



RESKOM CHATTER

"Together let's make EVERGREEN the village of our dreams"

End June 2019

I hope you have seen the new "What's happening Next Week" which incorporates a weeks worth of future happenings along with menus, birthdays etc.

Well done Roy and René, with input from Judy Stuart, it looks good and I am sure it will be an important source of information on forthcoming events.

FROM OUR CHAIRMAN - HENNIE

Dear fellow Residents,

Evergreen Lifestyle Villages' first survey was launched in April. The form had your name on it and we received many complaints. Later it was noted that the results were collated in our front office. When the results were published, we received more complaints that the results were unbelievable and suspicions abounded that they had been doctored. We took all of that up with Management and have been assured that the results weren't doctored and that future surveys will be conducted differently. The surveys will establish benchmarks against which Management can measure its performance.

By the beginning of May our ponds had settled down to what we considered to be steady state conditions. Most of the duckweed and bulrushes had been removed. The water in both ponds was so clear you could see to the bottom. And then, towards the end of May – disaster! Sewage was pouring into the bottom pond from the storm water drain under the Frederick Road culvert! Fortunately, we noticed it early and stopped the transfer pump so very little of the sewage was transferred to the top pond.

The main sewage flow stopped after about a week, but a trickle continues. The problem has been taken to the highest levels in the Municipality and both the departments responsible for sewage and storm water are working on it. We keep the pressure on them on a daily basis. The bottom pond has been treated; the water quality is much better but not yet safe.

In the meantime, the Basil and Henry Team (which include from time-to-time Dave N, Graham B and me) had been working hard to get the fountains working properly. We faced a difficult problem – how to get the fountains to spray vertically! All sorts of solutions were considered but they were all difficult and complicated. Then along came Adi with the simple idea of using umbrella stands as floats. The rest is history – thank you Adi for your brilliant idea!

But I cannot leave the ponds without recalling the duck saga. Everybody had been thrilled by the presence of the single white duck, including those of us who were trying to clear the ponds of duckweed, because as many of you noted, the duck just loved feeding on it. So why not get more? Our Cyril R told us of a friend who needed to reduce the number of ducks he had. The ducks were identified as Abacot Rangers so we arranged to get 2 pairs.

No sooner had they arrived, than all hell broke loose! They were incorrectly identified as Mallards; an exotic duck classified as NEMBA category 2 invaders. There was much consternation with e-mails and accusations of irresponsible action flying all around. I was away so the problem landed with Royston. Thank you, Royston, you handled the crisis with aplomb, calmed the situation and prevented Residents coming to blows! Then nature came to the rescue! A pair of Egyptian Geese chased them away – problem solved! But one returned and has made the bottom pond, sewage and all, its home.

The duckweed will return with warmer weather. Tilapia (river bream) just love it so we plan to introduce enough adult fish to start a breeding colony and hopefully keep the duckweed under control.

In June ELV's bus service started. Take-up has been slow, but I understand that a few groups of ladies have used the service to enjoy a ladies morning at the Mall – what a good idea! The service runs on a Wednesday and Friday. You have to make a booking the day before, pay R20 for a ticket, and be at the Lifestyle Centre by 09.15.

Additional speed bumps have been installed in Loerie Lane, the circle has been removed (at last!) and large speed humps are under construction in Heron Drive. The first Residents will move into the Apartments before the end of June and work on the borehole and irrigation installation will finally start in July – all positive developments!

Finally, don't forget the RAM at 16.00 on Thursday, 11 July! **Inform Reception on ext. 200 of your intention to attend by Friday, 5 July!**

HOUSEKEEPING

Main WhatsApp Groups: -

INFO EVERGREEN GROUP	-	(88 participants) Nearly 100!
WATERHOLE GROUP	-	(65 participants) still growing, 8 more this month
MOVIES EVERGREEN GROUP	-	(66 participants)
CHAT EVERGREEN GROUP	-	(42 participants) getting used more and more

I would like to invite all new Residents with iPhones and Android Smart Phones to join any group or groups. We try to limit 'chatter', so if your previous group experience had lots of it, rest assured we try to be a little more controlled.

