Remembering a Friendship Born Out of Respect

A Tribute to Jerry Peters

by Andrew Tallackson

The snow fell heavy that day, large clumps of white pounding the sidewalk outside Mainstreet Theatre.

I watched from inside the building, seated at a cast-iron table and thankful for the warmth. Donna Kavanagh, standing next to me, trembled, as if trying to shake off the cold. We were joined by Jerry Peters, who handed us two steaming mugs of tea, the drinks warming our insides as we discussed a mystery dinner-theater event the two had planned for New Year’s Eve at Mainstreet.

Twenty minutes later, the interview, it appeared, had come to an end. I was wrong. The conversation was nowhere near over. The roles were about to reverse.

“So,” Jerry said, lighting a cigarette as he reclined against the wall near the ticket booth, “News-Dispatch, huh? The new entertainment editor. Tell me about yourself.”

I offered a quick run-through. Born in Chicago, raised in the Miller Beach neighborhood of Gary, but practically grew up in Michigan City. We did everything here, I told him. What else? OK, well, attended a performing arts high school, then Indiana University in Bloomington, majoring in film and journalism, with a minor in classical piano. Reporter, then editor at The Peru (Ind.) Tribune, a sister paper of The News-Dispatch. Now, I was where I wanted to be, doing precisely what I wanted to do.

“Well,” Jerry said, stamping out his cigarette in a nearby ashtray, “let me tell you about Michigan City.”

An hour later, he was still talking. What he liked. What disappointed him. How things could improve. It was clear he loved the city. Something else was clear: This was a man who would become a major part of life for me as entertainment editor.

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Cast and crew for the 2012 Canterbury Summer Theatre season arrive just outside the theater.

The musical-comedy spoof “Musical of Musicals” was the only show I was able to see during the 2012 Canterbury Summer Theatre season.
at my son, who was wolfing down his grilled-cheese sandwich. I looked away from him and the room appeared to be spinning. My vision blurred. As I slipped into blackness, the last thing I heard was my wife screaming, “Andrew, what’s wrong?”

I came to a minute or so later: disoriented, on the floor, a cold rag on my forehead, my wife and son by my side. The murmur of conversations from alarmed customers permeated the air. I was told I’d blacked out, that a nurse dining nearby rushed to my side, preventing my head from slamming against a table. Who that nurse was, to this day, I don’t know. She never told me her name.

EMTs then came into view, calmly explaining they were taking me to St. Anthony. I blacked out again during the trip to the hospital and yet again in the emergency room, where a nurse upon seeing me come to said, “Thank God, you scared us there for a minute.”

That was the start of a long, grueling journey. Crohn’s disease, of which I’d been diagnosed in 1998, had zeroed in for the kill. If someone had told me then that 2012 would involve eight trips to the hospital and two surgeries, I would have replied, “No way. Not me. Not at 42.” But that’s precisely what happened.

Jerry was there for me, though, during that first full month at the hospital when it seemed like getting the disease under control was impossible. He visited twice. The first time, I have no memory of it. Images from those first few weeks are a blur. The second visit, I was more alert. Jerry filled me in on the upcoming season at Mainstreet and what was going on in Michigan City. There were a few developments, in particular, he wanted to vent about. I had to laugh.

“What?,” he asked.

“Well,” I said, “here we are, what, 14, 15 years later, and nothing’s changed. You’re still griping, I’m still listening.”

He paused, then let out a big, hearty laugh.

“Yeah, I guess you’re right.”

Months later, when my illness prevented me from working full time, Jerry wanted to make sure I still enjoyed the Canterbury season. Any show I wanted to see, he said, let him know. He’d save me a few comp tickets. My family and I did make it to a show: a spoof of Broadway musicals. My son, then 5, sat through the entire thing without squirming or complaining.

In October, when Jerry and I united for an interview about local theater with Jane Daley from the La Porte County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Jerry mentioned that summer day, saying how proud he was that my son’s first experience of seeing live theater for adults was at Mainstreet. He was beaming.

I saw Jerry for the last time on Sunday, Nov. 4.
He was leaving Michigan City Public Library as I arrived to return a few books. He asked about my health. I told him my second surgery was planned in one week. Doctors were convinced the procedure could solve my troubles.

“Something tells me this is it,” he said. “This is going to do it for you. How long are you going to be in the hospital? I’ll come visit.”

I told him about five days.

“See you after the surgery,” he said, smiling as he walked away, headed for Mainstreet Theatre. I thought nothing of it. It was a day like any other day.

Thursday, Nov. 8.

I received a phone call from Adam Parkhouse, the sports editor at The News-Dispatch. He was uncharacteristically cryptic.

“Drew, was Jerry Peters, your friend from the theater group, around 69 or 70?”

“Yeah, why?” I asked.

“Did he live on Walker Street?,” Adam asked.

“Yes, why, do you need me to call him about something?,” I replied.

Silence.

“Adam, what?,” I asked, insistent on learning where this was headed.

“Drew, Jerry was found dead in his house. They think he was killed.”

I was standing by the piano in my living room and felt all the strength evaporate from my body. I collapsed into a chair. The only word I could utter was, “What?”

“We don’t have much information now,” Adam said. “I’ll call you or text you when we find out more.”

I thanked Adam for letting me know, then stared off into space. This didn’t sound right. I just saw Jerry. No, this does not make sense at all. What happened to Jerry, that’s something you read about in the paper or see on TV or read online. I am not someone who receives a phone call to let me know one of my friends has been murdered. That is a world of which I am not privy to.

But I was. There it was. Plain and simple. Jerry was gone. He was not coming back.

I was not able to attend his funeral. It was held the day after my surgery. My wife went in my place. Friends who visited me at the hospital asked if I was OK. When I replied that I was recovering faster than expected, some shook their heads and said, “That’s not what I mean.”

They meant Jerry. What could be said? Like everyone else, I was too numb from shock to say anything meaningful.

A few weeks ago, I walked into Mainstreet Theatre for the first time in months. It was strange, not seeing Jerry there, him waving me over to show me whatever he was working on. The walls were receiving new coats of paint. It looked good, a reminder that amid tragedy, life goes on.

