

REILLY HOLIDAY TIMES

all the news I can think of..

On the Road to long promised visits....

December 31, 2013



Xmas 2013,. Lindsey 27, Brook 24, and Travis 21.

Once again, it is that time to put away the spreadsheets, sales estimates, golf clubs, Iphone, and the other items that occupy my day. The year is over, and looking back, one thing stands out. This was the year of a lot of traveling. But more importantly, traveling to destinations (Chicago, Boulder, Toronto, wine country) that we always talk about going to, but never seem to. So, a quick recap of the Travel Year. Starting with a quick weekend in NYC in Feb walking the Highline and other parts of the Lower East/West Side. Then to the beaches in Cancun in March with Travis on his break. In April, it's a long weekend in Chicago to visit Fiona's good friend, Mary Lou. In May, to Toronto, or should I say King City to see Shar baby. Early June took us to Chico, California for the long awaited nuptials of niece, Sheila Kelly and Hector, with entertainment provided by The Blues Brothers and an appearance by Rocky !!! While in California, finally a visit to long time friend, Bill Lawrence & Family in Sacramento, then Sonoma Wine Country and three days at the Mission Inn. In August, it was time to 'finally' visit Boulder, past home of practically everyone I know. Lindsey lives there now, with boyfriend, Nathan. As long as we are in Col., let's (again) finally see Stu/Jenny in Fort Collins (and the legendary Clothes Pony... why did I think this was a clothes store, and not a kids store.) After checking out Stu's special back massage chair, we hit the road to stay with sister, Colleen in Aspen. Fiona, Colleen, and Travis 'did' the hiking trails, while I hiked the Snowmass Golf Course. Now, it's September, and your author turns 60. I had to get out of town fast, because my Case Western U bball friends (all UN-married, and in their mid-late 20's) promised to take me to a strip club. ('yeah, old school, we need to take you'....) So, instead of Tops&Bottoms Club, I was hiding out for the Labor Day weekend in the FlatIron section of NYC, with traveling buddy and wife, Fiona. We had an apartment off 5th Ave, near the Museum of Sex (yes, go ahead Google Map that). November and Fiona's b'day took us to my parent's memorable weekend away in the 60's, The Homestead in Virginia. While there a stop over to Lynne and Mark's

'back 40' in Bluemont, Va. Great trips seeing family and friends. Thank you again, for hosting us.



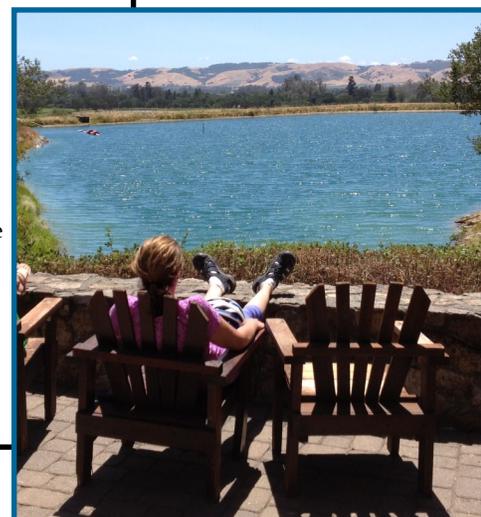
Travis taking wide angle pics at the summit of Independence Pass, Col. (the continental divide)

Offspring News....

Well, the above cover photo says it all. Picture and present of the year. As Brook informed the Motophoto photographer, 'my parents won't want a 'posed' picture'. And they were right. Here is a recap of what they are up to. Oldest to youngest: **Lindsey**: settling in at Boulder, running in half marathons, hiking, biking, attending her BNI weekly meetings like my parents used to go to Mass on Sunday. She is following in the Fiona' footsteps as a social media consultant. Living with boyfriend, Nathan, now into their second year. **Brook** finished his first full year back. Working at RPC doing a wide range of jobs from Prop cleanups to video productions. You can see his work on our web site and YouTube. Back to 'working out'. Got a new clean slate of friends, as well as cell phone. **Travis** is in his junior year at Univ of Michigan and he is off to Florence for the balance of the school year on Jan 7th. Travis and Florence is like me at Augusta National. I think that says it best.

Spouse News.... on Fiona....

Another year, another yoga mat. She continues with her work with University School, the Reilly Property/Investment portfolio, and assisting the Offsprings (being a Mom) with getting passports, dental appointments, health insurance, etc. As they say, you never stop being a mom or dad, even as you strive to do it in a different style. She blows off steam with her cycle/yoga club, hikes in the mountains and the Metroparks, the monthly dinner (drinking?) party with her girl's club. While **spouse/Holiday Times editor, Mike** continues his gig at RPC, trying to delegate more and lecture less, working with my FitBit tracking my daily steps which means more walk/talks at work and less sedentary meetings, carrying the golf bag, and making sure I am on my rear end less, and on my feet more. Throw in some elliptical, kettlebell, and a few Vitamix/juicer drinks, and we can keep the vibe going. And of course, the endless search for the perfect golf swing and bball shot.



Fiona kicking her feet up after six hrs of biking thru wine country, sunny and 75, overlooking Gundluch-Bundschu patio. Doesn't get any better.

Family News.....