WhatsApp is really a quick (make that **instant**) and easy way of passing on information between users and of course it is totally **free** (apart from any transport medium used i.e. Wi-Fi, Fibre etc.)

Just contact me (Chris on ext. 1089 or 084 582 9129) and I can add you to any group of your choice or show you how to get WhatsApp.

New Residents

Welcome to the following new Residents, we hope your stay at Evergreen will be as wonderful as the existing Residents have experienced.

Esme Paul - Unit 55
Chappy and Sue Hartley - Unit 45
Maggie Thwaites - Unit 92
Elsbeth Burkhalter - Unit 23

I had to do some business which involved going to our nearest Nedbank Branch only to find out that the facility at Broadacres has been closed! I was directed to the remodelled Branch at Fourways Mall (it's on the top floor in the block housing Fruit and Veg City). I went with some trepidation but was delighted to find a modern branch centered around Customer Service. You take a numbered ticket and sit in plush armchairs awaiting your call. What a difference to the old style banking hall queues.

Someday all banks will be this way!

RAINFALL

Report for June 2019 below. As can be expected, this is a “no-rain” report. Apart from the odd shower not much can now be expected before October. Plans are in place for an improved implementation of the borehole irrigation system, which will hopefully be in place in the not too distant future. Please remember the drive to conserve water remains a national imperative.

Rainfall, in millimetres, for 2018/2019:

Jul '18	1.0
Aug '18	Nil
Sep '18	3.6
Oct '18	54.7
Nov '18	29.6
Dec '18	84.3
Jan '19	147.5
Feb '19	217.0
Mar '19	14.8
Apr '19	108.9
May '19	3.0
Jun '19	0.0
12 Months	664.4

Rainfall for June by year:

2013	0.0
2014	0.0
2015	1.8
2016	13.0
2017	0.0
2018	6.0

The average for June since 2013 is 3.0 mm.

Summary of ResCom Expenses:

Herewith the schedule for May 2019. It is of necessity a month in arrears as the current month is still open by publication date.

For the record:

Summary of ResCom transactions for May 2019

	Income	Expense	Balance
Cash on hand at 30 April 2019			13 751
Materials & Consumables (Pond project)		867	
Collection & Prizes for 100+ Club	11 250	5 000	
Social functions & decorations		824	
New residents Meal		55	
Admin & Library costs	11	43	
Total for the month	11 261	6 789	
Cash on hand at 31 May 2019			18 223
Reserved funds:			
Hospitality Portfolio Float	(2 000)		
Library Expenses Float	(200)		
Lyn Huddy Memorial Fund	(2 157)		
White Elephant Sale	(1 734)		
RAM Snack Platters	(3 710)		
Top Pond Pump Cost Recovery	1 668		
Total Reserved	(8 133)		
Cash available at month end			10 090

By the way, I send 'Chatter' to over 30 people, local and overseas, just to make them jealous of what we get up to in Evergreen! If you want me to include any friends or relatives of yours, just drop me a line, and I can add them on to my email list.

Chris

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Our Dot Savage is in the Bowls Team which gets a National Silver



The team from Bryanston Sports Club, namely Dot Savage (Unit 82), Annette Dimant, Jenny Eagar and Claire Turner reached the finals of the Bowls South Africa Women's Nationals Championships Fours competition held in Durban this year.

It is the only tournament on the Bowls South Africa calendar that is open to all of the members. It provides an opportunity for everyone to test their skills against opponents from different parts of the country. Some 78 Teams entered the Fours, first played on a round robin format, then the section winners played in the play-offs on a knockout basis.

We came up against some strong teams at this stage, including two teams from our district. We then reached the finals which were played at the Headquarters, namely Parkhill Bowling Club, and were unfortunately beaten by a team from East London.

As runners up we were awarded silver medals. And some congratulatory letters from our Club and the JBA (Johannesburg Bowling Association) district offices. It was a memorable tournament indeed.

However, the words of the legendary Olympic sprinter Jesse Owens come to mind when he said, "Friendships born on the field of athletic strife are the real gold of the competition. Awards become corroded, friends gather no dust."

One of the true virtues of participation.

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The first group of ladies to use the shuttle bus on Wednesday last week were Ann, Lynn, Pat, Shirley and Elske.