Jerry’s legacy was definitely felt. This was his love, his passion. So much talent had graced that stage over the years. Knowing more would continue to do so offered comfort. I smiled, opened up my notebook and began the interview with those present about the upcoming Canterbury season.

In the same room, by the way, where Jerry and I met that cold winter’s day in December.

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“Meet the Author” at Temple News

Children’s Book Author Isabel O’Connell to Sign Books on Saturday June 8

Isabel O’Connell, author of three books for children will be at Temple News Agency, 816 Jefferson Ave. LaPorte at 10:00 a.m. on Sat., June 8, as part of LaPorte’s June “2nd Saturdays!” events.

Isabel, who taught school for 25 years, a mother of 4 and a musician in the LaPorte County Symphony Orchestra will be here to meet, talk with, and sign her books for your children.

During her teaching career, Isabel believed in the importance of reading books to her students each day and has decided to write her own versions as well. Her books, Grandma & Me, Gypsy and Peggy & the Tea Party will be available for sale and she’ll be happy to sign copies during her visit.

For more information, contact: Michael Sitar at (219) 362-2676 or e-mail tmplnewz@csinet.net

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Meet the Artists at Village Gallery

The Village Gallery is excited to present a multi-artist exhibit opening June 9 and on display through July 25. Ten talented artists from the 18 Artists cooperative online gallery will delight visitors in this diverse media exhibit.

Oils, sculpture and pastels will be just some of the broad ranging mediums used by these award winning artists: Laurie Baumbart, Marilyn Diller, Rebecca Grochowski, Pat Hansen, Darlene Lenz, Suzy Nolan, Lorraine Orner, Judy Pampalone, Joanne Rayter and Jan Stewart.

A “Meet the Artists” reception will be held on Sun., June 9 at 1:30 p.m. Both the exhibit and reception are free and open to the public. The Village Gallery at Pines Village Retirement Communities opened in 2009 and has showcased many artists from around the region and U.S.

Located at 3303 Pines Village Circle (off Calumet Avenue just north of Cumberland Crossing) in Valparaiso, the gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There is no admission charge. For more information, phone Pines Village Retirement Communities at (219) 465-1591.
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Orbovich to Speak at Music Conference

Local Michigan City resident and concert violinist, Nic Orbovich, has been awarded yet another high honor. He has been selected to deliver an address and demonstration at the 2013 Suzuki Teachers Association of Indiana’s annual conference, to be held on July 13 in South Bend, IN.

Nic is known to local audiences as the co-founder of the nationally acclaimed Michigan City Chamber Music Festival, where he has performed as violinist numerous times. He has been featured as soloist on Grammy Award nominated recordings, Emmy Award winning documentaries, and on Gramophone Magazine’s Top Ten of the Year awards. Nic was also the bronze medalist of the 1987 Her Royal Majesty’s International Music Festival Competition (Aberdeen, Scotland, U.K.). He is also the Chancel Choir director of First Presbyterian Church, Michigan City.

Orbovich has soloed with numerous local orchestras, including the South Bend Symphony (with whom he will return as soloist in 2014), the Elkhart Symphony, and the North Shore Symphony of Chicago. Nic has coached with some of the world’s most important names in chamber music, including Alexander Schneider of the legendary Budapest Quartet, Rostislav Dubinsky of the Borodin Quartet (Russia), and Alan Grishman of the Mendelssohn Quartet (U.S.).

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Over 285 runners toed the line, gave it their all, and were rewarded with medals, coconut water, chocolate milk, ice cold beer and the sense of accomplishment that comes with meeting a great challenge. Our oldest participant was running legend Hal Higdon (82!). It was a true honor to host a man who has shared his knowledge and love of running with literally hundreds of thousands of people. The youngest entrant was 3-year-old Caleb Ksenak whom I’m guessing will turn out to be a pretty good athlete (more about that later).

The day offered some excellent racing and the closest action was in the Kids’ 1K Race as Jackson Hennelly of Evanston, Illinois, edged out best friend Conor Ebeling just as they reached the finishing mulch. In a tremendous bit of pacing that took a page out of Craig Virgin’s book, young Jackson brought the assembled crowd to its feet with his come-from-behind win at the tape. In the men’s 10K, it was payback time as Scott Ebeling (42:21) dominated a strong men’s field to finish ahead of Jackson’s dad, John, who took 4th. A very strong performance was put in by Jacob Dewitt of Zeeland, Michigan, who placed second in 44:31. Ladies’ 10K winner was Natalie Krause of LaPorte.

A radiant Amy Shinn of Michigan City ran a blazing 23:56 to take the Gold in the Women’s 5K. She had obviously taken notes from her daughter, Madelyn, who was already wearing the gold ribbon she’d earned in the kids’ race. The 5K Men’s Race was won by Michigan City native, 13-year-old Parker DePalma, who clearly has a bright future in trail running.

At the Women’s 50K distance, the action did not disappoint. Carolyn Michael of Hobart, Indiana bested Clara Clemons in one of the closest races of the day. After five loops and over 5-1/2 hours running, just 2 minutes separated these tremendous athletes. This is about as close as an ultra race gets, folks. Next year’s entry is on us Carolyn! After the finish, all the top women soaked in the ice tub together. I think you’ll agree when I say that Ultrarunners tend to be just about the coolest, laid back athletes you can meet. Something about the

5k Winner Amy Shinn (left) Shouts Encouragement As The Kids Take Off!
distance travelled and the pain that comes with it is very humbling.

The Men’s 50K Race showcased a deep field of talented runners. John Borman took the lead from the opening bell, but tired legs from running a 37 mile (oops!) 50K at Gnaw Bone a week earlier and the heat of the afternoon took its toll on the Valpo runner, and he finished in 2nd place. In the first run of his life over 25 miles, Brent Ksenak made it look easy as he smiled his way to a course record 4:01 victory. His children Caleb and Ashley—who ran the kids’ race earlier—were on hand to cheer their dad. Something tells me we will be hearing more from Brent at the ultra distance. He will certainly be back next year to collect his free entry for winning this race and defend his Tryon Farm Trail 50K title. Nick Schling had a strong 3rd place finish and I suspect the TFT 50 hasn’t seen the last of that extremely fit gent from Ohio. In the Masters Category, Mark Linn cruised to a 5:01 finish. Go Goshen!

