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HURRAY FOR THANKSGIVING!

By Phyllis M. Cohen

Thank heavens for Thanksgiving. It's the one holiday that has no great expectations. All you need to enjoy it are a pair of elastic waist pants and a voracious appetite so you can eat yourself into a stupor. Even if you are the one hosting the event, large or small, it's manageable. True, in my mother's day it was a chore. Everything was done from scratch – the turkey was bought "on the hoof" at the live market and even the fish was pulled live from a tank by the fishmonger, hit on the head with a mallet and sent home to be pounded into gefilte fish by hand in a wooded chopping bowl while the turkey was cooked all day into cardboard.

Television comedies routinely hyped turkey day problems such as your tipsy Uncle Sol dancing with a lampshade on his head, your cousin Dora now emerging as your cousin Don and the neighbor's St. Bernard making off with the turkey. In our real life feasts, the problems tended to be more prosaic such as leaving the giblet bag in the turkey's carcass, forgetting to turn on the oven or serving creamed Brussel sprouts in truffle oil to the guests waiting for sweet potatoes.

But we can pretty much forget about those issues nowadays, regardless of how big our guest lists are. Most of the items from turkey to yams are readily available cooked, and if you are shifty, you can manage to dispose of the wrappings and store containers before anyone arrives so your homemade meal is entirely yours. And to make things even easier, you can give your grandkids chicken fingers and French fries (frozen of course) and let them bring their iPads to the kiddie table.

But there is one big problem for this year's festivities. It comes hard on the heels of one of the most contentious presidential elections we have ever witnessed. If your guests include voters of both parties, you can be assured that it will be hard to control the fireworks, regardless of the winner. While you are serving turkey, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie, some of the guests are being forced to eat crow, sour grapes and humble pie. In fact, it might be a good idea, in spite of the second amendment, to insist that guests park any weapons at the door, and to remove anything from the table that might suggest violence, such as drumsticks, breadsticks and carrot sticks. Instead of the usual kids' table, you might separate the guests by party, while the third party supporters can sit under the table. If the legalized medical marijuana bill has passed in Florida, think of getting early scrip for yourself to help keep your cool. Otherwise, prepare an extra strong cocktail to start the dinner. And instead of going around the table asking each guest what they are thankful for this year, prepare a list of forbidden topics: the elections, weather (no global warming), the Iran nuclear deal, Obamacare and Brexit. Offer alternative conversation gambits: the Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie breakup; the winner on America's Got Talent; the latest Star Wars epic.

Hopefully, you will have by now served enough turkey to induce that coma like effect caused by eating 16,000 calories of turkey, fat, salt, sugar and preservatives so you can roll your guests into the living room to watch three football games simultaneously on the TV, their iPhones and tablets.

If you do want to keep to the spirit of the holiday, you might offer up a prayer expressing your gratitude that the elections are over and that the campaigning for the 2020 election can't possibly start before January 2017.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING October 20, 2016

Submitted by Alene Kristal



Editor's note: This is an **unofficial** summary of the BOD meeting of Oct.21.

Five Board members were present at the Oct. 21 Board meeting and Duncan Hopwood participated by telephone. LoriAnn Perrone and Pedro Mena represented management. Many residents were there.

During the open forum at the start of the meeting, the dominant theme was the decrease in quality of the landscaping work. A resident asked about the GRID, and LoriAnn explained that it served primarily as a means to send mass emails (eblasts) to the community. It also provides forms for residents to download and residents can reply to the "eblasts" with concerns regarding the content of that email. Other concerns expressed were about insufficient street lighting in several places and the need for a traffic light at the main entrance. There were complaints about the new umbrellas by the pool, which cannot be closed or opened without an extension tool. Pedro will attend to that during the week, and the new weekend attendant, who starts work in January, will take care of it on the weekends.

Minutes from three previous meetings were accepted. Clarification was given regarding the rules about sandblasting driveways. *If* residents choose to paint their driveways after sandblasting, the color must conform to the approved house paint colors of that year. The Board suggested that residents seal their driveways every five years.

During the meeting, concerns were raised again regarding the quality of the work being done by the landscaping company and also regarding the time of year trees are trimmed as this does not coincide with hurricane protection. Stan Davidson, who is a master gardener, spoke about a number of landscaping issues. Starting on Jan. 1, 2017, he will head up a committee to oversee the landscape concerns within the community, and to supervise M&P.

President's Report, Harvey Galen

• An estimate from another landscaping company was for an amount similar to what we pay M&P.

- Two current BOD members, Steve Bayer and Bill Broth, are not running for reelection. They were thanked for their contributions over the years.
- Ralph Oppler was thanked for running the flu shot program.

Management Report, LoriAnn Perrone

- Preparation for the hurricane was successful.
- A garbage truck damaged the back gate, which has been repaired; the truck company will reimburse the community.
- The office personnel cannot put up hurricane shutters at any home; residents need to hire someone to perform this work.
- Trash is now picked up in the very early morning.
- Management is obtaining quotes to repair two light fixtures in the ballroom.
- An air conditioner in the clubhouse was repaired.
- The sidewalk inspection is ongoing.
- One resident is forming a committee to purchase hurricane shutters. (See box on p.9.)

Acting Treasurer's Report, Iris Rothstein

• (Residents may obtain full reports at the office.)

Safety & Security and COBWRA, Steve Bayer

- There is a notice on the back bulletin board regarding first aid training.
- Odyssey Middle school will become a high school in 2018, and funds for the necessary refurbishment will come from the new one-cent tax on the November ballot. Concerns were expressed about increased traffic on Woolbright Road.