What a treat to be whisked off to Fourways Mall and have your driver find his way through the dark and dusty entrails of the parking garage to our drop-off point.

After brunch – and a bit of retail therapy – we were a bit early for our return trip. We had to wait for our driver, but were well looked after by Oliver (the car guard) who insisted we stand in the sun as he wanted the gogos to keep warm.

The driver, Happy by name and nature, duly arrived and we were all home by lunch time. We think this is a great way to get around, and recommend more Residents use this safe and stress-free service.

One tip: Please ensure you know where you want to be dropped off as the drivers may not be familiar with our shopping destinations.



The Pied Piper of Evergreen - Just what causes 7 dogs to stand and sit in a circle?





Basil's triumph - at long last he got the fountain just right.

A VERY BIG NUMBER

If I give you \$1 billion and you stand on a street corner handing out \$1 per second, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, you would still not have handed out \$1 billion after 32 years!!

The next time you hear a politician use the word 'billion' in a casual manner, think about whether you want the 'politicians' spending YOUR tax money.

A billion is a difficult number to comprehend, but one advertising agency did a good job of putting that figure into some perspective in one of its releases.

- A. A billion seconds ago it was 1959.
- B. A billion minutes ago Jesus was alive.
- C. A billion hours ago our ancestors were living in the Stone Age.
- D. A billion days ago no-one walked on the earth on two feet.
- E. A billion Dollars ago was only 13 hours and 12 minutes, at the rate our Government is spending it.

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Fathers day - 17th June 2019



Our Chairman Hennie and Marion enjoying the day



Ivar and Pat Skanke



A lovely pic of Penny Tsandelis and her family

17th June was a Very Special Day for our Gracie, who arrived in South Africa 40 years ago to the day and set up a special table of celebration with Derek.





Ladies Pool takes off at the WaterHole



Men's Pool mulling over a Ladies Take-over

DO YOU WANT WHAT WE HAVE GOT or HAVE YOU GOT WHAT WE WANT? ADVERTISE HERE

Kiloran has asked if anybody is willing to sponsor some more plastic covers to hold the photos that she has set up on display in the library. Please contact her on ext. 163 or WhatsApp 082 959 2919.

JUST LIKE THAT (these are not attributed to anyone in particular but thank you so much, Graham L, Cyril (Not Ramaphosa), and Chairman Hennie)

Irrefutable proof that a good woman can bring balance and stability to your Life!



A mate of mine recently admitted to being addicted to brake fluid. When I quizzed him on it, he reckoned he could stop any time...

I went to the cemetery yesterday to lay some flowers on a grave. As I was standing there, I noticed 4 grave diggers walking about with a coffin, 3 hours later and they're still walking about with it. I thought to myself, they've lost the plot!

My daughter asked me for a pet spider for her birthday, so I went to our local pet shop and they were R70! Blow this, I thought, I can get one cheaper off the web.

I was at an ATM yesterday when a little old lady asked if I could check her balance, so I pushed her over.

I was driving this morning when I saw a parked AA van. The driver was sobbing uncontrollably and looked very miserable. I thought to myself that guy's heading for a breakdown. Statistically, 6 out of 7 dwarves are not Happy.

My neighbour knocked on my door at 2:30 am this morning, can you believe that, 2:30 am?! Luckily for him I was still up playing my Bagpipes.

Paddy says "Mick, I'm thinking of buying a Labrador. "Bugger that" says Mick "have you seen how many of their owners go blind?"

I saw a poor old lady fall over today on the ice!! At least I presume she was poor - she only had R10.20 in her purse.

My girlfriend thinks that I'm a stalker. Well, she's not exactly my girlfriend yet.

A wife says to her husband you're always pushing me around and talking behind my back. He says what do you expect? You're in a wheelchair.

I was explaining to my wife last night that when you die you get reincarnated but must come back as a different creature. She said I would like to come back as a cow. I said you're obviously not listening.

The wife has been missing a week now. Police said to prepare for the worst. So I have been to the charity shop to get all her clothes back.

Sat opposite an Indian lady on the train today, she shut her eyes and stopped breathing. I thought she was dead, until I saw the red spot on her forehead and realised she was just on standby.

