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## Black History Month Celebration Kicks Off at Suffolk

**Alex Hall**  
Managing Editor

Suffolk University's Black Student Union is holding eight events in honor of Black History Month, which began Feb. 5 with the opening ceremony. The event featured Dr. Joyce McNickels, a professor at Anna Maria College, who focused the lecture on Bayard Rustin, a fighter for African-American rights from the 1940s all the way into the 1970s.

McNickels explained throughout the lecture some of Rustin's efforts in his life to help push for civil rights laws and put the issue in the public eye as well as why she believes he has been ignored in the black history books.

Being a homosexual black man, McNickels believes "his sexual orientation is the only reason he's stood on the margins of black history. He wasn't the right flavor of black."

Like Martin Luther King Jr., Rustin believed in Ghandi's philosophy of nonviolence and was a practicing follower

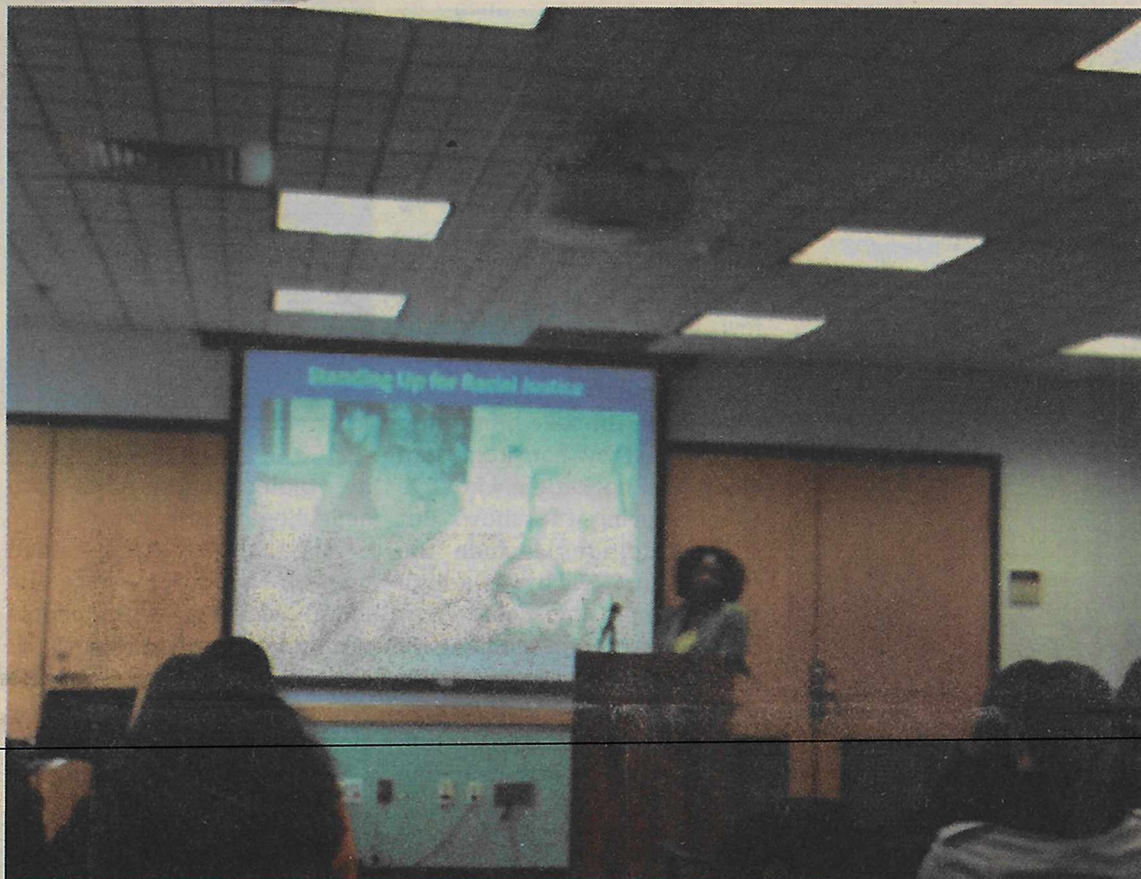


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of the Quaker religion. He stood up for his seat on the bus before Rosa Parks started the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

When asked why he wouldn't just leave his seat and obey the segregation law, Rustin pointed to a young white boy

next to him and said "If I move now, this child will not know this is injustice."

When Rustin was drafted

for war, he refused to fight overseas and went to prison instead, where he tried to de-segregate the prison he was in. Rustin was such a handful, the warden of the prison repeatedly tried to transfer him, claiming he was a "schemer" but was ultimately unable to do so.

"You think we would've heard about this but again these stories go untold," McNickels said.

In addition to these acts of protest, Rustin challenged the Jim Crow laws with fellow black and white activists by taking part in Freedom Rides in 1947, 14 years before the more celebrated Freedom Rides would take place. Rustin was again arrested for his protest along with his fellow activists, where the black protestors would be sentenced to 30 days in jail. The white protestors received 90 days in jail for their actions.

When asking the crowd why they thought this distinction on jail sentences was made, McNickels joked, "Today

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## Special Elections Still Under Deliberation

**Ally Thibault**  
Asst. Managing Editor

For the third time in only four years, Massachusetts voters will go to the ballot box this summer to choose a

new U.S. Senator. The special senate election on June 25, after primary elections on April 30, will decide who will fill the seat left vacant by last week's confirmation of Secretary of State John Kerry.

Former U.S. Senator Scott Brown, the republican who was elected in the 2010 special election to fill Senator Ted Kennedy's seat and recently lost his 2012 reelection bid to Senator Elizabeth Warren, has declared he will not be a candidate in this race.

"I was not at all certain that a third Senate campaign in less than four years, and the prospect of returning to a Congress even more partisan than the one I left, was really the best way for me to continue in public service at this time," Brown said in a statement on his website.

A host of other candidates with big name recognition have also declared their desires not to run, including Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley, former republican gubernatorial candidate Charlie Baker, Mitt Romney's eldest son Taggart Romney, and former democratic U.S.

Representative Barney Frank.

Only two democrats have officially declared their candidacies: U.S. Representative Stephen Lynch and U.S. Representative Ed Markey. Lynch has been endorsed by a few labor unions, while Markey has been endorsed by many politicians including Sec. Kerry, former Rep. Frank, Mass. AG Coakley, and two dozen State Congressmen.

Marisa DeFranco, an immigration lawyer who ran in the democratic primary against Sen. Warren in 2010, announced on her official Facebook page today that she is looking for volunteers to gather signatures as she is "considering a run."

On the republican side of the ticket, only former Nantucket selectman Doug Bennett has officially declared a bid for the seat. According to *Cape Cod Today*, Bennett,

a vocal Ron Paul supporter, has lost twice in elections for Boston City Council but will run on his libertarian policies as a republican this cycle.

Republican State Representative Dan Winslow announced today to the *Boston Herald* that he is forming an exploratory committee to "test the waters for U.S. Senate." In an interview with the *Herald*, Winslow said, "I have been disgusted by the partisan gridlock in Washington, D.C., and we have a record of proven bipartisan work here in Massachusetts." The State Rep. added that he is confident that he can get the 10,000 signatures required by April 3 to get on the ballot but is weighing if he can "mount a credible winning campaign."

Independent Jack E. Robinson, who announced his candidacy yesterday, has run

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# POLICE BLOTTER

## Thursday, January 31

10:18 p.m.

150 Tremont

Liquor law violation- possession of alcohol by a minor. Report filed.

## Friday, February, 1

1:15 a.m.

Somerset Street

Drunkennes. Report filed.

## Saturday, February, 2

10:10 a.m.

Off Campus

Other agency assist- larceny. Case closed.

## Saturday, February, 2

10:32 p.m.

150 Tremont

Vandalism. Case closed.

## Sunday, February, 3

12:49 a.m.

10 West

Drunkennes. Judicial internal.

## Sunday, February, 3

2:45 p.m.

Fenton

Larceny. Investigation.

## Monday, February, 4

7:36 p.m.

10 West

Liquor law violation. Judicial internal.

# Maimed Cranium

BY JON LANGBERG



# Puppy Bowl Entertains America Pre-Super Bowl

Joey Johnson  
Journal Staff

The Puppy Bowl, an *Animal Planet* tradition since 2005, was brought back for its ninth iteration this past Sunday, airing just before the 2013 Super Bowl.

The two-hour long program included 63 puppies, playing and interacting in a mock football stadium while a human referee kept watch and would occasionally call "penalties" on the puppies, such as "unnecessary 'ruffness,'" and "excessive cuteness." The format of the show is very open, and allows for tune-in-tune-out viewing, which may contribute to the show's rising popularity.

While the formula is mostly the same, there are a few minor changes. Brought back for this airing were fan-favorites such as the kitty half-time show, the fake blimp that is operated by hamsters, and Meep the cockatiel, who live tweets during the show. But a few additions include the "Cute Cam," which was a high speed camera that could show the viewer certain moments in slow motion, and commentary from some of *Animal Planet's* show hosts. One substitution that was made was changing



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the piglet cheerleaders into hedgehog cheerleaders.

The show has gained massive adoration since its initial viewing, with people tuning-in numbering in the millions. All of the puppies are adoptable, and help raise awareness to adopting pets.

Every year a puppy is

named MVP, or Most Valuable Puppy. This year's MVP was a schnauzer-beagle mix named Marta. The pup had her size tested by other much larger dogs, but stood her ground no matter what. She was fierce, relentless, and most importantly, adorable.



# Seriously Bent Brings Laughs to 150 Basement

**Miles Halpine**  
Journal Staff

For a handful of students at Suffolk University, making people laugh just comes naturally. Every Thursday night, for an hour beginning at 10 p.m., a few dozen

welcomed members of Suffolk's Program Council, as well as a student from Emerson College who visited to promote the upcoming film *Identity Thief* starring Jason Bateman and Melissa McCarthy. A key aspect to continue having big crowds at each show is inclusion of audience interaction and participation, with suggestions

for ideas, in each of the skits.

Bridget McGuinness, a freshman majoring in acting, said she goes "every Thursday because it makes the end of my week better," and that "[they] are so funny and make my day!"

Asked what she considered her favorite Seriously Bent skits, McGuinness replied "[their] two best skits is when they do 'my sex is like' and the piano one when they have to change what they've said." However, she also added that their new skit, when they bring people up on stage, has its low points.

For those who have not yet gone to a Seriously

Bent show, McGuinness unhesitatingly said she "would totally recommend it," as "[it's] a nice way to end your week. And they are all really nice and talented people!"

They practice twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays for around three hours, and then they have a brief meeting after each show where their coach, Tony Passafiume, a Suffolk alumnus and veteran comic with Improv Asylum in the North End, goes over what he wrote during each scene and gives feedback — both positive and negative — on how they performed that evening. Seriously Bent has begun to pick up a bit of name recognition and trophies over the past few years. In regard to competitions, they have won many contests and awards locally and nationally. Among the competitions they won are the New England Regional Championships and the Boston Comedy Festival's College Improv Championships.

They also participate in

many shows off-campus. Last Saturday, Feb. 2, Seriously Bent took part in an entirely Suffolk joke-themed show at Improv Asylum.

The group definitely has a strong connection and they say one of the best parts of doing improv is that it can be "a great break" from the daily stresses of day-to-day life in college. They also added that the worst part about Seriously Bent is "not getting to do it every day."

As always, their shows will continue every Thursday night in the basement of 150 Tremont beginning at 10 p.m. One of the best parts of Seriously Bent is that someone attending never knows what to expect in the sense that it is all made up on the spot — all the jokes and plots of the stories they act out and portray. No matter what type of day you have with classes, it is basically guaranteed that you will leave any Seriously Bent show with a big smile on your face and hoping that the week goes by quickly for the next show.



students fill the 150 Tremont basement for the weekly show by Seriously Bent, Suffolk's own improv comedy group. Improvisational theatre or improvisational comedy, commonly and more often referred to as improv, is a type of entertainment for everyone that has grown in popularity over the last decade. To the great fortune and luck of Suffolk and its students, Boston is one of the biggest cities for improv.

