



CHEERS! The Women's Law Association, headed by President Brianna Reed (right), hosted an Annual Welcome Back event on Thu., Sep. 26, in the Faculty Dining Room.

Photograph by Yuen Yi Chung, Art Director.

NY court ruling intensifies unpaid internship debate

By Alex Maur
Staff Writer

This past June, a judge in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York ruled that two unpaid interns who worked on the set of the movie *Black Swan* were employees and should have been paid. In 2011, Eric Glatt and Alexander Footman brought a class action suit against Fox Searchlight Pictures Inc., and Fox Entertainment Group. The two former interns claimed that Fox had violated both New York and federal labor laws when they classified them as unpaid interns instead of paid employees.

The Fair Labor and Standards Act defines "employ" very broadly to include both paid and unpaid work. However, the District Court relied heavily on a Department of Labor factsheet that outlines six different criteria that help determine whether an internship position may be unpaid: (1) the internship position must be for the benefit of the intern; (2) the experience must be comparable to training from an educational environment, even if the work involves some actual operation of the facilities of the employer; (3) the intern does not displace regular employees; (4) the employer derives no immediate advantage from the intern (and that the intern may sometimes actually impede operations); (5) the intern is not necessarily entitled to a job following the internship; (6) the employer and intern both understand that the intern is not entitled to wages during the internship.

Using this set of criteria, the court found that the intern positions at Fox Searchlight, a for-profit organization, were not educational in nature, and violated federal law. The judge ruled that they should have been paid and viewed their experiences working with the production company as more similar to that of regular employees. The court also rejected what is known as the "primary benefit test," which states that the unpaid internship is legal as long as the benefit to the intern outweighs the benefit to the employer, and instead focused on the stricter Department

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Heavy consequences of Congressional inaction

By Andrew Di Iorio
News Editor

The chess game between Democrats and Republicans to fund the government saw a significant move on Sep. 20, 2013. Republicans passed a continuing resolution ("CR") that would keep the government running through mid-December but took away funding for the Affordable Care Act ("ACA"). Without money set aside for the President's marquee domestic achievement, the bill has little hope for passage in the Senate. Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) noted the pipe dream at

play here, "We probably can't defeat or get rid of Obamacare." Although conservative voters may dislike the ACA, they will be even more upset if their senators cause the federal government to come to a halt; many Republicans are reading these smoke signals.

Consequences of Congressional Inaction

The political drama which has ensued for the last several weeks has pushed back the schedule for important pieces of legislation that can help Americans. First and foremost, the immigration package which was passed with legitimate bipartisan support

remains languishing in the House of Representatives. Along with the White House, this was a priority for Republican leaders like senators John McCain (R-AZ) and Lindsay Graham (R-SC). Months of negotiation produced a meaningful bill that accounted for border security and would pay down the deficit. A farm bill, which once had a chance to become law, will be pushed back once more for debate following the spending and debt limit fight that is upon us. The farm bill gives the government the authority to subsidize American farmers when prices are low

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DOCKET

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- FRI 4** **Second Annual Corporate Counsel Institute: Technology & In-House Counsel - Managing to Protect and Enhance Your Business**
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 5:30pm | First Floor Function Room
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 STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION (SBA)
 8pm-12:30am | New England Aquarium
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- SAT 19** **Battle of Boston Softball Tournament**
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 Moakley Field (South Boston)
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- THU 24** **Internship Information Sessions**
 INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS
 Session I, 2-4pm; Session II, 5-6:30pm | Corcoran Room, Floor 7
Multiple for-credit internship programs will be discussed. For more information, contact wrodriguez@suffolk.edu.

NOVEMBER

- TUE 5** **Boston General Municipal Election**
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Suffolk's New "No Call" Policy

Jennifer Faillace
Editor-in-Chief

Suffolk University School of Law recently added a "no call" policy to the student handbook. The policy addresses the increasing incidence of parents calling the school on behalf of their enrolled student-child. If you're interested in reading the policy, you might have to dig a little bit, it's located in the handbook's section on the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Under FERPA, access to a student's "education records" has always been restricted. The Act defines "education records" as records "directly related to a student and maintained by the institution or by a party acting for the institution." However, despite the privacy restrictions, Suffolk previously allowed students to permit some communication between the administration and students' parents through an informal waiver of their FERPA rights.

