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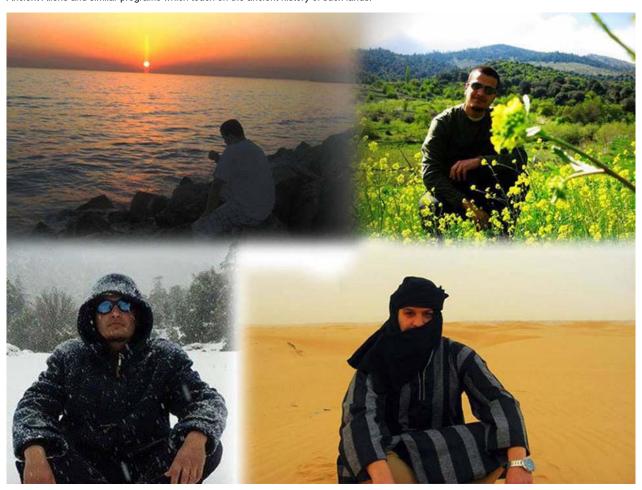
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February 2015 Newsletter

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Unlike many, who think by flipping the calendar the New Year starts and everything comes up roses. It gets frowned on. I believe the New Year is a continuation of things and ONLY IF, we, as people choose to make changes, some things will change. I happen to think that if I had a magic wand, I would wave it and make it Summer year around..... we do know the outcome of that unreasonable wish. For about a week or so it appeared like the masses were correct and everything would be uneventful for a minute. This gave me room to work on a newsletter I had been wanting to write. A newsletter about places, people and things.

Somewhere in 2013 I befriended a young woman from Algiers, Algeria. It was exciting for me because some of my family were born there and resided there till the revolution got so out of hand that many had to leave their homeland and relocate all around the world. I attempted to visit the land of some of my ancestors in the 1980's to see what it looked like. Right about then, skirmishes erupted once more so I decided against the visit. So my young friend was happy to honor my request to share some pictures with me that I was unable to take myself of seasons in the beautiful country which hold so many colorful and ancient treasures. Ancient sites which only recently were available to us in film due to a series, Ancient Aliens and similar programs which touch on the ancient history of such lands.



Spring at the Mediterranean Sea, Summer in the Agadir Mountains, Fall in the Sahara Dessert and Winter in the City.

It SNOWED there is January, a rare occurrence which caused wonderment to some of us and thanks to my friend here is what it looked like. SNOW IN AFRICA!







The fight for independence from France lasted from May 1945 to July 1962. Indigenous people of the country fought for their independence from France. Many ended up in France, since under occupation they held French Citizenship.

So while preparing for the Newsletter the news came that there had been a terrorist attack in Paris. As it turned out the culprits were 3rd generation Algerians, most likely French citizens. I struggled with my decision to continue with my newsletter like I had started and stay on subject. Well, as much as it let me because things continued to escalate.

As I watched the story unfold in France and Brussels I was reminded what it was like to grow up under occupation while going to school in Germany, that is where I ended up before coming to the US. I remember tanks and soldiers patrolling the streets, while walking to school. We avoided the French, Russian and British. They displayed very little tolerance for any of us, the Americans on the other hand were our friends. They stopped the tanks in the street, allowed us to safely cross the street and occasionally gave us gum and Hershey Chocolate. I still have an American/German dictionary a soldier named James gave me before I got on a trolley. I had mentioned I was going to become an American when I grew up. Here it is 60 years later and it sure looks so similar.







These pictures came from the site Friends Of Camp Pieri, the military post I lived close to. Permission to use for one of the pictures is pending.

Wanted Posters for terrorists have changed over the years, but it appears they have always been there. I am beginning to believe each generation faces the same issues just packaged different. I am also beginning to wonder if we have always identified origins of terrorists according to their ancestory, rather than their Nationality.



French Algerians, Israeli Arabs... Wonder at what time someone started the categories of bad people.

Such similarities to the spring of my Life's Journey and the winter of it.

While the news covered the attacks on Paris and Brussels for 4 days, many things changed in the world, it was sadly only mentioned in passing. So let me bring you up to date about this first month in 2015.

A MONSTER Blizzard buried the East Coast of America. Travelers were stuck where their plane had to wait for things to improve. The West Coast suffered from Landslides, floods and a mini heatwave of 64 degrees, a record for Seattle in January.

The first severe weather system which originated on the East Coast (Philadelphia) dumped several feet of snow on Spain.

An Asteroid flew dangerously close to the Earth.

George Zimmerman again was arrested for assault.

An unauthorized drone landed on the White House lawn.

Russia Bans Trans People And Those With "Disorders Of Sexual Preference" From Driving

The Government in Yemen fell.

King Abdallah of Saudi Arabia died.

Greece by voting changed the direction of its government.

These are ALL Allies and if my predictions for 2015 are any indicator, that can create new challenges for the way the world seems to be structured/postured at the moment. Republicans took their place in the US Government.

Seattle Seahawks are going to the Superbowl for the second time. A deflated football scandal came in handy and dominated the news for another 4 days. Let me take you back to the Superbowl for one moment. Imagine the financial impact of such an event. On the LOW END it will cost \$ 3595 PLUS transportation, room and board per person. Priceline has a package for \$ 4552 per person Includes Hotel and transportation. The Stadium in Phoenix holds 78,603 people. Do the math.... I went to see SELMA. Regardless of the controversy surrounding the movie...that is what is is...a MOVIE, NOT A DOCUMENTARY.... I thought it was excellent and a great tool to show our young people how hard and deadly it was to secure human and voting rights for ALL Americans. This is how it was when I arrived in this great country and here we are again fighting the same issues.



My friend Michael L. posted the following question to me: What does it rain on Uranus?.....

Marlo Morgan, Author of Mutant Message Down Under told me several years ago that the Australian Aboriginal people believe that when we are born we are worthy of life. I happen to agree with that line of thinking in as much as we all, in my opinion, have a path to follow and a purpose to fulfill while living on this planet. All living beings have value. If we were all to take responsibility for own own behavior we could easily eliminate the competing attitude of My dog is bigger than yours.....Better yet.... Like Richard Pryor said on the bridge. THAT WATER IS COLD, TOO.

Love and Light Lilian

I came across this short amazing video. It illustrates how we FIGHT to be born , we fight to live here. We fight to stay here and actually ALL have the right to be here.



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