We regret to inform you on the passing of **Uncle Jack**. Great and vibrant guy. He will be missed. Aunt June (younger sister of Jack), is active on Facebook, as is, **Sonia Brown** (aka Nanny). She just got a taste of 'binge watching' as she churned thru Homeland Season 1&2, and eagerly awaiting Season 3 on disc, since she doesn't get Showtime. Meanwhile her husband, **Doug** (aka the Colonel) plows along, reaching 93 this year. You can see him below when he was a rowdy teenager (full of beans). He survives on a healthy diet of beer and chocolates. So you can see, the more things



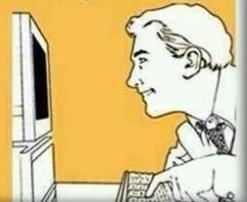
Fished from the archives. Fiona's Dad, Doug Brown at 15 or so. With Mom on left, and Dad behind right.

change, the more they remain the same. **Sister in law, Sharon and husband Adrian**, continue their search for a vacation home in Florida. My suggestion is to make more searches in the winter. Back in Cleveland, **sister, Terry** (now a grandma) continues her nursing. **Mom Reilly** still at home, never tiring of Fox News. Youngest brother **Pat Reilly and wife Molly** expecting a new addition in Jan of '14. Grandparents to be, **Dad Reilly and Joy** still in Columbus with Joy continuing her professorship at OSU in Theatre and Big Dad working part time on insurance, full time on Bucks/Brown's watch.

Wanna freak out your neighbors?

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"FBI Surveillance Van 7."



Fearless Prediction Page for 2014

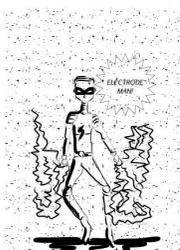
Karen F... moved to wide receiver in Touch Football classic.
 Molly R.... Binge watching "Revenge" during late night feeds.
 Jim Ke: will be taking Blue Brothers on tour.. Kathy as roadie.
 Andrew M... discovers taste for salmon.
 Adrian S.: after that I90 trip, new snow tires installed.
 Tom B.: will be consulting Obama at Trunk Club gig
 Lynn S: on her way to Million Dollar Club.
 Clark R: Burlington/Blackmore hot tub party chairman
 Sheila K. new TA to help with grading papers.
 ML: moving to Colorado where pot is legal.
 Nathan W: giving putting lessons to Rick this summer
 Steve S: teaming up with Les for new bath remodel
 Garth B: signing up with top Bollywood producer/agent.
 Andrea S: will be using 'find my Iphone' feature
 Stu C: new spokesman for Ronco's "Massage chair"
 Kevin C: image now appearing on milk cartons.
 Steve M: Drew incorporating new golf lesson "doing a Steve"
 Hugh G: selling new line of shoes at Shaker locker room
 Rosey: new line of OSU wines now in paper bag containers
 Jan C: forming walking club in FHHO
 Jeff B: hosing tax seminars in winter at Jupiter, Fl.
 Mike R: big staffing contract brings him back to Trunk Club.
 Jenny B: Clothes Pony growing their Twitter following
 Isabel T: taking Tex Mex cooking classes at Viking Store
 Mark N: will be conducting readings at the McMaster Church
 Chris S: new job as store manager at Model Train Emporium
 Bob A: consulting at Pasadena farmer's market.
 Patty K: hosting her own shoe on HGTV
 Peter S: writing new HBO series on Maine author.
 Richard G: selling his album collection on Ebay
 Gary R: joining Dubai Golf Club (non resident status)

Santa's Gift Bag..

Ted G.... Wild long hair piece for next conducting gig.
 Howard M: new putter
 Sharon M: tea at High Clere Castle
 Annie W: new leather couch for downtown loft
 Joy R: Best Grandma T-shirt
 Kathy K.: Skype set up for Kelly River Retreat
 Paul C: new Xmas sweater
 Pris K: box of Chardonnay for girl's night.
 Holly S: see above
 Jane P.: see above
 Annie T: see above
 Sonia B: Homeland 3 season on Itunes
 Lila M: autograph picture of Walter White. See above?
 Marty C: new Barb Bush Xmas sweater
 Lindsey R: Los Pollos gift cards
 Tom M: Handy pocket FAQ's on Obamacare
 Jack C: cardboard likeness of Mike for swing set up
 Pat R: noise cancelling headphones for good night sleep.
 Hex: Fitbit
 David M: NBA.TV pass to watch spurs games abroad.
 Jeff W: golf lessons from Hex.
 June G: another dinner at Pier W.
 Jim C' a bottle of red for the winter.
 Collin C: new E-Z carry golf bag
 Mike Fe: Wine Club membership
 Jim K: dinner at Lola's (gotta use that gift card !)
 Stace-Tee: Wii Fit plus
 Shrini: Paul's old Xmas sweater.
 Rosalie: timeshare in Cleveland Hts.

Intelligence Report for '13

					
Movie of year	<i>Gravity</i>	<i>Hunger Games 2</i>	<i>Gravity</i>	<i>Prisoners</i>	<i>The Hobbit</i>
Binges watches	<i>Breaking Bad</i>	<i>Homeland/Brk Bad</i>	<i>Breaking Bad</i>	<i>Friday Night Lights</i>	<i>Desperate Housewives</i>
Accessory	<i>fitbit</i>	<i>Kindle Ipad</i>	<i>Iphone</i>	<i>Journal</i>	<i>Easel</i>
Likes to	<i>Yell at TV when Browns are playing</i>	<i>Sleep in..</i>	<i>Work out</i>	<i>Turn on Apple TV</i>	<i>Paint</i>
Book/Mag	<i>Genius, the life of Bill Walsh</i>	<i>A walk across the sun</i>	<i>When Mars & Venus collide</i>	<i>GQ</i>	<i>Quit reading</i>
Fave Food	<i>Beets</i>	<i>Sea bass</i>	<i>Kale salad w.oranges & cranberries</i>	<i>Ice coffee</i>	<i>Hunan's on Coventry</i>
Wears	<i>patagonia</i>	<i>Evie Lou</i>	<i>Running shoes</i>	<i>T-shirt & Jeans</i>	<i>Hoodie</i>



We hope all of you have a Happy New Year.

Mike, Fiona, Lindsey, Brook, Travis, and Phoebe the irascible dog