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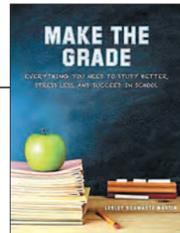
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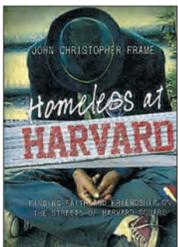
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BOOKSHELF

"Homeless at Harvard: Finding Faith and Friendship on the Streets of Harvard Square," John Christopher Frame (Zondervan, 208 pages, \$14.99)



John Christopher Frame knew Harvard Square well. A divinity student at the exclusive university,

Frame spent many hours walking and dining in the area. He also spent time talking to homeless people who lived around Harvard Square when he worked at a student-run shelter. But then he decided to take his experience one step further, living on the streets himself for 10 weeks to find out exactly what life was like for those he walked past daily. His interviews shine a much-needed light on just who those folks were before they became homeless and who they might be again someday.

MELANIE LAUWERS

KATHARINE LEE BATES

Falmouth Museums on the Green hosts its annual Katharine Lee Bates Poetry Fest at 5 p.m. Monday at 55 Palmer Ave., Falmouth. Winners of the annual poetry contest will read from their work and a cake will help celebrate what would have been the author's 154th birthday. Vocalist Stephanie Miele will lead the crowd in "America the Beautiful," which was written by Bates, who spent the first 12 years of her life in Falmouth.

LISTEN UP NOW

Three new books offer advice with attitude on work and love (your own or others').

■ **"The Bridesmaid's Manual: Making It to and Through the Wedding With Your Sanity" (and Your Friendship) Intact** (Berkley) by Sarah Stein and Lucy Talbot gets right to the nitty-gritty, like buying a cute but cheap clutch for the reception just big enough for "a phone, a c-note, a credit card and a condom."

■ **"Love Him or Leave Him, But Don't Get Stuck With the Tab"** (Simon & Schuster) by Loni Love gathers the comedian's hilarious and straight-to-the-point (although not safe for work) romantic advice on everything from meeting up to breaking up.

■ **"Stop Tweeting Boring Sht: The New Rules of Work"** (Chronicle) by Paul Hirsch and Josh Denberg offers mordant advice for the newly employed and the rest of us, like "Nothing good comes from hitting 'reply all'" and "Not getting fired is the new promotion."

They made each other laugh

Then Bob and Ray made millions laugh

By EMILY HERRINGTON
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There was Wally Ballou, the incompetent reporter who always started talking before his microphone was live, and Mary Margaret McGoon, the Martha Stewart-type with bizarre recipes for dishes like fried rice popsicles and ginger ale salad. Biff Burns was the sportscaster who ended all of his broadcasts saying, "This is Biff Burns saying this is Biff Burns saying goodnight." And we can't forget Tex Blaisdell, Webley Webster and the McBeeBee twins.

Behind all of these personalities were Bob Elliot and Ray Goulding, two comedians who were essentially each there to make the other laugh.

"When it came right down to it, it was two guys entertaining themselves and each other. ... The audience were sort of like co-conspirators," says David Pollock, the author of the recently released biography "Bob and Ray: Keener Than Most Persons" (Applause, 318 pages, \$27.99).

The book chronicles Bob and Ray's careers from where they met at Boston's WHDH radio station, both in their early 20s and working as radio announcers, and throughout the course of their 43-year partnership. They appeared on "The Tonight Show" numerous times, performed at Carnegie Hall and had a Broadway show in addition to their own radio and TV series. Pollock's book offers insight into their personal lives, their development and a glimpse at the trajectory of the broadcasting industry.

Comedian David Letterman wrote the foreword, and in the back is a topic index and another specifically for Bob and Ray's parodies.

Pollock says the book was made possible through hefty research at the Boston Public Library and through interviews with Bob Elliott and his family, Liz Goulding (Ray's widow) and her family and the pair's former colleagues and fellow craftsmen.