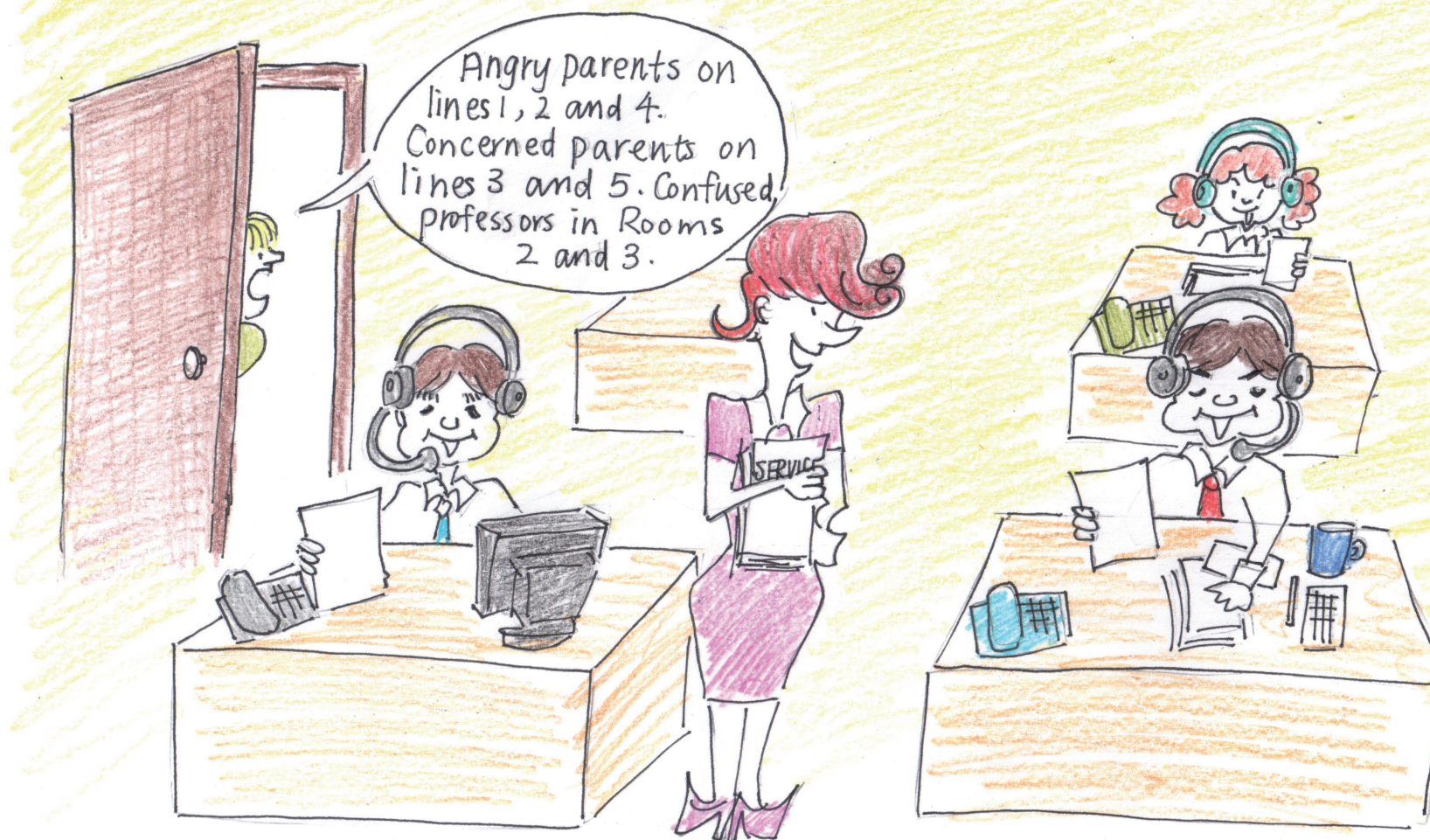
Suffolk's new policy codifies the Administration's position that appropriate communications about such matters as a student's current enrollment, academic record, or requests for transcripts should occur solely between the student and the administration directly.