ARC Committee report, Ed Mordis

 Ed reported that 11 ARC applications were accepted and two were denied since the last Board Meeting.

New Neighbors Committee, Iris Rothstein

• We have 33 new residents in 2016, the majority of whom have had a welcome meeting.

Old Business

• The revised Rules and Regulations were accepted by a 5 to 1 vote. Copies will be sent to all residents within a month.

New Business

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To Selma Friedman on the loss of her husband, Ziggy To Carol Shulman on the loss of her husband, Larry.

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Seena Calder

My family and I thank all the friends, neighbors and clubs for your condolences on the loss of my husband, Larry. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

Carole Shulman

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NEED HELP?

By Iris Rothstein

Thanks to a fellow resident, I was able to research two programs that some of you might find helpful. The first, from Solid Waste Authority, called Back Door Service, allows you to leave your trash can and recycle bins in front of your garage door. Solid Waste Authority will empty and return your containers to the front of your garage. Residents who have difficulty getting their trash cans and recycling bins to the curb can have their doctor fax a letter, on their letterhead or prescription pad to the Solid Waste Authority, stating the reason you need this service. The letter must also include your name, address and phone number and should be faxed to 561-471-0142, Attention: Rich Kurz. Once Rich receives the letter. he will call you to confirm when the Back Door Service will begin. Once the service begins, you may call 561-697-2700 and press "2" to report any problems.

The second program is for residents with vision, hearing and other disabilities, who need help with some available Comcast television services: closed captions, voice guidance, video description (voice narrates TV shows), and a large remote. The phone number for these services is 1-855-270-0379.

Also, thanks to another resident, I was made aware of a Comcast telephone package called XFINITY Voice Saver Pack for \$20 a month plus taxes. Included is unlimited nationwide long distance, call waiting and caller ID. It **does not** include Comcast voice messaging. If you have a newer phone, the base of your phone records messages except when you are on the phone, but you can check your caller ID to view missed calls. This deal is good for residents who have received increases in their Comcast phone bill totaling \$44.95 a month plus taxes.

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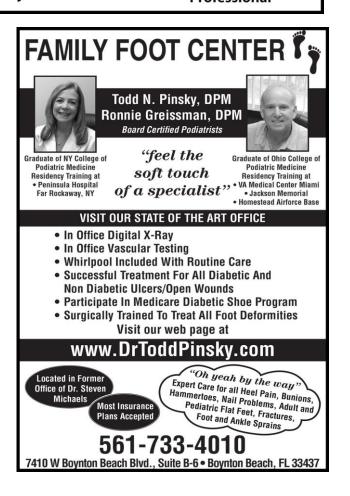
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By Bob Freiberger

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OCT. 20, 2016

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- Motion to spend \$3800.70 for plant materials for common grounds was approved by unanimous vote.
- Motion to allocate \$672 for plantings on Cocowood Court was approved unanimously.
- A \$10,440 bid for sidewalk cleaning was approved unanimously
- Avacant house on Cocowood Court has a pool filled with water. The Board will take action to remediate this health hazard
- The guardhouse roof is very dirty and will be cleaned when houses are cleaned in early 2017.



2016 ELECTION INFORMATION

Submitted by Claire Deveney



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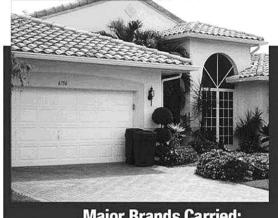
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On Election Day, Majestic Isles residents vote at the Chabad Lubavitch, 10655 El Clair Ranch Road.

To Vote by Mail call the Supervisor of Elections office (561-656-6200). Press "2" for the absentee ballot department and provide your name, address and date of birth. Deadline to request an absentee ballot through the mail is **Wed.**, **Nov. 2**.

For questions on Vote by Mail (absentee ballots), please contact Claire Deveney, Precinct Captain, 10800 Royal Caribbean Circle, at 742-7869, or on her cell phone at 561-508-3842. You may place your completed absentee ballot in the basket in Claire's front door enclosure until Nov. 8 at 4 p.m.; she will deliver it to the elections office for you.





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Highlights of COBWRA Meeting at Palm Isles, October 19, 2016

Joan Brunswick, Chair Of The Health And Wellness Committee, announced Stop The Bleed, a symposium and hands on training that can show you how to stop the bleeding in an emergency that can help you save a life. Stop The Bleed will be held on December 6, 2016 at 6:00 pm at Banyan Springs.

The committee will distribute a Health and Wellness survey to all delegates via Constant Contact to determine the direction of a symposium on the topic of Mental Health.

Gerry Morrison, Vice Chair Of The Growth Management Committee presented three proposals recommended by the Growth Management Committee and the Cobwra Executive Board:

- Approval of the Cobblestone Commons Retail Shopping Plaza located at Boynton Beach Boulevard and Lyons Road. Recommendation approved by the delegates.
- The rezoning of an additional 5.73 acres within the Flavor Pict Townhouse PUD which will include additional townhouses and work force housing. Recommendation approved by the delegates.
- Changes to the site plan, traffic flow and numbers of students served at The Villages of Windsor Private School which will be leased to a Charter School. Recommendation rejected by the delegates.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to a special presentation, a **Meet The Candidates Forum** moderated by COBWRA **First Vice President Phil Barlage**. There was also a discussion of the four constitutional amendments on the ballot and a disussion of the potential benefits for the school district, county and cities of the one penny increase to the county sales tax.

Next Meeting: November 16, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. at Villaggio.

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By Claire Deveney

Can you name the location where the accompanying photo was taken? (The M.I. News is missing; I forgot to take with me!)



