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ment is the trips that they at­

end every year.

SUIAA recently returned

from a weekend in Washing­

ton, D.C. for a National Confer­

ence. During the conference,

the group had an opportunity

to represent two countries,

Ghana and Spain, since they

brought 19 students. They

worked on topics including

youth poverty in the Econom­
ic and Social Council, the role

of media in international secu­
rity in the General Assembly,

and the Situation in Iran in the

International Atomic Energy

Agency." Due to the danger­

ous threat of Hurricane Sandy

looming just down the coast,

they had to leave a day early.

However, Simmons said “Suf­

folk University still received

as Honorable Mention for its

representation of Ghana at the

awards ceremony.”

To her memory, Simmons

said this is the only award

they received, and called it a

"triumphant moment to how much

we have grown as an organi­

zation. It is something we are

extremely proud of.”

While on the trip in D.C.,

the Model U.N. delegation

from Suffolk got to see Ambas­
der George Moore at the US

stitute for Peace and discov­
ered work from all over the

world including East Africa

and Iraq. Then they visited the

U.S. State Department and met

with the Deputy Secretary of

State William J. Burns. He sat
down with them and took part
in a discussion about what is

currently happening in the

world with the State De­
partment is involved.

After such an enjoyable

trip, the SUIAA still has more

planned, specifically another

conference, this time in New

York City.

“Our next move is our Na­
tional Model United Nations

Conference in New York City

(NMUN-NY). We have attended

this conference over the pas­
tfew several years, and it is always

a treat for some of our students,” said Sim­

mons.

Simmons explained “the

most exciting thing for the SUIAA

this year is that we will again

get to represent Spain.

In past years we have never

been able to represent such a

large and significant delega­
tion, so we are thrilled at this

opportunity.”

For newcomers interested in

attending, the SUIAA is “ac­
cepting applications this next

week and next for the Travel

Team we will bring to NYC. To

reach them, Simmons recom­

mends all interested people to attend “the meeting in Sawyer 132 at 1 p.m. on Dec. 4 or join us on SUConnect in order to receive our email with the applic­
ation attached.” With 20 seats open for the Travel Team on the New York City floor, they are looking for stu­
dents that are “passionate and dedicated... who would love to become a part of our team.”

Suffolk Program Council and

O.C.H.O. Host Pre-Finals Carnival

Ivan Evtulevic

News Editor

In a type of “calm before the storm” moment, Suffolk

University Program Council and O.C.H.O. teamed up to

bring a slice of bohemian life to the Suffolk cam­

pus. The fourth floor of Don­

nahue was host to a mini car­
nival this Tuesday, complete

with airbrush hats, caricatures,

and balloon animals.

The carnival was the first

in a set of pre-finals reflection events hosted by Suffolk. “We

probably got a lot of students who don’t normally come

to events to come,” said O.C.H.O. Student Ambassador

Christina Webster, “it was nice to see new faces.”

The event wasn’t all just

pure entertainment, O.C.H.O.

Ambassadors brought several

representatives from the city to educate students on the

benefits and challenges of

apartment living. “ We want

to have an event that would

include commuter students,” said Program Council Presi­

dent Miles Halpine.

The overall favorite at the

carnival was a booth with custom­

airbrushed trucker hats. However, Joe Howard, a bal­
nloon artist with over 30 years

of experience kept drawing a
crowd by fulfilling their ani­
mal requests, no matter how

strange they may have seemed.

A magician was also seen

walking around the fourth

floor lounge, yet when ap­

proached he only described

himself as a handsome guy

with cards.

As is the case with most

Suffolk events, the pizza was

gone early into the event’s life. Nonetheless, over 200 people

had shown up to take in the

pre-finals festivities by the
time the doors closed.

Back from D.C. Trip, SUIAA Ready to

Move Forward with Club Activities

Miles Halpine

Journal Staff

A few weeks ago the Model

United Nations (Model U.N.)

club began to change its name

to Suffolk University Interna­
tional Affairs Association, a

new-and-improved version of

sorts, with some improvements

and trips planned. Now that

they are back from the trip to

the country's capital, the club

is in full swing and preparing

for the upcoming trip to New

York while expanding its pre­s­

ence on campus.

To extend the club’s ac­

tivities and meaning past the

conferences and Model U.N.
discussions, the Suffolk Uni­

versity Independent Affairs

Association started planning

for the official name change

from Model U.N. to SUIAA.

Cori Simmons, president of

the popular student group, said,

“as far as the name change, it

is still in the works. The new

constitution, which has been

completed, has the approval of
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Suffolk Student Abroad: Thanksgiving Lessons in Italian Politics

Ally Thibault
Journal Staff

Sitting at the dinner table of an American ex-patriot living in Florence on Sunday night, for a belated Thanksgiving celebration, I was surrounded by turkey, stuffing, and political chatter. A familiar scene from a late November day back home, only I wasn’t listening to my various family members bemoaning or celebrating the second term for the President and the election of a new senator, nor could I hear the excited announcements of a football game. Instead, a television in this kitchen was switched to a news channel covering the special primary election of the Centristi, or center-left political coalition, as the incoming ballot results revealed who the Italian people want the political party to put forth as a candidate for prime minister during the upcoming general election this April.