Now, your parents cannot call to request a transcript on your behalf, cannot email the Dean of Students to ask about your course load, and certainly cannot ask what time you will be home for dinner. They have no right to communicate with the school in order to access any of your information that may constitute "education records."

The policy was drafted by the Dean of Students office with assistance from additional associate and assistant deans.

For the complete policy, go to law.suffolk.edu > Offices > Dean of Students > Student Handbook > Policies > Family Education Rights and Privacy Act. After the launch of the new Suffolk Law website, the student handbook should be located under "Student Life" > "policies."

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Old Property Interest** | November 22

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Feeling Cooped Up

From farms to “Concentrated Feeding Operations”



Photograph by Hillary Cheng, Layout Editor.

By Jennifer Faillace
Editor-in-Chief

Lawsuits are mounting against industrial agricultural operations in the U.S. Two recent lawsuits involve Concentrated Feeding Operations or “CAFOs” in Iowa and Maryland. These animal-growing operations are contracted to produce chicken, beef cattle, and other animals for companies like Perdue. CAFOs confine animals to cages indoors for their entire lives until they are slaughtered. As a result, the operations produce large amounts of animal waste which is not regulated under the federal Clean Water Act or Clean Air Act. According to a recent article in the *Westlaw Journal Environmental*, there are about 450,000 CAFOs in the U.S.

These feeding operations are being sued by citizens and non-profit groups for polluting the water and air with runoff and noxious odors caused by large amounts of manure and other by-products of raising animals in confined spaces.

Trouble in the Hen House

A suit in Maryland was just dismissed

for failure to identify the correct source of the pollution – chicken poop or cow poop? Lead plaintiff Waterkeeper Alliance alleged it was chicken poop (actually, the technical term is “chicken litter”) from the “chicken houses.” The court decided that the source of the pollution was likely from the cattle manure and not the chickens.

Waterkeeper Alliance, a non-profit with members in Maryland, brought the suit against the Maryland chicken CAFO, known as Hudson Farm. Hudson Farm was under contract with Perdue to raise Cornish hens. Waterkeeper sued Hudson Farm and Perdue alleging that the chicken litter (a mixture of chicken manure and other material) was contributing to the significant pollution of the nearby river. Samples of the river showed levels of pollution in excess of federal Clean Water Act standards. Waterkeeper, the court, and the defendants agreed that the river was polluted, and likely from animal manure. The decision stated “the Pocomoke River, a tributary of the Chesapeake Bay, in whose watershed the Hudson Farm is located, is impaired by nitrogen, phosphorus, and bacteria, all pollutants that are associated

with animal manure.” *Waterkeeper Alliance, Inc. v. Hudson*, CIV.A. WMN-10-487, 2012 WL 6651930 (D. Md. Dec. 20, 2012).

However, the court was not satisfied by Waterkeeper’s investigation of Hudson Farm. Waterkeeper’s investigation included an aerial fly-over, multiple aerial photographs, twelve water samples of the river over two years, and an analysis of their samples in conjunction with sampling done by the Maryland Department of Agriculture. The court found that the sampling and testimony of both of Waterkeeper’s experts was insufficient to establish that Hudson Farm’s chicken house caused the pollution. Instead, the court concluded that the likely cause of the pollution was the cow manure – not the chicken manure. The court dismissed the suit entirely, stating that “any claim under the [Clean Water Act] based upon discharges from the cattle operation would be beyond the scope of the [Notice of Intent to Sue letter], which was clearly limited to poultry waste.” *Id.*

