Ongoing Hotel Carlton Pimping Trial

By Molly Funk
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The French legal system is currently undergoing what is commonly referred to as the ‘Hotel Carlton pimping trial,’ a lawsuit involving impoverished women from Lille, a city in Northern France, and powerful businessmen.

Dominique Strauss-Kahn, former head of the International Monetary Fund, is one of the well-known defendants of the case accused of ‘aiding and abetting prostitution by having sex with paid women,’ according to Angélique Chir Safi of The Guardian. Strauss-Kahn denies these charges vehemently, acclaiming he was not aware the women whom he participating in group sex were paid prostitutes. He describes the charges as “dangerous and malicious insinuations and extrapolations,” as reported by The Guardian.

Rene Kojfer, the head of public relations for Hotel Carlton, is claimed to have lead financially destitute women to men of status for sexual encounters. Women who were victims of Kojfer’s include Jade who attests to an instance where she was brought to an apartment near the hotel and given to the residing men. As reported by Chirsafis, “There were sandwiches, a bottle of champagne. They [the men] had lunch. We [Jade and the other woman] were their dessert.” Kojfer is known for taking advantage of victims of domestic violence and poverty by bringing them into the prostitution ring. He claims that he was “helping” these women, as reported in his statement to the court.

The businessmen of France who arranged for the prostitutes to be brought to Strauss-Kahn wanted to win the favor of the man they believed would one day be president of France. The encounters were organized to fit Strauss-Kahn’s busy schedule, women were brought to him in both France and the United States.

Many remember Strauss-Kahn for the incident of May 2011 when he was arrested in New York for the attempted rape of Nafissatou Diallo. Although criminal charges were eventually dropped by prosecutors, Strauss-Kahn later settled a civil action with Diallo. It was with this case that Strauss-Kahn’s political career was ended. He however currently serves as a financial consultant to the Serbian government and the Russian Regional Development Bank.

One of the reasons that this case, and the charges brought against Strauss-Kahn in 2011, has been attracting so much media attention is because of strict privacy laws in France.

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**Burston the ‘Bryant Bubble’**

Jon Stewart

Stewart has signed off from "The Daily Show". Many speculate that John Oliver will take his place after his stellar performance stepping in for Stewart in 2013.

**Cuddle Con**

Dreading this upcoming Valentine’s Day? NOT 100+ random single Teddy Bear enthusiasts will converge on Portland, Oregon, the convention will last 12 hours and is advertised as strictly platonic and nonsexual.

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**Parking Problems**

A 46-year-old man has been accused of the fatal shooting of three UNC Chapel Hill students, his motive being a long-standing parking dispute. Reports indicate that the suspect is cooperating with authorities, and that there may have been an alternative motive, the students’ religious affiliation as Muslims.

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**Jeb Bush Aid: Offensive Slurs**

Ethan Czahor has officially resigned from The Right to Rise PAC after posting insensitive comments referring to women as "sluts" and homosexual men at the gym. Don’t worry, these comments do not reflect the views of Gov. Bush, but can still support him for the Presidential bid.

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Making the American dream a reality

By Sebastien Amedee
Contributing Writer

Since being elected to office in 2008, Barack Obama has not been hesitant in implementing political reforms. Being the United States' first African-American president no doubt came with scrutiny, along with being placed under a large metaphorical magnifying glass. While on the surface that may seem true, there are also people who refuse to get their children vaccinated due to religious and other personal reasons. Through spokesperson Josh Earnest, the White House has urged people to follow the advice of scientists and public health officials by getting their children vaccinated. However, this movement has been linked to a spike in the number of measles cases. Additionally, the act will also “expand the 2012 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program that allowed young immigrants, under 30 years old, to apply for a deportation deferral and who are now here legally. Immigrants older than 30 now qualify, as do more recent arrivals.”

Immigrants under the age of 30 within the DACA programs, as well as those older than 30 must reapply under this executive action every three years. The controversy surrounding this executive action is obvious. American citizens are concerned that Obama is rewarding those immigrants who have successfully hidden in the country with partial citizenships in the United States. While on the surface that may seem true, the pros of this order are not as clearly seen as the cons. For example, by allowing immigrants to enter the country without penalty it will help stimulate the economy through the taxes and social security that they must pay for. Additionally, workers who already called the U.S. their home may see an increase in pay in the years to come. Needless to say this executive action has enormous implications for the future of the U.S. and the flow of foreign immigrants into the country. Many say that the constant slander of Obama from public figures has caused him to impulsively create this act in order to remove the pressure from his cabinet. Contrastingly, some believe that with the presidential election last term no president quickly approaching he has no reason to try and appease the ‘naysayers’ and that this act was created with the future betterment of the American people at mind.

Open letter from Salmo employees to students

By Nicholas Calabro
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There are things that we like to think that we, as a nation, have removed. Back in the 20th century smallpox and diphtheria diseases became one of those things. As of December 2014 we learned that we cannot assume something is gone because we do not see it. Measles reappeared. Since the outbreak started, there are now over 180 cases in multiple states, including 91 in California and Mexico, when the average year has 220 cases nationwide. The outbreak had its beginnings at Disneyland, which was visited by an unvaccinated, infected woman. Of California’s 91 cases, 58 can be linked to Disneyland. According to The Guardian, the virus was then spread “through airports and the theme park.” And from there, it was able to move between states, far California, Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, Minnesota, Michigan, Nebraska, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, and Washington have confirmed measles cases. So, what exactly does the measles virus do? The Center for Disease Control has called it “the most deadly of the childhood rash/fever illnesses,” according to The Guardian, although there are yet to be any reported deaths from this particular outbreak. The disease has fever, cough, red eyes,itis, a cough, rash, while the virus resides in the nose and throat. This is highly contagious, (ninety percent of people nearby, who are not immune would also contract it) and is transmitted through coughs and sneezes. It has also been reported that even children that have been vaccinated can get the disease. There is a vaccine that can be administered, which is said to be ninety-nine percent effective. However, there is also a movement against vaccinations that has been growing. The people in this movement believe that there are side effects of the vaccine that outweigh its benefits. Among these side effects were also autism, but science has debunked this. The controversy is over.