Goulding is now in her early 90s and resides in Hyannisport in the home she and her husband built in the late '60s. They spent much of their time on Long Island, but this is where they came to relax.

Goulding lives in the yellow-fronted house, accented by hydrangeas, with her West Highland White Terrier Riley. She apologized for the few dog toys strewn about the living room floor.

"He's my child," she says of Riley. Riley is a well-behaved dog, she says, and she wished Ray had gotten to meet him.

Goulding leaned back comfortably on her couch, admiring the view of her back patio deck and yard, which happens to be the golf course of the Hyannisport Club. "It's heavenly here," she says.

The home is adorned with memories and Bob and Ray memorabilia, such as figurines of the cartoon Piel brothers for whom the comedians provided voices. On the dining room wall hangs a familiar-looking classic painting.

It looks like Anthony Van Dyck's "Charles I at the Hunt" where King Charles is posing nobly, with one hand on his hip and the other holding a walking stick. He's wearing a wide-brimmed black hat, red pants, a silver blouse and tall hunting boots; his body is pointed to the side, but his head turned to face the viewer.

But the version in Goulding's house has a twist



DAVID POLLOCK
FOREWORD BY DAVE LETTERMAN



Liz Goulding, widow of Ray Goulding, at their Hyannisport home with her dog Riley.

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AUTHOR EVENTS

A Book in the Hand features Tom O'Connell ("Upward & Downward Mobility") and Kathryn Knight ("Gull Harbor") at 7 p.m. Monday at Jacob Sears Memorial Library, 23 Center St., East Dennis.

Historian **Michael Tougias**, author of "Fatal Forecast" and "Overboard!" discusses "A Storm too Soon: A True Story of Survival and a Remarkable Rescue" at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Olde Colonial Courthouse, Route 6A and Rendezvous Lane, Barnstable.

Diane Asseo Griliches offers an illustrated talk about her book, "Thinking Photography," at 8 p.m. Monday at Wellfleet Public Library, 55 W. Main St.

The **Fine Arts Work Center** hosts readings by **Martha Collins** ("White Papers") and **James Lecesne** ("Word of Mouth") Monday; **Fred Marchant** ("The Looking House") and **Sarah Schulman** Tuesday; and **Dani Shapiro** ("Devotion") and **Amy Arbus** ("On the Street 1989-1990") Wednesday. Readings are at 6:30 p.m. at 24 Pearl St., Provincetown.

Linda Urban signs "The Center of Everything," for ages 8 to 11 at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Eight Cousins Bookstore, 189 Main St., Falmouth.

Don Wilding, author of "Henry Boston's Cape Cod" lectures on the book as "Inspiration for a National Seashore" at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Barnstable Senior Center, 825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis.

Poet and short story writer **Daniela**

Petrova ("Twenty Years After the Fall") and playwright **Martin Edmunds** ("The High Road to Taos") read from their works at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Wellfleet Public Library, 55 W. Main St.

Velia Pola talks about her book "A Bridge Between" at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Barnstable Senior Center, 825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis.

Novelist Wendy Shreve talks about "Shadowwater" and signs copies at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Brewster Ladies' Library, 1822 Main St.

Beth Thompson Colleary, editor of "My Dear Mr. Hopper," talks about the renowned painter's unknown romance and signs copies of the book from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Cape Cod Museum of Art, 60 Hope Lane (off Route 6A), Dennis.

John Ross, author of "Shakespeare's Tremor and Orwell's Cough: The Medical Lives of Famous Writers," lectures at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Falmouth Museums on the Green, 55 Palmer Ave.

Joan Harrison, author of "The Colorful World of Hydrangeas" and "Hydrangeas: Cape Cod and the Islands," talks tips for growing your own "heavenly" hydrangeas at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Gallery Artrio, 50 Pearl St., Hyannis.

Timothy Little signs "Cape Cod Nights: A Photographic Exploration of Cape Cod and the Islands After Dark" at 7 p.m. Thursday at Titcomb's Bookshop, 432 Route 6A, East Sandwich.

