

The time has come, the walrus said,

TO TALK OF MANY THINGS of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giarratani

I OPPOSE

BRINGING BACK DRAFT

I remember when I had to sign up for Selective Service at age 18 back in 1966, while I was still a senior at English High School. Signing up meant you were placed on the draft list. I decided to join the U.S. Air Force right after graduation rather than wait for the U.S. Army to send me my draft notice. I decided if I was forced to take poison, I would choose my own first.

I am hearing all that scary news out there being pushed by the Democrat Left, the Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez wing of the party and all those #NeverTrumpers that Trump wants to restore the Draft which was ended back in 1972 by President Nixon. It isn't coming back. It is fake news by the Democratic Left and the Fake Media trying to turn folks against Trump. Trump doesn't support the draft and really is a NO War president unlike many Democrat presidents in the last 50 years.

Sadly, I thought the Volunteer Army would keep endless wars out of need but I was wrong. We still get involved in far too many conflicts. I am tired of endless wars, each taking the place of the previous one. Everything started back in 1991, when President George H. W. Bush orchestrated an effective air campaign, which was followed by "Operation Desert Storm," a 100-hour land war, which expelled Iraqi forces from Kuwait. Today, Americans are still fighting over in the Middle East in what appears to be an endless conflict.

I say bring our troops home and start dealing with America and its needs. Enough is enough or as they say in Italy: BASTA!

TASTE OF EASTIE 2020

Don't forget the date Thursday, January 23rd, starting at 6:00 p.m. That's when the annual Taste of Eastie takes place at the Hilton Boston Logan Airport. Tickets are avail-

able online at: www.tasteofeastie2020.everbrite.com or call 617-669-2544. BE THERE OR STAY HUNGRY!

PELOSI SAYS WE SHOULD APOLOGIZE TO IRAN, SO I DID

Dear Iran:

I'm sorry that instead of billions in cash as a sign of weakness we are sending bombs as a sign of strength. I'm sorry that we have traitor democrats and citizens like Speaker Pelosi who would turn their back on America and its citizens. Thank You, A REAL AMERICAN

I appreciate A REAL AMERICAN for forwarding on his comments to my column. Good work, keep on keeping on.

OH, POOR BABY DEPARTMENT

Recently, a Babson College staff member got himself suspended and then fired after posting on Facebook that Iran should list 52 American cultural sites it would attack. He said he was disappointed and saddened that Babson has "Decided to abruptly terminate my 15-year relationship with the college just because people willfully misinterpreted a joke I made to my friends on Facebook."

Oh, will someone give this guy a tissue? I can't stand when people try to make themselves the victim. Don't cry me a river of crocodile tears. He saw the whole thing as a matter of free speech. I believe in free discourse, too. However, I don't believe in being stupid either. Next time be more careful using Facebook.

PARENTS FACING JAIL OVER CHILD SUPPORT DON'T NEED APPOINTED COUNSEL

Parents facing jail over non-payment of child support don't need a court appointed lawyer at hearings because determining their ability to pay is not a complicated issue, the Department of Revenue argued last week before the Supreme Judicial Court.

I haven't made up my mind on this court argument. What

do you say out there reading about this story, should lawyers be appointed or not?

SOMETIMES THERE ARE MOUNTAINS HIGH ENOUGH

It appears that multi-state climate compact among North-East and Mid-Atlantic states and backed strongly by Governor Baker which would lead to a high gas fee on motorists is not going over that well with the governors of Vermont, Connecticut, and New Hampshire. If they opt out of the compact, the only place hurt will be Massachusetts because Bay Staters will vote with their pedals to the medal for gas stations over the border where this gas fee won't be in play.

Our governor is betting on the wrong horse and he better not try and get this done by avoiding our State Legislature, too.

MEANWHILE, CHECK OUT BUCK SEXTON WEEKNITES

Sexton's conservative talk show airs weeknights starting at 6:00 p.m. and runs until 9:00 p.m. He has great guests. He knows his topics. He has all the facts and doesn't scream at his audience. You learn a lot because he knows a lot. He doesn't take himself too seriously and is not a stiff. He also can make you laugh which we all should do to keep from going whacko from the Crazy Democrats and their Fact News allies. Always keep those shields high and stand with Buck Sexton.

BWARE OF STUDENT DRIVERS ALWAYS

I was behind a car from a driving school with an obvious student driver at the wheel. If the speed limit is 20 mph, you can bet they are going 9 miles an hour. However, what made me laugh was that the driving school had slapped a bumper sticker on the trunk facing me that read STUDENT DRIVER but it was put on upside down! I hope the teachers teach new drivers better than they can put on a bumper-sticker.

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as a bunch a racists and haters. The media didn't even do its job of obtaining the facts before running with their fake narrative. The student school leader hopefully got a good chunk of change from CNN. Two other media outlets were also sued, *The Washington Post* and *NBC Universal*. I hope that Nick gets a big bite out of them, too.

This is why many folks don't trust the media. The media has

destroyed their credibility by siding with the Fake News Media Complex where one is presumed guilty until proven innocent.

Still Can't Figure Out Clyde Lewis and Ground Zero

On the very evening the missiles were launched from Iran into Iraqi sites, Clyde was talking about a 4.9 earthquake hitting Iran not from a nuclear power facility. He wondered if this was just a coincidence or if Iran

is working with new kinds of weapons that could take down a plane or cause a quake. To date, the only earthquake I have been hearing about was over in Puerto Rico, not Iran. I love listening to all those conspiracy theorists spurt all their tin-hat idea

Hold on to your Patriots caps! According to the *NY Times*, on the night of that missile attack and downing an airliner by mistake, there was indeed a 4.4 magnitude earthquake near a Nuclear Power plant in Iran. Clyde Lewis was likely the first media outlet to mention the quake. Sometimes Clyde can't be figured out but sometimes he is incredibly on the mark, I guess.