Special congratulations are in order for Traci, Katie, Jason, Todd, Val, Trish, Mike, Dave S., Brandon, Steve and everyone else who completed his or her first ultra on Saturday. That wasn’t so bad, was it? I am super proud of all of you. You’re the reason this race exists.

I hope everyone enjoyed the 2nd annual Tryon Farm Trail 5/10/50K Run. Just like any other two-year-old, we experienced some growing pains, learned a lot, and had a blast. I hope you will all come back and see us in May of 2014. You can look forward to many improvements and an even better race day experience. I can also guarantee next year will be a bit cooler, as Valpo Velvet has already signed on to scoop free ice cream for runners!

Happy trails!

-----submitted by Will Noonan
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  Please join a ranger and help in the restoration of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore's Mount Baldy. Volunteers are needed to remove invasive species. Wear comfortable clothes; work gloves and equipment will be provided. Insect repellent and sunscreen are recommended.
  Meet at the Mount Baldy Parking Lot located just north of Highway 12 in the eastern portion of the national lakeshore.

For more information about this program or other activities at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, contact the information desk at 219-395-1882 or check the park's website at www.nps.gov/indu

**Art Auction at MC Public Library**

Fri., June 7, 5:00 p.m.

The Michigan City Public Library is hosting an entertaining night of fun on First Friday in June. There will be an art auction which includes donated pieces from local artists and from many local families to benefit the library Endowment Fund.

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Then it was time for the teachers to make their presentations and speak about how they used the grant money. Barker Middle School Music Teacher Shirley Allen brought her choir with her to sing to the audience some of the numbers they learned in the project, "Broadway at Barker." This program exposed the students to classic musicals through learning and performing the songs and viewing excerpts of the DVD's. The culmination was a concert performance of a musical medley of songs from the musicals.

Heidi Jasse, the new Unity Chairman of the MCEF, gave a history of the MCEF. Mary Lou Linnen, the retiring chairman of the MCEF, was presented a bouquet of flowers for her work. Michigan City Schools Supt. Barbara Eason-Watkins was introduced and spoke briefly. Then Maggi Spartz of Unity spoke to the crowd. She mentioned that this year marked the 17th year that such awards were given and that the grants totaled about $17,000. While fifty-seven grants were applied for, thirty-eight grants were awarded to fifty-three teachers and these grants reached about 3,400 children in the Michigan City Schools. It was noted that a lot of the projects are reusable in future years with other children.

Teacher Debbie Boone of St. Paul's School whose project was “Connecting Science with K’Nex,” had a number of large and colorful examples of what items had been built by her students. Brenda Christianson of Krueger had the project of “Readers Rock at KMS!” She encouraged readers to read set-
AR books and passed the review tests, he received an “I Rock” embroidered polo shirt. The goal was to provide a fun and competitive challenge that will distinguish the students as “life-long readers” and thus “life-long learners.”

Mandy Sherrick of Barker Middle School presented the project she, Sara Blank, and Kathy Gushrowski used: “A Long Walk to Water.” The book, “A Long Walk to Water,” was read aloud on the closed circuit TV station. Students investigated how wells work, learned about culture, climate and historical facts surrounding the story. Then, students and staff members committed to drinking nothing but water for two full weeks. Adam Goebel of Elston Middle had the project, “Science Up,” which included the purchase of materials to promote students understanding of the scientific method in preparation for the annual science fair. Materials were made available to students to conduct experiments for their selected science fair projects. It should be noted that this project resulted in 100% participation by the science students at Elston in the science fair!

Edwin Shelton, art teacher at Notre Dame School, had the project, “Traveling Awesome Art & Imagination Projects.” This was a traveling exhibition to display student artwork throughout the community. Edwin said, “I was able to display their work in public sites. We could display some of the art as long as it was not affixed to the walls or to the ceiling. Other schools can also display art work of their students, even if they were not in this particular project.” Kristin Smith and Sheri Tuesburg of Springfield Elementary had the project of “Using Mentor Texts as Signposts to Guide Our Writing.” They held a writing workshop through which students read mentor texts through a “reader’s” and a “writer’s” eye. Students used the mentor texts to influence their own writing to be more like published texts. The teachers used folders to hold the students’ work which will be presented to the students at the end of this school year.

All teachers expressed their gratitude in receiving these grants and said their “thank-you's” in various ways. The materials from this year’s grants will be used again in the schools and the teachers intend to apply for other grants to help their students learn, and to make learning fun for their students!
Thanks to the many friends who supported the Tryon Farm Trail Run in various wonderful ways!!

New Honor for Elizabeth Wiegand

Elizabeth Grieger Wiegand, NCTM (Nationally Certified Teacher of Music) received notification from Remington Congressional registry that she was nominated for membership in the organization. The Registry board is now publishing a book of biographies of Outstanding Professional people June 1 who are also Humanitarian Heroes. Membership includes people from all walks of life. The book will be archived in the Library of Congress. It will also be archived at Texas Woman’s University in Ms. Wiegand’s Repository for Renowned Women Composers.

Ms. Wiegand serves as Music director at St. Peter Church in LaPorte and the Traditional Choir and guests is invited to sing in the outdoor amphitheatre at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville, IL on Aug. 5 to close out a 3-day novena to Share the Healing the Hope. Featured will be the hymn she composed, “Dear Mary, Our Lady of The Snows,” which she composed for the Shrine. It will be used in a procession around the Shrine and in concert. Soloists are George Mares and Tom LeDonne.

The performance is publicized worldwide, broadcast on TV and recorded. The Shrine is a chapter of St. Mary Major Church, Rome, Italy.

On June 8, the group will tape a patriotic program on Channel 99 and will include the “Michigan City is the Town” song by Ms. Wiegand. Copies of the song will be available at local stores. Proceeds from sales will be directed to the Unity Foundation and the Social and Learning Institute for the disadvantaged. Special guests will be Maggie Spartz, Director of the Unity Foundation, and James Guerricci, Director of the Social and Learning Institute.