Answer: It's Budapest Heroes' Square with Claire Deveney taken this past October in front of the pedestal that carries the equestrian statues of the seven conquering chiefs, with Prince Arpad in the middle. The Millennium Monument that dominates this square was built for the millennium of the Magyar conquest and the existence of Hungry. Construction was begun in 1896 and completed in 1929. For over a hundred years the square has been the venue of major celebrations, rallies and demonstrations.

Picturesque Budapest is one of the most beautiful European capitals. The city has justly been granted World Heritage status on account of its rich history, breathtaking sights and buzzing cultural life.

The newsletter staff knows that Majestic Isles residents travel near and far. Like the Flat Stanley craze when people took photos with a cutout image of Stanley on their travels, consider taking a photo of yourself holding a copy of the Majestic Isles News. Send us a digital copy let us know where the photo was taken and a little bit about it. We will all have a chance to share your experience and to try to guess the photo's location.

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Reel Impressions "QUEEN OF KATWE"

By Edve Frankel



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Phiona's world changes when she meets Robert Ketende (David Oyelowo), a missionary who teaches children how to play chess and who recognizes in Phiona a natural talent and superior intellect. Phiona becomes fascinated with the game and soon becomes a top player under Katende's guidance. She overcomes many obstacles on that journey; fear, uncertainty, hostility and others, but in the end she and her family are the victors.

This story is based on true happenings, which makes it even more touching. The staging, the acting, the directing, and the writing are all wonderful. Not only will adults have a wonderful experience watching it, but youth also will not only enjoy it, but will undergo a true and positive learning experience. I highly recommend this movie to all. Hope you enjoy, too!

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By Elaine Jay

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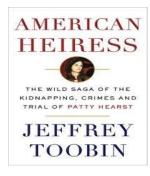
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Another Good Book to Check Out "American Heiress" by Jeffrey Toobin By Stan Kaish



Do you remember the kidnapping of Patricia Hearst by the Symbionese Liberation Army? It took place on the night of February 4, 1974. Patty, the granddaughter of tycoon William Randolph Hearst, was spending a quiet evening at home with

her fiancé, Steven Weed. There was a knock on the Four minutes later Patty lay bound and blindfolded in the trunk of a car. Weed, to his everlasting embarrassment, advised the kidnappers to "take whatever you want," and managed to run away. What they wanted was Patty and, of course, they took her. That was more than 40 years ago but I wager few of us have forgotten this abduction. also remember that some two months later this same Patricia Hearst was photographed brandishing an automatic weapon as a participant in a bank robbery. Was she forced or had she willingly joined her kidnappers' cause? Eventually a court of law decided. Jeffrey Toobin's book seems a definitive history of these events. He rounded up an enormous amount of little known information about this well known event, including the contents of 150 boxes of documents purchased from one of the original SLA members. From start to finish, it confirms the oft said, "Truth is stranger than fiction," and the less oft said, "You couldn't make this stuff up."

First of all, there was no army. In fact, they were a mixed lot of eight crazies, two men and six women, caught up in the 1970's counter-culture. Their goal: the eventual overthrow of the United States Government. When they took Patty, they were really not sure why. Two of their colleagues were being held on a murder charge, and at first they thought they might swap her for them. Then they thought, instead, they could get a large ransom from the Hearst family. Then they decided they would have the Hearsts feed the poor of San Francisco. All the while, Patricia languished, blindfolded, in an apartment closet. And all the while her ears were being filled with the radical philosophy of the time.

By mid-March she had heard enough to come out of the closet and declare her sympathy with their cause, issue a public statement to that effect, and adopt the nom de guerre of Tania, a Che Guevera comrade in Bolivia. Tania's first call to action was to participate in the bank robbery (the SLA was chronically short of cash), at which she was photographed by security cameras, holding a gun. Subsequently, her activities would include another bank robbery at which a customer was killed, a car jacking, the planting of a series of bombs targeting police, and most egregiously, spraying a store with bullets to free a comrade about to be arrested for shoplifting. Quite an active eighteen months, which was the length of time between her being kidnapped by the SLA and finally being apprehended by the FBI.

Toobin devotes the last part of the book to Patricia's trial and the defense strategy mounted by her series of attorneys, most notably, F. Lee Bailey. By then, the fierce Tania had morphed back to co-ed Patty. Her sexual involvements with several of the SLA members were characterized as rapes, and the whole period of revolutionary behavior was blamed on her original kidnapping. Toobin recognizes the complexity of the situation, but is very skeptical about her innocence. See what you think.

Today Patricia Hearst is a sixtyish grandmother. She is a widow whose husband had been one of the policemen (Tania called them pigs) assigned to guard her during the trial and its aftermath, and she happily enjoys the luxurious style of living to which her wealth entitles her. Toobin seems particularly annoyed that two Presidents have forgiven her crimes. Carter commuted her seven-year prison sentence, freeing her, and Clinton subsequently pardoned her of all her misdeeds, essentially expunging the record.

Like they say, you just couldn't make this stuff up.

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IN THE SHADOW OF LIVING MEMORY

By Phyllis M. Cohen

We have to go to the VA Clinic. For those of you who don't know, the much-maligned Veterans' Administration maintains several health facilities in Palm Beach. Way up in West Palm Beach on the highest bump of land I have seen in Florida outside of the trash recycle dump south of us, there is a huge inpatient and outpatient service. When you enter the large lobby, you are greeted with rows of empty wheelchairs, eerily similar to the sight of the serried rows of crosses in a veterans' cemetery. The patients here include many of the younger veterans, survivors of the 21st century conflicts suffering from grievous injuries to mind and body. It is a powerful experience just to walk in the halls.

