

'The peace kids'



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Frida Berrigan, center, discusses a passage she has just read from J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Two Towers" with her stepdaughter Rosena Sheehan-Gaumer, 9, right, her son Seamus, 3, left, and daughter Madeline, 2, before dinner Thursday at the family's home in New London. Frida Berrigan's father, Philip Berrigan, was a nationally known peace advocate who led draft board raids and aroused opposition to the Vietnam War almost 50 years ago.

Daughter of famed anti-war activist finds home in city, recalls her extraordinary upbringing

By ANN BALDELLI
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Frida Berrigan was 8 years old the first time she was arrested, protesting with her parents and about 500 others in the rotunda of the U.S. Capitol in a remonstrance intent on improving the lives of the homeless.

Ronald Reagan was president, and Frida, the daughter of an excommunicated priest and nun, was in the third grade.

"My friend Seamus, who was a little older, told me that we would get to watch TV while we were being held, and that the last time he had gotten arrested, they had a clown in the lockup," recalled Berrigan, now 42, a mother herself and a resident of New London.

"So I was super disappointed when, instead, I got this really stern talking to and like the threat that I would be taken away from my parents and put into foster care in Washington, D.C.," she said.

Her father, Philip Berrigan, the nationally known peace advocate who led draft board raids and aroused opposition to the Vietnam War almost 50 years ago, died in 2002 at the age of 79. A Josephite priest,



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The Rev. Philip Berrigan, shown in January 1972, was a member of the "Harrisburg Seven," a group charged with plotting the abduction of National Security Advisor Henry Kissinger. Berrigan and Sister Elizabeth McAlister, whom Berrigan later married, ultimately were convicted of smuggling letters in and out of prison. The other defendants went free after the jury deadlocked.

he was excommunicated after he married Sister Elizabeth McAlister of the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary. Today, McAlister lives in Baltimore, where Frida Berrigan was raised with her two siblings in Jonah House, the faith-based compound founded by her parents as a haven of nonviolence, resistance

and community.

That extraordinary upbringing has made Frida Berrigan the woman she is today.

She's married now, to Patrick Sheehan-Gaumer, who was raised in Norwich by parents Rick Gaumer and Joanne Sheehan, who founded the New England chapter of the War

Resisters League in 1985 and are still active in the cause.

Patrick and Frida live in a home they own on Connecticut Avenue and are the parents of three young children, a son and daughter of their own and Sheehan-Gaumer's daughter from a prior relationship.

They are "purposely poor," Sheehan-Gaumer, 34, said, explaining they are "a family of five living below the taxable income level on purpose, so that we don't pay federal taxes."

Asked why, he said, "Because about 50 cents of every dollar paid in taxes goes to the Pentagon."

Sitting at their dining room table from a secondhand store, like everything else they own, the "Sheebarrigaumerans" — it began as a joke but that's what they call themselves now — explained how their life in New London has been influenced by their upbringings. He is an educator who works toward peaceful resolutions with youth and adults at Safe Futures, and she is a newly hired half-time office manager at FRESH New London and a regular contributor to the website Waging Nonviolence with her column, "Little Insurrections."

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CAMPAIGN ★ 2016

Clinton likely to clinch Tuesday

Puerto Rico offers outside chance it could happen today

By JOHN WAGNER and ANNE GEARAN
The Washington Post

Hillary Clinton is widely expected to clinch the Democratic nomination on Tuesday, when voters in six states, including New Jersey and California, go the polls.

But could it happen even sooner?

It may be far-fetched, but two lesser-watched contests this weekend, in the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, could put Clinton over the top — if she wins very lopsided victories over Bernie Sanders and picks up the remaining superdelegates from the two territories along the way.

Clinton needs 70 more delegates to reach the threshold of 2,383, after which she and much of the news media will consider her the Democratic Party's presumptive nominee.

There were seven unpledged delegates at stake in Saturday's caucuses

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Police seek ways to cope healthily with trauma in the line of duty

By LINDSAY BOYLE
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Working in one of the rooms at Groton Flagship Inn & Suites last Sunday, three Groton Town police officers desperately administered CPR, hoping they could revive the 17-year-old girl after her overdose.

But neither their efforts nor the two doses of Narcan administered by emergency medical personnel worked.

The girl later was pronounced dead at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital.

"That has an effect on people," Groton Town police Chief Louis J. Fusaro Jr. said on Friday. "Police officers are parents. Police officers are human."

Situations like that are part of the reason his department and others are working to equip officers with strategies for handling the mental health issues they can experience after dealing with traumatic events.

"There are officers that haven't gotten help, and sometimes it leads to very catastrophic results," Fusaro said. "I've worked with officers that have done bad things (to cope), some of whom have even taken their own lives. I don't want to see that anymore."

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WEATHER

Today, cloudy and humid with showers. High 68. Monday, partly sunny. High 74. **E6**

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MUHAMMAD ALI 1942-2016

An icon who blended sports, politics and activism departs

By DAVID BAUDER and HILLEL ITALIE
Associated Press

New York — During the Beatles' first visit to the United States in 1964, clever publicity agents arranged a meeting with Cassius Clay, then training for the bout that would make him heavyweight champion. The result was a memorable photo of a whooping Ali standing astride four "knock-out victims."

Two emerging cultural forces who were beginning their path to global fame.

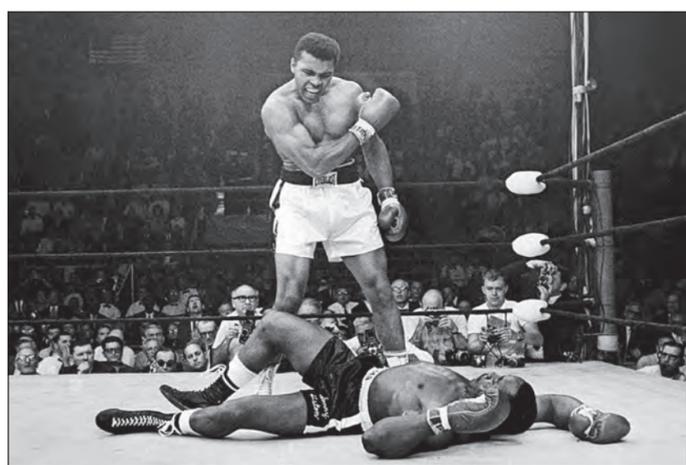
But as popular as the Beatles be-

came, it was Muhammad Ali who went on to become the most recognized person in the world. That picture was among the first to show him growing into that persona alongside the major cultural, political and entertainment figures of the era.

For a generation that came of age in the 1960s and 1970s, Ali was far more than a boxer. With a personality that could deftly dance and connect politics and entertainment, activism and

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In this May 25, 1965, file photo, heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali stands over fallen challenger Sonny Liston in Lewiston, Maine.