Author, journalist and editor Stephen Seitz talks about celebrities he has

interviewed and his crime novels, "Sherlock Holmes and the Plague of Dracula" and "Secrets Can't Be Kept Forever" at 11 a.m. Friday at Dennis Public Library, 5 Hall St., Dennisport.

Gina Fava signs "The Race" from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at Books by the Sea, 846 Main St., Osterville.

Jim David signs "Papal Expectations" from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Books by the Sea, 846 Main St., Osterville.

Peter Saunders signs "Silent No More: Unlocking Voices of Older Poets" from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Where the Sidewalk Ends, 432 Main St., Chatham.

Send notices to mlauwers@capecodonline.com. Deadline is 5 p.m. Monday.

Bob and Ray: '50s duo lampooned broadcasting

from B6

— instead of the former king of England's face, it's Ray's. And the signature isn't Van Dyck's, but Bob's. More specifically, the bottom left-hand corner of the canvas credits Bob Andre.



DAVID POLLOCK
Author of "Bob and Ray: Keener Than Most Persons"

The painting was a gift from Bob for Ray's 40th birthday. "It was such a surprise," Goulding says, adding that Ray was thrilled with the present.

Bob and Ray's relationship and decades-long career has been off-described as one resembling a marriage.

"The main thing to me, and will be forever, is their unbelievable connection. It really is something that I don't think you can put into words, but it was awing when they used to be together," Liz Goulding says.

But despite their immense chemistry, Bob and Ray's relationship was rather business-like, Pollock says, and he shared an anecdote from the book about a time the pair appeared on the "Tonight Show" with Johnny Carson. Carson asked about their off-air relationship, and Ray told him they didn't socialize much because Bob lived in New York City and Ray lived on Long Island.

Bob responded: "There's something I learned tonight. I never knew where he lived before."

Bob and Ray's comedy wasn't slapstick. It was subtle and satirical, Goulding says. "Comedy was an absolute part of (Ray's) nature. ... He had an innate sense of humor," she says.

At one level or another, nearly everything Bob and Ray did was making fun of broadcasting, Pollock says. But they did it in a broad, general way so that the joke was still funny, even if audiences didn't understand the original reference.

In fact, the book's title is one such example, as it's a nod to one of Bob and Ray's recurring bits — Mr. Trace, Keener Than Most Persons, which was a parody of the radio show "Mr. Keen, Tracer of Lost Persons."

FROM "BOB AND RAY: KEENER THAN MOST PERSONS"

One Man's Family was a soap opera begging to be lampooned. Its characters performed with virtual "Kick me" signs on their backs. For years, Bob and Ray happily complied. But their version, *One Feller's Family*, would be missing in action when the team's TV series resumed July 5th as a weekly, Saturday-night, half-hour fill-in for — yes, the original — *One Man's Family*. Since *Family's* devoted, longtime sponsor, Miles Laboratories' Alka-Seltzer, was also picking up the tab for the boys' show, they wisely figured Alka-Seltzer brass would appreciate one less headache to cure.

Much of their comedy was improvised and ad-libbed; they tended to bounce off one another and go from there.

"The thing I always found so amazing was their ability to just sit there in a small little studio and just create these things totally spontaneously, just ad-libbing, doing all the voices with nothing on paper," Pollock says.

Pollock's interest in writing the biography stemmed from years of fandom. He grew up following Bob and Ray's career and listening to them on the radio. "If you were a teenager in the '50s," he says, "they held a certain attraction for kids listening and I just became hooked."

"They were so funny, and they were pretty hard to miss, you know. You couldn't turn on a radio without bumping into them."

Liz Goulding says reading Pollock's book was like reliving her life.

"It was a wonderful life living with Bob and Ray," she says.

FUNDRAISING AUCTION

The Wellfleet Alzheimer's Association, serving the Lower Cape, will hold their "12th Annual Reception and Charity Auction" from 3 to 7 p.m. Aug. 18 at the **Sweet Seasons Restaurant** at The Inn at Duck Creek, 70 Main St., Wellfleet.