AARP Driver’s Safety Course

Thurs., June 13 - 6:00 p.m.

This program at the Michigan City Public Library is a refresher course that can help you learn the effects of aging on driving and how you can adjust your reactions. Available in a 5-hour, one-day program, you may earn an insurance rate discount (check with your insurance company) by taking this course designed for drivers over 55 yrs. old.

The fee is $12 for AARP members and $14 for non-members. Bring your AARP card with you. Phone 873-3049 to register.
Poetry Slam Camp 2013

June 17-22 & 22 • 10:00 a.m.

This week-long program at the Michigan City Public Library consists of poetry activities for middle-schoolers, focusing on self-expression and slam-style writing and performance. Registration is only $5 which includes all activities, lunch Monday through Thursday and camp t-shirt.

PNC students and professors are volunteering their time to create and lead the program. Performance night will be Sat., June 22, at 6 p.m. and is open to the public. Phone 219-873-3049 to register or for more information.

Polish Heritage Festival Meeting

Sunday, June 9th - 10 a.m.
International Friendship Gardens
2055 E. U.S. Hwy 12 - Michigan City, IN
(East of the Blue Chip Casino)

Everyone will meet in the parking lot at the main gate. The festival site will be mapped out for setting up the locations for every venue. The Polish Garden will be checked to see what needs to be done. Several people from Michigan City have been cleaning up the Polish garden on a weekly basis.

Information: Mark Kolasa at 219-873-1788.

History Discussion Group

History buffs and those who are simply interested in learning more about history are invited to Westchester Public Library’s History Discussion Group on Sat., June 8, from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Bertha Wood meeting room at Thomas Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton. Registration is not necessary.

Join Thomas Murphy and Jon Fraley as they lead a discussion on the Battle of Midway. The focus of the discussion will be the decisions made by the commanders, the work of naval intelligence, and the “luck” involved in achieving success. Because the anniversary of D-Day is in June, attendees will discuss that, too.

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"Moonlight and Merlot at the Mansion," presented by the Center for History, offers an engaging look at different aspects of the Oliver Mansion and the family who lived there. The wine-and-cheese events take place at 7:00 p.m. Eastern time on Wednesday, June 12, 19 and 26, each featuring a talk and a twilight tour of the historic house.

The series premieres on June 12 with Copshaholm Curator Kristie Erickson’s presentation of “The Oliver Mansion vs. Downton Abbey: A Look into the Life of Servants.” Erickson compares the life of the servants of the popular PBS series “Downton Abbey” with that of the servants who worked at the Oliver Mansion. The behind-the-scenes tour that evening showcases the mansion’s Dressing Room, Kitchen, Butler’s Pantry and Servant’s Quarters.

On June 19, “Festive Frocks and Gala Gowns,” presented by Erickson and Registrar Kristi Dunn, offers a look at formal wear worn by the Oliver family and party culture of the time—from the Victorian Era to the Roaring Twenties. Set against the backdrop of the Oliver Mansion’s Ball Room, Billiard Room and Main Hall, the twilight tour that evening explores the rooms in which the Oliver family did much of their formal entertaining.

The final event, “A Day in the Life,” taking place on June 26, provides a savvy snapshot of a typical work day of J.D. Oliver, President of the Oliver Chilled Plow Works. The talk, given by Director of School Programs Travis Childs, also examines routine days of those who worked in Oliver’s factory as well as artisans and craftsmen who helped construct his mansion. The twilight tour includes a look at the mansion’s exterior and the home's Library and Den, which was used by J.D. Oliver.

Construction on the 38-room Oliver Mansion began in 1895, and the family moved in on New Year’s Day 1897. Copshaholm, as the Olivers later named it, was designed by Charles Alonzo Rich of New York. The rounded arches, turret, gambrel roof, and wide sweeping veranda reflect the mansion’s Romanesque Queen Anne style. Oak, cherry and mahogany woodwork can be found on all three floors of Copshaholm, giving a rich warmth to the feel of the interior. Fourteen fireplaces and leaded glass windows, purchased from Tiffany & Co., New York, add to the beauty of the house. The Oliver Mansion's furnishings are original, showing the house as it appeared when the Oliver family lived there. The home and its gardens are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Tickets for each event of “Moonlight and Merlot at the Mansion” are $15/adults, $12.50/seniors, and $10/members, and include complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks as well as an assortment of cheese and fruit. A series pass, providing tickets for all three events, can be purchased for $30/adults, $25/seniors, and $20/members. Reservations are required and seating is limited.

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The day started off with wreath-laying and 21-gun salutes at Washington Park.

Memorial Day Activities Around Michigan City

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The Guardian Riders were on hand to escort during the day.

At the WWII Peace Monument

Musical accompaniment by members of the Municipal Band.

Memorial Day services moved into the Skwiat American Legion Post.

Ceremony and wreath laying at the Ken Scott (Vietnam) Memorial in Gardena Park.

State Senator Jim Arnold gave a brief speech.

(l-r): Bob Hock, Paul Hannon, Senator Jim Arnold, Ron Pittman
MCHS MCJROTC Honors Fallen Heros

The Memorial Day weekend is the traditional start of summer, a time when most Americans spend relaxing by doing leisure activities. The real purpose of Memorial Day is to remember American military men and women who died in the service to our nation. Cadets from the Michigan City High School Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps honored those who paid the ultimate sacrifice by placing flags on veterans graves and participating in two Memorial Day events.

15 cadets help canvass the Greenwood Cemetery, placing flags on all veterans graves from wars ranging from the Civil War to the latest wars on terror. “It’s not easy getting up early on a Saturday morning,” said Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Alex Wyman, “but it is the least I can do to honor those who have served our country. I feel that, in at least a small way, I am saying ‘thank you’ to all who have worn a military uniform,” he continued.