The final result, announced just before midnight on Sunday, left no one candidate with a majority. The two most popular on the ballot, Pier Luigi Bersani, a leader in the Democratic Party, and Matteo Renzi, the young, outspoken Democratic Party, and Matteo popular on the ballot. Pier—majority. The two most general election this April. during the upcoming party to put forth as a scene from a late November incoming ballot results the special primary election of a news channel covering the this kitchen was switched to the excited announcements senator, nor could I hear and the election of a new instead, a television in listening to my various day back home, only I wasn’t for a belated Thanksgiving revealed who the Italian people want the political party to put forth as a candidate for prime minister during the upcoming general election this April.

According to opinion polls cited by Reuters, Bersani is expected to cross the 50 percent threshold in the run-off as pundits believe supporters of Nichi Vendola, the gay, communist president of the Puglia region who placed third in the primary with 16 percent, will likely choose Bersani over Renzi.

It is important to note that in Italy, the prime minister is not directly voted for by the people in the general election—the President (who is elected by the two houses of parliament in a joint session) appoints a PM from the majority party or coalition in the legislature—so ballots cast this spring only allow voters to choose members of parliament. Holding a primary election to determine a party leader would be as if the Republican Party primary in the U.S. were open for registered Democrats to participate, of which is not the case under the rules of most U.S. states. "Why wouldn’t opposition members just vote for the worst candidate to ruin the left’s chances?” he asked the table. "Because it will still cost Italians voted to end the about the second republic, elections occurring in 2008. The newness of this event was evident in the comments of the Italian dinner guests, as one wondered how such a primary open to all registered voters, not just supporters of the left, could accurately reflect who the party felt best represented them. It constitution, which must be paid in order for one to vote. But the new political procedures and discussions are largely welcomed by Italians, as they attempt once again to overcome an era of government corruption and inefficiency. According to several Italian correspondents and political pundits at the English newspaper The exist, the Communist Party (PC) on the left and the Christian Democrats (DC) on the right, only the DC ever garnered enough votes to rule in Cold War-era Italy. Professor Federico Vitelli, an expert on Italian culture and history at Lorenzo de’ Medici in Florence, explains that this imbalance produced a “false bipolarism” in politics steadily decline in power since Berlusconi’s latest scandal and as the economic crisis of the European Union worsens. But without the cult of personality and bombastic rhetoric, originally decided back in October that he would not be a contender for PM, but just a few days later backed off this statement during a heated press conference speech in Milan attacking the Italian judiciary (which had just charged him with tax evasion and sentenced him to up to 10 years in prison,) Berlusconi, as reported by La Repubblica, mentioned the potential to withdraw confidence from current PM Mario Monti and his technocrat government. This would allow for a “snap election” to take place months earlier than the general election and allow the PDL to take back power with Berlusconi, presumably, as head yet again.

PM Mario Monti has been credited with keeping Italy economically afloat without bailout assistance from the EU, but also criticized by his people for instating the domestic austerity measures and tax increases that made this possible. Although not as dramatic as the problems and resistance in Spain and Greece, Italians have protested numerous times against Monti’s austerity measures, as "only nature" in the wake of a worldwide recession and says that his government is now "done with austerity" measures. Monti reiterates that he will not be running for Prime Minister again in 2013, but declines to endorse any leader or party. Monti’s government has restored a fragile stability to Italy’s political system, but Italians now seem to be turning to fresh new leaders, like Bersani and Renzi, to lead them to a new era, a third republic of Italy. Many leaders have promised change in the past only to be found corrupted again. While Italy faces economic and political deadlock as the leaders before them, leaving a sour on Italian’s confidence in leaders. As candidates begin to emerge and election season reaches its peak speculation time, Italians are skeptically searching for a change.
From All Corners: International Opinion

U.S. Weapon Sales: A Necessary Evil?

Gareth Jones
Journal Staff

The United States has long been the chief weapons exporter in the world, with almost no real competition since the fall of the Soviet Union. However, as tensions rise in the Middle East, American weapons dealings appear to have taken on a whole new meaning. A report by the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service published by Congress last month detailed sales figures for 2011, and found that the numbers tripled last year alone. The report cited rising concern over Iranian regional military ambition, and of course the much discussed nuclear progress Iran has made in recent months.

American allies in the Middle East, namely Israel and Saudi Arabia, but also Kuwait, Iraq, and the U.A.E., have all turned record-breaking amounts of oil money towards military deals with the US, and should the region ever come to war, most likely, it will be M16s doing the shooting. However, what many cite as the most troubling aspect of American weapons dealing abroad is that M16s will be featured prominently on both sides of almost any battle in the Middle East. We sell guns to everyone.

And while proponents of our aggressive military sales cite the massive GDP boost and job creation that gun sales bring to a desperately struggling American economy, there are a few questions worth asking.

Firstly, keep in mind that M16s are the tip of the iceberg. The $66.3 billion we did in weapons deals last year is more M16s than every human on Earth could own, so obviously, it goes deeper than that. Jet fighters, rockets, huge missile defense infrastructures and other forms of air transport made up much of that $66.3 Billion. So, supposing Iran attempts to invade Kuwait, it will be F-16s made in Kentucky that will be pitting us against the Iranian forces, or the inevitable scene in every Bond movie where the M.I.7, looking guy hooks up 007 with a watch that doubles as a nuclear submarine or a teapot.