There are also people who refuse to get their children vaccinated due to religious and other personal reasons. Through spokesperson Josh Earnest, the White House has urged people to follow the advice of scientists and public health officials by getting their children vaccinated. However, this movement has been linked to a spike in the number of measles cases in 2014 when they reached 644 nationwide. The anti-vaccine movement has grown more in wealthy areas, such as Orange County, which is not far from Disneyland than in others. According to The Guardian, the people in this movement have become a threat to “herd immunity.” Reports have stated that this level of inoculation is high enough to protect even the most vulnerable such as newborns, the elderly and people with auto-immune conditions. California in particular reportedly has more lax rules for vaccinations, and a disproportionately number of affluent, protective parents, who do not want their children vaccinated.
ISIS brutality continues

By Stephanie Johnston
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While the actions of the ISIS terrorist group have been slipping from front page news of late, a series of new hostage crises brought ISIS right back into breaking news. The extremists apparently want to show that they are expanding in terms of support and audacity. Most recently, ISIS released a video that graphically showed the burning death of Jordanian hostage Muath al-Kasasbeh, 26. The actual slaying occurred January 2 of this year. The Jordanian pilot fighter was captured after doing down December 24, 2014. Prior to the revealing of the video, ISIS was trying to negotiate with Jordan to free two ISIS terrorists that the state had on death row. One was Sadqa al Rishawi, a female failed suicide bomber from 2005. Jordan was willing to make the deal but wasn’t ready to comply until there was proof at the Jordanian airline. When the video of his death from a month ago emerged instead, the two prisoners were executed by Jordanian authorities. Also as a result, Jordan is more determined than ever to fight against ISIS. Air raids and bombings from Jordan have already claimed several thousand lives.

This comes only days after the video of another ISIS hostage beheading. At the end of January, histograms shot, 11-year-old Abdul-Rahman Mustafa al-Akhras, the oldest of the two Japanese hostages: Kenji Goto, and Haruna Yukawa. Jake: didn’t choose to compromise with the terror group, but worked to assure safety in other ways to no avail. CNN cited a photo of Goto holding an image of a dead body, presumably Yukawa, a few weeks ago as affirmation that Yukawa was murdered. Then, last week, a video just over one minute long showed the beheading of Goto. Yukama, 42, was captured in August as he spent time in the area that ISIS is using as a front-line for their private security company. Goto, 47, a journalist looking to cover the war torn Middle East, had not been in Syria long before being taken.

Upon further probing, the fate of Kayla Mueller, an American female held hostage by ISIS, as well has also been called into question. A volunteer aid worker, Mueller first traveled to the region to help victims of the Syrian civil war. She was taken in Aleppo, Syria as she was about to make her way back to Turkey. The entire situation was kept out of the media by the family’s wishes. The family, the US government, and ISIS have been communicating with one another privately. Unlike other hostages, Mueller has never been used in video or sources of propaganda. Officials had been hoping that this was a possible sign that a lane would be drawn as respect for the female hostage. Circumstances with the other hostages dragged Kayla’s case into the light. According to ISIS, Mueller, who has been held since August of 2013, was killed in a recent Jordanian airstrike, but no proof was provided.

The U.S. Department of State on February 10th, that Kayla Mueller is in fact dead.

Student Senate pleased with Evaluation Forum turnout

By Matt Gillen
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One could already feel a tense excitement in the air last Wednesday, February 2nd when as students and faculty piled into Pappito. With roughly 60 people present, Student Senate President Joseph Bryant’s Interim Provost made a quick statement supporting the senate’s plan, saying students do have a right to transparency, but he made it a point that it is a faculty concern and that they need to be consulted on the issue. Dr. Joseph Bryant’s current course evaluation system probes were about the project’s timeline and member selection process. Riordan confidently noted that the committee, which would be formed as soon as possible, would ideally reach a decision on the evaluation questions and the method by which the results would become public by the end of the semester or mid-summer.

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It was the number of members representing each group he had that was the sticking point for many of the professors. "What’s missing in university teaching?" according to a study of the current course evaluation process and make the subsequent results public for students to view.

The current course evaluation system is done online, and while it isn’t exactly in a test phase, at this point it is still fairly new. With this program came an updated set of questions and review process. The major difference being that back with the paper evaluations, tenured professors only had to have their courses reviewed once every couple of years, while now they get evaluated every semester like every other professor.

Originally, Professors were told that course evaluations were positive or negative, but absolutely no means would be taken into account for potential reappointment, promotion, tenure or merit applications. But as of the last semester, or so, many faculty members have been told from the top that they are no longer isolated. That new development explains the frustration and comments from the professors when they heard of the student senate’s plan. After the senate went through atmosphere and the support they received.

Working with the Academic Affairs Brian Riordan moved to the forefront and opened the forum for any comments or questions from faculty and students. In the blink of an eye many hands shot up. The initial questions were about the details, or lack thereof, of the senate’s committee proposal. Those first probes were about the project’s timeline and member selection process. Riordan confidently noted that the committee’s, which would be formed as soon as possible, would ideally reach a decision on the evaluation questions and the method by which the results would become public by the end of the semester or mid-summer.

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The simple success of Apple

By Taylor Barthelette
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Apple’s success through its ingenious, simple, and user-friendly products has been described as “2 percent to 39.9 percent” profit per product following the release of the high-demand iPhone 6. Selling over 70 million units during the holidays was an astonishing accomplishment for Apple in itself. In reality, Apple profits have grown into a superpower in the technology industry, proving its name alone can raise the price of technology industry, proving its name alone can raise the price of technology.

Bryant’s CEO is the best in the nation

By Molly Funk
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Bryant’s Collegiate Entrepreneurs’ Organization (CEO) is continuing to make big waves on campus. The group’s mission is to inform, support, and inspire young entrepreneurs and allow them to “seek opportunity through enterprise creation,” according to their Facebook page. The group holds weekly meeting where you can find anything from a guest speaker to an entrepreneurial workshop. As an organization they attend conferences and competitions, as well as host their own competition in the spring.

Right now they are still excited about winning National Collegiate Entrepreneurship Conference for the fifth time in the past eight years. Renee Lawlor attributes their win against all four-hundred other chapters is due to the fact that they are completely student run. The group heads-up several events on campus without relying on faculty presence to take initiative. You may be familiar with CEO through participation in E-Pitch, an academic requirement for freshman enrolled in Global Foundations of Business, commonly known as GFB. CEO completely takes lead on this competition once a semester for all freshman students. The organization holds a bootcamp, an annual event which the winners will have sponsorship, finds judges, does the shopping for, and completely handles the food order for the entire event.