The wife was counting all the 5c's and 10c's out on the kitchen table when she suddenly got very angry and started shouting and crying for no reason. I thought to myself, "She's going through the change."

When I was in the pub I heard a couple of plonkers saying that they wouldn't feel safe on an aircraft if they knew the pilot was a woman. What a pair of sexists. I mean, it's not as if she'd have to reverse the bloody thing!

Bought some 'rocket salad' yesterday but it went off before I could eat it!

A teddy bear is working on a building site. He goes for a tea break and when he returns he notices his pick has been stolen. The bear is angry and reports the theft to the foreman. The foreman grins at the bear and says "Oh, I forgot to tell you, today's the day the teddy bears have their pick nicked."

Murphy says to Paddy, "What ya talkin' to an envelope for?" "I'm sending a voicemail ya thick sod!"

Just got back from my mate's funeral. He died after being hit on the head with a tennis ball. It was a lovely service.

19 paddies go to the cinema, the ticket lady asks "Why so many of you?" Mick replies, "The film said 18 or over."

An Asian fellow has moved in next door. He has travelled the world, swum with sharks, wrestled bears and climbed the highest mountain. It came as no surprise to learn his name was Bindair Dundat.

This is Buddy , I bought him as a surprise present for my husband but it turns out he's allergic to dogs . So unfortunately I'm going to have to find a new home for him , and I'm just wondering if anyone out there can help ? . His name is Alan, he's 61, great at DIY, drives a nice car and plans wonderful holidays.



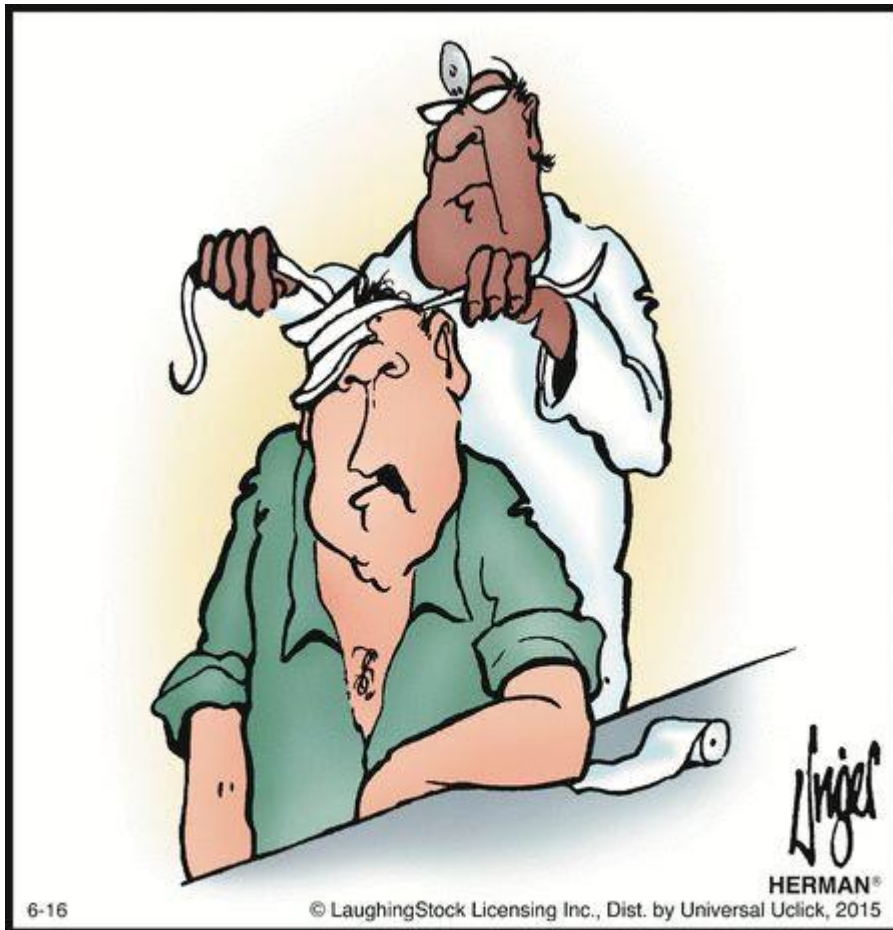
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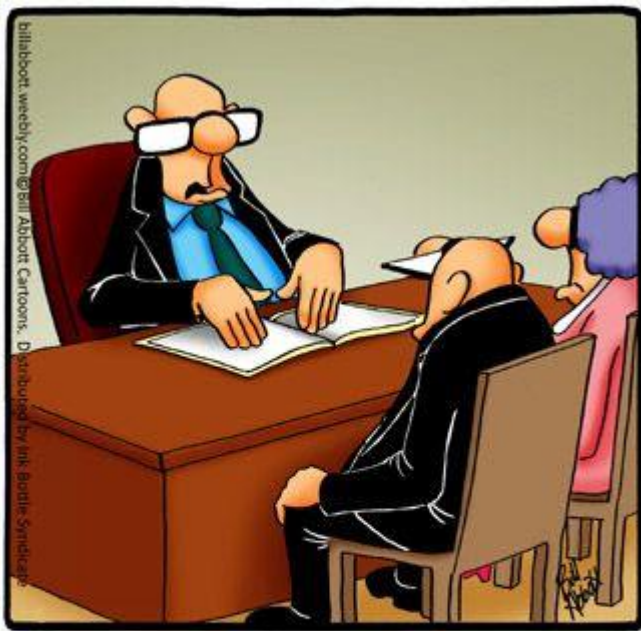
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"Based on your current condition, I should probably throw the rest of those leftovers away."