Like any other Thursday night, the basement was crowded with an anxious audience, almost filling every seat available, awaiting another dose of comedic hilarity. The night began a little differently than usual. As members of Seriously Bent arrived on stage, the music that had been playing to get the audience enthusiastic quieted down and cheers from the crowd grew loud. Then, they made two brief announcements. They



Photos courtesy of Seriously Bent Facebook

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unsuccessfully as a republican for several offices in the past decade, including U.S. Senator, Secretary of Commonwealth, and U.S. Representative.

Robinson told the *Boston Globe* he is running because "extremism from both parties is preventing the 21st century from being the new American century. As an independent, I can bridge the gap in Washington and be a voice of the people and not of a party."

Libertarian Daniel Fishman, who first ran for elected office in a failed bid for U.S. House seat in 2012, also announced his candidacy. On his campaign

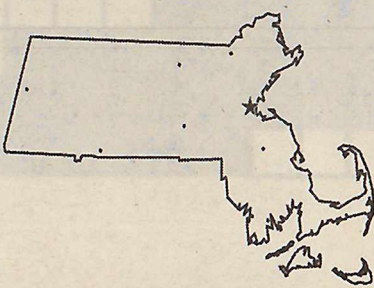
website, Fishman said, "I believe in a system where I can be for me, and you can be for you, and that doesn't have to mean we're against each other. And when the time comes for us to work together, we can do so willingly."

With no blockbuster names on the ticket, the race seems very unpredictable at this point. Rep. Markey, currently the longest serving Mass. state congressman, has the most name-recognition and big endorsements but still remains relatively unknown to the average voter.

In a statement released by his campaign, Markey has called for a "People's Pledge" on banning third-party campaign

donations, such as those from Super PACs.

"This race should be about the people of Massachusetts having a voice in the Senate, not the special interests," Markey's statement said. Lynch told the *Boston Herald* he will follow suit and denounce outside spending in the race. Republican candidates are expected to make similar



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that doesn't happen, today we always get more time." She then explained that the white protestors were made an example of, in an attempt to scare fellow whites from taking part in similar actions.

During his time in jail for this protest, Rustin was a member of a chain gang. He would write several articles for the *New York Post* after being released from his 30-day sentence on the inhumane treatment of chain gangs, which lead to the state of North Carolina eliminating chain gangs in any prison.

"Again this story goes rarely acknowledged...he's not in

history books because he was a gay man," McNickels said.

Rustin's 1962 debate with Malcom X over separation vs. integration for black rights, organizing of the 1963 march on Washington and his later gay rights activism was also highlighted in the lecture.

McNickels reiterated her belief that his sexual orientation is what has made Rustin a more forgotten figure in black history, believing that when fellow activists talk with historians, they overlook Rustin for the same reason.

"His story has not been told because he didn't fit the narrow definition of 'blackness,'" McNickels stated.



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### John Kerry Completes 'Thank You' Tour of Mass.

January 31, 2013 Ally Thibault Featured Stories, Uncategorized 4 comments

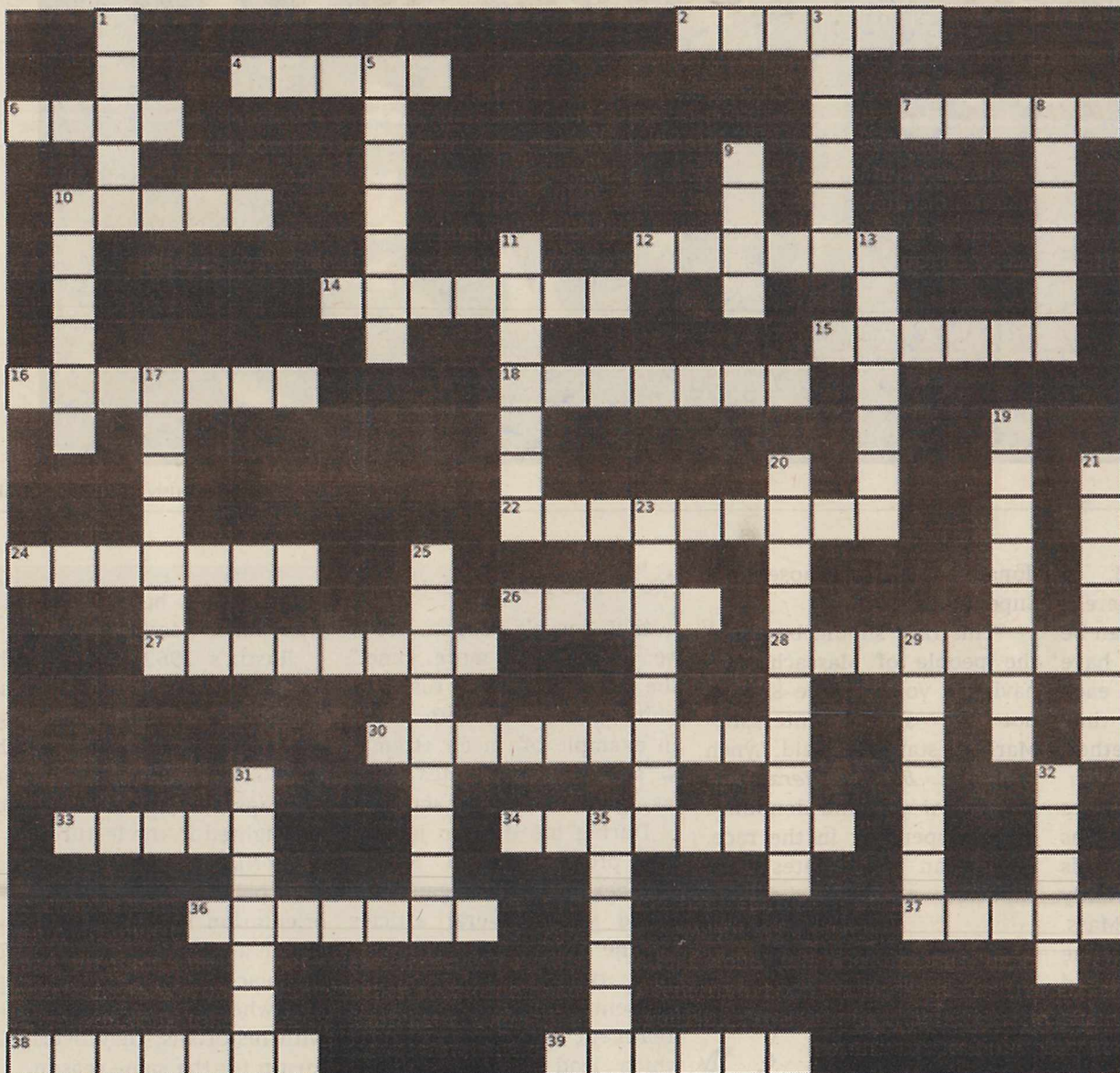
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On Thursday morning, Kerry began his farewell tour at the YouthBuild USA office in Springfield, Mass.

## Online Exclusive



### Across

- Your fingernails grow faster in this season
- Elvis Presley had a twin by this name
- Polar bears can eat more than 50 pounds of this in one sitting
- This planet gets 100 tons heavier every day
- This type of whale is born white
- The most popular sport as a topic for a film
- Each year, more than 50,000 people in the US are harmed by this common item
- Beaver teeth are this color
- Baskin Robbins once made this flavor ice cream
- A moth doesn't have this body part
- In this city-state, it is illegal to own or sell chewing gum
- The US produces more of this than it does wheat
- The sense most closely linked to memory
- On average, it takes 660 days from conception to birth for this animal
- The only place in the US that has a royal palace
- Every US President with a beard has been a member of this party
- This fruit explodes when put in the microwave
- The state with the longest coastline in the Continental US
- It is illegal to hunt camels in this US state
- This animal outnumbers humans 15 to 1 in New Zealand
- Birds need this to swallow
- The US Government will not allow portraits of living persons to appear on these

### Down

- This creature breathes through its feet
- A company in this country makes dinnerware out of wheat
- A queen bee will only use this against another queen bee
- The only muscle in the body attached at only one end
- This word is spelled the same in English, German, French, Swedish, Spanish, and Portuguese
- These are born without knee caps
- The lining of your stomach turns red when your face does this
- This animal is unable to cough
- Babe Ruth wore a leaf of this under his cap to keep him cool
- Dueling is legal in this country
- She appeared on the back of the \$20 bill in 1875
- There are no rental cars in this country
- If you keep this fish in the dark, it will eventually turn white
- This plant's root can be roasted and ground as a coffee substitute
- Under extreme stress, some species of this animal will eat their own arms
- In 1980, this city presented Saddam Hussein with a key to the city
- The opposite of sour
- In its ancient form, this vegetable was purple, not orange



## On Campus: African Student Association

Dan Olson  
Journal Staff

February is National Black History month and no club at Suffolk University is taking more advantage of this than the African Student Association. This year, the organization received a new president, senior, international relations major, Mohamed Djingo, who has been trying to re-think its overall outlook on campus at Suffolk.

"I'm just trying to put us on track, just to make us known," says Djingo, 22, "to be like the other clubs at Suffolk."

As the current President of Suffolk University's African Student Association, Djingo has been working with students to create an "International Day" to take place in March or April of this year. Students at Suffolk University Dakar took part in events like this annually and Djingo has been trying to bring these festivities here.

"We had a fashion show,

different types of African foods, and we were taught African dances," says Djingo. "I'm trying to set up another event called 'African Cooking 101' at Suffolk also."

Last year, the club was known mostly for offering tribal African drumming workshops for non-African students. After being taught routines and methods, students performed what they learned and the teachers and students from Suffolk's now defunct Dakar campus, attended the performances to cheer them on.

Professor Bellinger, who had connections to Suffolk's Dakar campus, and has been to Africa many times, advises the club. He has helped a great deal with workshops and other activities for the organization,

according to Djingo. The ASA is in need, mostly, of awareness from other Suffolk students. All of its members, including Djingo,

care a great deal about their heritage and have the desire to educate others. "My goal is to make Africa known—not the Africa

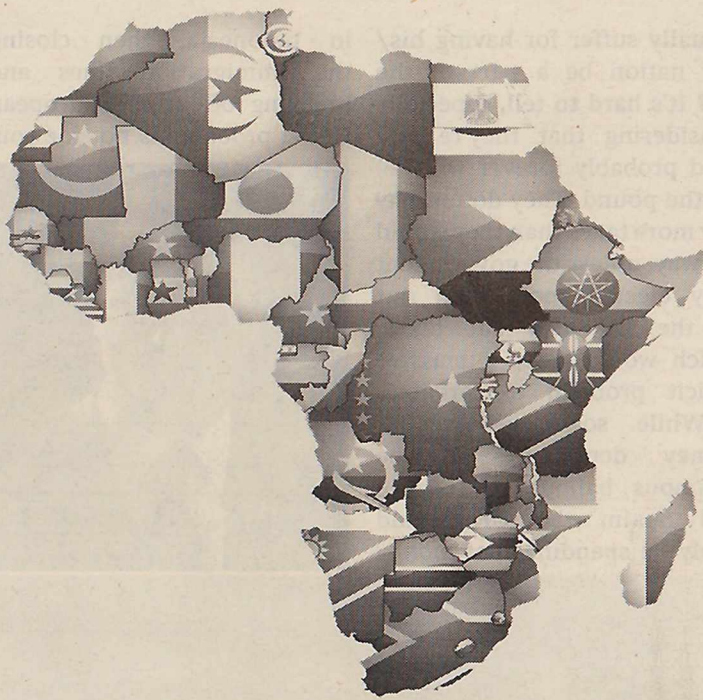
they show on TV—the real Africa," says Djingo. "A child dying of hunger is what the media shows this country and it's not the reality."

