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## April 2015 Newsletter

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Funny.... and I don't mean Haha.... thing is that March was a strange month. The news reported the same things over and over, like they were looking at the same news-reel each day. The world was still in the same sad condition as the months before. It gets harder each day to speak one's mind, so it was surprising that another country, mainly Israel, was able to address the American Congress without the blessing of the White House. I am sure it looked rather strange to the rest of the world how American Lawmakers behaved. There is actually a word for this, except I cannot say it.....

Multiple train wrecks, a German Plane crashed, Helicopters crashed into houses, food recalls and 2/3rd of the country was still either snowed under or in a deep-freeze. The West coast was suffering from a heatwave and in some parts the fires started early. The drought came early and when driving with our Washington Mountains in sight there is almost no snow, one can see the dirt, it looks like July. Many farmers in Eastern Washington have decided not to grow anything at all, since there will be little or no water to irrigate the plants. People talking about price increases rather than the fact that food shortages are possible.

Shootings by police are still reported every day and I trust it will be the new normal for some time. Many people pay little or no attention to the affairs of the world and are, instead, shopping for Easter since the holiday money machine lubed itself and went straight from Valentines Day to Easter Displays over night. Someone sent this to me on Facebook and I thought you may want to take a look and ponder what it has to do with the holiday.....



In 2001 I filmed a show in which we talked to a EX-Russian Intelligence Officer in which he profiled the Afghanistani people as a people and as opponents in battle. One of the things he explained was that they are a very loyal People. Once they invite you to their "HOME" they will remain a friend for life. On the other hand, once they request for you to leave...that is the end of the journey. Turns out we have, once again, been invited to stay a bit longer. Baby-boomers and the few remaining which came before us are having thoughts of our own about that new development. We are being told by the new generations to take better care of ourselves, yet, some of us are doing rather well while we continue our lifestyle and attempt to pass on our life experiences. No one is listening in this virtual world we find ourselves in.



My friend, the late Martha Barnhill worked in a diplomatic capacity most of her life. She served in Haiti, Tunisia, Yemen and was taken hostage in Vietnam. At one point she worked for Colin Powell and had many stories to tell. Her favorite places on the planet were Tunisia and YEMEN. I am glad she did not see what happened to her beloved Yemen and the closing of the Embassy.

Spring started early on the West Coast and all vegetation was in full bloom by the last week in February. Not so for the rest of America, they are still in a deep freeze now, in the last few days of March. Australia was visited by a Cyclone and it was several days before we heard from the friends in the Out Back. News about the "People-Going-On's" was hard to come by, because politics occupied the news in many countries. Israel saw no positive changes and the madness of the 2016 Presidential Elections started in the United States of America.

Several weeks ago I put out a request for people to submit a positive story for the newsletter. This is the first one of this series. The Author, Debra, is on her way to Washington, in order to film a travel series for my show: A Visit with a Person Of High Strangeness. She is on a journey from Orlando, FL to Olympia, WA.



Crosses are everywhere! It's almost Easter in the Panhandle of Florida, a time for new growth and just in time for one of THE most holy of holidays, Easter. I would have been oblivious to this phenomenon had it not been for a sweet lady by the name of Karen Altman. Today was one of those gloomy Panhandle days. I only had a few days left in this area of the world, so I was pleasantly surprised when I met Karen and she educated me about the new growth, this phenomenon.

Isn't it strange how we as humans are led to our blessings? What I've come to learn, we are unable to receive those blessings if we refuse to open ourselves up to others. This day, I was hungry and in search of Wi-Fi and food. I wanted to walk, to capture photographs of my hometown. It has been ages since I've been back home. I thought I knew a lot about this town, that is, until I met Karen, a true Gulf Coast Ambassador.

I walked past the restaurant, although I did notice the sign on the door, PUFFED TACOS, Tex-Mex style. I was almost at Burger King when my inner voice encouraged me to go back and peak my head in the door – get a feel for the small hole in the wall. A burger just was not going to cut it for me today. Trust me; I had to get out of my comfort zone in order to dine here, an unknown restaurant. The last thing I wanted was a 2am visit in the bathroom. I took a chance. The waitress seated me. I pulled out my laptop and started to do my thing. Looking around as my stomach growled I noticed a plaque on the wall, featuring the PUFFED TACO. FYI, I am nowhere close to having the adventuresome nature as Parts Unknown star Anthony Bourdain, but today was different. I was ready to experience diversity in a very southern town.

Karen was so friendly. She encouraged me to try the PUFFED TACO. "It's awesome" she said. As I spoke with this affable lady and her husband Jack, I learned about more than a taco. After telling her that I'm a photographer, Karen shared how I "must" get a shot of a special species of pine tree that grows in certain areas of the Panhandle. Karen asked me, "Ever notice the Pine tree crosses on Easter Sunday?" I had no clue about this tree. Eagerly, Karen went on to inform me that these trees start their new growth weeks before Easter. This kind lady left her hot meal to take me outside and point out a similar tree, but with shorter needles. "If you check out the tops of the Pine trees several weeks before Easter, you will notice yellow shoots and the tallest of the branches forms a cross. You can't miss them."

I wanted to share this experience here on Dystenium because I found this phenomenon to be amazingly spiritual, how the Southern Pines know its Easter.

Debra Ellick

It is my hope we can all find at least a little pleasure in our life and concentrad'te on the good things we are still blessed to receive. Celestial Events keep us in awe and we are starting to smell the roses, at least in some parts of the planet.

America's first declared presidential candidate is Senator TED CRUZ. He was born to a Cuban Father and an American Mother in Canada. He is the most vicious critic of President Obama. When studying for a US Citizen Test you learn that you have to be born on American soil in order to become President. Cruz shut down the government because things were not going his way. When his wife quit her job for the campaign he enrolled in what we call Obama Care....the Affordable Healthcare Act..... the very thing he has been viciously opposing since it was put in place. He makes his own rules and I think that if Hypocrisy was painful he would holler 24 hours a day.

Love and Light,  
Lilian

I am staring to film again for my show, this time I have the luxury to produce shows in our new HD Studio at TCTV. So I take you on a journey on what it was like to do a show early on. Sit back and enjoy. For the young readers this is how we were inventive BC DIGITAL. It is OK to laugh.



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