The first Memorial Day event was at the Skwiat American Legion Post in Michigan City. The original plan was to have a parade march from Ames Field to the Greenwood Cemetery and have the ceremony at the cemetery. Inclement weather forced the ceremony inside. Despite the close quarters, it was a very dignified ceremony. The JROTC Color Guard posted and retrieved the National and Marine flags to start and conclude the ceremony. Most of the Michigan City
veterans' groups had representatives at the ceremony, and the JROTC Color Guard received many compliments from these men and women who have served our Nation in war and peace.

The final ceremony was at Nelson Park in Trail Creek. The Color Guard again began and concluded the ceremony, conducted under windy and cold conditions. Along with the MCHS cadets, the VFW Firing Detail and State Senator Jim Arnold participated in both ceremonies. “It makes me feel good to be able to participate in these ceremonies with individuals who have accomplished so much in their lives, and are so proud to have served in the United States military. It gives me something to shoot for,” said Cadet Sergeant Quinton Dixon.

Major Tom McGrath said that the dedication these cadets demonstrate is a great example to all youth. “I think one of the most important characteristics of a great society is how it honors those who protect its freedom. These cadets have set an example for all of us to emulate.”

The cadets next scheduled ceremonies will be on Independence Day when they will participate in the Michigan City ceremony and then the LaPorte 4th of July parade. They will also march in the Summer Festival Parade on July 6th and work the Drum and Bugle Corps competition that night. Cadets will be busy in June with their Leadership Camp in Yellow Springs, OH, and community service activities like the Queen of All Saints Festival.

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The challenge is sponsored by DNR’s Division of State Parks & Reservoirs. The challenge entails walking, biking, paddling or swimming at least 25 miles inside one or more of Indiana’s state parks and reservoirs between now and Oct. 31.

Indiana has 24 state parks and eight reservoirs. Learn more about them at stateparks.IN.gov or download an Indiana Recreation Guide at dnr.IN.gov/5280.htm.

Horseback riders can join too, but must complete 100 miles on state park or reservoir trails.

Those who pass the challenge will be entered in a drawing for prizes that include annual passes and permits, subscriptions to Outdoor Indiana magazine, DNR campground gift cards and more.

Fitness challenge participants must log their visits to state park or reservoir properties and get a signature from staff each time.

“Participants often comment on how this has helped them explore new and unique outdoor places in Indiana while getting great exercise,” says Ginger Murphy, Assistant Director for Stewardship for Indiana State Parks & Reservoirs. “We are happy to continue this challenge for another year!”

For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/healthy and click on the “2013 Fitness Challenge” link.
The Lakeside Garden Walk

Sponsored by The Lakeside Association of Harbor Country’s Lakeside, Michigan.

Date: June 29, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. eastern time.

The Lakeside Association is a long-standing organization that invites residents to participate in their community through parades, an ice cream social, and other family events. Volunteers from the association also maintain the Lakeside Park, a restful green space in the village center. Proceeds from the garden walk, the association’s main fund raising project, go to the Scholarship Fund benefiting high school seniors in the River Valley School District.

This year the walk will feature eight unique gardens that represent Harbor Country. Within short driving distances of each other (1 to 6 miles), participants will experience a range of delightful settings: lake views, cozy cottages, an historical estate, working vegetable gardens, inviting patios and water features, and more just waiting for you to discover.

TICKETS
--$35 in advance / $45 the day of the walk
--By mail: Send a $35 check to:
2013 Garden Walk, The Lakeside Association, P.O. Box 415, Lakeside, Michigan 49116. Pick up your ticket the day of the walk at the Lakeside Park (corner of Red Arrow Highway and Lakeside Road)
--From area businesses beginning May 15. Sites posted on the web site.
--Walk-ins the day of the walk. Stop by the tent in Lakeside Park and purchase your ticket (corner of Red Arrow Highway and Lakeside Road)

More information at thelakesideassociation.org or 773-343-1680.
Prayer to the Blessed Virgin
(Never known to fail.)
Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me, herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3x). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3x). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in Eternal Glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. The person must say this prayer 3 consecutive days. After 3 days, the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted.

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The Three Oaks American Legion Post 204 is honored to bring The Moving Wall to Three Oaks, Michigan from August 22-26, 2013. The Moving Wall will be stationed at the American Legion on Memorial Drive and will be run, maintained, and staffed by area volunteers.

The Moving Wall will be open 24-hours a day during the August 22-26th display. There will be an opening ceremony on Friday, August 23, at 8 a.m. and closing ceremony on Sunday, August 25. Everyone is invited to visit the wall free of charge and pay respects to the men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

“The Three Oaks American Legion Post 204 is excited to have the opportunity to present the powerful remembrance of each soldier, past and present, that continue to guide our country,” said Deb Staples, Post 204 member. “We are grateful to the Pokagon Fund for helping to support our efforts to bring this commemorative structure to Three Oaks.”

The Three Oaks American Legion Post 204 is searching for volunteers for the August 22-26th event. Please email mipost204@comcast.net to volunteer. More information about the wall and to make a donation, please visit www.movingwall.

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“The Moving Wall” is the half-size replica of the Washington, DC Vietnam Veterans Memorial and has been touring the country for more than twenty years. When John Devitt attended the 1982 dedication in Washington, he felt the positive power of “The Wall.” He vowed to share that experience with those who did not have the opportunity to go to Washington.

John, Norris Shears, Gerry Haver, and other Vietnam veteran volunteers built The Moving Wall. It went on display for the first time in Tyler, Texas in October of 1984. Today, The Moving Wall continues to tour the country and spends about two weeks at each location.

The American Legion Post 204 is located at 204 W. Linden, Three Oaks, Michigan 49128. To make a tax deductible donation to The Moving Wall efforts, donations are being accepted online, www.movingwall.wixc.com/movingwall, or by check payable to “Moving Wall Fund” and submitted to Horizon Bank in Three Oaks, Michigan.
THE Notes From the Beach Garden Club

Members and guests of The Beach Garden Club celebrated our Annual Founder’s Day with a Luncheon at The Long Beach Country Club, May 23rd. Co-Hostesses, Rima Binder and Tina Sonderby selected the delicious menu and made the floral table arrangements for this celebration. Each member and guest was invited to take home a pink begonia planted in a pink wine glass from the arrangements.