Iran did indeed shoot down that Ukrainian airliner killing all on board, but it was an accidental surface to air missile, an unintended consequence of the missile attack. On board were at least 80 Iranian nationals, 63 Canadian citizens, plus other victims from across Europe.

End Quote

"Whether you think you can, or think you can't, you're right!!!"
— Henry Ford



PEAKY BLINDERS – THE OFFICIAL SOUNDTRACK (3LP-Vinyl) Ume

The fifth season of the massively popular BAFTA-winning series *BBC* drama has wrapped up, and fans are aching for their next hit of "Peaky Blinders." *Ume* has responded with the release of the official soundtrack to the series. *BBC's* Birmingham-based flagship gangster drama is centered around Tommy Shelby, his family and their somewhat dubious business practices. All the songs featured in the show have been painstakingly chosen to reflect the feel of the program (the violence, the grit AND the glamour), which was inspired by a real group of gangsters in post WW1 Birmingham.

The soundtrack features a previously unreleased rendition of the show's iconic theme song, "Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds" "Red Right Hand." PJ Harvey recorded the track specifically for the show. Also on the album are Johnny Beth's "I'm The Man," and Anna Calvi's season five score, "You're Not God," along with Richard Hawley's (Bob Dylan) "Ballad of A Thin Man" on vinyl for the first time. The contains songs from Nick Cave, "Arctic Monkeys," "The White Stripes," "Royal Blood," "The Last Shadow Puppets," "Queens of the Stone Age," Black Sabbath, David Bowie, Laura Marling, Foals, amongst others. This 3LP sets feature music and key clips of dialogue from all five seasons of the show.

THE ROOTS – THINGS FALL APART (3LP-Vinyl)

Geffen + Urban Legends
Noting the 20th anniversary of *The Roots'* breakthrough fourth album *Things Fall Apart*, *Geffen/Urban Legends* has once again made it available. This gem of 2000s alternative hip-hop, was originally released on MCA Records in 1999, and has now been re-mastered and repressed in 3LP vinyl, a standard black and a limited edition crystal-clear. The Philadelphia rap crew, led by MC Tariq "Black Thought" Trotter and drummer Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson, had critical acceptance with their first three albums, 1993s *Organix*, 1995s *Do You Want More?!!!??!*, and 1996s *Illadelph Halflife*, but little mainstream success. They needed a knockout punch of an album — and their platinum-certified; No. 4-charting *Things Fall Apart* was it. The *Roots'* *Things Fall Apart* is the band's magnum opus and legitimized neo-soul and Philly bop as a force to be reckoned with in hip-hop. It catapulted *The Roots* into stardom in the process with their first Grammy win. Regarded as their breakthrough album, *The Roots'* *Things Fall Apart* was recorded during the infamous Soulquarian recordings at Electric Lady Studios resulting in legendary collaborations from the collective. With all-star features from Erykah Badu, Common, Mos Def a.k.a. Yasiin Bey, Jay Dee, DJ Jazzy Jeff, Dice Raw, Eve, Beanie Segal, Jill Scott, Lady B, and Ursula Rucker, *Things Fall Apart* received numerous acco-

lades and awards. The standard configuration features the original album, containing 18 tracks remastered on double vinyl with a third LP of ten bonus tracks curated by Questlove, including a 24-page booklet featuring rare photos, retrospective essays by Black Thought and Questlove and track-by-track liner notes from Questlove.

ERROLL GARNER: A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES & CAMPUS CONCERT (CD) Octave Remastered Series

The Octave Re-mastered Series — an historic year-long, 12-album project featuring newly restored and expanded editions of classic Erroll Garner releases from the 1960s and 1970s — continues with the release of *A Night at the Movies and Campus Concert*. Each album in the series contains a newly discovered, unreleased bonus track. *A Night at the Movies*: This classic Garner album contains music from some of the last studio sessions of Garner's longest running trio, with Eddie Calhoun (bass) and Kelly Martin (drums). After nearly a decade of touring and recording together, they function here as an uncanny musical unit, deftly navigating Garner's twists and turns. Here are a dozen of his favorite deep cuts from the movies he loved. *Campus Concert*: This is the final live concert album released by Erroll Garner during his lifetime. It showcases the pianist in rare form, flanked by his classic trio and performing for an attentive and receptive audience of mostly young fans. This new edition includes a previously unreleased version of his rarely recorded "La Petite Mambo," as well as fully restored musical introductions from the original masters.

MARTIN BARRE – LIVE IN NYC (DVD + 2CD) Cleopatra Ent.

Martin Barre best known as the lead guitarist in Jethro Tull — one of the biggest selling prog bands of all time — brings his famous guitar chops to the Big Apple in this rare concert, capturing his solo band live as they rock thru the classic hits that earned him a reputation as one of the signature axemen of his era. This deluxe collector's edition contains a concert DVD, coupled with two audio CDs of the entire concert, packaged in an eight-panel digi-pak. Barre delivers Tull treasures as "Thick As a Brick," "Locomotive Breath" and "Skating Away," along with songs from Barre's spectacular solo albums.

THE LION KING – SOUNDTRACK (CD) Disney Records

The *Lion King* remake marks their return with an all-new soundtrack, consisting of 19 songs with remakes and new songs as, "Circle of Life" and "Hakuna Matata" plus, "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" performed by Elton John, and Beyoncé contributes "Spirit." In addition to those gems are all the original songs performed by the new cast. Hans Zimmer, Elton John and Tim Rice composed the original music for this memorable soundtrack.

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