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I  Eve ...

... and Her Needlepoints!

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This is the month that includes Valentines' Day, when all of us are reminded – if we need to be -- of how important our spouses, lovers, romantic partners are in our lives. I guess Eve and I have had a relatively short marriage compared with **some** of our Bowfin neighbors here (e.g., we know that the Tappers had a 50th wedding anniversary party at least two years ago) – but we're just months now from celebrating our 40th, which feels noteworthy. Happy Approaching Anniversary, my love!

While our married life has included a HOST of wonderful highlights, one that has gradually crept up on me is how remarkably talented Eve is in a craft that, prior to meeting her, I hardly knew existed: needlepoint. For more than forty years, she's been carefully pushing yarn strands through beautifully painted canvases, then creating pillows, belts, tooth pillows, and framed wall pieces from her diligent efforts. During this pandemic isolation, she's been able to more than double her usual output. She's also tried more complex needle patterns, incorporated sparkling fibers and beads, and needlepointed pieces for several of our friends and relatives.

Eve and I just did a quick count of how many of her pieces are in our house. I was hoping it would come close to 40 – our upcoming anniversary – and I wasn't a bit disappointed in missing that "coincidence" by a small amount when we found the count to be 42.

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Aaron's Question Column



Diego Maradona's "The Hand of God" goal



Diego Maradona celebrates his victory

Question: The game of soccer, which is called football outside of the U.S.A., is a world favorite. Occasionally it has had 'political' moments. Can you tell us something about a "Hand of God" goal scored by Argentina's team in the 1986 World Cup? -Jerry

Aaron's Answer (A'sA): In this article, I will be covering 3 major sporting events. The first will be the Hand of God goal scored by Diego Maradona, the second will be the Goal of the Century scored by Diego in the same match, and the final event will be a more recent event, the 5 misses of Eduard Latypov at the Beijing 2022 Olympics.

In 1986, Argentina faced off against England in the quarter-finals of the FIFA World Cup. 6 minutes into the second quarter, the ball was kicked into the penalty box of England, where it was fought over by Maradona, and England's goalkeeper, Peter Shilton. They both jumped for the ball at the same time, and Maradona glanced off the ball with his fist resulting in a goal. Due to the lack of replay technology in 1986, the referees called it a goal, even though today it is referred to as the most blatant act of cheating ever caught on tape. Argentines and other Latin Americans still revere and praise the goal while every other country condemns it. In a later interview, Maradona claimed that he considered it to be symbolic revenge

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