Research and development is the American answer to the wavering demand for weapons globally. Essentially, one year we will sell everyone a jet that travels 2000 m.p.h., and then next year we develop a jet that travels 3000 m.p.h., making the jets from last year obsolete. Then, the military-obsessed third world gets in line to buy the new stuff, for fear of being invaded by superior technology, or not looking cool at the Christmas party. Steve Jobs would be so proud.

We develop more cool stuff, the hand-me-downs are distributed further and further down the economic ladder, keeping us at the top. This is consequently why you will stumble across a fleet of discount rate F-16s sitting in warehouses in Zambia, with enough combined fire power to destroy the state of Rhode Island. So, as long as we can keep pumping out the technology, there will be buyers. I mentioned Steve Jobs in jest earlier, but in all seriousness, we have a look at Apple stock these days. The system works, and guns will remain one of the most important exports in the American economy for quite a while.

As far as morals are concerned, I like to take a realistic approach to the situation. If they were not holding M16s, they would be holding AK47’s, or whatever the Chinese equivalent is. Humanity

David Frederick
Journal Staff

Recession and election aside, nothing can stop the arms trade. It is an ugly statistic, which has a body count that is only outnumbered by its spending costs. The times may have changed but the game is still very much the same. This includes supplying an ally (likely one that is at odds with a fellow enemy) with an armory to exterminate their problem. Last year alone, arms sales tripled to a sky rocketing $66.3 billion, which was by far the most of our $6.4 billion arms package to Taiwan in 2010 was followed a few months later by the “1992 consensus” and a U.S. $6.4 billion arms deal to Pakistan. The $6.4 billion arms deal to Iran in 1992 were followed a few months after that by the signing of the cross-strait Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement.

It is quite an interesting business, a business that does not have a place in it for morality. I will not get on a soapbox about the philosophy of the goods and evils of being an arms dealer, even with it bringing the promise of a different or exciting life. It must weigh down somewhere in the subconscious. Of course I “understand” our approach to the situation and understand that loyalty does play quite the big issue here. We support our allies, Arabia, Bahrain, and Taiwan is also at stake. You come to realize that these arms dealings will continue to go down through history and will go on as long as our international differences need these weapons to solve our discrepancies.

The exorbitant amount of money that is carelessly thrown away on such wars is already at a greater sum of currency than I will ever see in my life. More than you will see and probably more than your kids will see. Do I think this spending should be cut, at a high percentage? Yes, almost more than anything yes. Chances are tough: it probably won’t change anything and my far left-leaning ideals are just a mere pipe dream. Well, the most that I can hope from anyone is that even if you cannot do anything about arms spending, that at least being aware is a good first step into becoming the change.

For more information please visit the following source:

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Police officers cross the line far too often

A.P. Blake
Opinion Editor

Police are getting away with murder – quite literally on occasion. In Spokane, Washington, a police officer beat, tasered, bound, and sat on Otto Zehm. Zehm was an innocent mentally disabled man, and later died as a result of the altercation. Can we agree this is outrageous? If that isn’t enough to get you fired up, here’s the police officer who committed the torture and murder of this innocent man, Officer Karl Thompson, was sentenced to only four years on a charge of excessive force. I would say this is a failure of our law enforcement and signals some very flawed elements in our judicial system.

Let me back up and give you the details, but in case you’re not convinced that Thompson is at fault and was simply ‘doing his job’ in 2006, Otto Zehm was heading to a convenience store to buy some candy. Nearby, two women had called police after allegedly having their money stolen from them at an ATM.

Once Officer Thompson arrived, he went for Zehm in the convenience store, believing he may have matched the robber’s description. Store surveillance shows that Thompson then immediately gave Zehm seven strikes of his baton within eight minutes and without warning. Thompson then proceeded to use his taser on Zehm, handcuffed and hogtied him, and placed a rubber mask over his face along with other officers. Finally, the officers sat on the innocent man.

Otto Zehm’s final words were, “All I wanted was a sticker!” Zehm then lost consciousness and died two days later. He was also not involved in molesting money at any point during the night, but Officer Thompson would not know this as he decided to torture first and ask questions later. Thompson was never threatened during the encounter, and Zehm showed no signs of resisting or aggressive behavior.

How did Officer Thompson end up with a mere four-year sentence? Meanwhile, a Florida woman received a 28-year sentence for firing a warning shot to scare off her abusive husband. How can this even be justified in our country?

Sadly, this is not the only case of brutal police encounters. Unfortunately, worse crimes are committed routinely, and many officers are acquitted of any charges at all. You may argue that they’re being cautious, but in the case of Otto Zehm’s murder, this goes well beyond. You may even argue that police officers see a lot of stress on the job and may be highly alert around potential suspects, possibly stepping over a boundary once in a while.

This case goes well beyond any accidental action and is a clear case of an officer not properly trained, of insufficient mental standing, and/or high on their own power. Officers need to be regularly checked for mental stability or regularly retrained on proper and necessary procedures. Let us learn from Otto Zehm’s death and make sure our officers are capable of doing their job and are punished appropriately when they clearly fail to commit to upholding the law and their own procedures.
Is Thanksgiving taking a backseat to Black Friday?