CEO hosts approximately twenty speakers throughout the year, which are open to all students to attend. The speakers come from all different industries, and are not necessarily Bryant alumni. In the past the group has hosted lecturers from the fashion industry, the construction business, and venture capitalists.

SuperBowl Commercials: New Marketing Trend?

By Carolyn Johnson
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Around this time of year, not only can we all excitedly anticipate the top two NFL football teams of the season battling it out on the field in hopes of winning the Vince Lombardi trophy, but for once we don’t complain about those all-too-often commercial breaks. The 60-70 half-minute slots throughout the course of the Super Bowl are some of the most awaited pieces of advertising, and like most years, the commercials during Super Bowl XLIX did not disappoint. Each 30 second slot this year, according to Wall Street Journal, set a company back about $4.5 million, or $150,000 per second. So why do companies spend absurd amounts on these 30 second commercials during the Super Bowl? That answer is simple: because over 100 million people live-watch the game. Companies make a memorable commercial and now they have 100 million people talking about it the next day.

In particular, however, brought to light the latest trend in television marketing. Of course there were the comedic advertisements which we always greatly look forward to, such as Fiat’s commercial featuring a 50x5 crossover that popped a Viagra pill, and the Exhuance commercial starring Brian Cranston as Walter White from AMC’s “Breaking Bad.” But what we saw in a greater majority were advertisements designed to make you “feel” something. To name a few, the ad for Always with Hanes, the commercials’ “people will still watch the commercials”.

Even with no personal interest in the teams competing in the Super Bowl, people will still excitedly turn their TV’s on just to watch the commercials. For weeks, months and years to come, people will still be awe-struck about the fact that Malcolm Butler’s miraculous last 26 seconds of the game was quite literally a game-changer. Not only that, but this year’s commercials weren’t easily forgotten either. Whether it is the ones that made you laugh, made you cry, or made you question what just happened and why this strange guy left was “ohm” next to someone’s bed for 30 seconds, it is safe to say the $4.5 million was money well-spent.
Under Armour acquires MyFitnessPal for $475 million

By Tyler A. Cardozo  Contributing Writer

Under Armour, a Baltimore-based performance apparel brand, has been doing some heavy lifting to be an important player in the fitness field both online and in stores. Its latest purchase is a huge one: The sportswear company announced on February 4, 2015 that they had purchased MyFitnessPal for $475 million, as well as the smaller $85 million purchase of running app Endomondo.

MyFitnessPal is a popular free app that helps you track your food intake and calories, and is mostly used by personal trainers and other fitness professionals. MyFitnessPal works with a large number of popular health apps and trackers, such as Fitbit, Jawbone, and Garmin. With MyFitnessPal having 45 million active users, its greatest strength is that it’s API is so popular that even some health apps or accessories have a direct connection to link data into MyFitnessPal.

Endomondo is an older fitness app which includes interval training for biking and running combined with some social capabilities. “Endomondo and MyFitnessPal have established track records of unmatched equity, expertise and passion in the world of health and nutrition care, and they are ideal partners to enable Under Armour to provide data-driven, proactive solutions to help athletes and the lead healthier and more active lifestyles,” Kevin Plank, chairman and CEO of Under Armour, said in a statement. The two acquisitions together will expand Under Armour’s digital user base to more than 120 million users, according to the company. With 120 million registered users linked to the apps that Under Armour has purchased they have created the world’s largest digital and health community.

With the purchases of these two apps, Under Armour is expected to see as much as 50 percent growth in customers which will include 72 million women. Under Armour has said that they expect sales of apparel and shoes to women, a key growth driver for overall sales to eventually equal or surpass the men’s business.

Last fall, Under Armour surpassed Adidas to become the No. 2 sportswear brand in the U.S. by retail sales, but they still remain far behind Nike. Under Armour wants to compete with their rival, Nike, to create a digital platform for athletes that are serious about their sports. Re Cause Under Armour sees high-performance athletes as core customers. “... these two acquisitions provide critical support to two key drivers of [athletes’] success: managing diet and train-ing,” said Auburn Bell, an affiliate professor of marketing at Loyola University Maryland. “The end benefit for UA: a stronger, more loyal relationship with its key customers.” Under Armour launched an app call UA record for iOS and Android. This app helps track sleep, weight, as well as steps and workouts. In 2013, Under Armour released a product that was seen in Nike + its FuelBand was called Armour36.

Under Armour and smartphone maker HTC last month announced a partnership to de-sign a series of products that will be able to integrate with the UA Record app. Under Armour wants to make sure that their customers are able to take Under Armour everywhere with them. From training for your sport or just going out for a walk, Under Armour will be able to track your progress. “Now that Under Armour is the face of MyFitnessPal and Endomondo, it shows that they want their customers/athletes to care about their nutrition and fitness. With their customers caring about those two components, Under Armour will sell more.

Business Quotes of the Week

“By working faithfully eight hours a day, you may eventually get to be boss and work twelve hours a day.” - Robert Frost

“Achiving the impossible means only the boss will add it to your regular duties.” - Doug Larson

“Success is growing from failure without loss of enthusiasm.” - Winston Churchill

“A budget tells us what we can’t afford, but it doesn’t keep us from buying it.” - William Feather

Bryant University’s Career & Internship Fair gets Interactive

By Ben Sawicki  Contributing Writer

The Amica Career Center for Education is planning to use social media in an entirely new way for the upcoming spring Career & Internship Fair, happening Wednesday, February 25th 5:00 - 7:30PM in the MAC.

The Amica Career Center is encouraging students, staff and employers alike to utilize the hashtag #BryantCF2015 in their Twitter, Facebook and Instagram posts leading up to, and during the Career Fair. The hashtag can be used to view tips and tricks posted by the Amica Career Center staff, as well as to interact with employers and fellow students in a positive, proactive way via social media, potentially spawning internship and job opportunities.

