyder 377
M. Ramnarine 138	

Congratulations to our high scorers: Ilene Gross 176 (week 20); Steve Herbin 216 (week 21); Ken Ramnarine 179 (week 22) and 197 (week 23); Bob Wolff 184 (week 23).

If you're interested in joining our fun group, please call Al Lynn 742-9937 or Alan Stevens 336-4223.

SINGLES GROUP

By Renee Stichel

Our swinging singles had a marvelous time celebrating March birthday with dinner at Nicole's where the food and company were terrific. A great time was had by all. Thanks again to Doris Robin.

April 5 we will be going to lunch at Harrids and watch the beautiful ballet dancers practicing for the ballet. Get your checks for \$30.00 in the singles box before the April 5.

May is our big month where we will be having a pot luck dinner and games after. Your admission will be an entree dish or dessert or appetizer. If you have no game we will try to arrange one for you. On



May 27 we will be going to see the Senior Ballet at Harrids and then of course dinner at Kee Grill. A great time is planned for all.

For June we are looking into seeing a show and then we will be planning a weekend cruise over the summer. You will all be notified of upcoming events. Hoping you all will be healthy and happy until next we meet

PAP CORP

By Renee Stichel



We would like to thank all those who came and helped make our card and game party a tremendous success. Thanks to our set up committee who are always

there for us, and our special thanks to our fundraisers, Marilyn Broth, Dolores Edinger, Helen Riffle and a special thank you as always to our fabulous Suzanne Skinner who goes above and beyond to make all our functions a success..

April 27: Annual membership appreciation luncheon, where we will have an international vocalist and a surprise for all our members to show our appreciation for all their support.

May 25: Closing meeting, for which our marvelous board will make all the fabulous luscious desserts. We will be having Carolyn Smylie who is being brought back by popular demand and she will be singing her marvelous songs for us. The price will be \$10 pp.

For those who are still interested in giving away clothing and other articles, we are starting over again. This time the Galaxy Thrift Shop will be picking up directly from your home so you can donate and they will give you a receipt for your contribution. We will be sending out complete info in the near future.

Our fundraisers are working on our summer festivities on Sunday, Aug. 6. Hold the date and we will let you know the details when we can.

To all those leaving for up north for the summer or for holidays we wish you all a marvelous trip and we will miss you. Be well and enjoy and come back healthy and happy to start the next season in happy moods and we will keep you that way!! For those who are staying with us, we look forward to seeing you healthy and happy at all our happenings in the clubhouse.

HADASSAH

By Ellin Goldstein



On Monday, **April 3**, there will be a Women's Seder with all the trimmings at 11:30 a.m. There will be music, services, and audience participation. It should be really enjoyable. The cost is \$24. Place checks in Hadassah mailbox.

On Monday, **April 24**, there will be a general meeting. Arlene Tannenbaum and Barbara Rosenblum will discuss the art stolen by the Nazis before, during and after WW II, most notably "The Lady in Gold" by Gustav Klimt. The women will do a presentation of the story that starts when the painting was finished and ends at the present.

Don't forget to place \$5 in the Hadassah mail box if you want to purchase the tuna salad lunch for the April 24 meeting. Coffee and cookies will also be served.

Bricks are still being sold at \$18 each for any occasion. Call Lee Katz or Lucille Garelick if interested.

Contact Rita Marderstein if you wish to buy Hadassah Scrip.

Please continue to bring those non-perishable foods for the Ruth Rales Center. These are really appreciated.

Rosh Chodesh celebration will be held Wednesday, **April 26** at 10:00 a.m. at Morikami Park.

Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?

Why do people run over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it and then put it down to give the vacuum one more chance?

THE SOCIAL CLUB

By Rita Dick and Arlene Koch

The first General Meeting was on Sunday, March 12. Everyone that attended enjoyed playing Bingo after the meeting and look forward to having it again.



Our 2017 Series came to an end and another will begin in 2018. We would like to thank our residents and guests who supported us and hope they will continue so that we will be able to bring to Majestic Isles the high quality of entertainment that we have had in the past. We are holding the price at \$75 p.p. for the three shows and \$30 for each individual show.

On Saturday, April 22 we will present another show featuring singer Kathryn Morris and comedian Carl Guerra. The price will be \$14 p.p. Get your checks in early. There will be a flyer in the back lobby with more details.

Save the date of Monday, May 29 for our annual Memorial Day Party. Larry Brendler will be providing the music and catering will be from Boston Market and Glick's.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 29: FENCES Working as a trash collector in 1950s Pittsburgh, Troy Maxson struggles to raise his family while trying to transcend the bitter experience of being a talented baseball player denied the opportunity to play in the majors because of his race.

NOTE: We show our films with closed captioning.

The film descriptions are taken from the Netflix website.

THE MEN'S CLUB

By Joel Cohen



We are still looking for more members to join the Men's Club. We only have 71 members to date.

We will be checking into which Marlin's baseball games we will go to on "Senior Free" Thursday nights from May through August. Last year the cost was \$20 for the bus with no charge for the games.

Again, the Silver Sluggers program is here on Wednesday nights at Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter starting Apr. 12th. The cost is \$30 for 19 games with a free soda and choice of Popcorn, Peanuts or Pretzel. You have to provide your own transportation to the stadium. Call me for more particulars.

Our next breakfast will be May 7th. We had to skip the April breakfast due to conflicts and Easter Sunday.



What's Happening

4	3	Mon	11:30 a.m.	Hadassah	Women's Seder	(p,h)
5		Wed	12:30 p.m.	Singles'	trip to Harid	(p,a)
8		Sat	8 "p.m.	Social Club	Movie Time	(p,h)
9		Sun	7:30 p.m.	Milt	Workshop	(f,h)
20		Thurs	2:00 p.m.	Board of Directors	Meeting	(f,h)
22		Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Showtime	(p,h)
23		Sun	11:00 a.m.	Travel Club	Meeting	(f,h)
24		Mon	11:30 a.m.	Hadassah	General Meeting	(f,h)
27		Thurs	12:00 p.m.	PAP	General meeting	(f,h)
30		Sun	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	MovieTime	(p,h)

Weekly Activities

Mon.	12:00 p.m.	Ceramics	(f,h)
	3:00 p.m.	News & Views Discussion	(f,h)
Tues	12:00 p.m.	Bowling	(p,a)
Wed	11:00 a.m.	Sing For Fun	(f,h)
	1:00 p.m.	Bunka Crafts	(f,h)
Mon/Wed/Fri	9:00 a.m.	Pickleball	(f,h)
Thur	12:00 p.m.	Art Class	1 st and 3 rd Thursdays (f,h)

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