"So I said to her, 'How about giving me something to remember you by?'"



“I’ve crunched the numbers in your retirement account. It’s time to figure out who will be wearing the mask and who will be driving the getaway car.”

And the winner is.....

1. AT&T (an American company) fired President John Walter after nine months, saying he lacked Intellectual leadership. He received a \$26 million severance package. Perhaps it's not Walter who's lacking intelligence.

2. WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS.

Police in Oakland CA, spent two hours attempting to subdue a gunman who had barricaded himself inside his home. After firing ten tear gas canisters, officers discovered that the man was standing beside them in the police line, shouting, 'Please come out and give yourself up.'

3. WHAT WAS PLAN B???

An Illinois man, pretending to have a gun, kidnapped a motorist and forced him to drive to two different automated teller machines, wherein the kidnapper proceeded to withdraw money from his own bank accounts.

4 THE GETAWAY!

A man walked into a Topeka Kansas Kwik Stop and asked for all the money in the cash drawer. Apparently, the take was too small, so he tied up the store clerk and worked the counter himself for three hours until police showed up and grabbed him.

5. DID I SAY THAT???

Police in Los Angeles had good luck with a robbery suspect who just couldn't control himself during a lineup. When detectives asked each man in the lineup to repeat the words: 'Give me all your money or I'll shoot', the man shouted, 'that's not what I said!'

6. ARE WE COMMUNICATING?

A man spoke frantically into the phone: 'My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart'. 'Is this her first child?' the Doctor asked. 'No!' the man shouted, 'This is her husband!'

7. NOT THE SHARPEST TOOL IN THE SHED!

In Modesto CA, Steven Richard King was arrested for trying to hold up a Bank of America branch without a weapon. King used a thumb and a finger to simulate a gun. Unfortunately, he failed to keep his hand in his pocket. (*hellooooooo*)!

8. THE GRAND FINALE!!!

Last summer, down on Lake Isabella, located in the high desert an hour east of Bakersfield CA, some folks, new to boating, were having a problem. No matter how hard they tried they couldn't get their brand new 22-foot boat going. It was very sluggish in almost every manoeuvre, no matter how much power they applied. After about an hour of trying to make it go they pulled into a nearby marina, thinking someone there may be able to tell them what was wrong. A thorough topside check revealed everything in perfect working condition The engine ran fine, the out-drive went up and down, and the propeller was the correct size and pitch. So, one of the marina guys jumped in the water to check underneath. He came up choking on water, he was laughing so hard.....

.....Under the boat, still strapped securely in place, was the trailer!