The only upside to this story is that the court refused to order Waterkeeper to pay the defendants’ multi-million dollar legal

fees. The court denied legal fees for Hudson Farm and Perdue, finding that “Waterkeeper Alliance’s lawsuit was not ‘frivolous, unreasonable or without foundation’ or that the group continued to pursue the lawsuit ‘after it clearly became so.’” See *Waterkeeper Alliance Inc. v. Hudson*, 2013 WL 4561739 (D. Md. Aug 27, 2013). The court applied the standard for civil rights cases in this environmental citizen suit brought under the citizen suit provision of the federal Clean Water Act in finding in favor of Waterkeeper.

Bad Air in Iowa

This past August, parents of children attending a school in Iowa sued a local CAFO for air pollution emissions. The suit alleges that emissions from the CAFO, which is located near the school, allegedly cause asthma. The suit cites a 2006 asthma study showing increased rates of asthma at the elementary school. Further, the suit includes the findings of a 2011 air quality study which showed levels of pollutants in excess of the federal Clean Air Act standards. See *Zook et al. v. McCarthy et al.*, No. 13-CV-1315, *complaint filed* (D.D.C. Aug. 29, 2013).

TRICK OR TREAT!

Give me something good to eat?



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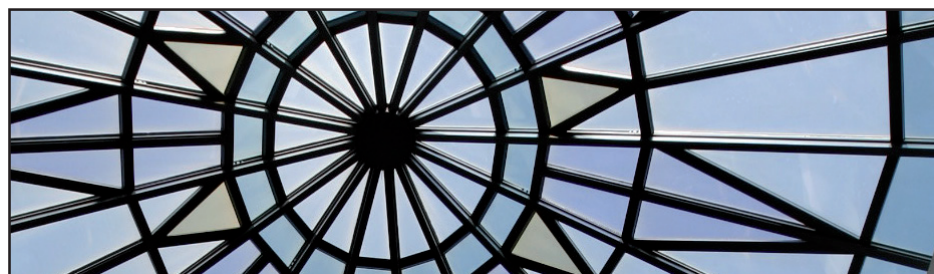
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Contact a reference librarian—in-person on the 6th floor of the library, at 617-573-8516, or lawref@suffolk.edu—for help accessing and using any of the library's resources.

Congressional deadlock

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so that they can maintain their crops when the market doesn't demand them. Additionally, the farm bill provides for insurance during harsh conditions such as drought, tornadoes, and crop disease. Gun control will not move as the focus of Congress continues to be on the spending limit and the threat of government shutdown. Mental health reform, which is cited by Republicans as the cause of recent mass shootings, will not receive any worthy attention from law makers either. However, the House did pass a separate provision that cut \$40 billion dollars from the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program ("SNAP"). The Washington Post noted, "Cutting back on the food stamp program will have a sharp impact on low-income households, the majority of which are headed by single women."

Why Are We at This Juncture?

Democrats and Republicans have not been able to find common ground on where to cut spending and where investment should be made. Democrats will hold firm to the funding put in place so that the ACA can remain in effect, particularly as health care exchanges open on Oct. 1. Republicans seek to level funding for government operations for a second consecutive year through the continuation of the sequester. Last edition's readers will remember that sequester forced significant spending cuts throughout the government, including required days off. However, the threat of government shutdown was coupled with the funding of the health care law as Republicans passed a continuing resolution ("CR"), but specifically eliminated money for healthcare. President Obama highlighted their possible motivations on Sept. 19: "They're focused on politics. They're focused on trying to mess with me. They're not focused on you."