We have all seen the commercials and ads depicting a young starving child staring into the camera in need of food and donations; but Djingo says that Africa has changed.

"We want to show that that was the old Africa, a lot of new things have happened."

Djingo and the other club members want nothing more, right now, than to get non-African students excited about their events and to spread the word about this not-so-well-known club here at Suffolk.

"Students should come to our events and see what we have."



## Controversial Case in India Sparks Protest and Change

David Frederick  
Journal Staff

**\*\*Trigger Warning\*\***

Truly, it's impossible to understand the atrocities that are committed daily in a single article but on Dec. 16, a 23-year-old woman on a bus in New Delhi was brutally assaulted while returning from the movies with a friend. The friends believed they were taking a regular bus home, while it turned out that the bus that they had entered was stolen and all six men on board (including the driver) proceeded to beat and dehumanize the victims.

Abandoned on the side of the road and left for dead, the woman and her friend were later found on the side of the road by a passerby. Specifically horrific was that the unnamed woman was discovered to only have five percent of her intestines in her body. After being flown to Singapore to be treated for her injuries, she passed away. A closed-door testimony occurred this week by her male friend who appeared at court in a wheelchair, still bearing the scars of injuries from the attack. The trial of five men charged with the

attack has started this week. Following the ordeal, thousands of people harmoniously joined together in a peaceful protest against the unjust rape law sanctions. Police sealed off large areas in central Delhi that were near government buildings, along with many metro railway

your fake sentiments! We demand immediate action to strengthen the laws against sexual violence," read a banner at the protest, while some men wore skirts in support.

A few weeks ago in Nepal, the case of a 21-year-old woman who says she was raped and threatened with

rape of a teenager by four men over four days in early December in Tangail, 40 miles northwest of Dhaka. The men were said to have made videos of the attack before leaving their victim near a rail track where her brother eventually found her. These are just two of the countless cases that

for its women. Curfew for students living in campus dormitories has been brought forward an hour to 9:30 p.m., and girls are now required to seek permission from the college administration before going out with friends and provide details of the friends they are going out with. One student said during the discussion, "Why should we pay for the crimes men commit? Lock the men up. We are not the culprits!"

Indian media recently reported that the government of the northern state of Uttarakhand passed an order stopping women from working after 6 p.m. in both private and government jobs.

The regressive edict, conceived by the state government as a way to curb crimes against women, was widely opposed by women's-rights activists and the political opposition. While numerous protesters have been beaten, gassed and shot at, one protester asked an officer "Why don't you come and join us?" "Aren't you angry at what happened?" Truly, that is the real question.



Courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

stations. Hundreds of armed police and riot troops were on duty and Delhi's police commissioner, Neeraj Kumar, called on the public to remain calm. "We don't want your condolences! We don't want

death by a police officer and robbed by immigration officials, prompted hundreds of demonstrators to converge on the prime minister's residence in Kathmandu. In Bangladesh there was an alleged gang-

have lead to the movement. For weeks, teachers and students camped out at protest venues, marching and submitting memorandums to government authorities to make the city a safer place



# From All Corners: International pinion

## United Kingdom and the EU: Secession or Endure

**Gareth Jones**  
Assistant Intl Editor

You may be surprised to learn that Texas has a particularly strong support for secession from the United States. But probably, this does not surprise you at all. Either way, the general consensus, both within Texas and abroad, seems to be that secession would not help Texas as much as staying in the American federal system and paying the minimal amount of taxes required of them.

There is a similar movement in England championed largely by ultra-conservatives and ultra-nationalists who insist that prosperity in the UK is most easily found by completely cutting ties with the European Union. While the comparison between the EU and the United States is a difficult one to substantiate at best, the similarities between language and rhetoric used by proponents of secession in both states are rather interesting. Also, unfortunately for the EU, reasons against the UK seceding are less straightforward than those of Texas.

The last time that British secessionists got their act together enough to get a vote on the question of secession through to the public was 1975, when the European Union was still the European Coal and Steel Community. While the referendum failed, the vote was certainly closer than it might have been, with 32.8 percent voting to leave.

Furthermore, Britain's economy was more stable in 1975 than its current situation, in spite of the aftershock of the 1973 oil crisis. Nowadays (having adjusted for inflation and whatnot) the average Brit makes 73 cents (or half a pound) less than they did in 1973, according to the UK National Statistics Hub. This salary dip alone is enough to have fueled plenty of anti-European Union posters and advertisements throughout the country, and if you're in the mood for a sophisticated laugh, I welcome you to have a quick browse through of the many such anti-EU commercials on YouTube.

But does the average Brit

actually suffer for having his/her nation be a part of the EU? It's hard to tell, especially considering that they're still (and probably forever will be) on the pound. They do not pay any more taxes than they would anyway, unless the government they elected took them out of the EU also cut taxes, which would leave a massive deficit problem exacerbated.

While some government money does go to the infamous bailouts to Greece and Spain, the UK would likely be spending that money

in Indonesia, then closing the immigration lines and breaking off of the European Union probably is not for you.



**Ally Thibault**  
Journal Staff

In a time of crises and decline in European Union morale, the United Kingdom is smart to hold a referendum vote on its EU membership status. British Prime Minister David Cameron gave a speech last month promising an 'in or out' vote to be decided by U.K. citizens sometime in 2015 if he is reelected.

Many leaders of other European nations, and the

that the aspects of policy should be decided by Brussels rather than domestically.

But this approach of "cherry-picking" or "a la carte" is exactly what countries in the EU should be looking into now, especially in the U.K. The island nation holds an interesting membership status in the union to begin with—while it is a part of the general body, it is not a part of the Euro currency zone or the Schengen Area, where passport checks are not necessary between countries. The U.K. is already quite separate from most of the EU and should not be dominated by all the body's centralized policies.

The British Pound, although falling in value, is still stronger than the Euro and the U.S. Dollar, and the U.K. remains one of the strongest economies in Europe. While many people, notably the British Foreign Secretary William Hague, have argued that leaving the EU would do economic damage to the U.K., the move seems to be more about politics than economics anyway.

"The biggest danger to the European Union comes not from those who advocate change, but from those who denounce new thinking as heresy," Cameron said in his speech.

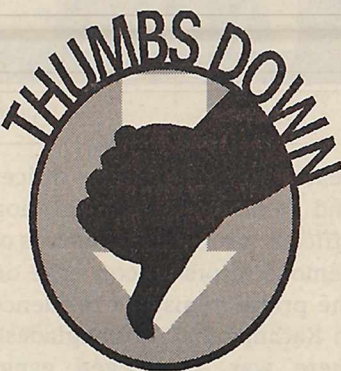
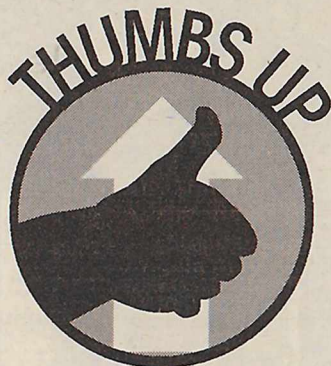
The elephant in the room within the EU now is the fact that policies and strategies are simply not working well enough or fast enough to fix issues within the member nations. A kind of slippery slope is feared if one nation is allowed to exit the EU but maybe that's what the body needs to survive. As countries continue down the paths of high unemployment, strict austerity, and major debt issues, it is time for individual nations to stop depending on the EU and start making smarter policy decisions for themselves. While this is not possible or truly plausible for many members, the U.K. is certainly in a strong position to pack its bags and carry on friendly relations with the body as a non-member.



Photo Courtesy of Flickr

on some form of foreign aid or international trade tax anyway, as is the habit of every member of the top-10 largest economic nations in the world, of which Britain is currently number eight. So it really comes down to a matter of personal preference.

If you view the European Union as the Third Reich's latest attempt to invade Britain, like certain members of the far-right political movement, which the English Defense League does, then perhaps secession is in order after all. But if like most Brits you just hope to get on with your lives, using the Sterling Pound to buy your imported tea while watching imported soccer players run around kicking balls made



U.S., were displeased by the prospect of the U.K. exiting the mammoth economic and political body. German Chancellor Angela Merkel and a spokeswoman for French President Francois Hollande both expressed their preferences for the U.K. to stay in the union to keep it strong, according to the *BBC*. They have denounced a plan to exit as a "Europe a la carte" approach.

The German foreign minister and the Austrian foreign minister echoed this sentiment, describing a potential exit by the U.K. as "cherry-picking." Both politicians declared that no nation should be able to pick and choose on their own extent of integration, and



# WORLD BRIEFS

## MALI

In a statement to a French newspaper, Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius has stated that French troops will likely begin to pull out of Mali as early as March. This came after it was brought to light that "hundreds" of Islamist militants had been killed since the French invasion five weeks ago. On the other hand, France has lost only one life so far, a helicopter pilot killed in action in the first phase of the operation. France has an estimated 4,000 troops in Mali, while policy makers from many different sections of France and dozens of countries have been meeting in Brussels to discuss how to dissolve them. *BBC World News* reported last Tuesday that rebels have been ruling a large part of the Saharan nation since January of last year.

## EGYPT

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the Iranian Prime Minister, has taken further steps to solidify the newly patched up friendship between his country and Egypt with a historic three-day visit with newly elected Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi. Morsi greeted Mr. Ahmadinejad with a smile during a red-carpet ceremony at a Cairo airport. The two talked about the crisis in Syria and how to improve the relationship between their own countries, which has been in a deep freeze since after the Iranian revolution in 1979, reported *The New York Times*. The relationship has been strained by pressure from the United States and the likelihood of amiable, interconnected relations in the future is slim. The meeting has represented cooperation on an inter-Middle Eastern level, but with the lingering Syrian Civil War and chaotic post-Arab Spring atmosphere, communication is a step in a more unified direction.

## UNITED KINGDOM

President François Hollande of France told the European Parliament on Tuesday that countries like Britain were on a dangerous path that could jeopardize the European Union. *The New York Times* reported that Mr. Hollande told the British foreign minister "The Union is more than a marketplace, as the British sometimes see it," and he said France would oppose British proposals for deeper cuts to the bloc's communal budget at a summit meeting this week.

# Opinion On Abroad: A Semester in Spain

Molly Chandler  
Journal Contributor

It's true that the scene would be more flattering as a silhouette, but it has a peculiar beauty. From where I sit on a park bench, I can see a handful of people, their junk, and their treasure splashed with the pink light of sunrise. An old woman has wrapped herself in black coats and blankets in an effort to keep the cold a good distance from her skin, but she affords her bear fingers the effort of setting out whatever goods she has to sell. A man in a green coat and earmuffs

themselves in neat lines and lowered their voices as the shoppers arrive and begin to run their hands over books, bottles, coats, and records.

El Rastro, the market, sprawls itself out a few streets over from La Latina station in Madrid every Sunday. Our host señora's brother, she told us, goes every week before dawn in search of first edition books to add to his collection. Over dinner, she usually tells us quite a bit, makes suggestions of places to travel or things to read, and sometimes gets up from the table to illustrate a story she was trying to tell about the African dance class

The curious traveler, however, will inevitably find his or herself going through the motions of cultural immersion even before they realize it's happening. By the curious traveler I guess I mean me. Since I've been here, I've found myself at the top of the Jiraldá tower in Seville, sinking into the mud hiking up to the Sacromonte caves, and trying escargot at a tapas bar with some people from the hostel where I stayed a weekend in Granada. I do not yet know Spain in all its beauty and complexity, but in the three weeks we've been here, the people and



Photo Courtesy of Mollie Chandler

Mollie in Granada, Spain

"I do not yet know Spain in all its beauty and complexity, but in the three weeks we've been here, the people and places have been calling to us, inviting us to experience the country"

is heckling her, laughing; speaking in an accent I can't understand. She swats the air in his direction and cackles.