Marianne Gosswiller welcomed members and guests. Jinny Hilf gave a special original blessing before lunch was served. Although the day was blustery and cold, more like November than May, friendship and gardening ideas more than warmed the hearts of those in attendance.

Vida Kluko of Green Spirit Farms, New Buffalo, Michigan enlightened the attendees about Vertical Gardening. Plants in Green Spirit Farms are not planted in soil. Harvest is about every 30 days. Nutrients come from water. Sunshine is provided by customized, monitored lighting. No pesticides are necessary! Vertical Gardening is an exciting topic. To have a location so close to the beach area is a wonderful new find!

Jacqueline Widmor Stewart, Author of A Field Guide to Michigan Riveria, presented a copy of her book to each member.

Beach Garden Club members collected travel size toiletries and toothbrushes, as well as monetary donations, to be presented to The Sandcastle Shelter, Michigan City.

The Beach Garden Club was founded by Mrs. George Holt in 1933.

----submitted by Jane Moon, Publicity
Footlight Announces Auditions

Footlight Players of Michigan City has announced audition dates for its August production of “Dearly Departed” and its October production of “The Passion of Dracula”.

Both auditions will be held at Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St. on Mon., June 10th and Tues., June 11th from 7-9 p.m. Individuals may choose to audition for both productions or just one.

Cast requirements for “Dearly Departed”, directed by John Avilla, are 4 men, 6 women. Requirements for “The Passion of Dracula” are 7 men, 3 women. No prior experience is necessary.

www.footlightplayers.org

Medical Interpreters Course at Hospital

The ten-week course includes Saturday classes on the following dates: August 24, 31, September 14,21,28, October 5,12,19,26, and November 2, 2013. Saturday classes are from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Sixteen hours of practicum and clinical time are included. The classes will be held at IU Health La Porte Hospital, 1007 Lincolnway, room B113, lower level.

The course includes 80 hours of classroom training, practicum, pre- and post-tests, a midterm exam, final take home exam, and final oral/written exams.

The course is designed for individuals who are bilingual in English/Spanish who have a desire to learn how to be a professional interpreter, and wish to further their education and expertise. Pre-requisites include a completion of a language proficiency and entry exam administered by the course instructor. Schedule an appointment at 219.326.1234, ext. 4629.

Cost is $800 and includes textbook and all training materials, and is payable by cash, money order or credit card. To reserve a spot in the class, call 219.326.2322.

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**Calumet Astronomical Society**

*Sat., June 8, 8:30-11 p.m.*  
*Conway Observatory, Lowell, Indiana*

The volunteers of the Calumet Astronomical Society invite the public to explore the universe when they present their popular free public programs. Volunteers guide visitors in the use of telescopes and astronomical binoculars as they observe the majesty of the skies. Star charts, club information, and astronomy-related activities are presented.

The events are open to everyone. Families and school groups are especially welcome. Please do not use standard flashlights in the observing area. Exposure to white light, even briefly, will seriously impair night vision making observing difficult. Red filtered flashlights can provide illumination without affecting night vision. You can easily make a red light by cutting the end off of a red balloon and putting it over a standard flashlight.

Remember, after sunset temperatures may drop rapidly so dress appropriately for changeable weather. Inclement weather will cause these programs to be cancelled. Phone the CAS “hotline” at 773-639-5491 for updated weather cancellations on short notice.

Conway Observatory at Buckley Homestead is located 4.5 miles west of Interstate 65 just south of Route 2. Exit I-65 west at Rt. 2 toward Lowell to Hendricks Road, then south to the “T” at Belshaw. East (left) on Belshaw to the first right (Chase Street) and south for one mile.

**Atlanta Youth Choir at Methodist Church**

First stop, Michigan City! The Youth Choir of Northside United Methodist Church of Atlanta, Georgia will bring their music to the 10:45 a.m. service at the Michigan City First United Methodist Church on Sunday, June 9th. The choir, made up of 81 youth and 14 adults, represents fifteen different schools in the North Atlanta area. In addition to their tour, they sponsor a summer mission project where they spend a week working, teaching and worshipping in inner city Atlanta. From here their travels will take them to Grand Rapids, Sault Ste Marie, Milwaukee, St. Louis and Nashville.

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The La Porte County Historical Society’s annual spring catered dinner meeting was held Tuesday, May 21 attended by 34 members and guests.  

The Historian of the Year awarding was held with Fern Eddy Schultz, chairperson, giving the history of the award. This is the 15th year. A display was available showing photographs of all recipients and information about the reasons for them having been awarded. Each awardee is responsible for the preservation of La Porte County history.

Recipients of the 2013 awards were James F. Bevins, nominated by Bruce R. Johnson as current individual who worked to get the Lincoln Highway designated as a byway and designed the kiosk regarding the highway. The kiosk is located in the depot plaza in La Porte.

The current organization nominated by Bill Adams and honored was the David D. Porter Camp #116 of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War. They will be dedicating a headstone in Patton Cemetery for Medal of Honor winner Walter P. Johnston, dedicated a marker for Col. Gilbert Hathaway in Pine Lake Cemetery, dedicated a stone for Benjamin Franklin Williams in the Rolling Prairie Cemetery, placed a plaque for Austin Cutler in Pine Lake Cemetery, the last Civil War veteran to be buried in La Porte County and participated in the Door Village Harvest Festival and the Civil War Event at the La Porte County Historical Society. Howard DeMyer, nominated by Susie Richter, was honored posthumously as a past individual who preserved the history. He sculpted the Indian that was initially placed in Independence Plaza but now is located at the east side of the courthouse.

Deadline for nominations for 2014 is April 15, 2014. Nomination forms are available at the museum or by e-mail from netster@csinet.net. The society does not meet in June, July or August. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 17 at the museum. Details will be published as they become available.

Please visit the website at www.laportecountyhistory.org for further information about the society and its museum. The museum is located at 2405 Indiana Ave., La Porte. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The facility is handicapped accessible.
The Activities to Explore

In the Local Area:

June 5 -- 12th season of Roosevelt Pipe Organ recitals at the former First Congregational Church, 6th & Washington streets, MC. Doors open at noon. This week features the Queen of Angels Choristers with organist Kent Jager. Free, open to the public.