Chris Musk
Journal Staff

Thanksgiving has a held a historical theme of being a time of thankful composition for our family and friends. This holiday is to remind Americans not to take for granted what we have in our lives and to remember our beginnings as colonists and the hard struggles our nation went through.

Native Americans helped us to learn to only take what we need and graciously taught us methods of cultivating crops, how to hunt more efficiently in new terrain, and even set up the Massachusetts Bay colonists with an alliance with the local Indian tribes. Obviously, a big meal was later held between the Native Americans and the new colonists and the holiday eventually became known as Thanksgiving.

This all greatly helped with our survival in the new world and whether you agree or disagree with the Darwin’s philosophy of survival of the fittest, we all know what happened to the Indians. Coming from this historical theme of Thanksgiving, many today are now wondering if our materialist desires and great attitude for Black Friday is exceeding our embracement of Thanksgiving.

Black Friday this year has led to many fist fights and even to some shootings, such as in Tallahassee, Florida. This behavior of people fighting to get their desires, if looked at in a more objective standpoint, is nothing new to mankind: but for it to happen just the day after Thanksgiving really is insulting to the holiday.

Let us not be thankful for what we already have and let complacency of the individual blind us all into killing and fighting over things that we really do not even need in the first place.

Black Friday is great for business and many of us do get amazing deals on some gifts, but it is unfortunate that the common attitude people have on Black Friday is to not be grateful for what we have and only want more than we need.

Materialism is clearly incorporated as being a part of definition of an American. We are a capitalist nation for the most part, and competition for our family and friends. This holiday is to remind us not to take for granted what we have in our lives and to remember our beginnings as colonists and the hard struggles our nation went through.

Native Americans not to take for

Thanksgiving and placed more importance on Thanksgiving rather than Black Friday. It is truly ironic when one thinks about these two days back to back is the Native Americans. Having built up a Thanksgiving holiday is to remind Americans not to take for granted what we have in our lives and to remember our beginnings as colonists and the hard struggles our nation went through.

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The other attitude people have while shopping on Black Friday is the mentality of survival of the fittest, the same attitude we had when practically committing genocide against the Native Americans. Having these two days back to back is truly ironic when one thinks about it this way.

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But America’s GDP is this world by far for a reason. The socialists and communists can look through history and see how nations who strictly practiced the components that make up their desired economic systems lead to a less competitive economic and nation overall.

Putting economics aside, have our capitalist ways that have ingrained into the everyday American really lead to Black Friday being more important than Thanksgiving? I like to think not because personally, my family is not big on Black Friday. But for many other Americans it is just as important, if not more than, Thanksgiving.

Full blown socialists and communists are not tuned in to economic reality, but maybe as far as the subject of materialism goes they are on to something. It is really sad that many Americans today have developed apathy for Thanksgiving and placed more importance on Black Friday, whose theme is essentially take everything and leave nothing. With our history of Thanksgiving broadly mentioned above, it is clear many Americans have lost their values.

Hostess demise long overdue: terrible food

Anya Batrakova
Journal Staff

Hostess - the old, beloved brand based in Irving, Texas — is finally going out of business, and it has stirred up quite a controversy.

The union strike, and the end of the brand, has been building up for years. This is the second time Hostess has filed for bankruptcy in less than a decade. Robert Drain, a bankruptcy judge, has approved Hostess Brands Inc.’s plan to fire its 18,500 workers and start ending its operations.

Twinkies, Ho Hos, and Wonder Bread are up for sale now. People fear they will be gone completely; the closure of 33 bakeries, 565 distribution centers, about 5,500 delivery routes, and 570 bakery outlet stores, according to Hostess. The crisis began on November 14 when thousands of members of the bakers’ union went out on strike to protest wage, health care, and pension cuts. Hostess wanted

as housewives. It brings to mind a mother in an apron making one a peanut butter and jelly sandwich on Wonder Bread as an after-school snack.

Twinkies are equally nostalgic. This may be a generalization but I’ve never met anyone my age that actually enjoys Twinkies. I’m not some gourmet food connoisseur, but Twinkies don’t do it for me. They’re too soft, too sweet, too waxy, and too ‘fake’ tasting. I remember taking a bite of one a few years ago; they mushed into some corn syrup and preservative amalgam in my mouth that I had to struggle to choke down.

This is what people are making such a big deal over? Twinkies are selling on eBay for hundreds of dollars! That is insane. But it is the price of preserving a youthful ideal.

Even I have to admit, however, that there really aren’t too many brands as iconic as Hostess that links us to those old-timey values. I imagine that this is why there are so many diehard retro toy collectors. As far as food goes, though, nothing can touch Hostess in that regard.

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Rihanna makes headlines with new album

Unapologetic

Mackenzie Cummings-Grady

Journal Staff

It comes as no surprise to any pop-music follower to know that Rihanna has released a new album. The pop/dance diva has put out a continuous stream of albums since 2005’s triple platinum album Good Girl Gone Bad. Since then, she has never looked back. The latest album, Unapologetic, was released on November 19, 2012. This album promises more Rihanna and has her returning to the pop power force of “We Found Love” and serve as a breath of fresh air in an album bogged down with horrible beats and messy rhymes. “Stay” has her returning to the days of “Good Girl Gone Bad,” and “Love Song” has the same smooth and sexy impact as “What’s My Name?” had over a year ago.