During the fair, the Amica Career Center will have a 40 inch monitor placed in the Chace Wellness Center’s main lobby, scrolling the various tips, tweets, and postings that include #BryantCF2015. For more information, follow the Amica Career Center on twitter at @BryantCareers, or contact Ben Sawicki or Shannon Foglia for more information.

Don’t forget to register for the Career & Internship Fair on Banner – Secure Area - Personal Information. Watch for next week’s article featuring tips for preparing for the Career & Internship Fair!
Malcolm Butler: his journey to stardom

By Dillon Manfredi
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Every New Englander, Patriots fan or not, knows the likes of Tom Brady and Rob Gronkowski. These household names have staked their claims as the top players in the National Football League, Brady as one of the greatest of all time. One would have assumed these two players would have saved the game and sealed the victory for the Patriots. Even though they both had great games, the Patriots’ savior ended up being a little known player, one who did not even enter the game until the third quarter. Malcolm Butler.

Malcolm Butler? Exactly. Not too many New England Patriots fans knew of his existence prior to their Super Bowl win. Where did he come from?

As an undrafted player, Butler’s future in the league immediately stood in question. He did not go to a famous college, like Alabama or Notre Dame; in fact, he did not even play at a Division I college. According to the Patriots’ official website, he first attended Hinds Community College in Mississippi, and then transferred to Division II school, West Alabama, where he shined in his two years there, compiling almost one-third of his interceptions in his senior year alone.

Butler’s preparation helped him read the game. Butler might not have played in the Super Bowl at all. According to ESPN, on his 17th snap, Butler matched up against Jermaine Kearse. With little time left in the game, Seattle had no choice but to go for big plays. With a vertical route up the field, Kearse turned in an improbable catch on his back, with Butler in tight coverage.

Memories of David Tyree flashed through the minds of all Patriots fans. We would lose another Super Bowl because of an almost impossible catch. Butler put out the next play, where Marshawn Lynch got stuffed at the one-yard line. Butler almost did not even go in for the play. However, when the Patriots coaching staff saw Seattle’s personnel, which included three wide receivers, Butler rushed in as a third cornerback, part of a late substitution.

Why did Seattle throw with arguably the best running back in the league at their disposal? We will never know. But, Butler, who got through his previous snap read himself, determined not to get beat again.

Butler explained his thought process, in ESPN’s article “Little Known Malcolm Butler an unlikely hero for Patriots,” on the last play. “Goal line, preparation, the formation they were in with the two-receiver stack, I just knew they were throwing a pick route. It was on the line, we needed it, and I just beat him to the route and made the play” Butler explains.

He made a play, one of the largest plays in both Patriots’ and Super Bowl history. Many questioned making Tom Brady the MVP when they most likely would have not won without the interception. However, Brady had an impressive game as well, 74 percent completion rate, 328 yards and four touchdowns, cementing his selection as MVP.

But Brady recognized Butler’s big play. As part of receiving the MVP, Brady will receive a truck from Chevrolet. He decided to have Chevrolet give Butler the truck instead.

An undrafted rookie gets to keep the ball that sealed the game and receives a truck for free. Not too bad for an undrafted free agent.
Patriots award show part I

By Patt Curran
Staff Writer

It's been over a week since the Patriots hoisted their fourth Lombardi trophy, and it still has not set in. Everything that the immortal Bill Belichick preached this season came into full effect on that beautiful Sunday night in Glendale. The slogan of the Patriots was "Do Your Job" and every single player on that roster did their job throughout the course of the illustrious 2014 season. In a two column series I will be handing out awards to players that I feel are deserving. This feature will be for players on the Patriots offense, two weeks from now will be defensive.

Most Valuable Player: Tom Brady

Brady and his son at the parade in Boston (courtesy)

Tom Brady. There really isn't much to say about him that hasn't already been said in his Hall of Fame career. He's a fierce competitor. He's a proven winner. He's the only guy I want playing quarterback for a team I cheer for. Tom started off slow this year due to a patchwork offensive line that took a while to gel. After week four some people were calling for rookie sensation and backup quarterback Jimmy Garappolo. Tom then proceeded to throw for 4,109 yards with 33 touchdowns and only 9 interceptions. Brady seemed very motivated after the week four shellacking he took at the hands of the Chiefs. His truly believe that no other quarterback in the league could have won a Super Bowl with this team this year. Tom is the master of adaptation. One week he is all about the play action. The next, he is dunking and dunking to Amendola and Edelman all game. People could argue that Rob Gronkowski deserves this award, and while he does work very seriously, Tom was the main man behind this masterful offense.

Newcomer of the Year: Brandon LaFell

Brandon LaFell brought a true sense of professionalism to the New England Patriots this season from Carolina. His locker was next to Brady's, and there have been many stories of the two of them working night and day together in order to perfect their crafts. LaFell set career highs in receptions and yards this season with 74 and 933, respectively. Like the rest of his team LaFell started off the season slow, being largely invisible for the first few games. It was obvious that LaFell was starting to get frustrated with such a small role in the offense. Instead of complaining, he worked harder and eventually caught a long touchdown pass against the Chiefs that turned the heads of many Patriots fans. From that game on LaFell truly earned Brady's trust and was very clutch down the stretch of the season, including a touchdown catch in the Super Bowl. It is shrewd signings like these that help keep the Patriots at the top of the NFL year in and year out.

Unsung Hero: Shane Vereen

As much as I complained about Shane Vereen throughout the course of the year, he truly did do his job. He was a pass catching option out of the backfield. He was the definition of an all-purpose running back. He shined brightest in the Super Bowl, hauling in eleven passes for sixty four yards. He took some vicious hits from the once mighty "Legion of Boom," but he didn't drop a pass. Vereen on the season caught seventy passes for 591 yards along with two touchdown receptions. He was also second on the team in rushing with 391 yards and three touchdowns. Dan Connolly was in the running for most of the season for this award until he went down with an injury, and the media portrayed him as the second coming of John Hanna. That is in no way a shot at Connolly, as he was arguably the Patriots best lineman this season, he just is not the best offensive lineman in team history. That honor belongs to Hanna.

I'd be remiss if I didn't mention Julian Edelman in this column. He proved to be one of the toughest players in the league this season. He did anything the team asked of him, including playing receiver and returning punts. Like many of his teammates, he saved his best for last, helping win the Super Bowl by catching the game winning touchdown and shredding the once mighty "Legion of Boom." Those are my award winners for the 2014 Patriot Offensive. Be sure to tune in for the defensive award winners for the Patriots. Until then, I will be searching for Josie who is on her vacation that is so far away.