But recently my husband and I went to the nearby Delray outpatient clinic, a facility housed in one of those large medical and professional malls surrounding the Delray hospital. It is in a single story building housed in a wing enclosing a courtyard with an overcrowded parking lot, an almost invisible handicapped access curb cut and an exit that dumps you out onto busy Linton Boulevard. In short, it is a perfect place for elderly, infirm patients to negotiate.

On this day, we enter the main office and even though it is only 10 in the morning, it is already filled with rows of patients, all men and all obviously veterans of World War II or Korea. It is quiet, the patients apparently still waking up from the chore of getting here early on a brutally hot day. Even though they still have the ropes up - yes, like in Disney World – to control the access to the receptionists, no one is on line. A computer terminal has replaced the personal sign-in at the windows so all you hear are the constantly ringing phones and the one sided responses to the calls. (As an aside, on an earlier visit, I listened to the increasingly impatient receptionist try to explain to a hearing impaired caller of 95 why she couldn't refill his medicine without a new script. Her voice got louder and louder as the vet on the phone clearly could not understand what she was saying or accept what she was saying and the entire office could hear her repeated denials of "No, you are too old for the drug, no, I can't fill it." When I reached the window to register my husband, I couldn't resist saying to the clerk, "What's the matter, you wouldn't refill his Viagra?" The laughter relieved the tension!)

Once we have signed in, we are on our way to the lab around the corner and there are only a man and a woman before us. The man is eager to start a conversation with my husband with the expectation that he too is a veteran of World War II and is disappointed when he learns that Alan served later, during Korea, because he was only a kid during WWII. This vet is 95, tall, erect and sharp. "Where did you serve," we ask, since he clearly would like to engage in conversation. "I was a flight navigator in the Pacific, 11 missions, downed twice, once into the ocean." And leaving us hanging, he is called into his appointment and quickly leaves. He is so sturdy and composed, even at 95, that I could imagine him even now climbing into a B-17 and taking off over those deadly atolls and islands that brought so much death.

I turn to the woman waiting with me, sexist that I am, thinking she was someone's wife, but she tells me that she too is a vet, when I inquire. She was an army nurse throughout the whole of World War II and served in a lab doing some kind of special work in Alabama. She is reticent about what she had done, a clear sign I know, of people who were deeply involved in the war, whether on the battlefields or behind the lines. She too leaves on her own to wait for her transport home. And so all I get are tantalizing fragments of events that happened 70 years ago.

I like stories. My grandson used to say, "Tell me a real story," meaning something that truly happened. I know, sitting in the waiting room of the clinic, that real stories of all kinds are locked into these last survivors of the "Greatest Generation," that their twenty-year-old selves still linger in their memories, the lost buddies, the good deeds and the evil. There seems to be no shortage of servicemen and women as the world continues in its usual bellicose ways and undoubtedly no shortage of stories. Perhaps we can listen to these stories before they fade away and perhaps we can learn something.



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By Anonymous Resident



Okay, I admit it. I'm furious. I've been seething ever since I heard the recording of Trump talking to Billy Bush. And no, it's not locker room talk. It's

bragging about repeated sexual assault and sexual harassment.

So here's why I'm so livid. I have memories of my own experiences of being sexually assaulted and harassed, and, like most women I know, I was deeply wounded when I experienced it, and the hurt didn't go away easily. I talked about it, and, after many months, managed to put it away because holding onto it was too painful. So I put these experiences on the shelf, and there they've sat for many years, getting dusty untouched. I moved on. The memories would come back occasionally, e.g., during the Anita Hill hearings, but each time I'd manage to re-shelve them and go on with my life.

Did you know that the term "sexual harassment" didn't exist as a legal concept until 1964? It was codified in the Civil Rights Act of that year, and later an attorney named Catharine MacKinnon, in a lawsuit that eventually wound up in the Supreme Court, coined the concept of a "hostile working environment." Now you might ask, why do I mention this? A poet named Tillie Olson spoke to this issue in a poem called "Tell It Slant." Her thesis was that because men wrote our language, there weren't words to describe certain issues and feelings women had; and thus women couldn't express them. So before the phrase "sexual harassment" was coined, women had limited ways to describe what they experienced. And the problem was epidemic in scope. A 1976 survey by Redbook showed that 80% of respondents to a survey had encountered sexual harassment on the job. They either didn't speak up, or, if they did, their experience was trivialized and dismissed, exponentially increasing the pain the women felt. It became a second assault.

We're all familiar with this subject, from Anita Hill, and from the comic drama "Nine to Five." Here's

my story. I worked in a large suburban school district in the early 1970's. One day, I was in my boss' office to discuss a scheduling problem I was trying to resolve, and he stood up from his desk, put his arm around my shoulders in a mock collegial gesture, and then his hand moved slowly until it was over my left breast. He squeezed it. I stood there frozen. Nothing like this had ever happened to me before. I'd been the target of wolf whistles, and other demeaning behavior men use against women, but this time I was struck dumb, no words would form. I quickly moved away. I was up for tenure in two months, and didn't want to rock the boat, so I said nothing. I quickly invented an excuse to leave his office, and never spoke to him about this. Every time I went into his office after that I made sure I kept his desk between us. I thought about telling his boss, but was sure I wouldn't be believed. I thought about killing him, to be honest. I thought about it a lot. He continued to make my work life miserable, contradicting me at meetings, and undermining me in front of colleagues whose professional respect I had worked hard to earn. He supervised eight women, and, I found out, had done this or something similar, to at least six of them.