As for the song with her abusive ex Chris Brown, I’ll leave it to the listeners to decide on Rihanna’s sanity, and if it’s still true that 100%.

There is no question the collaboration has a history making strategy, but as far as the song goes, it’s pretty damn catchy. For “Unapologetic,” I highly recommend that you find the songs worth listening too, and whether it be the pompous Nicki Minaj sound-a-likes, the guilty pleasure ballads, or the collaboration with Chris Brown, I suppose it’s “Nobody’s Business.”

Unapologetic

The critics have been tough on the James Bond films in recent years and it seems like the franchise was going to go up in smoke. The once so powerful and invincible James Bond character suddenly became less interesting to watch. The star of the series that inspired more sequels than faster as well and as we all generation shift (Bond being the old ship that is sailing towards sunset, clearly a symbol of aging and the need for a generation shift (Bond being the old ship and Q being the new and strongest boat that is going to take over.)

After being skeptical of the new Q Bond says, “Youth is not a guarantee of innovation.” Simply because something new does not necessarily mean that it is better than the old. For instance you can take an old idea and turn it in to a new innovative invention and you have to be young to do so.

Skyfall shows us that the new ways are not always the best and it pays a tribute to the old films and tries to reconnect to them, which is a great idea. I believe that the reason why the recent films have not been as good as the previous ones is because James Bond became too futuristic and there was too much focus on the new technological gadgets and graphics instead of the true James Bond story. Skyfall makes the first Bond movie in long time to go against the mainstream and show us that vintage can be better than modern sometimes. The fact that the last quarter of the movie takes place in Bond’s childhood home in Scotland and that the movie complete, connected the whole story and the old vs. new theme. The story ends where it all started, in the house that Bond grew up in called “Skyfall.” Skyfall is the best James Bond movie since “The World Is Not Enough,” and I have to say that Daniel Craig does an absolutely amazing job. Almost nobody was skeptical of him in his first two James Bond movies, Quantum of Solace and Casino Royale, and see Bond pg. 8

Bond proves to be still sharp in new Skyfall
Listen: Top 10

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  Radio Crash
- Zedd feat. Bright Lights
  Follow You Down (Keys N Krates Remix)
- Moonbeam feat. Aelyn
  You Win Me (Club Mix)
- Kill The Buzz
  Party Hard
- deadmau5 feat. Chris James
  The Veldt (Tommy Trash Remix)
- Calvin Harris
  The Veldt (Tommy Trash Remix)
- Quiijnz
  Trail (Sick Individuals Remix)
- Discopolis
  Committed To Sparkle Motion (Dubvision Remix)
- Gareth Emery
  Global
- Adrian Lux
  Teenage Crime (Axwell & Henrik B Remode)

Dance: Event Picks

Wednesday, November 28
- Dres, Richie M, Dusty Digital @ Phoenix Landing (19+)
- Elements @ Phoenix Landing (19+)

Thursday, November 29
- Illum Sphere @ Middlesex Lounge (21+)
- Wonderflower + John 00 Flamingo @ RISE (18+)
- Flinch, AC Slater, Harvard Bass @ Prime (21+)

Friday, November 30
- Wonderland + John 00 Flamingo @ RISE (18+)
- Flinch, AC Slater, Harvard Bass @ Prime (21+)
- M.A.N.D.Y @ Bijou (21+)

Saturday, December 1
- Danny Howells @ RISE (18+)

Sunday, December 2
- Boyz Noize @ House Of Blues Boston (18+)
- Betatraxx @ Prime (21+)

New: Albums

Layo & Buwickal
Rising & Falling
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Gianna Carchia
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Suffolk Law School's Adams Gallery currently features an exhibition titled "Boston: Inspirational Women." The photographs, Bill and Kerry Brett, recently released a book by the same name; the book Boston: Inspirational Women and the exhibit are celebrations of vital women in and around the Boston area who have been influential and involved in public affairs during their lifetimes.

Bill Brett, the father of Kerry, has been a photojournalist for nearly 50 years and has won awards for his work. He spent a large part of his career at The Boston Globe, where he started when he was only 18 and has since been appointed director of photography twice. Since he left the Globe in 2001, Brett has written four books. Kerry Brett is a staff photographer for the Improper Bostonian and has been with the magazine for 17 years counting. She worked for her father for six years at The Boston Globe and has had work featured in New York Magazine and Boston Globe Magazine, among others.

The two collaborated on Boston: Inspirational Women to create a meaningful demonstration of the power and influence of local women. The exhibit, on display until January 6, features dozens of brilliant black and white photographs which feature the familiar style of the Improper Bostonian covers. Each photograph is accompanied by the subject's story and background. The Inspirational is about much more than professional photographers who have been appointed to cover events. It is about the weightier importance in a room full of influential and strong women. Lesser known, though equally notable women featured remarkable stories of philanthropy and hard work.

Phyllis Godwin, the president and CEO of Granite City Electric got her start years ago in her father's electrical supply business. Diane Patrick, first lady of Massachusetts, advocates education as a major policy interest and is on the Board of the Posse Foundation, an organization that supports students who wish to attend college. Tiziana C. Heering is the first CEO of Boston Rising, an organization that fights poverty in Boston. Mary I. Reed's mother founded Boston's first minority-owned daycare in 1946, and today Reed works for an organization that provides early care and education for low-income families.