LaFell was clutch down the stretch of the season (courtesy)

Vereen on the season caught seventy passes for 591 yards (Boston Herald)

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Galentine's Day, Valentine's Day, and everything in between

By Allie Miller
Staff Writer

What is Galentine's Day? Only the best day of the entire year! As you know, Valentine's Day is about romance, but Galentine's Day is a much more important celebration of your lady friends. Officially founded by poet and nobility land mermaid, Leslie Knope of Parks and Rec, Galentine's Day is the official day to celebrate friendship, notably through brunch, crafts, and sharing fond memories. Although culturally you can only spend Valentine's Day either in romantic appreciation or wallowing in self-pity over a pint of ice cream, Galentine's Day provides an attractive third option.

In a relationship or not, take some time over this pink and heart-littered weekend to celebrate your girlfriends. If you have a boyfriend, your girlfriends probably deserve extra appreciation for all of the times that they are forced to listen to stories about him.

Your lady friends are the ones who have encouraged you at your best, taken care of you at your worst, and loved you every step of the way. They know the true potential of how weird and gross you can be, and they still want to hang out with you! Celebrate your friends for all of the times they have been there for you and will be there for you. Take a lesson from the unofficial theme song of friendship, "Wannabe" by Spice Girls, and remember that relationships are fleeting, but friendship never ends.

When it inevitably comes time for some of your friends to go off and spend time with their significant other, don’t get caught in a Valentine’s Day rut. With a quick search of the words Valentine’s Day on BuzzFeed, it is apparent why single people dread this silly holiday so much. The Valentine’s Day articles aimed at single people bear titles like “11 ways to celebrate Valentine’s Day with your cat” and “Which TV show should you binge-watch alone on Valentine’s Day?” If you are young enough to operate Netflix and understand terms like “binge-watch,” you certainly are not destined for a life of spinsterhood.

Recently in an interview with ASOS Magazine, Taylor Swift opened my eyes about how whimsical single life can be. She poetically claimed “you can have love all around you without being in love, and find romance in your everyday life without being in a romantic relationship. That can be just as fulfilling.” Per usual, Taylor Swift knows what she is talking about.

Being single is an underappreciated gift. In the time that you spend single you get to explore things independently. You can make your own choices without ever having to consider an extra set of feelings. You are able to realize your full potential without anyone holding you back. You truly can begin to understand yourself and what you would eventually want in a relationship.

So don’t dread this holiday weekend (holiday because of President’s Day); enjoy this weekend! Appreciate the love in your life in all of its forms. Honestly, on the days that I spend from 9 to 5 in the unstructure there is no one I love more than the person who makes my lattes. It will make things weird if I profess my love to the barista I see daily, but the moral is to make sure everyone in your life feels appreciated. Make Pinterest crafts for your friends who will definitely appreciate your hard work more than a boyfriend. Do something fun with your family because they have spent your entire life helping you define love.

Most importantly, do things that make you happy because no matter your relationship status, you can’t depend on anyone else to make you happy. Get yourself a delicious limited-time Dunkin’ heart shaped donut. Do some online shopping, anything that puts a smile on your face! If you want to watch Netflix and eat ice cream, go for it, but because you feel socially obligated. Have a happy Valentine’s Day and spread the love to everyone who deserves it – that includes you!

The warrior king against ISIS

By Tala Barakat
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Coming from Jordan to live in Rhode Island, it is beyond difficult to sit back and watch the turmoil that afflicts the Middle East. The emergence and expansion of ISIS has harmfully impacted the souls and spirits of those being targeted by this extremist group. The world’s media has recently exposed the fate of a Jordanian pilot, Muath Al Kassasbeh, who was burned alive by ISIS, an inhumane and non-Muslim act that was intended to be punishment because of Jordan’s alliance with the coalition against ISIS.

This tragic event infuriated the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and our King, Abdullah II, decided to fight back. He announced that Muath’s death will not be in vain and that the Jordanian Air Force will be targeting ISIS territory.

With the intention of protecting and maintaining the Muslim faith. Nowhere in the Muslim religion does it state that brutally murdering civilians is acceptable, and the world needs to understand that I am writing about this particular event because it has taken a toll on every Jordanian citizen, Muslim or not. This event has been a basis of unity among the people of Jordan. As in any nation, Jordan had its fair share of citizens that did not agree with nor like King Abdullah II; however, the people of Jordan side with the King’s decision and support him 100 percent. King Abdullah II also has the support of other leaders in the region along with the US and UK. Some may see his actions as dangerous and risky, and while this is true, Jordan is known to have the best army in the Middle East, as well as the third best Secret Service in the world. King Abdullah II would not have particularly their headquarters in Syria. Over the past few days Jordanian air strikes have, on estimate, destroyed 20 percent of the group’s capabilities as well as 56 targets of gravity. Aside from avenging Muath’s murder, the King of Jordan is also determined to protect the Muslim faith, as well as the values and human principles that come with it.

As a Muslim and a Jordanian citizen, I think his reaction is nothing less than realistic. Yes, I may be biased due to my nationality and religion. However, it is important to emphasize how inaccurately the media portrays being Muslim. Extremist groups, like ISIS, terrorize and torture in the name of Allah and Islam. King Abdullah II, a true Muslim, is fighting against this group made a decision so bold and threatening if he was not more than confident that the Jordanian Army can protect the nation, and more importantly, its people.

My opinion on the situation is simple; I trust my King, I have faith in Allah, and I truly believe that good will overcome evil. As for the image of Islam and what it stands for, I think that people are going to think what they want no matter what the truth may be, and that not only saddens me, but it does an injustice to a religion that is truly pure and peaceful at the core.

I have always been proud to be a Muslim, and it goes without saying that I am proud to be Jordanian.
7 things you might not know about the Grammys

By Allie Miller
Staff Writer

Even if you did not watch the 57th annual Grammy Awards on February 8th, you have probably heard about it. Sam Smith basically won everything, Kristen Wiig danced, Kanye pulled a Kanye, and no one knows who Beck is. That seems to cover everything you need to know in case you missed it. But outside of those trending Grammy topics from this year, there are some things that you might not know about the awards.