As more vendors trickle down the sidewalks into the main streets the sound of yelling and laughing rises with the sun, echoing on the cobblestone and brick, arcane and wild in the last of the darkness. By the time day breaks over us the vendors have organized

her daughter is taking in Seville.

My roommate and I train our eyes on her lips as we try to understand and translate her Spanish to English in our heads. I'm proud to say that every day it gets just a little bit easier, and that's awesome, because at first everything was really difficult. Contrary to what I believed before departing, culture shock is a very real thing, and it's almost debilitating.

places have been calling to us, inviting us to experience the country—not a Spain I can describe, not the one I've been looking at on a map or even the one in all the postcards with "bienvenidos" scrawled across the bottom. Spain is a culture and an identity. Spain is a way of living.



## New dining spot visits Greek roots, Beacon Street welcomes Piperi

**Matt Bacon**  
Journal Staff

Are you a fan of falafel? Maybe you have never tried it but are an adventurous eater, or just looking to shake things up. If any of these apply to you, then the new Mediterranean cuisine restaurant called Piperi is the right place! Located on Tremont St. right between One Beacon and Government Center Plaza, the month-old establishment boasts a variety of menu items including Gozi (flatbread) sandwiches, and, of course, classic falafel.

The establishment is co-owned by Suffolk alumni Tim Oliveri and head chef Thomas John. The two met when Oliveri was CFO of *Au bon Pain* and John was the head chef within the organization. They decided to go into business together, starting a Mediterranean themed restaurant.

"It's one of my favorite cuisines," said John. "We looked at the trend of healthy eating and how people value fresh food, we thought that this would be a viable business opportunity. The name itself

is the Greek word for pepper."

Piperi uses fresh ingredients for all of their dishes and offers a variety of toppings

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for their flatbread sandwiches, including feta cheese, olives, hummus, and a choice of three different sauces (yogurt cucumber, tahini, and spicy tomato.) The bread for their sandwiches, called Gozi, is John's take on traditional Gozleme bread from Turkey and is made fresh each day from the restaurant's own dough.

Just as good as the food at Piperi is the service. Oliveri is frequently present at the restaurant to greet his patrons, and the staff prides themselves on professionalism and service. Both Oliveri's and John's passion for making and

serving great food is prevalent, and both are grateful for the opportunity to serve Suffolk students on a regular basis. the university Ram Card. Suffolk students should waste no time in getting over to Piperi and trying the

or one of the staff members will serve you up a free falafel plate, which also includes Gozi bread and fresh greens.

"It's something to offer to the students so that they can get to know us and see what else we offer," John said of the promotional deal.

Piperi is a great new restaurant, a break from same old mundane college food. With reasonable prices and delicious, filling, and healthy food, Suffolk students should make the restaurant a regular destination for lunch and dinner. The professionalism and passion of Oliveri, John, and the staff are only an added bonus to the great food you will find at this establishment.

"We want to be known for great food and great service," John says.

It is clear that they succeed at both, and Piperi may become a hot spot around campus for many years to come.

As a Suffolk alumni, Oliveri is excited for the chance to give back to his old campus and excellent food. Each day this week, from 2-6 p.m., Piperi is offering free falafel plates to



serve the local students great food. They also proudly accept Suffolk students. Just walk in, show your school ID, and Tim

Photo courtesy of Piperi.com

## Justin Bieber's latest album showcases true talent

**Mackenzie Cummings-Grady**  
Journal Staff

While it may not be my type of music, there is no denying Justin Bieber has immense talent. Despite him having inspired many jealous vendettas in the testosterone-fueled community, the Canadian singer/songwriter has become an international pop sensation. When *Believe* was released last year, it solidified Bieber's reputation as a more mature pop artist. The days of "One Time" and "Baby" were behind him, Bieber was ready to leave his tween audience behind and

join the ranks of pop's biggest male stars.

Despite many of the songs being over-produced on the original album, *Believe (Acoustic)*, which was released early last week, shows Bieber doing what made him a celebrated artist in the first place: playing guitar and singing. While many of his live performances have evolved into the classic Chris Brown "Dance-And-Lip-Sync" routine, the acoustic album reassures his fans that he became famous because of his talent in constructing catchy, well-written love songs.

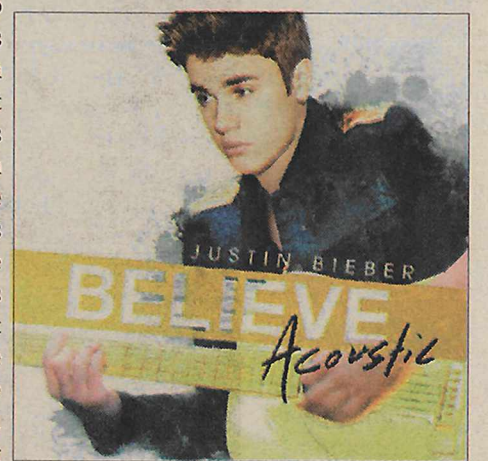
While I wish Bieber had taken the time to strip down the entire album into acoustic ecstasy, (especially the horrid duet "Right Here" with Drake, which would have been better than the original release) the material Bieber provides is satisfying. The two new songs "Yellow Raincoat" and "I Would" give Bieber an almost Bruno Mars-sounding acoustic, and I would be severely disappointed if Bieber took the sound of raw auditory guitar strums and turned it into a beat.

While I cower in my dorm room writing this review to

avoid teasing from my friends, I have no problem in saying that *Acoustic* goes farther than its predecessor did in providing

catchy, satisfying pop music. Anyone who's ignorant about Justin Bieber should at least give the ten songs provided on the album a try, and see that maybe the pop sensation has some value to it. At the tender age of 19, he's done more than most will probably achieve in a lifetime, and the music speaks for itself. The hype surrounding

Bieber will likely never die out, so we might as well get used to him.



## This weeks upcoming shows & events for you:

- 2/6 Of Mice & Men ft. Woe is Me, Texas in July, Volumos, Capture the Crown @ the Paradise, 6 p.m. Doors, \$18
- 2/6 PRIMORDIAL SOUNDS presents THE MIGS with NICE GUYS and THE VEGANS @the Middlesex Lounge, 10 p.m. Doors, 21+, \$3
- 2/8 George Clinton & the Parliament Funkadelic @House of Blues Boston, 7 p.m. Doors, \$29.50
- 2/8 The New Highway Hymnal, Dutchguts (NJ), Black Norse (ME), Black Lodge @PA'S Lounge, 8 p.m. Doors, 21+, \$8
- 2/9 Bruce in the U.S.A. - a Bruce Springsteen Tribute Show @the Paradise, 7 p.m. Doors, 18+, \$18
- 2/9 Rock On!Concert Presents: 4th Annual Bob Marley Birthday Bash ft. Ila Mawana & the VanBurens @the Middle East Downstairs, 8 p.m. Doors, \$15
- 2/10 Leedz Entertainment Presents: G-Eazy "Must Be Nice Tour" ft/ Skizzy Mars @the Middle East Downstairs, 7 p.m. Doors, \$15
- 2/11 Dead Kennedys, Welch Boys, the Cryptics & the Burning Streets @the Middle East Downstairs, 8 p.m. Doors, 18+, \$25
- 2/12 Leedz Entertainment & Karmaloop Present: 5&A Dime, Aziz, Nasah, Jovi & DJ P90, Hosted by DJ Goulet @the Middle East Upstairs, 18+, \$15
- 2/12 AESOP Rock w/ Rob Sonic & DJ Big Wiz @the Paradise, 7 p.m. Doors, \$20



## Soderbergh's *Side Effects* proves to be not your average thriller

Ally Johnson  
Journal Staff

Opening this Friday, *Side Effects* is a film with hyper-stylized directorial decisions, phenomenal performances and a script that refuses to succumb to the typical and manages to surprise an audience even

pushing the limits of what the structured guidelines are of a "thriller."

The cast was stacked with other actors like Jude Law and Catherine Zeta-Jones. Law and Mara in particular are outstanding, both of whom perfectly convey the

Channing Tatum is solid, though not as charming as his character in *21 Jump Street*, he stills proves to be a reliable acting partner. The only weak link of the four is Catherine Zeta-Jones who seemed to ham it up a bit, making it obvious to the audience that she was



when there doesn't appear to be any surprises left.

Emily (Rooney Mara) and Martin (Channing Tatum) are a well-to-do married couple in New York whose world crumbles beneath their feet when a new-to-the-scene drug is prescribed to Emily to help aid her anxiety. What was supposed to be an easy fix turns out to harbor more side effects than intended.

Much has been made of this project being the last film director Steven Soderbergh would direct and his mastery weaves its way throughout the film with elegance. His perpetual style of diluted and periodic shots continue here as well as close action shots that appear miniscule at one moment and then meaningful in the next. He's an expert at keeping the audience from breathing for large portions of time, keeping them on their toes, wanting to blink but keeping their eyes wide open in anticipation. He's proven in the past year with films like *Haywire* and *Magic Mike* that he's truly

been able to defy the label of a "genre movie," always

mannerisms of one who is losing sense of who they are, what they've done and what their future may hold. Law has had a great year of performances with *Anna Karenina* and Mara is solidifying herself as the actress-to-watch, exuding a range that very few actresses of her generation are capable of. She is absolutely gripping and unpredictable, and you'll

an actress acting rather than fully committing.

This film has its flaws, mainly in the third act, but for the most part it's a highly enjoyable, if not also a highly stressful ride, that was a welcome for the dead season of movies. January through March is typically a bust for good theatre movies so it's nice to see a surprise hit, especially

since it appears that the next one won't be for another couple of months.

This film encapsulates the workings of the psyche, who has control and who doesn't, and it does its best at making the antagonist and protagonist indiscernible. Not perfect, but very good and one of the more thrilling films you'll see in a while, *Side Effects* is a film I recommend all Soderbergh fans, and fans of movies alike. This star studded film is sure to provide fans with a unique thriller

be hard pressed to take your eyes off of her. theatre experience.

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## arts BRIEFS

### Broadway makes moves towards Las Vegas



The Smith Center for the Performing Arts in Las Vegas has bulked up its calendar for the upcoming year by adding ten Broadway musicals to its lineup, reported the *Huffington Post*.

The Broadway series at the Smith Center, the \$470 million structure that opened last March, will feature *Les Miserables*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *War Horse*, *Sister Act*, *Evita*, *Mamma Mia*, *Flashdance*, *The Gershwins' Porgy and Bess*, *Once*, and will wrap up with a four-week run of *The Book of Mormon*. Most musicals will play at the venue for one weekend, and are set at a pace of roughly one per week.

"We are over-the-moon excited about the lineup," said Smith Center President Myron Martin. "There really was a pent-up demand for high quality arts and entertainment in Las Vegas."

Bringing *Tony Award*-winning musicals to a city strongly geared towards the performing arts will provide a wider range of entertainment for tourists and residents alike.

Martin said that audiences will have a chance to be both entertained and inspired at the Smith Center at reasonable prices, and they won't have to go to casinos or "Cirque shows." Tickets to the critically acclaimed Broadway shows will start at \$24.

The Smith Center's goal is to serve an audience wider than tourists. Besides the upcoming *Broadway* performances, the complex features the city's philharmonic orchestra and provides a home for the ballet company. The Center's pilot sellout season has set an optimistic tone for the upcoming *Broadway* series.

### Socially Conscious Films hit Sundance 2013



This year's theme of the "Focus Forward Filmmaker Competition" at the 2013 *Sundance Film Festival* was "Short Films, Big Ideas," and the winner took home \$100,000 for a short film called *Cyborg Foundation*, reported the *Huffington Post*.

Rafel Duren Torrent, the Spanish director of the three-minute film, told the story of Neil Harbisson, the world's first "officially recognized cyborg." Harbisson was born with achromatopsia, a disease which causes complete color blindness. He helped to create a mechanism that translates colors into sounds called the "eyeborg."