Each story is just as interesting and empowering as the next and some exhibit encourages a stronger appreciation for the women who have joined Boston's strong and accessible. Almost every woman featured was involved with a philanthropic organization or had worked hard to secure a position in the higher tiers of the work force. Though glass windows covered one wall of the exhibition, the exhibit made it clear that the glass ceiling has shattered.

Adams Gallery highlights Boston Inspirational Women

Photo courtesy of Suffolk University

- CEO of Boston Rising
- Mary I. Reed, mother of Kerry Brett
- Alma Wahlberg of Dorchester, TV personality Rachael Ray, and comedian Rachel Dratch.

Craig has finally captured and branded the role of agent 007 and won my respect. This is not the best James Bond movie I have seen, but it's definitely in my top five. The beloved British agent had a great 50 year run, but all good things must come to an end. Daniel Craig has signed up for two more Bond movies, but I wonder how many more films the 007 character/idea has left in him. I certainly don't think the franchise will be around for another 50 years.
Blink extravaganza kicks off the Holiday season

Ellie Hawkins
Journal Staff

Families and community members in attendance and the restaurants were packed — suddenly there were awe’s of sadness as the Marketplace went dark, the lights had been turned off at the Blink! Lights and Sounds Extravaganza began at Fanueil Hall. After the lights had been off for a few seconds they turned back on and continued to display different light patterns, everyone cheered with joy and excitement.

Blink! Lights and Sounds Extravaganza is a 6-week state-of-the-art light and sound show that has transformed the marketplace. This display uses over 350,000 LED lights that light up the skyline. The LED lights will permit the city to use only 30% of the power that was used in the previous years.

"Everything is over dramatic, which makes me feel like I am a freshman at Suffolk University. It is good that they did this before Thanksgiving for us college students in Boston to see and get us into the spirit." said Tina Frosinos, a freshman at Suffolk University.

The tree lighting started at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 17, 2012 and will run until December 31. The light shows run every half hour from 4:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. The shows consist of Christmas music and programmed light shows playing throughout the evening.

On the first Saturday of the event, at 9:15 a.m., the marketplace hosted different kick-off events to start off Blink!, Pilates Bootcamp, Story hour with the Grinch, light music, performances and many other activities.

"I came out here with friends and my sister in law from Blacksburg, Virginia. We just came for the football game, but we saw the lights and stopped by to see the show," said Linda Bland, while she sat with her friends on a bench.

"This event kicks-off our holiday season and makes us want to go home and decorate our houses to look like this which makes me feel like I am a freshman at Suffolk University. It is good that they did this before Thanksgiving for us college students in Boston to see and get us into the spirit."

The main display is an 85-foot Christmas tree which has two rows of trees leading to it. The rows of trees are wrapped with white lights and have blue lights that twinkle in the branches. All the lights have are timed, programmed, choreographed displays that go along with the music that is playing.

There is also a smaller Christmas tree, located by Merchants Row, wreaths and snowflake projections that decorate the Marketplace. There are a total of four different light shows in complex.

This event is entertaining for all ages, a free holiday event and is a great way to stroll with friends or family to start off your holiday season. Everyone at the event seemed unable to stop smiling and laughing with each other, everyone seemed to be in the holiday spirit.

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Suffolk freshmen Tina Podosvos, Elizabeth Pellekier, & Arianna Sanfillippo Photo courtesy of Brie Hawkins

DC Comic Fans Thrilled for Justice League Film

Following the monumental success of The Avengers blockbuster movie series, Warner Bros. plans to release Justice League in a few years and the company is considering Blink! Lights and Sounds Extravaganza to star as the next Batman, reported The Huffington Post.

Justice League hits theaters^ keeping an open mind.

"You never know," he said. "If the script inspires me and there's a filmmaker that I respect and connect to, I'd consider anything."

His Dark Knight Rises character, John Blake, also known as Robin — a coincidence, Batman's sidekick was never named John Blake — received the keys to the bat cave at the end of Christopher Nolan's trilogy, Nolan has made it clear that he will not be continuing the series or participating in Justice League, but Gordon-Levitt's participation in the upcoming film would provide a clear connection between the trilogy and the next set of movies.

The film is scheduled for 2015 and the cast may be released as soon as next summer. Warner Bros.' current superhero project, Man of Steel, will enter theaters in 2013 and it may jump start the hype for Justice League. However, no concrete details have been released regarding its connection to the superhero collaboration.

The Justice League is the DC Comics version of The Avengers and features Superman, Batman, The Flash, Green Lantern, and Wonder Woman on one team. Wonder Woman and The Flash are the only two who have not recently commanded their own film. With a solid two and a half years before its scheduled release, Warner Bros. has plenty of time to set up each of the heroes before Justice League hits theaters.
Letter to the Editor: Praise for Coach Nelson

Dear Editor:

As a breast cancer survivor, I commend Athletic Director Jim Nelson as well as his coaches and athletes who stepped up to the plate and organized the human pink ribbon event in the gym as part of Suffolk's 11th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Month program.

For the past four years, this event has allowed the entire Suffolk community—students, faculty, administrators, and alumni—to stand as one to heighten breast cancer awareness, early detection, and prevention.

I applaud the other individuals and organizations who contributed to and participated in this event and other activities throughout the month, particularly The Suffolk Journal for its front-page coverage and special pink marblehead.

