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PROPRIETOR'S MESSAGE

*By John Trotta, Proprietor
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Playin' with the Big Band

Thank you for all of the kind comments about the "Groundhog Day" song in last month's newsletter. Many of my customers have asked me what kind of music I play besides Groundhog Music.

When I was in college, I had the honor of seeing the Count Basie Big Band in person. You have certain moments in life that stay with you, and seeing "The Count" was one of my thunderbolt moments. He instantly became a tremendous inspiration to me, since I play piano.

My interest in big band music has lasted a lifetime. Here is a snippet of the big band to which I currently belong. And like they said in the old west, "Don't shoot.....I'm just the piano player". Enjoy!

<http://www.peachrock.com/video/media/Marbles.wmv>

Well, back to work selling grating. I hope you have enjoyed the show!

John J. Trotta

Proprietor

Larry Harris on Sports

TONY DUNGY HAS PROVED IT: FAITH CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS



Tony Dungy at the Super Bowl on February 4, 2007.

With all the hoopla surrounding the inauguration of a new president, and Super Bowl just completed, and the untimely death of one of the great ladies of sport, Kay Yow, the story almost went unnoticed. The highly successful coach of the Indianapolis Colts of the National Football League was retiring, it said, and he would be moving on to pursue other interests.

What? Tony Dungy retire? Walk away from one of the most desirable positions in the sporting world, just like that? Surely he would announce such a decision with the blare of trumpets. Surely there would be a farewell tour and a parade. Heck, he might even do like the eternal quarterback, Brett Favre: Shed a few tears, gave the paparazzi a field day, gain the sympathy of the universe -- and then announce a comeback the next day.

That is not the way of Tony Dungy, however. He departed the football scene with the same demeanor that he had exhibited over his lengthy career: quietly and with as much class as one individual can possibly muster. Oh, the Indianapolis newspapers ran a special section relating his accomplishments, but the man himself had other issues to see to.

There were never any sideline histrionics with Tony Dungy. He did not shout, turn himself inside out or cut cartwheels when a call went for or against his Colts. He was the epitome of calm, a man who exuded dignity when all around him others were morphing into the moronic modes that football often evokes.

Now he is gone, back to his home in Tampa, where he intends to spend much of his time ministering to young men in prison. For many this would be unusual, but Dungy has spent a lifetime walking the high road. His coaching

achievements will no doubt land him in the Hall of Fame, but his reaching out to others in private life has already placed him in rare air.

Dungy set league records for most consecutive playoff seasons (10) and consecutive 12-win seasons (six) and for those who appreciate arcane statistics, he has the highest average of regular season victories of any coach in NFL history (10.7).

A skilled author, Dungy's "Quiet Strength" related his team's run to football supremacy three seasons ago, when he became the first African-American coach to win the Super Bowl. As fate would have it, his opponent that day was Chicago coach Lovie Smith, another African-American who had been Dungy's apprentice in previous years. In a league where nearly 70 percent of players are black, but most coaches are white, his ascent to the top made Dungy a true pioneer.

Now Dungy has another book in print, which just hit the stores: "Uncommon: Finding Your Path To Significance," in which he uses examples of his career to help people feel more important. Publishers say it's flying off the shelves.

Still, with all his success, one cannot help but wonder if Dungy's departure from the NFL is somehow tinged with sadness and regret and related to the suicide of one of his sons. James Dungy who was well-liked by all who knew him, committed suicide at 18 three days before Christmas in 2005.

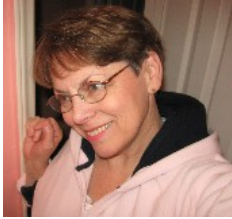
Such a blow would crush many, but Tony Dungy is made of stern stuff and if any man can absorb such a tragedy, he can. At 53, his unfaltering faith has helped to carry him far. He says he wants to be closer to his family and use that faith to "do some things to help make our country better."

Note to Tony: You already have.

And if there is anything written about nice people who give to others, it could not end without one more tribute to Kay Yow, the valiant N.C. State women's basketball coach who battled breast cancer for 20 years before succumbing at 66. Her accomplishments are already written, but like Tony Dungy, her ability to appreciate and inspire may be felt as long as this civilization survives.

Really Useless Coupons

By Pat Trotta



I am not a morning person, but I got up go to to a "Morning Sale" on Saturday because it was ONE DAY ONLY and I had to get there by noon to use my valuable coupon.

So I went to the Big Department Store on Saturday morning, fought the mob of people, chose 3 sweaters for my husband, and began the long wait in line. I'm always letting other people ahead of me, which makes my wait longer.

I stood there at least 45 minutes, and it was almost noon, the deadline for using my valuable coupon.

When I got up to the register, I put down my merchandise and proudly presented my valuable coupon, and the clerk said, "You can't use this." I said why? She said "because two of your items end in a .98 which means they are already a morning special, and your third item is Nautica."

I said "What's a Nautica"?

She said it was a brand name that was never on sale, they don't care if hell freezes over, along with other important brand names like American Rag, Hugo Boss, North Face, BCBGMAXAZRIA (I swear I did not make that up), DKNY, DKNYC, Dooney and Bourke, Tasso Elba, Thomas Pink, Lacoste, Lalique, Llarado, Levi, or anything else beginning in the letter L. Also, the coupon is not valid on alcoholic beverages, Tommy Bahama, Tommy Hilfiger, Tumi or anything else beginning in the letter T if it is a Wednesday. Also not valid at a kiosk, which is a word that was made up this century and I still don't know what it means.

So I passed the valuable coupon to the next person in line, and asked them to pass it to the next person if they couldn't use it, and two days later, 3,257 people have been through that line and no one has been able to get the \$10 off their \$25 purchase.

Wouldn't it be easier they told you what you COULD use the coupon on? I really believe this is a trick to get you in the store in the morning when they aren't busy. After I invested 45 minutes of my time standing in that line, I bought the Nautica, coupon or no coupon.

Oh, as far as kiosk being a new word, there's another new word out recently and that word is "streaming". I keep hearing this word, and haven't got the slightest idea what it means. Could someone let me know?

A Valentine's Day Quote

If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?

Anonymous



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