The voting process is very intricate and inclusive

As I watched the Grammys and got tired of seeing Sam Smith win, I made various jokes about the Recording Academy and their inability to distribute wealth evenly. I imagined that, like the Academy that decides on the Academy Awards, voting for the Grammys was done by an exclusive group of middle aged white men. I was very wrong. Surprisingly, considering the frequent overlap in who wins awards, the voting process of the Grammy is extremely democratic and frankly pretty confusing. Nominations are applied for by people in the music industry. Voting members of the Recording Academy then decide who gets nominated and who wins. Anyone in the music industry that can meet guidelines like having credits on six official songs has the opportunity to apply to be a voting member of the Recording Academy. I was able to access the online application. The official Grammy website explains the process much more thoroughly than I can if you are interested in learning more. The voting period does not correspond with the calendar year

Despite being held toward the beginning of every year, the eligibility period for Grammy nominations cuts off at the end of September. That is why the best-selling album of 2014, 1989 by Taylor Swift, was not nominated for any awards. Even though the album was released in October of 2014, it will not be eligible for any Grammys until the 2016 awards ceremony.

Most of the awards are given before the show starts

Although the televised broadcast lasted for about three and a half hours, only 10 of the 83 Grammys were handed out. The other 70 awards were given prior to the televised event. Those 70 awards were for categories like Best Engineered Album for multiple genres, Best Historical Album, and Best Boxed or Special Limited Edition Package.

You might be surprised by who has Grammy Awards

President Barack Obama has two Grammy awards for Best Spoken Word Album. Zach Braff won in 2005 as a producer for the soundtrack to Garden State. Magic Johnson has also won for Best Spoken Word.

You might be surprised by who doesn’t have a Grammy

While the President of the United States has two Grammys, many notable and accomplished artists have never won. Despite having multiple popular albums and performing at this year’s Superbowl halftime show, Katy Perry has never won a Grammy. Other artists with trophy less shelves include Snoop Dogg, The Who, Journey, and Diana Ross.

The Big Four

Sam Smith took home the awards: Song of the Year, Record of the Year, and Best New Artist. These three awards combined with Album of the Year are referred to as the ‘big four.’ At 22, Smith is the second youngest person to ever be nominated in all four categories. The youngest person to receive this honor was Mariah Carey at 20 years old.

Beyonce is Queen B(ey) at the Grammys

Beyonce has been nominated for an award at the Grammys every year for the past 15 years. She has the most nominations of any female, with a whopping 53 total nods. In total she has won 20 times.

Let it snow

over the past few weeks, snow has been piling up here on campus, but there’s a beauty to it all

By Ashley Smith
Staff Writer

Can you remember when you were little, and you saw the first snowflakes fall? Your thoughts would flood with the ideas of snowmen, snowball fights, and snow angels. You’d revel in the idea of a snow day, Christmas, and hot cocoa. Yet now, as you sit inside and stare out the window, your heart sinks. You’ll have to shovel out your car in the morning or walk across snowy pathways in the freezing cold. You dread each snowflake as you think of what you last saw on the weather channel’s website. Was it eight inches or ten? You’ll frantically open your laptop numerous times, waiting for an announcement from President Machtley stating that classes are cancelled. This is perhaps the only thing that still brings any excitement for what winter weather entails.

Our campus has accumulated a hefty amount of snow, making parking and walking across campus a project all on its own. If it weren’t for our Facilities and Grounds crews, Department of Public Safety, the Student Affairs teams in Residence Life and the Fisher Student Center, non-commuter students would be confined to their rooms and commuters wouldn’t even be able to enter or drive on campus. The hours these generous people put into keeping our campus as snow and ice-free as possible have allowed us to continue with our daily schedules sooner rather than later. Thanks to them we have been safe and without incident or injury due to ice on our pathways, and this is extremely important! Also, we have to appreciate the food service workers at Aramark for keeping us fed, the staff and student employees in the Krupp Library and Chace Wellness and Athletic Center for allowing us to continue using their services, and the communications team for keeping us updated throughout the storm. We also need to recognize all other essential personnel.

However, as we are all focusing on getting rid of the snow as fast as possible and continuing with our busy schedules, I wish that we all would take a step back and really look at the campus and the nature that surrounds us. Soak in the beautiful landscape and appreciate the one-of-a-kind beauty that snow does bring. Upon becoming a student at Bryant I have met people who have never seen snow before traveling here, and seeing their reactions to their first snow is something I will never forget. Snee, unadulterated excitement and wonder. It brought me back to how I looked at snow when I was a child. When suddenly my yard, my neighborhood, my world became a winter wonderland. Why is it that when we grow older we seem to lose appreciation for things that once brought us such profound happiness? Break out the sleds, throw a snowball, make a snow angel, drink hot cocoa and make a snow fort. I hope that you try to find that child in you once more and embrace the snow and anything else in your life that you used to see in different, brighter light. After all, snow and life are what you make of them!
Amid climate change, what’s more important: protecting money or people?

By James Boyce
MCT Campus

At the latest round of international climate talks this month in Lima, Peru, melting glaciers in the Andes and recent droughts provided a fitting backdrop for the negotiators’ recognition that it is too late to prevent climate change, no matter how fast we ultimately act to limit it. They now face an issue that many had hoped to avoid: adaptation.

Adapting to climate change will carry a high price tag. Sea walls are needed to protect coastal areas against floods, such as those in the New York area when Superstorm Sandy struck in 2012. We need early-warning and evacuation systems to protect against human tragedies, such as those caused by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines in 2013 and by Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans in 2005.

Cooling centers and emergency services must be created to cope with heat waves, such as the one that killed 70,000 in Europe in 2003. Water projects are needed to protect farmers and herders from extreme droughts, such as the one that gripped the Horn of Africa in 2011. Large-scale replanting of forests with new species will be needed to keep pace as temperature gradients shift toward the poles.

Because adaptation won’t come cheap, we must decide which investments are worth the cost. A thought experiment illustrates the choices we face. Imagine that without major new investments in adaptation, climate change will cause world incomes to fall in the next two decades by 25 percent across the board, with everyone’s income going down, from the poorest farmerwork in Bangladesh to the wealthiest real estate baron in Manhattan.