So why am I so enraged now? Every newspaper you read, every time you turn on the television, there's another report of a woman who was sexually assaulted. It's inescapable. It's in the air. Everywhere. I'm having trouble breathing.

So I thank you for reading to my story and for your contribution to my being able to put these painful memories back where they belong. On the shelf.

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MY BEST FRIEND

By Alene Kristal

She was my best friend for so many years. Unlike some of the residents in this community, I lived alone for 18 years between marriages. I had a full and exciting life, filled with friends, work, singing lessons, and other artistic interests. But something was missing. A friend suggested I get a cat, and she soon found one for me. Her name was Princess. A Princess in my house? No! She was the "daughter" of a feminist, after all, so I named her Amelia.

I prepared my apartment, got all the requisite food and toys, and awaited her arrival. Once she came in, she dove under a table, and stayed there for 24 hours. I laid face down on the floor and talked to her under the tablecloth. I can't recall our conversation, but after some time, I got up and had my dinner, went back to talk to her, and eventually went to bed. The next morning, I woke up and she was eating at the food bowl I'd put out the day before. I sat down next to her, and once she was finished, we went into my bedroom where she jumped into my lap. She never left. She slept between my legs every night, and kept me warm.

I had a recliner in the bedroom that I sort of lived in, and she and I spent many hours there together. (When you're single you can live as you please, even a jar of peanut butter and a knife for dinner was fine.) I read there, watched television, studied throughout four years of law school (I went at night, worked during the day). All the while, Amelia was either in my lap or sitting above my head on top of the chair. She didn't care how I spent my time as long as I provided her with food, a lap to sleep in, and conversation. She was afraid of any male visitors I had, which I assumed came from her harsh treatment by her original male owner. In fact, my brother-inlaw, ever the scientist (he was a cellular physiologist) asserted that since he never saw Amelia, she didn't exist. But I knew it was his overlarge personality and his loud voice that kept her under the bed, huddled against the wall, whenever he came to visit. She did get jealous occasionally; if I were on the phone too long for her taste, she'd trot off to the other room, and knock the phone off the hook to announce her displeasure. Whenever I went on vacation, I'd come home to find her planted on the carpet in the foyer, scolding me for having been away for so long.

After the first few years of our companionship, she began to relax and stopped hiding when others came

to visit. She even met my brother-in-law, which was a big step.

She had a favorite toy – a mouse on a flexible wire – that I called "rodential creature." He lived with us for some years, until I found him in a corner, with only his eyes left clinging to shreds of fake fur. She'd killed him, but good!

When Steve came into my life, she became wary and overly cautious. She was especially unhappy that we didn't have the bed to ourselves anymore. It took awhile, but she came to accept him, although she never completely warmed to him. He won points by feeding her, but that was as good as it ever got.

Amelia has been gone for almost five years. There are other cats in my life now, and I love them dearly, but they're not Amelia. Her sleek muted-calico coat, (caramel, gray & white) and her emerald green eyes were sui generis. But it was her sweet personality — and the bond I had with her — that was exceptional. I miss her every day — "her smiles, her frowns, her ups, her downs" - (apologies to Lerner and Loewe).

PET PATCH

by Molly

Wow – were we ever lucky- "Matthew" sure did a lot of damage around us – but damage to Majestic Isles was minimal. I



of damage around us – but damage to Majestic Isles was minimal. I heard they took out 6 truckloads of branches, etc. during clean-up – that's a lot.

Mom's house had the folding shutters closed. But what I couldn't understand was I couldn't see out of the panel next to the front door – that was my view of the outside world – taken away from me – but I finally got it back a couple of days later – what a relief! (There was a shutter on it.)

Sure hope that's the end of hurricane season! Now we can look forward to fall and pumpkins and Thanksgiving. Did any of you get dressed up for Halloween? I was "guarding" our house! Happy Thanksgiving!



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INVESTORS DISCUSSION GROUP

By Bill Harris, facilitator

My progressive blindness no longer allows me to continue as facilitator of our Investment Discussion Group (IDG). Attendance at our monthly meetings since April has been minimal to non-existent. Therefore, our November 14 meeting is cancelled and all future meetings of the IDG are suspended. The club, as of October 15, 2016 is hereby disbanded. Anyone who wants to resurrect the IDG or act as its facilitator is welcome to do so.

The above could be my last column, But, I owe it to those of you who read and understand this column to summarize what two members and I discussed at our October 10 meeting. I also want to provide you with my opinions as they pertain to items from our agenda we didn't get to discuss.

When should we run? Can this longer than ever bull market continue to hit out-of-the-ballpark hone runs? Or is the bear lurking out there, lumbering into the arena? As of October 14, all stock market indices were just below their all-time highs. Yet, the market after a period of extreme volatility now remains relatively flat. A poor September jobs report has pushed any Fed decision to raise short-term interest rates off until December or even later. The Market should be euphoric, but once-again falling oil prices, this time from a Saudi-orchestrated, artificially induced \$54/bbl oil high, a strong dollar and Fed indecision have coupled with an expected poor earnings season and the almost-here presidential election, to roil the market's waters. Maybe the time to run is now.

Where to hide? You could hide in place. Everyone rpart. As an income investor, you may have a long enough time frame to weather the coming rising interest rate storm. Or, maybe you're the type who can sustain a 10% or greater market correction, just so long as your dividends get paid. Be sure to check your ETFs; their baskets might contain a high proportion of stocks that wouldn't do well when short-term interest rates rise. Certain equities almost always lose value when interest rates rise. These include bonds, bond funds, utilities, telecoms, preferred stocks and index REITs. Mortgage REITs in particular are especially stressed when the yield curve flattens. If you own these types of equities, should you continue to hold them, or should you fold them?