I also send special thanks to the staff of the Holiday Inn Boston at Beacon Hill who, for the past 11 years, have generously contributed food and funds as well as attended various Suffolk Breast Cancer Awareness Month events.

On a personal note, I am here today because of early detection, as my oncologists constantly reminded me. Because of my highly aggressive form of breast cancer, delaying an ordered follow-up mammogram even for a few months, as I almost did, would have made the difference between a positive and an ominous prognosis.

In the years ahead, I strongly encourage the Suffolk community to continue to work together on Breast Cancer Awareness Month initiatives so that other women can be blessed with a second lease on life, thanks to greater awareness and early detection.

Sincerely,

Nerine P. Bacigalupo

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The Demise of "America's Team"

Alex Hall
Managing Editor

The Dallas Cowboys have been called "America's Team" since the 1960s, but have failed to live up to this reputation since the tail end of Troy Aikman's career.

Projected to win the NFC East in Sept. 2012 that showed owner Jerry Jones' team as the most valuable franchise in the league at $2.1 billion. A Public Policy Polling survey last December showed that the Cowboys are also the team with the most NFL fans, with 24 percent of NFL fans claiming the squad is their team favorite.

Despite their 3-1 start, and good early season play, Dallas is a team that has won just one playoff game over 15 years. The last time the Cowboys won a Super Bowl was when Bill Clinton was president of the United States.

Dallas fell on hard times towards the end of Hall of Fame quarterback Troy Aikman's career in the early 2000s, and has had little success since. The team went through several names at quarterback such as Quincy Carter, Kyle Buseman, Steve Hutchinson and Vinny Testa venture.

Then after Bill Parcells left town in 2007, the Cowboys finally looked like they were on their way back to the Super Bowl. A team with rising star Tony Romo at quarterback,

DeMarcus Ware on defense and Terrrell Owens at wide receiver looked destined for great things.

Unfortunately, the team made the playoffs as they would in 2009, but both postseason trips ended without a trip to the NFC championship game due to 2011 Super Bowl appearance. So what is the problem that's keeping the NFL's most profitable team from a Super Bowl victory? It is an overcontrolling owner and stupid play on the field.

Jones runs his team with the same passion that the failed Cowboys fans would.

He spends the money to get the big name players andenes how to keep his own team together and he's always looking for ways to improve his leadership. He has a highly paid staff and he's proven to be solid in making good football decisions.

Despite the Cowboys' success, as a franchise, the team has had plenty of underachievers. Jones makes a lousy quarterback and has proved that in the NFL. Even though Dallas is the only team this season that will live up to any team on paper is to have a disciplinary head coach.

Whether that means firing current head coach Jason Garrett or not is up to the owner of the team.

But for the Dallas Cowboys fans, "America's Team" will continue to be a hollow nickname. In the meantime, Dallas can continue to field solid teams but it can only get better from here.

Matt Bacon
Sports Editor

Suffolk's men's club hockey team has gotten off to a somewhat of a slow start for their first official season, dropping their first two games against Harvard and Wheaton by a combined score of 15-8 before securing a 6-3 victory over Middlesex Community College.

Despite the early setbacks, the team believes that their best hockey is yet to come. "We're going through growing pains, but not in a negative way. We need to take the small amount of time we have and come together as a team and grow through our experiences," said Scott Cleary, junior left winger and co-president of the club team. The team has a lot of new faces this year and has only had a handful of practices together as a unit. "Kids need to be more aggressive, attack the puck harder. We need to not hesitate and figure out how to play better."

Positive signs can also be taken from the team's first three games. The Rams only have three lines of forwards (as opposed to the usual four), and surprisingly it is the third line that has been making the most noise. Led by freshman right winger Chris Cuncliffe (3G, 1A) the third line has carried the brunt of the off-season. It's been playing very solid hockey," Cleary said of Cuncliffe.

While the third line may be stealing the show at this point in the season, all three lines have been able to pitch in some solid offense.

The team is confident that their defense first style of play will eventually come through and start winning games for them. Utilizing the neutral zone trap, a system that emphasizes on forcing turnovers in the neutral zone while the opposing team is on the rush, the Rams have tried to concentrate on defense over offense, a sensible strategy for any hockey team. "It's a safe way to prevent odd man rushes," Cleary said of the strategy.

The Rams are excited to be in the win column, and believe it can only get better from here on out. "We're hungry for the win under our belt... it was a team we should have beaten," Cleary said. The team hopes to use this momentum, combined with their defensive strategy and talented offense (the Rams are currently averaging 4.5 goals per game), to propel themselves to a winning record.

Despite the team's successful offense, a modest Cleary maintains that the team's successes will rest on their defensive system. "We're not a flashy, light up the lamp kind of team. Right now we're trying our best to figure out our identity."

Fantasy Football: Week 13

Brendan Martin
Journal Staff

It's been an interesting two weeks since this column was last in the paper, and let me tell you this Fantasy Football season is getting crazy. Fantasy Studs are appearing out of seemingly nowhere, like for instance the Jacksonville Jaguars. QB Chad Henne has been putting up Tom Brady-like numbers over the past two weeks, and his two favorite targets (WR Justin Blackmon and Cecil Shorts) are playing like top receivers. If you are in a deep league, capitalizing on waiver wire pickups is a good way to stay competitive in your league because every team has weak points. Even grabbing a good player you don't need in order to "roster block" an opponent could be vital.