Adaptation can cushion some but not all of these losses. What should be our priority: reducing losses. What should be our priority: reducing losses. What should be our priority: reducing losses. What should be our priority: reducing losses. What should be our priority: reducing losses.

In human terms, the baron’s loss pales compared with that of the farmerwork. But in dollar terms, it’s 2,000 times larger. Conventional economic models would prescribe spending more to protect the barons than the farmworkers of the world. The rationale was set forth with brutality in a memorandum leaked in 1992 by Lawrence Summers, then chief economist of the World Bank. The memo asked whether the bank should encourage more migration of dirty industries to developing countries and concluded that “the economic logic of dumping a load of toxic waste in the lowest-wage country is impecable and we should face up to that.” Climate change is just a new kind of toxic waste.

The “economic logic” of the Summers memo later had to be said penned tongue-in-cheek to provoke debate, which it certainly did. It rests on a doctrine of “efficiency” that counts all dollars equally. Whether it goes to a starving child or a millionaire, a dollar is a dollar. The task of economists, in this view, is to maximize the size of the total dollar pie. How it’s sliced is not their problem.

A different way to set adaptation priorities is to count each person equally, not each dollar. This approach rests on the ethical principle that a healthy environment is a human right, not a commodity to be distributed on the basis of purchasing power, or a privilege to be distributed on the basis of political power.

This equity principle is widely embraced around the world, from the affirmation in the U.S. Constitution that everyone has the right “to an environment that is not harmful to their health or well-being,” to the guarantee in the South African Constitution that everyone has the right “to an environment that is not harmful to their health or well-being.” It puts safeguarding the lives of the poor ahead of safeguarding the property of the rich.

In the years ahead, climate change will confront the world with hard choices: whether to protect as many dollars as possible, or to protect as many people as we can.

Putting a lid on methane from cattle

By Los Angeles Times
MCT Campus

The $1.1 trillion omnibus spending bill signed by President Barack Obama contains many giveaways to Wall Street, casinos and the coal industry. But the ones that might do the most severe damage long-term have to do with, of all things, the digestive systems of cattle.

Through their manure and, yes, their flatulence, cattle are major producers of methane, a potent greenhouse gas that the public hears much less about than carbon. Methane breaks down in much more quickly than carbon. For about 25 years but during that time, it is 20 to 30 times more potent at trapping heat and is considered the source of a quarter of all global warming.

Yet the spending bill specifically barred the federal government from requiring cattle operations to report greenhouse gas emissions from manure or to obtain permits for methane produced by bovine belching and flatulence. Both sources of methane are controllable; there is machinery that can convert manure into biofuel, and changes in the diet of cattle can make a major difference in flatulence levels.

Methane also is produced by landfills and by the oil and gas industries, but the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reports that worldwide, the agricultural sector is the biggest contributor.

Reductions in methane and other highly potent short-term greenhouse gases would be a particularly useful short-term strategy to buy the planet some time as it combats the effects of climate change. Much of the work done to date has been on carbon, but methane is small decline in global food production, it said. It also pointed to rapidly melting ice in the polar regions, rising sea levels and drying forests in the American West, infested by pests that thrive in hotter conditions.

Uncertainty about the precise effects of climate change is not an excuse for inaction when the scientific consensus is clear. Congress shouldn’t be handing short-term gifts to the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association at the risk of global environmental harm.

Governing a world that is 20% African, 20% American and 60% Chinese is the challenge of our time.
American Sniper is not a war movie. Just in the sense that The Theory of Everything is not a science movie and Foxcatcher is not a wrestling movie; it is a biopic. It's true that American Sniper takes place during a war, its protagonist is involved with a war, some scenes are war-centric, and one of its themes is the effects of war on its participants; but inherently, all the movie really serves as is a view into Chris Kyle's life - what he did, why he did it, and how his actions and the events surrounding his life defined him.

Chris Kyle (Bradley Cooper) grew up as a God-fearing, 'Murica-loving Texan. Not a redneck, though. He even clarifies to his future wife Taya (Sienna Miller) at their first encounter that "Texans ride their trucks, and rednecks ride their cousins." But he also tells her that he'd be willing to lay down his life for what he believes is the greatest country on Earth as a Navy SEAL.

Cooper more than earns his third Oscar nomination in this role - capturing the range of Kyle's patriotism, emotion, charm, and reluctant fame as a result of his own actions overseas. Sienna Miller, wonderfully overlooked by the Academy, serves as the embodiment of what troops like Kyle are fighting for, and more importantly, what they're either coming home to or leaving behind.

The movie deals with war, yes. Specifically, we follow Kyle during his arduous training and his four post-9/11 tours in Iraq. Some scenes work, some don't, and this is where the distinction between war film and biopic becomes so important. Director Clint Eastwood manages to keep Kyle at the center of the war scenes most of the time. Even when we see an Iraqi family being slaughtered by an Al-Qaeda militant while a fierce sniper secures the area, we see the scene through Kyle's eyes because it's shot from his emotional perspective.

Other scenes, particularly in his later tours, focus more on battles between Americans and Iraqis (or as they're referred to in the movie, "savages"), and because the focus gradually moves from Kyle's perspective to a general militant's, the action doesn't seem to mean as much. When the scenes are done right, however, the movie brings some of the most intense on-screen war moments since 2001's Black Hawk Down. Rapidly adding up his kill-list, Kyle's comrades nickname him "The Legend." He confidently declares that he's "willing to meet his creator and answer to every shot he took" back home, but after every shot we see Kyle make, the camera holds back a bit, and shows us as Cooper grasps the reality of what Chris Kyle did for a living. We see the regretful nodding away from the scope and hear the sighs after his bullet stops a beating heart. He resents what he does, but he's proud to do it - and Cooper makes that heartbreaking realization all the more powerful to the viewer. Cooper more than earns his third Oscar nomination in this role - capturing the range of Kyle's patriotism, emotion, charm, and reluctant fame as a result of his own actions overseas.