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AS WE GROW OLDER AND, HENCE, WISER, WE SLOWLY REALIZE THAT WEARING A R10 000.00 OR A R130.00 WATCH - - - - - THEY BOTH TELL THE SAME TIME...

WHETHER WE CARRY A R300 OR R30.00 wallet/handbag - - - -
THE AMOUNT OF MONEY INSIDE IS THE SAME;

WHETHER WE DRINK A BOTTLE OF R300 OR R30 WINE - - - -
THE HANGOVER IS THE SAME;

WHETHER THE HOUSE WE LIVE IN IS 80m² OR 800 m² - - - - -
LONELINESS IS THE SAME.

1. DON'T EDUCATE YOUR CHILDREN TO BE RICH.

Educate them to be Happy. So when they grow up, they will know the value of things, not the price.

2. BEST AWARDED WORDS IN LONDON ...

"Eat your food as your medicines; otherwise, you have to eat medicines as your food."

3. THE ONE WHO LOVES YOU WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU because even if there are 100 reasons to give up - HE OR SHE WILL FIND ONE REASON TO HOLD ON.

4. THERE IS A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A HUMAN BEING AND BEING HUMAN; ONLY A FEW REALLY UNDERSTAND IT.

5. YOU ARE LOVED WHEN YOU ARE BORN.

You will be loved when you die. In between, You have to manage!

6. IF YOU JUST WANT TO WALK FAST, WALK ALONE! BUT IF YOU WANT TO WALK FAR, WALK TOGETHER!

7. SEVEN BEST DOCTORS IN THE WORLD:

1. Sunlight
2. Rest
3. Exercise

4. Diet
5. Positivity
6. Self-Confidence
7. Friends

MAINTAIN THEM IN ALL STAGES OF LIFE AND ENJOY A HEALTHY LIFE.

8. AS WE GET OLDER, THE FEWER THINGS SEEM WORTH WAITING IN LINE FOR.

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Happy Birthday:

June

1st Penny Henegan
 2nd John Kidd
 5th Ruth Fidler
 7th Milne Murray
 16th Traudi Zauner
 19th Eddie Simpson
 23rd Norma Johnston
 25th Pam Dean
 26th Margaret Leitner
 27th Tess Sleigh
 27th Kay Olie
 28th Gillian Campbell

July

1st Dave Nesbitt
 5th Jean Spurr
 5th Beryl Sletcher
 6th Robert Haselum
 7th Steve Saayman
 8th David Powell
 9th Marion Du Preez
 10th Kate Van Rooyen
 10th Idonea Prentice
 11th Mary-Ann Brews
 11th Arthur Hills
 14th John Parrott
 18th Ann Simpson
 18th Caroline Brickett
 19th Valerie Slaughter
 21st Gunnar Svensson
 21st Pierre Theron
 21st Sue Stirton
 23rd Lynn Turner
 24th Brian Stowell
 26th Ann Mexter
 26th Yolanda Essex-Clark
 27th Bryan Breval
 28th Emmy Murray

Happy Anniversary!

June

6th André & Peggy Oosthuizen
 10th Ron & Pauline Mackie
 26th Dave & Peta Nesbitt

July

1st Stewart & Loraine Phillips
 2nd Hennie & Marion Du Preez
 2nd John & Sally Branson
 2nd Graham & Pru Hall
 3rd Chappy & Susan Hartley
 6th Kevin & Felicity Morgan
 17th Ian & Elaine Gladstone
 27th James & Pauline Green
 30th Milne & Emmy Murray

On our recent road trip around most of South Africa we managed to drop off a lot of items for our adopted school near Ugie in the Eastern Cape.

Grateful thanks to all of you including :-

Judy Stuart - winter clothes for the Community
Basil - Pens
Jenny Hammond - Nat Geo Mags
Penny R - Scarves
Jean - Lever Arch Files
Raffi (Lucia's daughter) - Ditto

Many thanks as always.

Keep those articles coming and e-mail to me at: -

chrisandsue291@gmail.com.

You know this is a team effort, not only from you, the team of contributors, but also my lovely Assistant / Sub Editor, Sue Edwards and then there is René and Roy who bash it around to get it into Adobe format for publishing and posting to you.

Thanks to all of you,

Cheers for now. Chris