For instance in the past two games, which might be more then any other running back that is available has had big season. Wide Receiver: Brandon LaFell of the Carolina Panthers is the best option available, and he is actually averging a pretty decent amount of points per game. Tight End: Brandon Myers of the Oakland Raiders is a decent tight end, and I could see him grabbing a touchdown against the Browns defense.

Kicker: Greg Zuerlein of the Rams, purely for his sweet nickname Legrange.
Philadelphia Eagles Cut Jason Babin

The struggling Philadelphia Eagles have made a shocking decision to cut defensive end Jason Babin. Babin was signed by the Eagles in 2011, and played one season with them before he went to play with the Tennessee Titans for a year. He had five-and-a-half sacks so far for this year, as well as 18 total sacks in the 2011 season. Babin was viewed as one of the many players who was a part of Vince Young's self-proclaimed "dream-team." The Eagles losing does not revolve around Babin; this is merely a move to clear cap space and allow younger defensive lineman to get playing time as their chances of a winning season have faded away. Rookie Vinny Curry is expected to catch more action for the Eagles, and has had very little playing time this year. This is the first of most likely many big moves by the Eagles. Babin is expected to be picked up off of waivers before becoming a free agent.

Alabama and Georgia in SEC Championship

The SEC is one of the most hyped conferences in college football, and the SEC championship will host number two Alabama and number three Georgia. Besides undefeated Notre Dame (not including the banned undefeated Ohio State,) these are the best two teams in the country right now. The BCS has already confirmed that the winner of this conference championship, will go onto the title game to face Notre Dame. Aaron Murray will attempt to lead the Georgia past the Alabama defense that is the best in the NCAA in points allowed per game, which is an estimated nine points. The only thing that Georgia excels in that Alabama does not is the passing game, so Murray will have to step up if they want a shot at the title game. It will be the biggest game this weekend, December 1 at 1 p.m.

Boston Red Sox not likely to trade Jon Lester

There have been rumors going around about Boston Red Sox pitcher Jon Lester being a part of a possible trade with the Kansas City Royals. Well, according to a source of the Red Sox who reported to ESPNBoston.com, there are no talks going on about a Lester trade to the Royals. The trade would have most likely sent outfielder prospect Will Myers to the Red Sox in exchange for Lester. Myers is currently considered to be one of the top prospects in all of baseball. The 21-year-old batted a .314 average in the minors last season, and is expected to be ready for the majors this upcoming season. Although the Lester-Myers trade seems to be nothing more than a rumor, it is interesting to see Lester's performance next season, because if he does poorly, people will start to question if they should have looked into this trade possibility a little more.

Maimed Cranium

by Jon Langberg

Scientists have recently developed a new theory on evolution: every living and non-living thing has derived from this one being. They call it "The Ultimate Maimed Cranium."
Durant slams 29 as the Thunder Fall Short to the Celtics

Entering their 13th game of the 2012/2013 season, the Celtics had a disappointing record of 6-6. As disappointing as the .500 record is, Celtics fans must face the reality. Their team is not as talented as it has been in the past. Losing Ray Allen in the off-season to the Miami Heat was a huge blow, and they are now struggling in the first half and are a very dangerous team. So we need to come ready to play and ready to defend them. If we can get up and defend them tonight it will be a great game, but if we let them do what they want, they are going to score a ton of points tonight. We have to control the game.

On the bright side, a great personal achievement was reached during the game as Matt Peadjonovic got his 1000 career rebound. The talented forward became the second Suffolk player in history to reach both 1000 rebounds as well as 1000 points for the Rams. Now Peadjonovic has the most rebounds in Suffolk basketball history, an incredible achievement. By the end of the season he is expected to become the all time leading rebounder in the history of the GNAC conference in men's basketball.

Before the Eastern Nazarene game, Suffolk played in the Roger Williams Tip-Off tournament, in which they had an excellent game against Main, Fort Kent, and in a really close tournament final game against the hosts from Roger Williams. Coach Nelson gave his view on the Rams performance in the tournament: "It was an interesting tournament for us. The first night we were able to beat Main, Fort Kent by 21 which definitely surprised us because they are a very good team. We played really well and we did everything right, we played a very good game. It was a good opener to the season. The guys played well and we defended so hard we are happy with that. The second game against Roger Williams was the championship game in the tournament in front of a tough crowd. We got up seven at the half, we were playing pretty well, but Roger Williams kind of figured it out and played well in the second half and we were disappointed, because we didn't come to play and they kind of put us on us. So we were disappointed to come out [of] there with a split. We played three out of four halves well, but at the last four minutes we did do that, but we will learn from it and move on."

In the facing, some tough opponents, the Rams went on a well-deserved Thanksgiving break. The players got to relax and eat turkey for three days with their families and friends, but then it was back to training on Saturday. On Tuesday, before the Thanksgiving break Nelson was not concerned about the players eating too much turkey. "They can eat as much as they want, we will come back for practice on Saturday and we don't play until Thursday so we have five full practices to run the turkey out of them," Coach Nelson said with a smile on his face. The game on Thursday against UMass Boston. Let's hope the Rams are well-rested after the break and did not eat too much.