June 6-9 -- Queen of All Saints Festival, Woodland & Barker Ave., MC. Carnival rides, games, musical entertainment, food and more.


June 7 -- First Friday Art Walk, Uptown Arts District, MC. 5-8 pm. Businesses and galleries come alive with food, fun and refreshments, and art and music. www.uptownartsdistrict.org

June 7 -- Art Auction at the MC Public Library to benefit Endowment Fund. Preview 5-6:30 pm; auction starts 6:30 pm. Refreshments; music by Kent Arnsbarger.

June 7 -- Beckie Menzie and Tom Michael in “The Sound of THEIR Music” at Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Dr., Three Oaks. 8 pm MI time. Tix $20; reserve at 269-756-3879.

June 7-9, 14-16 -- “To Kill a Mockingbird.” Stage play at 4th Street Theater, 125 N. 4th St., Chester ton, IN. Curtain at 8 pm; Sundays at 3 pm. Tix $18; reserve at 219-926-7875. Group rates available.

June 7-9, 14-16, 21-23 -- “Fiddler on the Roof.” Musical play at Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St., MC. Tix $15/adults, $10/children 12 yrs. & under; reserve 874-4035 or www.footlightplayers.org

June 8 -- Farmers Market at 8th & Washington streets, MC. 8 am-noon.

June 8 -- 5K Run and Walk Fundraiser for St. Stanislaus Kostka Church repair fund with cooperation from Town of Trail Creek. Start at Nelson Park (Whippoorwill & Meadowlark streets) at 8 am. Entry forms at St. Stan School, Trail Creek Town Hall, Tylisz Appliances or Queen of Angels Bookstore. Info: phone school at 879-9281.

June 8 -- St. Stanislaus Kostka Convent Resale Shop Plant and Seed Exchange. Also re-purposed garden decor. 9:30 am-3:30 pm. 1501 Franklin St. (corner of Franklin & Ripley), MC. 874-4743.

June 8 -- National Get Outdoors Day at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. 11 am-4 pm. Held at the Dunes Learning Center, 700 Howe Rd., Chesterton, IN. Family fun: hiking, kayak demos, music, lunch on the lawn and more. 219/395-9555 or www.
June 6 -- Brew at the Zoo. Tasting of local food, craft beer and wine at Washington Park Zoo. Must be 21. Live music. 6-9 pm. Tix $50. 219-873-1510.

June 8 -- A Divine Evening with Charles Busch (cabaret) at Acorn Theater, Three Oaks. 8 pm MI time. Tix $30; reserve at 269-756-3879.

June 8-9 -- 40th Anniversary Celebration at the Old Lighthouse Museum, Washington Park, MC. 10 am-4 pm. Activities both days including Coast Guard demo and presentation on early Fur Trade. Guest speakers at 1 pm on June 8 at Millennium Plaza. Info: 219-872-6133.

June 9 -- “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” performed by the Metamorphis Traveling Theatre at Friendship Gardens, E. US 12, MC. 2:30 pm. More info at 219-872-4813 or 219-878-9885.

June 9 -- The Hat and The Little Black Dress, fashion show by The Milliners of Etsy. 3 pm MI time at Acorn Theater, Three Oaks. Tix $80/$40/$20; reserve at 269-756-3879.

June 12 -- 12th season of Roosevelt Pipe Organ recitals at the former First Congregational Church, 6th & Washington streets, MC. Doors open at noon. This week's organist: Br. Ben Basile. Recitals are free and open to the public.

June 13 -- “Dig Into Reading” Summer Reading Program at MC Public Library kicks off with a visit from Parents’ Choice award winner Leonardo at 10 am. Free. Visit his website at leonardomusic.com

June 13 -- Summer Concert at the amphitheater in Washington Park, MC. 7 pm. Every Thursday thru Aug. 8. Free, but parking fees apply.

June 15 -- FLAG DAY.

Ceremony at Millennium Plaza, Washington Park, MC. 1 pm. Info: 872-4120.


June 15 -- Understanding Your Dreams at MC Public Library with dream therapist Terese Fabbri. 2 pm. Free program.

June 26, 30 -- Pink Tea at Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St., MC. Reservations now being taken at 872-4120. Traditional English tea and entertainment. $25 per person.

Farther Afield:

June 6 -- SMSO’s Casual Classic Series: a Multimedia Presentation of Kaleidoscope of Sound Concert. 6 pm MI time at Heritage Museum and Cultural Center, 601 Main St., St. Joseph, MI. Ticket info at 269-982-4030 or www.smso.org.

June 9 -- Weko Beach Summer Concert Series: This week featuring Everyday People (country folk & rock band). 7 pm MI time. 5239 Lake St., Bridgman, MI.

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On June 6, 1755, American Revolutionary War patriot Nathan Hale was born in Coventry, Connecticut. In 1776, before being hanged by the British as an American spy, he uttered these inspiring words, “I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country.”

On June 6, 1933, the first motion-picture “drive-in” theatre was opened in Camden, NJ. Space was provided for 500 cars, and patrons viewed the film on a screen measuring 40 by 50 feet.

On June 6, 1944, in what would become known as “D-Day,” allied troops landed on the German-held coast of Normandy, France.

On June 7, 1776, Virginia’s Richard Henry Lee proposed that the Continental Congress adopt a resolution calling for a declaration of independence from Britain.

On June 7, 1860, the “dime novel” first appeared when a New York publisher issued Malaeska, the Indian Wife of the White Hunter, written by Ann Stevens. It was advertised as “a dollar book for only a dime!”

On June 7, 1929, the sovereign state of Vatican City came into existence.

On June 7, 1972, the musical “Grease” opened on Broadway.

On June 8, 1772, Scottish engineer Robert Stevenson, who invented the flashing light used in lighthouses around the world, was born in Glasgow.

On June 8, 1867, Frank Lloyd Wright, considered to have been one of the world’s greatest architects, was born in Richland Center, WI.

On June 8, 1869, Chicago inventor Ives McGaffey received a patent for a vacuum cleaner, a “sweeping machine” that was to revolutionize house cleaning.