If you sell them, you need to move into dividend paying equities unaffected or only minimally affected by rising interest rates or by the threat of rising interest rates. In my opinion, hold on to your interest-rate sensitive equities at least through their November dates of record so that you can collect their dividends. And, then say goodbye to FPL or ConEd, AT&T or Verizon, the ETF preferred stock basket FFC, the dividend index ETF DVY, the mortgage REIT Annaly (NLY)

It's time to move into interest-rate-hike resistant equities. Say hello to health care sector specialty REITs HCP or Ventas (VTR) or energy MLPs Brookfield Infrastructure Partners (BIP), Green Plains Partners (GPP) or Genesis Energy (GEL). The health care REITs have annual dividend yields of from 4.4 to 6.3% and pay from \$0.58 to \$0.73 quarterly. The energy MLPs have annual dividend yields of from 3 to 8.8% and pay from \$0.39 to \$0.70 quarterly. The biotech Abbvie (ABBV) also should be interest rate hike immune. Its dividend yield is 3.73% and it pays \$0.57 quarterly. You might want to track the total stock market with 30-50% of your portfolio. If so, try Vanguard's ETF VTI. With an annual dividend yield of 1.86%, its September quarterly distribution was \$0.539 per share.

Now say goodbye to me. I've enjoyed writing this column and our monthly discussions in and during which I have tried to share my online stock market research with you. I hope it has proven to be helpful.

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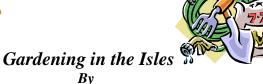
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Stan Davidson





As our community has aged, many of our hardwood trees have exposed surface roots on the lawn, known in horticulture terminology as girdled roots. You may ask yourself or a landscaper, "Can I remove the surface roots on my lawn?" These surface roots present both a problem with mowing over the bumpy surface and are unsightly to observe protruding out of a lush green lawn.

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If you believe that your spreading surface roots may damage a retaining wall, patio slab, walkways, driveways, or the irrigation system, then it maybe time to remove the surface roots.

A good rule to follow when removing surface roots is to cut out no more than a *third* of the roots that are exposed on the surface under a healthy tree's drip line at any one time. Root pruning cuts should be done at least a distance of 3 to 5 times the trunk diameter from the outside of the trunk. Take care not to remove the larger roots, since they provide the greater support for

the tree. After you perform surface root surgery, it is advisable to provide some fertilizer and water until the tree adjusts to the root removal. Remember to fill the trench with soil remaining from the removed roots.

Caveat: Keep in mind that roots are the lifelines of a tree!!

As this article relates to trees, I did some research on the benefits of growing trees in our community:

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MINDSET LIST OF THE CLASS OF 2020

Editor's note: The list below is abbreviated.

Students heading into their first year of college this year are mostly 18 and were born in 1998.

Since they arrived on this planet....

- There has always been a digital swap meet called eBay.
- Grandpa has always been able to reach for the Celebrex.
- They never heard Harry Caray try to sing during the seventh inning at Wrigley Field.
- West Nile has always been a virus found in the U.S.
- Vladimir Putin has always been calling the shots at the Kremlin.
- The Sandy Hook tragedy is their Columbine.
- The United States has always been at war.
- Serena Williams has always been winning Grand Slam singles titles.
- The Ali/Frazier boxing match for their generation was between the daughters of Muhammad and Joe.
- They have never had to watch or listen to programs at a scheduled time.
- If you want to reach them, you'd better send a text—emails are oft ignored.
- NFL coaches have always had the opportunity to throw a red flag and question the ref.
- Bada Bing Tony and Carmela Soprano and the gang have always been part of American culture.
- They have no memory of Bob Dole promoting Viagra.
- Citizens have always been able to register to vote when they get their driver's license.
- A Bush or a Clinton have always been campaigning for something big.
- Snowboarding has always been an Olympic sport.
- The once-feared Thalidomide has always been recognized as a cancer fighting drug.
- DreamWorks has always been making animated creatures heroic and loveable.
- They have never seen billboard ads for cigarettes.
- Airline tickets have always been purchased online.
- Robots have always been surgical partners in the O.R.
- Newt who?

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SOCIAL CLUB

By Rita Dick and Arlene Koch

Our last general meeting for 2016 will be held on Sunday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. (Note change in time.) The talented choral group from Boynton Beach Community High School will entertain us. Coffee will be served after the meeting. Please sign up in the back lobby. Dues for 2017 will be \$15 p.p. and may be paid at this time.

Once again we are continuing our drive for "Toys for Tots." It has been well received in the past and we hope to exceed last year's collection. The toys will be donated to the families that use the facilities at the Soup Kitchen. The collection box will be placed in the back lobby in November. Reservations for New Year's Eve are still being accepted. The cost is \$55 p.p. for Social Club members and \$60 for non-members and guests. Kosher and non-kosher food will be served. Please indicate on your check if sugar free is needed.

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HADASSAH

By Ellin Goldstein



Hadassah looks forward to a busy winter season:

Nov. 3 The donor luncheon At 11:30 a.m. at the Copenhagen Restaurant.

Nov. 9 New member Wine & Cheese at the home of Helene Riffle with guest speaker will be Lydia Krieg. **Nov. 20.** Dinner at Jasper's Restaurant. The cost is \$25 with donor credit being given.

Nov. 21 at 10:30 a.m. Board Meeting

Our next general Lunch and Learn meeting is on **Nov. 28**, starting at 11:30. We are pleased to welcome back **Leah Polin** who will present "Ten Jewish Families Who Built America". Please plan to attend this interesting discussion.