The goal of the "Short Films, Big Ideas" initiative is to deliver films about progressive innovation in front of audiences. Other films, aside from *Cyborg Foundation*, were focused on individuals who use media, art, and design to impact and benefit humanity.

Marco Della Coletta and Zoe D'Amato directed *A Glacier in the Desert*, a film that encourages innovative solutions for climate change explored by a Dutch artist. *Music Man*, directed by Steve James, is about the creator of the "Smule" app that turns the iPhone into a musical instrument.

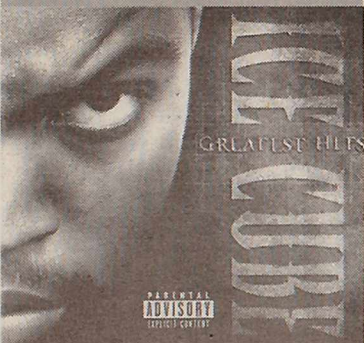
The time limit for the documentaries was intentional to reach out to audiences who wouldn't normally watch full-length documentaries. *Focus Forward* and *Cinelan* are working together to provide these inspiring films to a wider audience and also for possible inclusion in school curricula. There are 30 of the three-minute films available on the *Focus Forward* website.



## staff SOUNDS

### LEONARD COHEN SONGS OF LOVE AND HATE

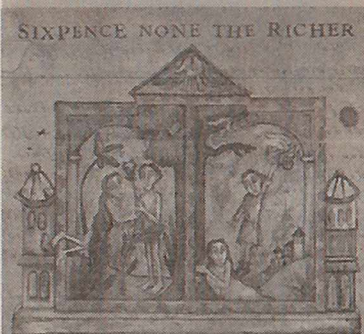
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"SONGS OF LOVE AND HATE"  
FEELIN' SAD MUSIC.  
- ETHAN LONG



ICE CUBE  
"GREATEST HITS"  
GOOD DAY, BECAUSE IT WAS A  
REALLY GOOD DAY.  
- IVAN F.



OF MONSTERS AND MEN  
"MOUNTAIN SOUND"  
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- ALEX HALL



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2006 GETS MORE PERFECT WITH  
EACH LISTEN.  
- GIANNA CARCHIA

# Kubrick Classics Debut at the Museum of Fine Arts

Bianca Rullo  
Journal Contributor

Director Stanley Kubrick became a legend in the film industry through his acclaimed works that never failed to shock and captivate audiences. There is no doubt that his five-decade-long career produced a noteworthy catalog and gained him a cult following made up of people varying in age and background. If you are one of these people and weren't born in time to witness any of his masterpieces on the big screen — the Museum of Fine Arts has you covered!

35mm. Films included in the "Films of Stanley Kubrick" series will also be premiering in chronological order with ticket prices ranging from \$7-11. Specific dates and prices can be found on the MFA website.

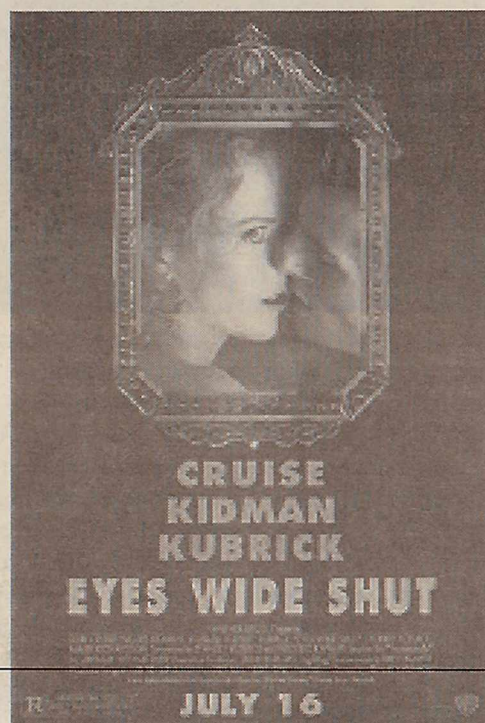
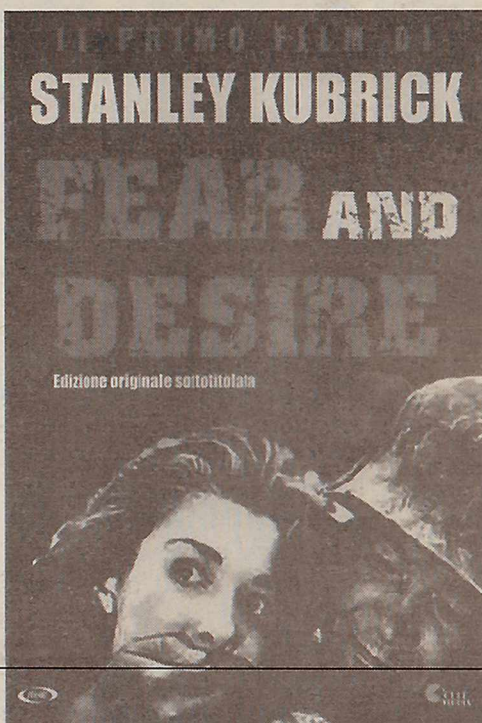
"From Kirk Douglas's 'I am Spartacus!' to Jack Nicholson's 'Heere's Johnny!,' Stanley Kubrick's films are fixtures in our pop-culture lexicon," declared the MFA in a promotional statement on its Facebook page.

Although the iconic

based on. This is evident in the satirical *Dr. Strangelove*, which portrays Kubrick's interpretation of what would have happened if America had engaged in nuclear warfare with the Soviet Union, a red scare concept that Americans genuinely feared in the 1960s.

Kubrick's ability to show audiences, rather than tell them has always separated him from other revered directors. When *Full Metal Jacket* was released in 1987, Americans had probably grown weary of Vietnam War films. However,

pushed boundaries. He dared to create film adaptations of highly controversial novels, such as *Lolita* and *A Clockwork Orange*, and somehow managed to transform them into groundbreaking works that were characteristically his own. Whether you would consider yourself a film enthusiast or not, this is an ideal opportunity to introduce yourself to Kubrick, revisit your favorite movie on the big screen, or reflect on films surrounded by controversy that each defined particular



Throughout this month, the MFA is treating movie buffs and Kubrick fanatics alike with an authentic cinema experience by screening a retrospective collection of Kubrick's work from 1953's *Fear and Desire* to 1999's *Eyes Wide Shut*. With the exception of *Lolita*, *2001: A Space Odyssey*, and *A Clockwork Orange*, all films will be shown in their original

one-liners and scenes are what initially draw our attention to these films, what collectively makes them a staple of American pop culture surpasses such things. Kubrick's socially conscious films provide audiences with insight into some of the thoughts and apprehensions of American society during the time periods they were

*Full Metal Jacket* possessed a flare and an intensity that other films with the same subject matter lacked. Most critics find this intensity derives from the realism in its portrayal, which ultimately makes *Full Metal Jacket* just as provocative as it is striking.

Unlike some other directors, Kubrick never lost control of his artistic vision and always

aspects of their respective decades.

The series will present films including *Fear and Desire*, *Killer's Kiss*, *the Killing*, *Paths of Glory*, *Spartacus*, *Lolita*, *the Shining*, *Barry Lyndon*, *Eyes Wide Shut*, *Full Metal Jacket*, *2001: A Space Odyssey* and film favorite, *A Clockwork Orange*. The films will play Feb. 1 - Feb. 24.

## Chicago's famed Fall Out Boy makes a comeback after major hiatus

Alexandra Martinez  
Journal Contributor

Three years of denial and silence were broken on Monday Feb. 4, 2013 when pop-punk band Fall Out Boy announced they were coming out of a long drawn-out hiatus. Prior to this the quartet from Chicago, denied any rumors of the band ever getting back together to make music. But Monday, the silence was broken with a promise to "Save Rock N' Roll" and in doing this the band released a new single, announced a new record and a full U.S. tour all for May.

The new single comes after a rumor saying the band was making music in the last week of January was quickly silenced across social media by bassist Pete Wentz and guitarist Joe Trohman. But on

Feb. 4, the band dropped the latest single "My Songs Know What You Did In The Dark

The song is much older and mature to what fans heard on 2008's *Folie a Deux* which has

than previous records and is more heavy when it comes to both sound and vocals. A kind of anthem almost with how the song presents itself, it is a different side to the band.

From the backing singing that reminds the listener of a late 80s rock-and-roll band to Patrick Stump's much more mature vocals, the band is ready to set off a new year with an album that marks the 10-year release of their first album *Take This To Your Grave*. The new album *Save Rock n Roll* will be available worldwide May 6 with a full tour to follow later that month.



(Light Em Up)" which seems to embody the new sound of Fall Out Boy. According to an official statement by the band, via their website, "this is the future of Fall Out Boy."

a more somber sound than this single. The high beat single laden with heavy guitar riffs and strong drumming shows a new sound for the quartet, one that is much more mature



### STAFF EDITORIAL

**\*\*Trigger Warning\*\***

The Violence Against Women Act of 1994 expired at the beginning of last month as the 112th Congress ended their tenure. Both sides of the aisle couldn't reach compromise on a bill which should never have become partisan: this was an act of utmost importance. What's even more infuriating is that, even though the Senate sent the bill to the House with 85-8 supporting, there are still those out there fighting blindly against its passing.

According to a stat sheet provided by *WhiteHouse.com*, the bill secured our nation's Rape Shield Law, prohibiting the publication of a victim's identity and prosecuting the attacker. VAWA also "mandated that victims, no matter their income levels, are not forced to bear the expense of their own rape exams or for service of a protection order." In addition, "VAWA funds train over 500,000 law enforcement officers, prosecutors, judges, and other personnel every year." The effect of the passing of the act in 1994 has caused rates of "intimate partner violence" to fall 67 percent by 2010, while also causing state laws to recognize spousal abuse and abuse by a stranger as the same crime.

Why, then, are there still groups balking at citizens to write to their representatives asking them to block the Violence Against Women Act? Well, the answer lies in discrimination.

See, the big difference between the bill being proposed today and the one Joe Biden introduced in the early Clinton days is the greatly enhanced protection for immigrants, Native Americans whose husbands live and abuse them on tribal lands, and the LGBT community. One major controversy is the allowance of tribal courts to try non-Natives when they commit rape on reservations. In addition, support groups that receive federal

money are prohibited from discriminating against LGBT victims. The last large change is that the act will allow the issuing of "a backlog of unused visas for undocumented immigrants who are victims of domestic violence," according to *PBS Frontline*.

House Republicans blocked the passing of the act last year because of these changes. The huge difference between last year and this year is the loss of GOP support from immigrants and women.

Why, then, are people STILL trying to block the bill? There are the anti-feminists who see the bill as vilifying all men. Perhaps some of the men feel misplaced guilt, or feel that even just a finger-point could have people lashing out at them, or worse, being prosecuted and sentenced by a jury without proof. That's not a good enough reason to block the protection act. There are those who don't realize that the federal funding needed for the bill goes into training for judges, prosecutors, and police officers.

It's those who are still "playing the party game." It's those who see people who are different from them and think "I'm better."

Steny H. Hoyer (D-MD) said it best this week, stating that "I can't believe that there is any House member who's going to get up and say there is somebody who lives in America who I do not believe ought to not be protected from domestic violence." However, what about the people who they represent; who vote for them? Why must we continue to tolerate hatred to this extent?

Please urge your hometown representatives to vote in favor of passing VAWA -- it's one of the most important bills passed in the past few decades and has helped protect victims across the country. Wouldn't you want protection for your sister, mother, daughter, friend, or loved one?