Clint Eastwood strikes again

It's great to see director Clint Eastwood back on his game. Jersey Boys wasn't his best work back in 2014, but Eastwood, 84, is fired up and flaring with incitement in American Sniper. By describing the wild, sadly short life of Navy SEAL Chris Kyle, played as Bradley Cooper, the most lethal sniper in U.S. military history, Eastwood tosses one into the war zone where conscience does fight with killer instinct. He lays on the tension, especially when Kyle has to blow away the Butcher, played by Mido Hamada, an Al Qaeda terrorist with a specialty in power tools as weapons. Your nerves will be fried. There is no calm.

Chris Kyle is sent to Iraq with one mission: to protect his fellow navy men. His reputation saves countless lives on the battleground and, as stories of his courageous adventures spread, he gets the nickname "Legend." However, his reputation is also growing behind enemy lines, putting a price on his head and making him a prime target of rebels. He is also facing a different kind of battle on the home front: struggling to be a good husband and father from halfway around the world. Despite the danger and the difficulties with his family at home, Chris serves through four traumatic tours of duty in Iraq, epitomizing the SEAL creed to "leave no man behind." But upon returning to his wife, Taya Renae Kyle played by Sienna Miller, and kids, Chris finds that it is the war he can't leave behind.

These scenes have a feel, meant to show the emotional fortress Kyle has built around himself. No need. All the pain is visible in Cooper's eyes, in a posture ever on danger alert. Cooper and Eastwood salute Kyle's patriotism best by not denying its toll. Their targets are clearly in sight, and their aim is true.
Cuba’s last revolution trend: fine dining

By Tim Johnson
MCT Campus

Private restaurants in Havana are exploding in number and soaring in quality, providing a treat for tourists and a surge in the nation’s restaurant scene.

Havana now boasts nearly 2,000 private restaurants, which often have the cozy feeling of a local’s home, identified only by single small signs in both the numbers of people who have licenses in the food service area and the emergence of a haute cuisine, taking from the establishment of a food vendor in a popular Brazilian soap opera. For periods in the 1990s, small restaurants could offer neither seafood nor beef, which were needed for the establishment of a food vendor in a popular Brazilian soap opera.

With access to hard currency.

It’s a feeling that more Americans may experience. Among the entreés, one could pick from smoked pork ribs, shrimp risotto ($17) or a grilled seafood platter with lobster tail (variable price), among other dishes.

While Alvarez aims for a bit of glam, or what he labels a “unique experience,” other restaurants shoot for produce,” said Alvarez, an engineer who was once a guide for state media reported that as few as 74 private restaurants were operating in Havana.

"You feel like, ‘Oh, I’m in someone’s old living room, or as they say in Cuba cocina de autor,” or creative food service area and the emergence of a haute cuisine, taking from the establishment of a food vendor in a popular Brazilian soap opera.

"Gastronomy is on the rise in our country,” said Alvarez.

To read more of AJ’s reviews, you can check out his blog at AJBelts.Blogspot.com or listen to his WJMF show Monday at 1.

AJ’s movie review: Selma

By AJ Belts
Staff Writer

‘We see King in an environment that the average citizen isn’t familiar with... the assassinations we see are those on the street, inside church, or in restaurants, making the deaths more unexpected and real.’

Selma is fiercely powerful with a patient approach, raw emotion, and spectacular performances to keep the film engrained in your memory. How and why this film was overlooked at the Oscars evades me, but I cannot stress enough that, in my opinion, it was a wrongful oversight. I implore you to see Selma, even if the Academy, for whatever reason, did not agree with me as strongly on that statement.

No epic re-enactment of the “I Have a Dream” speech, nor is there a scene depicting the assassinations of the civil rights leader. The assassinations were not those on the street, inside church, or in restaurants, making the deaths more unexpected and real.

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The Stanford Daily
Stanford College

Often cited as one of the most influential studies in human behavior and social psychology, the Stanford Prison Experiment has spawned numerous films and cultural references over the past four decades. Just this past week, “The Stanford Prison Experiment,” a film based on the events of the study, had its world premiere at the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah. In conjunction with the film’s debut, The Stanford Daily caught up with members of the Stanford psychology department—including Philip Zimbardo, the lead researcher during the experiment and a current professor emeritus at Stanford—to learn more about the experiment and why the results of the study continue to remain relevant today.

The Miscellany News
Vassar College

In the wake of an investigation by the Department of Education of a civil rights complaint stating that its administration failed to adequately respond to instances of sexual assault, the president of Dartmouth College announced a ban on all hard liquor that fits into a growing trend of elite universities in recent years. When enforcement begins in late March, Dartmouth will officially join the ranks of Bates, Bowdoin, Colby and Providence colleges in a hard liquor ban, as well as a trend towards stricter alcohol policies found at Brown University and the University of Virginia. While these institutions all claim that bans targeted on hard alcohol or on increasingly harsh enforcement for any alcohol consumption as a method for reducing instances of sexual violence and general student misconduct, Vassar College continues to endorse a ban on all kegs and a Good Samaritan policy. Since its 2011 Alcohol Task Force regulations assessment, the College has not announced any upcoming plans to join the movement by its peer institutions.

The Heights
Boston College

No, really, nothing can be worse than February. January brings the end of college football, while the Super Bowl—the most anticipated sporting event of the year—throws many fans into an extended Groundhog Day-like winter. Here at Boston College, the same sports lull happens. With no cameras fixated on Steve Addazio on the sidelines, football fans begin to go stir crazy.

You’ll Meet Again
By Ashley Smith

Losing a friend,
Losing a loved one
You never thought you’d lose your sweet someone
The memories may cause tears,
But keep in mind those memories once made him smile
All you have to do is hang in there for a while
Without a doubt, you’ll meet again
You just have to hang in there until then

Losing a friend,
Losing a loved one
You never thought you’d lose your sweet someone
Just remember the love that’s bonded your hearts together
As together you’ll be forever.
The tears may fall
But you must stand tall
For without a doubt, you’ll meet again.

Losing a friend,
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You never thought you’d lose your sweet someone
So sudden, so unexpected
The memories may be reflected
For your hearts are still bonded together
And forever they will be
That’s how it seems to me
Just hang in there, you’ll meet again.

If Only
By Florence Widmer

If only I were a brown bear, brown
I’d give you lots ‘n’ lots of bear hugs
And then look forward to hibernation
And sleep for the duration
Just sleeping and smiling,
If only I were; oh if only I were,
If only I were a brown bear, brown!
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