We are going to continue our new format for the meetings. Anyone wishing to *prepay* \$5.00 for the tuna salad box lunch may order one. Make checks out to Hadassah and put then in the mailbox, attention Doris Robin, please We will only torder for the people who have put a check in the box at least 5 days before the Nov. 28 meeting. Prepay by Nov. 23. Please come and enjoy the new lunch served with coffee and If someone has prepaid, but is unable to come, the food will be taken home by one of the committee members and the food can be picked up.

Those who prepaid will receive a ticket when they enter the ballroom and lunches will be distributed by tables. Any member not ordering a lunch may partake in the coffee and.... Doors will open at 11:30 and time will be allowed for the purchase of scrip, cards, and certificates before lunch is served.

On **Dec. 4** Cantor Irving Grossman will present a festive musical program of Hanukkah, Yiddish, and Broadway tunes at the second annual Hanukah party at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse. The cost is \$18 with proceeds going to the Mother and Child Center. Tables will be from 8-10; put checks into the mailbox with attention: Sylvia Fefferman. Write the names of the tablemates and indicate if any people at your table need sugar-free desserts.

The Card party is scheduled **for Jan. 16**. Details to follow.

Bricks are still being sold for \$18 each. Call Lee Katz for more information

SINGLES

By Renee Stichel

We hope all are well and enjoying the beautiful weather Florida is offering us!! Our group loved "Cheaper by the Dozen" at Kings Academy. After te show we went to Nicole's for a great big dinner. It was a fun day and a great evening.

Our **Nov. 4 meeting** and pre-Thanksgiving dinner will consist of turkey, your favorite potatoes, vegetables and a great dessert. The entertainment, back by popular demand, will be Carolyn Smylie and



we know she will be better (if possible) than the first time.

On **Dec. 31**, to celebrate New Year, most of us are going to see Randy

Delago at the Delray Playhouse with Champagne and hors d'oeuvres. Some of us will also be going to dinner. Then we will meet at the poker room in the clubhouse for more champagne and to welcome the New Year. Some of the more adventurous singles will be cruising to the Bahamas.

In January we plan to go to Harrid's for a lunch and to watch the ballet dancers rehearse. This will be a wonderful afternoon. Watch channel 63 for details.

In February we are planning to go to the Culinary Institute and sample some of their delights... (No wonder we are putting on some weight,) but we are living it up.

MEN'S CLUB

By Joel Cohen

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BAGELS

PUT LOX ON THEM The Men's Club will have a lox breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 6. We are trying to get a speaker for that morning. There will be a signup sheet in back lobby.

We are planning a trip to the Isles Casino/Racetrack on Wednesday, Nov. 30. It will be

an evening trip as the trotters run in the evening. We will probably leave about 4:45 p.m.

W had a good turnout for the Marlin's baseball game so we will try to plan for three games next year, if they still have "Seniors' Free Nights. Stay tuned.

MAJESTIC ISLES TRAVEL CLUB

By Doris Davidoff



Our trip to Branson, Missouri, was a rousing success. Eighteen of us enjoyed a wonderful five days of marvelous music and delicious eating. Each show was better than the last. We were impressed by our tour and lunch at

the amazing College of the Ozarks, where all students work at the school while they get their degrees. There is no tuition and the students graduate without needing loans. The students we met were charming.

We are now looking forward to our next major trip — a visit to "The Big Easy." New Orleans is the home of great food and wonderful jazz. We will fly there and spend four nights in this enchanting city, touring the French Quarter, the New Orleans School of Cooking, their above-ground cemetaries and the city's other unique attractions. Brochures are in the back lobby, and informaton is on the Majestic Isles website at www.majesticisles.com The New Orleans trip dates are May 22–26, 2017. We have had many requests to go to New Orleans; now is your chance.

We are still working on a trip to Hawaii sometime between fall of 2017 and spring 2018. We have had much demand for Hawiaii but is is an expensive trip, so we have to give people time to save for it.

The Travel Club is open to all Majestic Isles residents and their friends and relatives, even those who don't live here. Email dorisdav@aol.com to be added to our email list. There is no membership fee to belong to the Travel Club. We meet four times a year. Our next general meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017 at 11 a.m.

BOOK TALKS AND MORE By Judy Markowitz

Our next meeting will be Nov. 16 at 2 p.m. Alan Topolosky will review "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr.

Everyone is welcome to join the discussion.

M.I.L.T. PRESENTS

By Barbara Portnoff



Thank you to Ira Schneider for a fabulous documentary about "Hollywood's Golden Age of Dance," held October 23.

Save the date:

Sunday, Nov: 13 at 7:30 p.m. The Majestic Isles singers and

actors will bring you "The Tony Award Winners of the 50's." Be ready for some surprise guests!

You will enjoy meeting some new neighbors while you have coffee and cake after the workshop. Sign-up in the back lobby on the M.I.L.T. attendance sheet. This helps us know how to shop for our audience.

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, Dec. 11** at 6 p.m. for the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Majestic Isles Little Theatre. This is a special free dinner event for M.I.L.T. members only. Share the memories. Enjoy the friendships.

WOMEN'S CLUB

by Joyce Milbauer, President

On **Monday, Nov: 14** we will have our last Women's Club Card Party and Luncheon at Westchester Country Club. This event will be open to all. It will be held at 11:30 a.m. The price of \$20 will include lunch selections plus dessert. Please all the checks fort your table in one envelope and place the envelope in the Women's Club mail box by **Nov.** 7.