### 2013 to be a bridge year for Mass. GOP

**Julianne Holland**  
Journal Staff

I am disappointed to announce that Scott Brown will not be campaigning to replace former Senator John Kerry in the upcoming special election. However, I am excited to see who he will replace in 2014. Although losing a Democratic

less than four years, and the prospect of returning to a Congress even more partisan than the one I left, was really the best way for me to continue in public service at this time. And I know it's not the only way for me to advance the ideals and causes that matter most to me. That is why I am announcing today that I will not be a candidate for the

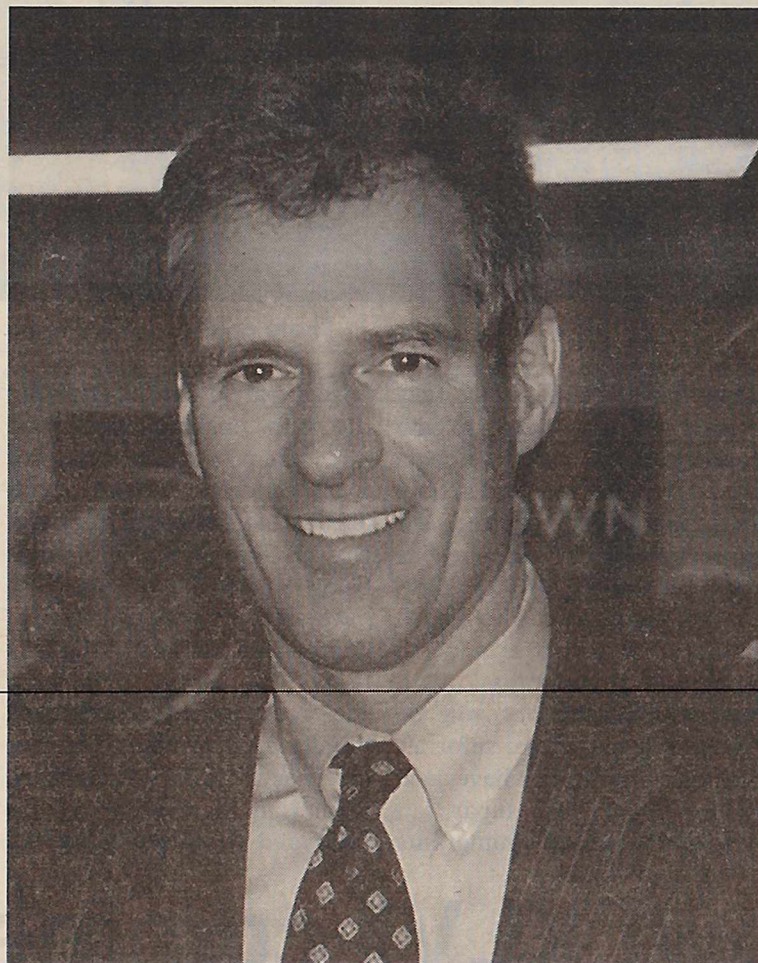


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seat in the Senate would be a clear win for Republicans, it is best -- strategically -- for Scott Brown to not run in this race.

As one can only imagine, campaigning is exhausting both mentally and financially. Just look at all the debt our very own Senator Elizabeth Warren got herself into. After his last campaign, Scott Brown should take his time to build an even stronger campaign for the next go-around. If Scott Brown were to be elected, he would only be running to be Senator for the remainder of the former Senator Kerry's term -- meaning that his time in the Senate would only be a few months.

In my opinion, as tempting as the chair is, Scott Brown doesn't want the last sliver of John Kerry's term. He wants the full term because he recognizes that there is a lot that needs to be accomplished. Brown knows, just as well as the Republican Party, he is more than capable of executing those accomplishments. Brown made a statement regarding his stance in the special election: "I was not at all certain that a third Senate campaign in

United States Senate in the upcoming special election."

So far, there are only two declared candidates for the upcoming special election; both are Democratic U.S. Representatives Edward Markey and Stephen Lynch. Edward Markey stands close to Obama's plan, stating recently, "I am running to move President Barack Obama's agenda forward." This kind of comment gives me, as well as all other Republicans, the chills.

I see all of these newspaper articles stating, "GOP scrambling to find Senate candidate." In all honesty, Republicans aren't even breaking a sweat. The party is thinking long term -- something not quite as popular in the Democratic Party. It seems as though the Republican Party is strategically saving the strongest candidates for the next election in 2014. As this election unfolds, surely more candidates will join, and I, as well as the rest of us, am looking forward to seeing who will be the final candidates.

### A word from the

suffolk university  
**SGA**  
student government association

Dear students,

The Student Government Association would like to give a couple updates for this week.

First, we would like to Congratulate Geraldine Batista for being appointed SGA's Public Relations Committee chair.

This week the Student Government Association approved two financial requests. The first was for Theta Phi Alpha's "Founder's Day" event, and the second for Black Student Union's "Black and White Affair". Last week, the MLK Service day and luncheon were both great successes. We would like to thank anyone who volunteered at the service day and attended the event.

Nominations for SGA Executive Board positions are coming up and if you would like to run for a position, make sure you pick up an election packet in the Student Government Association office in D433 or at the HUB in the Donahue lobby starting February 7th. It's a great opportunity to be involved and represent your peers and develop into a student leader.

We would also like to announce the Annual SGA Leadership Awards nominations opened Monday, February 4th. By going on <http://bit.ly/XZ3Y7Q>, you can nominate deserving peers, faculty, staff and organizations. We encourage everyone to nominate someone, your voice matters!

Our weekly meetings will proceed as usual, they are held every Thursday at 1:00pm in Donahue 311. As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at [sga@suffolk.edu](mailto:sga@suffolk.edu)

Have a great week,  
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# Bipartisan efforts pave the way to legal immigration

**Chris Musk**  
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President Obama has been very adamant about a major goal for his second term: targeting the immigration policies of this country. He has chosen a bipartisan approach for this task and has made a surprising team of Senators to help tackle this problem. This team consists of eight Senators: four Republicans and four Democrats. The Republican Senators include Marco Rubio and John McCain.

President Obama most recently spoke on stage at Del Sol High School in Las Vegas on Jan. 29 in regards to immigration reform. Here, Obama explained to the crowd that he expects a very constructive solution to this problem to come forward with much bipartisan agreement. Thankfully, our legislative branch of government has been able to come to an agreement and actually solve problems. Some of the agreements already made are promising in that our country may actually benefit from these immigration reforms.

The team of Senators has made it evident they want to help the estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants in the country and try to help them get visas for working their way towards permanent

citizenship. To do this, they want to install such legislation stating, "Illegal immigrants under the age of 30 who

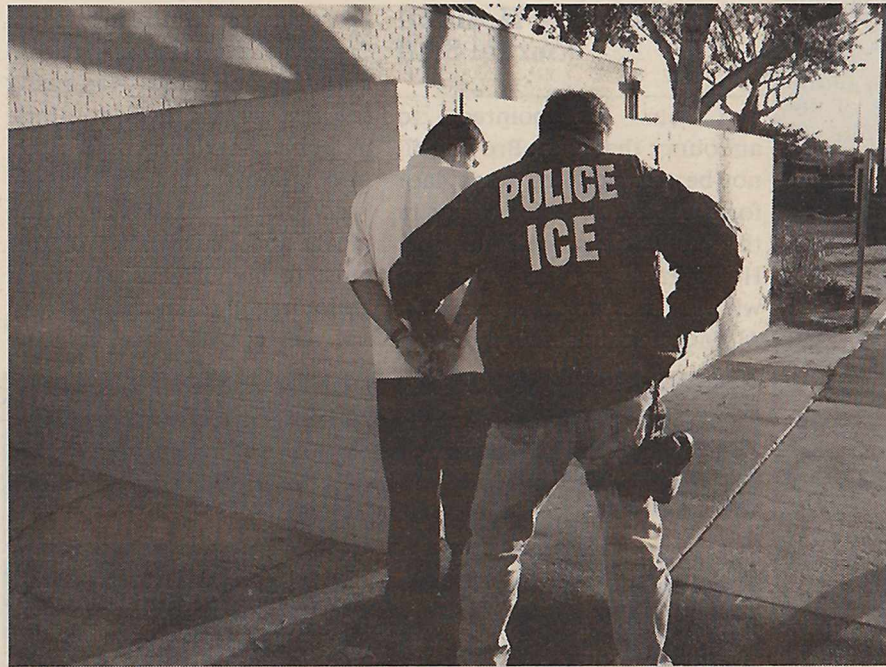


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arrived in the U.S. before they turned 16 and lived in the country for at least five years are eligible for deferred action. This new policy requires that these immigrants also have a high school diploma or GED, or that they serve in the U.S. military."

Illegal immigrants with any criminal history will be exempt from these reforms. Additionally, reforms have been talked about with bipartisan agreement where immigrants

border patrols and tightening the grip on employers who hire illegal immigrants are two concerns which both parties have brought forward. Overall, many of the issues being targeted seem to have exceptional and logical approaches taken towards their completion.

Solving this country's massive illegal immigration problem is not an easy task. Thankfully, bipartisan agreement seems dedicated to speeding up the

entire process of requesting and obtaining a green card.

This nation was built by immigrants, and with that history being reminded to us daily, it is very important for us to remember that it surrounds us. Nobody should ever throw away their culture, nor be forced into a melting pot. Though the American people nowadays may desire different things than just the good old "American Dream," we all want peace and a good economy. That is something anybody, no matter political views, will agree on.

Many parts of the country are divided on this issue, with some people – more so in the south – not wanting an influx of immigrants. They typically view this issue very pessimistically. I do not believe anybody in this country should view immigrants negatively. Our nation's blood, sweat, and tears have all been made by them. Many of our farms and railroads were built by immigrants throughout American history; these two in

particular vastly contributed to our growing economy and way of life. Immigrants throughout history in our country are what have allowed America to become as strong and great as she is. We do not live in a society where we believe one race is the most superior or restrict freedoms on literature and speech like Hitler's Nazi Germany. America embraces differences in culture and ways of life, as this makes us stronger by adapting more successfully with change.

The above reforms, shall they come into law, would greatly help our country and the illegal immigrants that work hard. As long as the immigrants coming to our country abide by the law, positively contribute to our society, and pay taxes, then there is no reason to view them negatively. I expect a good outcome from this team of senators that Obama has put together and hopefully these reforms will inspire immigrants to try harder in school and further contribute to our society. Democrat Senator Chuck Schumer, a member of the bipartisan Senate group, stated that the Senators hope for a bill in March or April, and then a vote by late spring or early summer.

# Super Bowl XLVII commercials fall short of expectations

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As most of America cheered on their respective teams last Sunday at the Super Bowl, the rest of us tuned in to see the highly anticipated release of new and old products being shown in this year's advertisements. Whether you were at home enjoying the game or at a friend's for a night of classic American consumer traditions, this year's commercials did not add up to those of the past.

In previous years we saw the introduction of the Old Spice man as "The man your man could smell like" and the timeless Betty White Snickers commercial. We have seen talking babies promoting finance companies and screaming forest animals trying to escape being run over by a car. All of these combined have created a whole new reason to watch the Super Bowl: to see which company's product advertisement will come out on top as the funniest or most influential

commercial that year.

This year was a different story. Some companies have gone from funny to desperate. One example of this is the website GoDaddy.com. This is a site dedicated to helping other companies or persons create and manage their own websites. GoDaddy has a reputation of having somewhat sexual advertisements but this year's Superbowl one went above and beyond. To promote its "sexy and smart" side, the company produced a commercial where two strangers make out for 15 slow motion, awkward

seconds. The camera is so close you can see the pores on Jesse Heiman's face and the sounds

Another disappointment in the early commercial lineup was the Century 21 'mini-mart' ad. A man and his wife stop off at a mini-mart and after winning big on a lottery scratcher, the man begins to choke on his hot dog as his female counterpart shouts for a Century 21 agent to help them buy a new home. Naturally, there is a Century 21 agent there who agrees to help them find a new home while doing the Heimlich maneuver on the man who has some requests about the house design the

moment his life is saved. If this commercial sounds complex and random, that's because it was. It made a sad attempt at trying to be funny when ultimately, compared to the following advertisements it, looked out of its league. Of course we had some great Doritos laughs (whose commercials who never fail to entertain,) a Taco Bell commercial featuring a group of senior citizens partying like they were in their 20s, an Oreo whispering disagreement in a library, and an emotional Budweiser classic Clydesdale commercial—all of which were worth the Super Bowl hype. The sad thing is, these were practically the only memorably good advertisements during the entire four-hour game. My point is this: if you are going to pay \$3.8 million for 30 seconds of ad space during the famous game, make it a good one.

