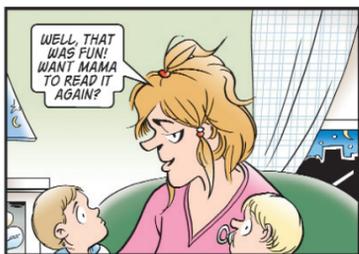
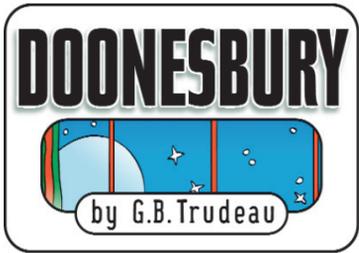


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Quote of the Week

"I think a lot of people are just glad that it's done."

— Lyons town Supervisor Brian Manktelow, after village residents voted 519-353 in favor of dissolving village government Dec. 31, 2015.



Let us now praise the mighty Buffalo chicken wing

Quintessential American fare marks 50th anniversary

Lin Yutang, the Chinese writer, once asked, "What is patriotism but the love of the food one ate as a child?"

Fellow Americans, when you close your eyes and imagine the taste of home, what do you see? Hamburgers? Apple pie? Pancakes and maple syrup?

Did anyone say Buffalo chicken wings?

Wings are one of our country's most popular foods, but how many of us think of them as quintessentially American? And how many of us know the unlikely tale — involving a mistaken delivery, insomnia and the isle of Sicily — of how they conquered the world? It all started 50 years ago this month ...

It was 1964. Wings were considered scraps, sold for pennies, sometimes used to make soup. One morning the Anchor Bar, a restaurant in Buffalo, received a crate of them by mistake.

Owner Teressa Bellissimo, a notoriously feisty Italian immigrant, could not make enough soup to use them all. She wanted to send them back. Her

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Originally from Lyons and a former Finger Lakes Times reporter, Matt Reynolds is the director of "The Great Chicken Wing Hunt."



mild-mannered husband Frank didn't want to bother the distributor. A terrible fight ensued. Teressa went to bed and could not sleep. What was she going to do with all those wings? She got up and went to her kitchen. By dawn she had come up with a solution — she had invented the Buffalo chicken wing.

Consider for a moment the scale of culinary change that hinged on that moment in Bellissimo's kitchen. Wings —

essentially worthless in 1964 — are so popular today that chickens are raised for their wings alone. More than 1.2 billion wings were eaten this year on Super Bowl weekend alone.

The Bellissimos apparently foresaw none of this. Frank put them out for free at the bar along with peanuts and pretzels. They were so popular customers stopped ordering regular meals. They were swiftly

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Half a century of denial

WASHINGTON — Critics of Rep. Paul Ryan's remarks about cultural factors in the persistence of poverty are simultaneously shrill and boring. Their predictable minuet of synthetic indignation demonstrates how little liberals have learned about poverty or changed their rhetorical repertoire in the last 49 years.

Ryan spoke of a "tailspin of culture, in our inner cities in particular, of men not working and just generations of men not even thinking about working or learning the value and the culture of work," adding: "There's a real culture problem here." This brought down upon Ryan the usual acid rain of accusations — racism, blaming the victims, etc. He had sauntered into the minefield that a more experienced Daniel Patrick Moynihan — a liberal scholar who knew the taboos of his tribe — had tiptoed into five years before Ryan was born.

A year from now, there surely will be conferences marking the 50th anniversary of what is now known as the Moynihan Report, aka "The Negro Family: The Case for National Action." In March 1965, Moynihan, then 37 and assistant secretary of labor, wrote that "the center of the tangle of pathology" in inner cities — this was five months before the Watts riots — was the fact that 23.6 percent of black children were born to single women, compared to just 3.07 percent of white children. He was accused of racism, blaming the victims, etc.

Forty-nine years later, 41 percent of all American children are born out of wedlock; almost half of all first births are to unmarried women, as are 54 percent and 72 percent of all Hispanic and black births, respectively. Is there anyone not blinkered by ideology or

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Advocate worked tirelessly to keep motorcyclists safe

While this brief offering may seem uninteresting to the great majority of thousands reading it, the intended message is dedicated to the importance contained in its conclusion: Capsulizing the daily impact on motor vehicle safety and awareness attributed to the lifelong perseverance of a Finger Lakes-area resident, G. William (Bill) Cox.

Bill succumbed to a rare occurrence of liver failure recently and left behind a legacy of unprecedented quality leadership in New York's motorcycle community representing thousands of registered cycles and licensed operators, their families and friends.

Since the late 1980s, Bill was instrumental in developing cohesiveness and respect among and between men and women bikers throughout upstate groups and families. He and his wife, Pam, a Canandaigua small-business

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owner, and daughters, Trisha, a health care specialist, and Kristina, a law enforcement officer, quietly carried the banner for setting high standards of safety and equality for all motorists, with each being known for their personal integrity and professional competency.

Bill's local, regional and statewide influence through NYS-ABATE (American Bikers Aimed Toward Education) was a progressive stimulant for introducing and passing effective legislation. Rider education and road-smart driving were only two of Bill's mantras; teamwork, patriotism and fairness

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