It's sad but true that the Majestic Isles Women's Club is coming to an end. We had a good run over the years, with many good parties and events. Several events were held jointly with the Men's Club. Thank you all for your attendance and support in the last 17 plus years!

On Monday, Dec. 5 at 12:00 noon, we will bid a fond farewell to the Women's Club. A "Members Only" luncheon will be held at the Copenhagen Restaurant. The cost will be \$15 per person.

If you plan to attend our Last Hurrah, please put a check in the Women's Club mailbox. For more info Contact Gladys (740-0434) or Marlene (738-1905).

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MAJESTICS BOWLING LEAGUE Spares and Strikes

By: Joyce Stoudermire



HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES

Week	1 –	MEN:
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Steve Herbin	181	Steve Herbin	413
Alan Stevens	148	Jerry Elefson	395
Jerry Elefson	147	Alan Stevens	374

Week 1 – WOMEN

Natalie Herbin	146	Ilene Gross	401
Ilene Gross	139	Natalie Herbin	368
Carol Stevens	136	Joyce Stoudern	ire 358

Week 2 - MEN

Al Lynn	156	Al Lynn	421
Steve Herbin	148	Steve Herbin	409
BobWolff	134	Alan Stevens	343

Week 2 – WOMEN

Estelle Snyder	164	Estelle Snyder	425
Joyce Stouderm	ire 154	Joyce Stoudern	nire 404
Francine Gitto	141	Ilene Gross	383

Week 3 – MEN

Steve Herbin	151	Steve Herbin	421
Alan Stevens	147	Alan Stevens	389
Bob Wolff	144	Al Lynn	379

Week 3 - WOMEN

Estelle Snyder	148	Ilene Gross	414
Zita Granoff	146	Estelle Snyder	413
Ilene Gross	141	Joyce Stouderm	ire 406

CONGRATULATIONS TO STEVE AND ESTELLE FOR THEIR HIGH SCORES TO DATE:

Steve Herbin 181 (week 1) and Estelle Snyder 164 (week 2).

A special thanks to everyone who joined us for our Summer Bowling for Fun. As usual, we did have lots of fun.

Our fall season began on Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2016 and ends on April 4, 2017. There will be no bowling on Dec. 27. The cost is \$7.50 per week.

We've lost a few bowlers and are looking for people who want to try their hand at bowling; people who want to get back into bowling; and former Majestic Isles bowlers.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members to our bowling family: Denise Rothman, Francine Gitto and Issy Elefson. If you're interested in joining our fun group, please call Al Lynn 742-9937 or Alan Stevens 336-4223.

MAJESTIC ISLES PAP GROUP

By Renee Stichel



We hope those of you that celebrated Rosh Hashanah enjoyed the holiday and we hope you all will enjoy good health for the New Year.

As I write, we anticipate our opening meeting on Oct. 27 at 3 p.m., with wine, soda and our board-donated fabulous hors d'oeuvres. We expect the entertainment of James Perkowski to be wonderful and we know that everyone that will be there will have a marvelous time and enjoy the fabulous jewelry from New York. Thanks to all that participate.

Hold the date of Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. for our Coins for the Cure event where we will pay tribute to the late Marcia Steiner. We are serving a do-it-yourself sundae bar with all the trimmings, coffee and cookies. We brought back, as we were asked to, Helene Kaufman, the entertainer that you loved. If you missed her last time, be sure to come to this one. The cost is \$15 p.p.

Jan. 27 we'll have our usual enjoyable lunch with coffee and cake and a great program as always. The cost is \$5 p.p

Hold the date of Feb. 9 for our fashion show from Chico's. We'll have a fabulous luncheon and of course raffles with great prizes. Further announcement will come later.

On behalf of the Pap board and their members we look forward to seeing you.



1	Tues	11: a.m.	Calendar	Meeting	
2	Wed	2: p.m.	Neighbor 2 Neighbor	In Library	(f , h)
3	Thurs	11:30 a.m.	Hadassah	Donor Luncheon	(p,a)
4	Fri	5:30 p.m.	Singles	Meeting	(f,h)
6	Sun	-	SET CLOCKS BACK 1		.,,,
		9:30 am.	Men's Club	Breakfast	(f,h)
		7:00 p.m.	Social Club	Meeting	(f,h)
7	Mon	4:00 p.m.	Board of Directors	Workshop	
13	Sun	7:30p.m.	MILT	Workshop	(p,h)
14	Mon	11:00 a.m.	Women's Club	Card Party (Westchester CC)	(p,a)
16	Wed	2:00 p.m.	Neighbor 2 Neighbor	In Library	(f,h)
		2:00 p.m.	Book Talks	Discussion	(f,h)
17	Thurs	7:00 p.m.	CANDIDATES NIGHT		(f , h)
19	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Night	(p,h)
20	Sun	7:00 p.m.	Hadassah	Dinner at Jasper's	(p , a)
28	Mon	11:30 a.m.	Hadassah	Meeting	(p,h)
30	Wed	4:45 p.m.	Men's Club	Casino	(p ,a)
	Wed	2:00p.m.	Neighbor2Neighbor	In Library	(f , h)

		Weekly Act	tivities		
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	10:45 a.m.	Sing For Fun		(f,h)	
	1:00 p.m.	Bunka	Crafts	(f,h)	
Mon/Wed/Fri	8:00 a.m.	Pickleball		(f,h)	
Thur	12:00 p.m.	Art Class		(f , h)	

Watch channel 63 for additions, cancellations, or changes in date or time.

For additional information, please contact an officer of the appropriate club,

NOT the Majestic Isles Office.

f = free, p = paid, a = way, h = home

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