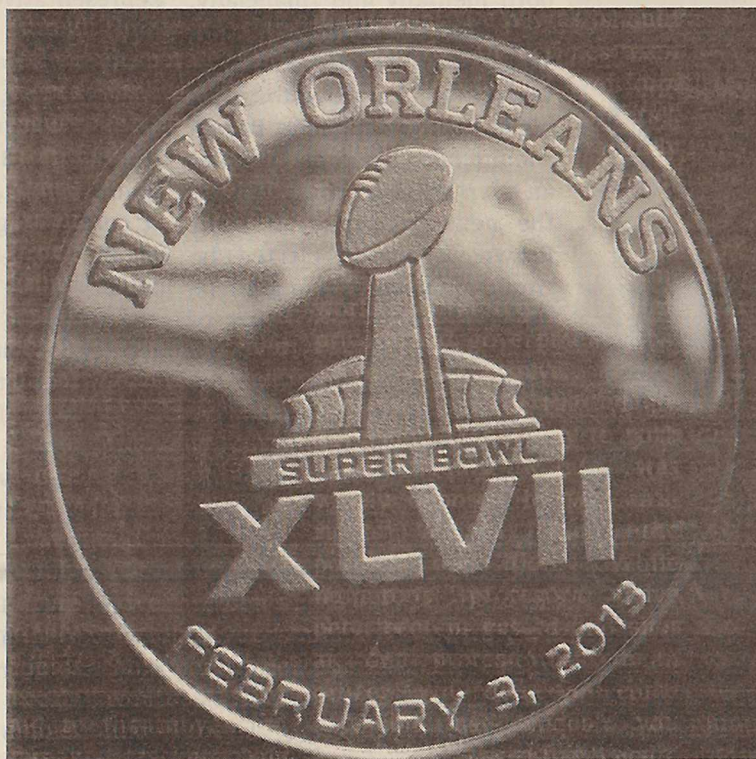


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# Boy Scouts of America: Change your policies or face dwindling support

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I was an active member in the Scouting Community for almost fifteen years. I am an Eagle Scout, yet this proclamation no longer fills me with the pride as it used to. Truth be told, it leaves a very different taste in my mouth.

As I am sure some of you may be aware, the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is reconsidering their policy of banning homosexuals. Well, let me just say this: it's about damn time.

This redaction of their ban is being proposed during their biannual meeting in February. The general idea is that the BSA will no longer ban homosexual membership nationally, but leave it up to local troops and their governing entities (similar to their initial allowance of African-Americans based on local laws, allowing the establishment of segregated troops.) Although I applaud their step in the right direction, nothing has been passed and even if this does, it could very well be a meaningless gesture, being that many governing entities are tied to religious institutes.

Let me first dispel the argument of free enterprise, and the fact that the BSA is

a private organization which some propose gives them the right to keep whatever values they hold relevant – in this case, discrimination. This argument at its core is in fact

here: KKK, Neo-Nazis, etc. If this is the type of company the BSA wants to keep, then all the power to them. Now, I will concede that this may be an extreme comparison and

when the BSA bans an entire sect of humans, they ostracize them in the public eye.

This is not a new issue for BSA, as over the last couple of years: kids have been refused

to send back their awards and ranks: I among them.

Outside of the moral implications of doing the right thing, as a club to survive, equality is a necessary step. The BSA is a wonderful organization at its roots and it teaches many respectable qualities to our youths. Consequently, all of that is undone by fostering this attitude of hate and discrimination. Any good public relations person will tell you two things: don't lie to the public and if the public disagrees with your policies, then it's time to change them. This last election truly shows where much of the public opinion is shifting; for the first time in history same-sex marriage was legalized by a popular vote.

So I leave you with this final thought: "On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight." (The Scout Oath.) I think it's time for the Boy Scouts of America to start practicing those last two; it is time to wake up, because the morally straight path is equality.



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a fallacy, for any organization should operate for the good of the public and the good of its members: this ban is a direct hindrance to that.

To be fair, let us take a look at some other "private" clubs that fall into the same realm

I know what you are saying: those groups have killed and done monstrous things, how can you compare? As far as I am concerned, discrimination shouldn't be practiced nor acceptable in any degree. All humans should be equal and

the rank of Eagle Scout after coming out, lifelong members and leaders have been expelled, and kids have been denied admission into this program that is supposed to help them. This, among other events, has prompted hundreds of Eagles

## Group seeks to end random bag inspections on the MBTA

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Many students and faculty alike might have noticed a new hindrance in their everyday commute, and that is the random inspection of your personal property. Former Governor

are an "egregious violation of [Fourth] Amendment protections."

The bag checks take roughly 10 to 20 seconds and are done at random, "as part of an overall layered strategy to deter and prevent a terrorist attack."

bag checks are in any way a violation of your fourth amendment right, then you can most assuredly decline to have your belongings sifted through – but you will not be allowed to enter the T. If you feel disenfranchised by

joined the cause and have taken to the Internet to spread the word of the march.

According to *Jamaica Plain Patch* in August 2006, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit in New York upheld a decision that bag inspections

bag inspection program used during the Democratic National Convention in 2004. Clearly it is an important issue that citizens do take concern for.

Many of these concerned citizens have also written to Mayor Menino, Governor



## Transportation Security Administration

Mitt Romney reestablished the act of conducting random security inspections at stations throughout Boston. According to BostonInno, Occupy Boston staged "a protest and march for all major Boston and Cambridge T stations, 'to demand an end to random, un-warranted bag checks in subways'" which

The inspections are conducted by "swabbing" the zipper, seams, or handle of a bag to look for traces of explosive material. The technology does not require passengers to open their bags; however, a request can be made if warranted, according to the MBTA website.

If you feel that the random

this, then you aren't alone. "Constitutional and Human Rights activists are planning a five-leg march called 'TSA Out of the MBTA,' which will culminate on Boston Common, fighting against the long-time bag checks, and demanding an end to the practice." Many concerned citizens have already

on the Metropolitan Transportation Authority do not violate an individual's Constitutional rights, according to an MBTA press release from October 2006. Following the London subway bombings in July 2005, New York had instituted a policy that was based on the MBTA's random

Patrick, and the Department of Homeland Security. The march was called "Defend the 4th" and occurred from noon to 3 p.m. on Feb. 2. The groups began at Harvard Square, South Station, Lechmere, Kenmore and Ruggles. It remains to be seen whether the MBTA or TSA will cease its inspections.



## Sports Briefs

### Braun on PED list

A clinic in Miami is allegedly linked to supplying baseball players with PEDs, and one name on the list of players tied to the clinic is none other than Milwaukee star Ryan Braun. Braun was the only player in major league baseball history to win an appeal against a failed test that showed he had high testosterone (same year he won the National League MVP), but plenty of fans and reporters did not agree with him getting off the hook. Braun responded quickly by saying his name was on the list because he was seeing someone as a consultant. The details are still coming out, but this definitely puts Braun's name back in a bad mix.

### Rivers says Trade Rumors are "Silly"

The rumors have been circulating over the weekend that with all the Boston Celtics injuries, they might be looking to make a couple of trades to clean house and start fresh. This weekend, a rumor started that the Los Angeles Clippers were interested in Kevin Garnett. The deal was rumored to involve sending Eric Bledsoe and Caron Butler to the Celtics for Garnett. Coach Doc Rivers shot down the rumors claiming that they are driven by the media and nothing more. He referred to it all being "silly." The Celtics are currently on a four-game win streak, and look to keep pushing forward.

### Saints to Hire Rob Ryan

One of the most shocking unemployed coaches this off-season is former Dallas Cowboys' defensive coordinator Rob Ryan, but it appears he will be packing his bags and head to New Orleans. The New Orleans Saints finished 8-8 this past season, and Ryan will hope to bring the defense back to what it was with Gregg Williams in charge. The St. Louis Rams actually brought Ryan in, but head coach Jeff Fisher claimed he did not fit the scheme well for the Rams.

### Lindsey Vonn Tears Knee in Alpine World Championships

During her super-G run in the 42nd Alpine World Championships in Schladming, Austria, 2010 Olympic Gold Medalist Lindsey Vonn tore two knee ligaments after crashing on Tuesday. Vonn was airlifted to a helicopter and taken to a local hospital after the crash. The *New York Times* reported that Vonn will need reconstructive surgery to repair the ligaments. *ESPN* reported that during the television feed of Vonn's run, she was heard screaming, saying "yes, yes" when someone ask her if she was hurt. The United States skiing team did release a statement after news of Vonn's injury broke, saying it expects her to be ready for the World Cup season and the 2014 Sochi Olympics.



## THE RAM REPORT

# Women's Basketball

Thursday, 2/7 @ UMass Boston 5:30 PM

Saturday, 2/9 @ Simmons 1 PM

# Men's Basketball

Saturday, 2/9 @ Emerson 1 PM

Tuesday, 2/12 @ Mt. Ida 6 PM

# Men's Hockey

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# Rams Continue Hot Streak, Edge Albertus Magnus 92-91 in Excellent Showing

**Vassili Stroganov**  
*Journal Staff*

During a season there will be many different types of games. Some of them will be memorable, some less memorable, while some of them you would rather forget. You remember the wins, the losses, the ups and downs, but there is always that one game which you remember the most, a team-effort win that defines a season and is remembered forever. This win is both special and unique not only because you win against the odds, but also because you do it as a team through an entertaining and tactically intelligent way. When all these elements come to life on the court, you can only expect a dynamic, intense and brilliant game, as if it was taken out of a dream and transformed into real life. The Suffolk University Men's basketball team's 92-91 victory against No. 18 ranked in the country Albertus Magnus was a true spectacle of a game in which the Ram's dream was transformed to the Ram's reality.

The way the team played that night was a pure joy to watch. They really showed an exemplary performance that all teams, not only in the GNAC, could learn something from. The Rams proved that when they play "their own" game they can beat any team in the GNAC Conference. After a game like this there is no doubt that the Suffolk men's basketball team is going for the GNAC championship this year.



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The Rams have played many great games in the years of being in the GNAC conference, but this one definitely stands out as one of the absolute best wins, if not the best, since Suffolk's outstanding GNAC championship title game against Johnson and Wales back in 2002.

When head coach Adam Nelson was asked weather this was the best game of his career as a coach he modestly said: "It was a good quality win against the first place team in the league, they've only lost like four games, I think four games in the league in the last three years, so it was a good team. They were nationally ranked, they dropped out, but they are still getting votes from the top 25 poll, so we beat a quality team at home and we did it in a good way so we are happy about it. We know we have

a good team and we are very talented. We hit a rough patch in the middle of the season and we are starting to play well now, we are just finally playing up to our potential and we are doing it at the right time. There are only two weeks left of the regular season and then the play offs start so we are starting to gel at the right time so I'm happy about that. This shows we can beat anybody in our league when we are focused and we play hard."

Judging by the last couple of games, the team has been in great shape and the only bump on the road was Anna Maria College. In this game Suffolk had a frustrating amount of turn overs, which in the end cost the game. Yet hopes were high prior to the Albertus Magnus game and the Rams confidently entered the court:

"We won three out of four coming in to this game, we struggled a little bit at Anna Maria on Monday so we kind of refocused in the last few days of practice. I thought we would match up pretty well with Albertus so I definitely thought we had a shot" coach Nelson said.