There will be live and silent auctions, a raffle, food and wine.

A \$10 donation is suggested. All proceeds will benefit Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers.

It is suggested attendees park at the Wellfleet Marina, 255 Commercial St., and take the shuttle to Sweet Seasons.

For more information or tickets, call Mary Houk at 508-737-3328.

PAINT PARTY

A "Different Strokes Paint Party" will be held at 9:30 a.m. Aug. 21 at **Falmouth Senior Center**, 300 Dillingham Ave.

An art instructor will provide participants with step-by-step guidance in order to complete a painting in one session.

Cost, \$25, includes all materials and is payable in advance.

To sign up, call the senior center at 508-540-0196.

"SWEET CAROLINE"

Entertainer Victor Sologaitoa will pay tribute to singer and songwriter Neil Diamond in his performance, "Solitary Man: Neil Diamond and His Music," at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 28 at **Barnstable Senior Center**, 825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis. Cost is \$5.

To RSVP, call 508-862-4750.

CONSUMER HELP

Kimberly Denis, director of the **Consumer Assistance Council**, will speak about this nonprofit agency from 10 to 11 a.m. Aug. 21 at **Barnstable Senior Center**, 825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis.

This council works in cooperation with the Massachusetts Attorney General to resolve

consumer complaints. Its primary objective is to assist and to educate consumers and sellers of goods and services on consumer protection laws. Its secondary objective is to insure that consumer transactions are conducted in a fair and equitable manner and that ethical merchants are protected from unjustified complaints.

To RSVP, call 508-862-4750.

MAKE A BRACELET

Patricia McKinney and Patricia Germani will hold a **jewelry design workshop** from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday at **Barnstable Senior Center**, 825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis.

Participants will learn how to make a beaded bracelet, including tying off the bracelet with a toggle.

A \$5 material fee (paid to the instructor) is requested.

To register, call 508-862-4750.

PRINT WORKSHOP

Pat Canavari and Cathy Skowron will lead a free "White-Line Block Print" workshop series, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 20 and 22 at **Truro Senior Center**, 7 Standish Way, North Truro.

For more information or reservations, call 508-487-2462.

LOBSTER ROLLS

Falmouth Council on Aging will host a "Lobster Feast" beginning at 12:30 p.m. Aug. 19 at **Falmouth Senior Center**, 300 Dillingham Ave.

The lunch will include a lobster roll, chips, cole slaw and fruit, plus entertainment by Wally Durant.

Cost, \$12, is payable in advance.

To reserve a seat, call 508-540-0196.

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BE PREPARED

Chatham Police Capt. John D. Cauble, who is also director of Chatham Emergency Management, will give a free **talk on emergency preparedness** at 12:45 p.m. Aug. 19 at **Chatham Senior Center**, 193 Stony Hill Road.

Free emergency preparation totes will be available to participants.

For more information, call the senior center at 508-945-5190.

Aging will host a "Banjo Band Lobster Roll Luncheon" beginning at 10 a.m. Sept. 6 at the **Eastham Senior Center**, 1405 Nauset Road, North Eastham.

This lunch of a lobster roll from Arnold's Lobster and Clam Bar, cole slaw, potato chips, iced tea and dessert will be preceded by the musical entertainment of the Banjo Band.

Tickets are \$10, and prepayment is required by Aug. 28.

For more information or reservations, call 508-255-6164.

KNOW THE DIFFERENCE

Rob Gonzalez, information technologist with All Around Computers, will hold a free **computer workshop on laptops, iPads and notebooks**, 2 to 3 p.m. Aug. 20 at **Barnstable Senior Center**, 825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis.

For more information or to RSVP, call 508-862-4750.

A PERFECT TIME

Yarmouth Senior Center's "Choral Group" will perform at an **ice cream social** at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at **Yarmouth Senior Center**, 528 Forest Road, West Yarmouth.

Donations will be appreciated.

To reserve a seat, call 508-394-7606.

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