On June 8, 1948, “Texaco Star Theater,” the long-running TV variety program, made its debut on NBC with Milton Berle as host.

On June 8, 1994, President Bill Clinton received an honorary degree from Oxford University, where he had studied as a Rhodes scholar.

On June 8, 2003, “Hairspray” won eight Tony Awards including Best Musical.

On June 8, 2004, in a celestial rarity, Venus lined up between the sun and the Earth.

On June 9, 1781, English inventor George Stephenson, who was known as the Founder of Railways, was born in the English village of Wylam.

On June 9, 1790, John Barry’s “The Philadelphia Spelling Book” became the first book entered for an American copyright.
On June 9, 1893, American popular music composer Cole Porter was born in Peru, IN.

On June 9, 1903, the White Sox were incorporated under Illinois law with $5,000 in capital.

On June 9, 1990, Angus McBean, a world-renowned British photographer of entertainers, died at the age of 86. It was his photographs of Vivien Leigh and Audrey Hepburn, both virtually unknown at the time, that propelled them into stardom.

On June 10, 1610, the first Dutch settlers landed on Manhattan Island.

On June 10, 1847, the first edition of the Chicago Tribune was published, with approximately 400 copies being distributed.

On June 10, 1865, Richard Wagner’s opera, “Tristan and Isolde,” premiered in Munich, Germany.

On June 10, 1946, Italy replaced its abolished monarchy with a republic.

On June 10, 1971, President Nixon ordered the lifting of the 21-year United States embargo on trade with China.

On June 10, 1977, Apple Computer shipped its first Apple II personal computer.

On June 11, 1770, Captain James Cook, commanding HMS Endeavour, discovered Australia’s “Great Barrier Reef.”

On June 11, 1776, Virginia adopted a Bill of Rights, the first colonial legislature to do so.

On June 11, 1776, the Continental Congress appointed Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Robert Livingston, and Roger Sherman as a committee to draft a Declaration of Independence from Britain.

On June 11, 1838, the Iowa Territory was organized.

On June 11, 1859, a prospector laid claim to a silver deposit in Nevada’s Six-Mile Canyon. The claim later turned out to be the multimillion-dollar Comstock Lode.

On June 11, 1919, Sir Barton won the Belmont Stakes, becoming the first Triple Crown winner in the history of American thoroughbred racing.

On June 11, 1979, cyclist Bryan Allen, 26, flew the human-powered aircraft Gossamer Albatross across the English Channel.

On June 12, 1943, the Trans-Canadian Highway, linking Alaska to the mainland states, was officially opened.

On June 12, 1947, Babe Didrickson Zaharias became the first native born American woman to win the British Women’s Amateur Golf Tournament.

On June 12, 1987, President Ronald Reagan visited the Berlin Wall and, in a speech, challenged Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to “tear down this wall.”

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Low Putts: Sue Luegers

“A” Flight

Low Gross: Kathy Kenefick
Low Net: Mary Weithers
Low Putts: Jean Guerin

“B” Flight

Low Gross: Tina Sonderby
Low Net: June Salmon
Low Putts: Rima Binder

“C” Flight

Low Gross: Nancy Thill
Low Net: Nancy Thill

“D” Flight

Sunken Approach: Jane Irvine #10, June Salmon #14

Birdies: Eunie Nondorf #5, Jane Irvine #10, Sue Luegers #10

9 Hole League
May 30, 2013
Event: Guess Your Score

Championship Flight

Low Gross: Linda Wilson
Low Net: Linda Wilson
Low Putts: Donna Hennard

Low Gross: June Salmon, Gloria McMahon
Low Net: Nancy Henry
Low Putts: June Salmon, Nancy Henry

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“I pray Mankind will understand the gift I leave behind.

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“My gift is Inferno.”

With those words, a strange man plunges off a building to his death, leaving behind a legacy of... what? Something that the people chasing him are mortally afraid of...something that could improve the quality of life for future generations...or destroy it.

Once again, Dan Brown takes us deep into a swirling vortex of mind-boggling symbols and codes that are tied to history and art and one brilliant scientist who could be man's savior or his destructor. Problem is, his legacy must be found before his “gift” is unleashed on the world.

Harvard University professor Robert Langdon, he of The Da Vinci Code fame, is back again, this time waking up in a hospital in Florence, Italy, with no remembrance of the past several days. And, a bullet wound in his head. Dr. Sienna Brooks is assigned to Langdon. Before she can get very far with how Langdon got to the hospital, a woman dressed in black leather comes striding down the hall, shooting a doctor who stood before Langdon’s room. Dr. Brooks manages to get Robert out of the hospital safely and takes him to her apartment.

Who is this woman? And why is she risking her very life to help him? A very good question which will take almost all of the 463 pages of this book to discover.

A strange object is sewn into the pocket of Langdon’s coat. The clue within points to the famous literary piece, “Inferno,” by Dante. What are we looking for exactly? As in The Da Vinci Code, it leads us on a race against time first through the great historical structures of Florence, Italy, then on to Venice, and finally, ending in Istanbul, Turkey.

Dante’s death mask provides the first clue and the most damning against Langdon, as security tapes in the museum shows him and another man stealing the mask, although his short term memory loss leaves him speechless as to why he would do such a rash thing.

Bertrand Zobrist is the late, not-lamented scientist causing all this ruckus after his death. You will be surprised at the core of his research and his “gift” to humanity that Langdon is now racing to find. Suffice it to say that Zobrist lived by Dante’s words, especially these -- “The darkest places in hell are reserved for those who maintain their neutrality in times of moral crisis.” To give you the reasoning behind Zobrist’s rationale would give away the whole story!

Let me just say that true to form, Dan Brown has brought the reader another exciting mystery torn from the pages of history, as well as a great guide to the churches and palaces of Italy. And he makes it all work. The clues, the heart-pounding race against time, the good and bad people chasing Langdon and Sienna make for great escape reading.

One thing different in this book is Dan Brown’s look at a world-wide problem that really has scientists and world leaders working on every day. He’s done an admirable job of combining this element with all the excitement only a novel can bring.

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