Every team has its key players who are able to change the outcome of a game and create the difference in the match. Albertus Magnus has a lot of

great players but the most outstanding of them all is Darius Watson, who was recently awarded player of the week in the GNAC Conference. This tremendous athlete scored 30 points in his 33 minutes of play against the rams. In his 21 games this season he has scored 482 points in 675 minutes, making his average an incredible 23 points per game. Coach Nelson and the rest of the Suffolk staff knew that he is a player to watch out for.

"They've got a really good player in Darius Watson so we tried to deny him the ball all over the place, when he caught it we would double team him at all times". No question that Darius Watson is an extremely talented player, but Suffolk's Jhonneris Mendez did not care about that and made a vital steal from Watson in

the last seconds of the game. Colin Halpin (26 points, 1 assist) and Caleb Unni (20 points, 7 assists) both played an amazing game as well. In the end it was Mendez who secured the victory for Suffolk and made the whole bench including coach Nelson and his assistant coaches' jump out of their seats and scream their lungs out in celebration. Regan Gym was ecstatic; everyone in the crowd screamed in joy and the noise level reached an ear-splitting volume. Coach Nelson described the last seconds of the game and Mendez heroic steal:

"It was great, it was unbelievable. We had just scored and we were up by one and there was less than 30 seconds to go. They call a time out. We knew that the kid Watson was getting the ball, so we had to double team him. When we double teamed him, Mendez just took it from him. He played like a man, just took the ball from the kids hand."

This win is an astonishing achievement and not only a glorious highlight for the men's basketball team, but for the whole athletic department of Suffolk University. Moments like these are what student athletes live for. The Rams made the dream come true and won against the odds, beating a top class team. David defeated Goliath and created perhaps the biggest upset in the GNAC Conference this season.

# Rams Look to Salvage Season, Break Slump on Upcoming Road Trip

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It has been almost a month (18 days to be exact) since the men's hockey team last won a game. The rollercoaster of a ride has been rough on the Rams, but they have stayed resilient.

January had not been a good month for the struggling Rams notching a 2-5-2 record. However, the team has stayed positive and has stayed resilient by not giving up and continuing to fight on.

The team traveled to take on Becker Jan. 26 and fell behind 4-0 on the road before railing back to score three unanswered goals lead by Dan Mazzei's two points in the game. Mazzei provided the spark Suffolk needed to first get on the board late in the second period and later tallied

an assist to Charlie McGinnis in the third period. Suffolk had battled back, but Becker forward Dan Kane's hat trick and assist lead the Rams to defeat.

The team then traveled to take on Tufts University in the last non-conference game of the season. Suffolk jumped out early to a 2-0 lead on the road, to just watch it dwindle a way.

Unlikely hero George Pantazopoulos of Tufts netted two goals in less than a two-

minute span (his first two goals of the season) in the third period and lead Tufts to a comeback victory over

behind early in the game, especially on the road. That is exactly what happened at Curry this past Thursday, letting up three first period goals. The Rams looked sloppy, only getting off two shots in the first period of play. Momentum was just not on the Rams side, and missed opportunities summed up the night, coming up with four empty power play chances. The Rams were out shot 36-22 and Tufts goaltender Derek Mohny flat-out played the



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Suffolk 4-2.

A recurring theme of the Rams season has been falling

Rams forwards and offensive threats, as the Rams fell 4-1.

The Rams are coming off a tie at home to Salve Regina in which they battled back after trailing in the second period 1-0. Suffolk forward Mike Cherpark netted his 10th goal of the season to tie the game and force overtime. In the extra period of play both teams only managed to get off a total of four shots on goal, resulting in a 1-1 tie.

The Rams close out the season on the road in three of their last four games (at Nichols, at Wentworth, at Western New England, and home vs. Becker). All of the remaining games on the schedule are conference games, and it would be huge for the Rams to make up some ground by winning. Coach Gilonna wants the team "to focus on each game one at a time."



# Power Outage: 49ers Comeback Falls Short as Ravens Win Super Bowl XLVII

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Even a 35-minute power outage couldn't stop Ray Lewis and the Ravens from winning their second Super Bowl in franchise history as they beat the San-Francisco 49ers 34-31. It was the second Super Bowl in a row that came down to the final play of the game, after last year's Super Bowl ended with a Tom Brady 70-yard Hail Mary throw to the end zone as time expired.

Super Bowl XLVII was the first for the Ravens in 12 years since Super Bowl XXXV. The 49ers haven't been in this stage since Steve Young set a postseason record with six touchdown passes in Super Bowl XXIX. The 49ers franchise was 5-0 coming into Super Bowl XLVII after its famous dynasty dominated the 1980s with four victories under quarterback Joe Montana and receiver Jerry Rice who won three of those with Montana playing behind center.

Super Bowl XLVII was set to be the final game in what will be Ray Lewis' hall of fame-worthy career. Since being established in 1996, the Baltimore Ravens never played a game in the NFL without Ray Lewis being a part of the team. Lewis is a two-time NFL defensive player of the year and also Super Bowl XXXV MVP,

the last defensive player to win this award. Most certainly, six years from today, Ray Lewis will be a first ballot hall of famer.

We saw almost everything from the Ravens in this game. Joe Flacco had a strong performance after throwing for three touchdowns and earning his first Super Bowl MVP award. Jacoby Jones set a postseason and Super Bowl record with a 108-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, which is

also the longest play of any kind in postseason and Super Bowl history. Ed Reed became the all-time postseason interception leader after intercepting a Colin Kaepernick pass. This marked the first interception

in Super Bowl history for a 49ers quarterback, since Joe Montana and Steve Young working.

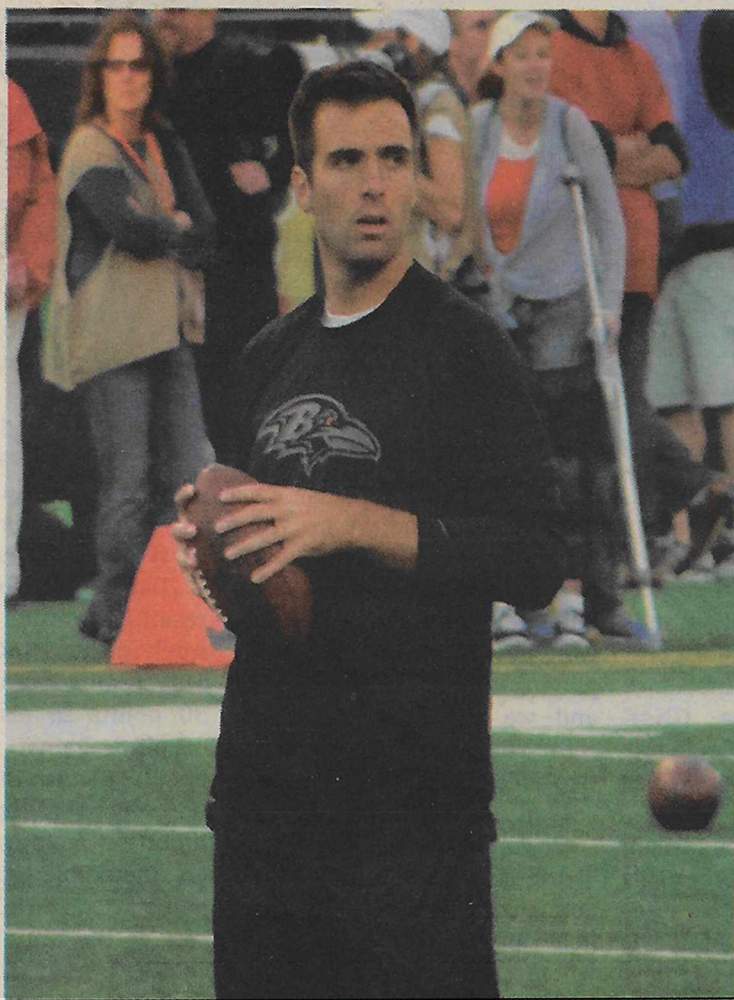


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were never picked off.

After Jacoby Jones returned the opening kickoff of the second half for a touchdown the score was 28-6. Then, the unexpected happened. The

electricity in the Mercedes-Benz Superdome just stopped. The stadium was all of the sudden dark and by the time NFL referee Jerome Boger blew his whistle and the clock began to run again, 34 minutes had passed.

When the game resumed, it was all about the 49ers who outscored the Ravens 23-3 to cut the Ravens lead to 31-29. The 49ers even forced a Ray Rice fumble that resulted in a San Francisco missed field goal. After a flag was thrown by the officials as a result of the Ravens running into 49ers kicker David Akers, the 49ers didn't miss the second shot.

The next Ravens possession ended with a Justin Tucker field goal and a 34-29 lead. That set the stage for the last

drive, where legends are born. When Colin Kaepernick was a year old, the 49ers were in a similar situation in Super Bowl XXIII, trailing the Bengals with 3:10 left on the clock and

needing a 92 yard drive to win the game. It seemed that back in 1989 everybody on the planet knew what was going to happen, because the "coolest" and the smoothest guy on the planet was about to lead his team in a 92 yard drive and hit John Taylor with the game winning touchdown with 34 seconds left. Yes, that was the great Joe Montana. This time on fourth down and seven yards, Kaepernick threw a pass to the end zone intended for Michael Crabtree who was held by cornerback Jimmy Smith. A flag should have been thrown, but in a season that will always be remembered because of the replacement referees who blew many calls, maybe it was symbolic that a no call would leave a mark on the Super Bowl. The Ravens would then take over on down, run the clock, take an intentional safety score on the way that added two more points to the 49ers but completely ran the clock.

The Ravens are world champs for the second time in franchise history, but the Ray Lewis era is over and it will be interesting to see how the Ravens overcome the loss of their emotional leader. The 49ers? They will be back soon, very soon. They are a young and hungry team with an outstanding defense.

## Lady Rams Keep up Winning Pace, Looking for First Seed

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Basketball is one of the most popular team sports in the country, and there might not be a better team than the Suffolk University Lady Rams in the GNAC conference for women's basketball. The Lady Rams have really come together as a team this season, and have proven to be one of the favorites in the conference.

Lady Ram's captain and guard Jacqueline Vienneau knows that the team is not done yet, but that they will have to overcome adversity. "Our biggest challenge in the past week has been adjusting to the loss of our senior captain and also starter Lindsey Rogers," said Vienneau. "She broke her hand at our Anna Maria game last week. Especially at this time of the season losing a starter and influential leader in her senior season is something that none of her teammates or



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coaches want to see happen. Although this loss could have brought us down I think it has done the opposite and brought us closer as a team. We have realized that we need to stick together and we hope to have Lindsey back on the court with us for this Saturday's game against Simmons."

Rogers is also a captain, and

her loss has definitely had a noticeable impact on the players. Shelby Santini has stepped up into the starting position, and has been a key factor.

This is a big week, three of the five final games for the Lady Rams. There is an obvious urgency to continue winning with the absence of Rogers. "This three-game week is a very

important one for us heading into the final weeks of conference play," said Vienneau. "Our mindset as a team is to focus on taking one game at a time and going into each one mentally prepared to execute our game plan. If we do this along with continue to bring the same energy we've had the last couple of weeks, I think we a very hard team to beat."

The Lady Rams defeated Johnson and Wales 65-39 late Tuesday night, and will follow up by facing UMass. Boston on Thursday, then capping off the weekend with Simmons.

There is no room for er-

ror this close to the end of the year, because the Lady Rams could go up to the first seed or drop down to number three.

"Clinching the No. 2 spot in the conference is definitely something that is important to us but I think I can speak for the entire team when I say that it's more of a goal that we have set for ourselves rather than a pressure on us," said Vienneau. "This year's team is made up of many leaders which has made it simple for us to mesh and agree on what our short term and long term goals are. We have all the pieces needed to succeed, now is the time where we come together more than ever and peak as a team."