Market Consequences

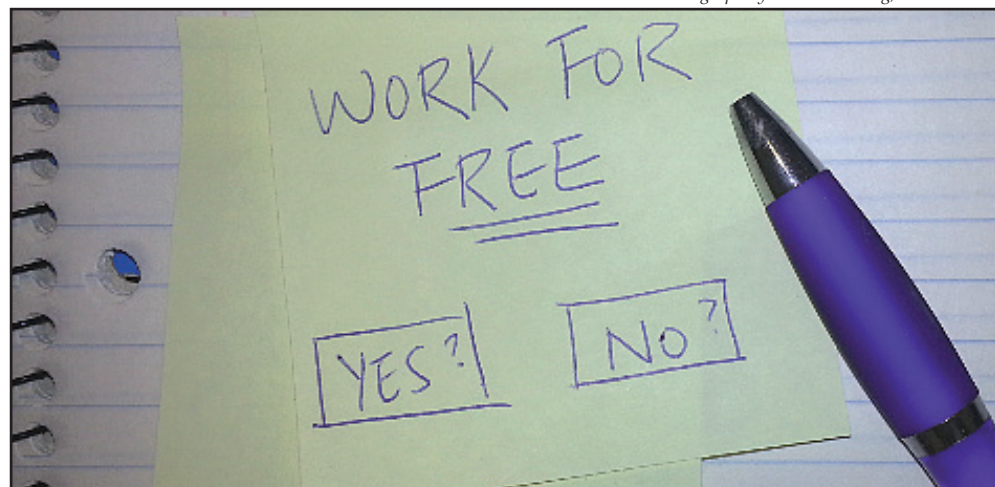
The real impact of a government shutdown will be felt on Wall Street. We have seen many financial leaders speak out against

inaction, and moves such as the September 20 vote, that invite conflict. Alan Greenspan, the former Chairman of the Federal Reserve, opined recently, "both uncompromising sides of our ongoing debate on fiscal and other issues need to recognize that financial crisis lurks should we fail to resolve our deeply disruptive fiscal imbalance. And that imbalance is far greater than the official data portray [because of contingent liabilities to the U.S. government from possible rescues of large financial firms and iconic nonfinancial firms]." The market will assuredly have a sell off if the government stops operations on the first of October, prompting more economic insecurity.

What Will Happen?

Fortunately, commentators are not predicting a government shutdown on the last day of September. (The government runs out of money on Oct. 1, the same day as the opening of the health care exchanges. I'm not sure if this was planned.) However, a great majority are predicting that Republicans will be blamed by Americans for this turmoil. They use the previous "movies" we've seen in recent memory to predict the continuation of this regretful saga. Once zero-hour arrives with the prospect of being blamed for shutting down the government, Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) will pull together enough of his colleagues to keep the coffee pots running. The "gun to the head" scenario provides Boehner the greatest amount of political cover from tea party outlash. Since the Democratic Senate refuses to get rid of the Supreme Court-validated health care reform bill, it will be in the final version of a spending measure. The President will sign the financial bandaid, which keeps the Pentagon in the dark about how it can keep our service members safe, and will prevent logical positive action. It is likely that the Senate will pass a CR that has ACA funding in it, the House and Senate bills will go to conference committee (face-to-face negotiation) and the requisite horse trading will commence to keep the national parks open.

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A Dicta "Thank You" to Dean Cove



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Dicta Secretary and staff writer Melanie Klibanoff shakes hands with Lorraine Cove, Associate Administrative Dean of Student Enrollment Services and Registrar in the Registrar's Office. Mention Dean Cove to a student, and you will likely hear stories of how she personally helped them with class scheduling, enrollment status questions, or exam day mix-ups. Thank you, Dean Cove, for the personal touch; we should have visited your office sooner.

District court judge rules unpaid interns have legal standing to bring suit for wages owed

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of Labor standards. Robert Weich, a Wisconsin complainant, gave an interview with the La Crosse Tribune about his claim. He described, "The company takes advantage of free help...They have 15 to 20 interns at any one time...[they have] them doing some things that normal employees would do."

Following this ruling in New York, debate over the acceptability of these unpaid intern positions has increased across the fashion, entertainment, publishing and legal sectors. With youth employment arguably at its highest in decades, recent graduates are beginning to push for change and demand more out of their internship experiences. Commentators also worry that the acceptance of these unpaid positions is leading to greater economic inequality, arguing that these internships only help advance the ca-

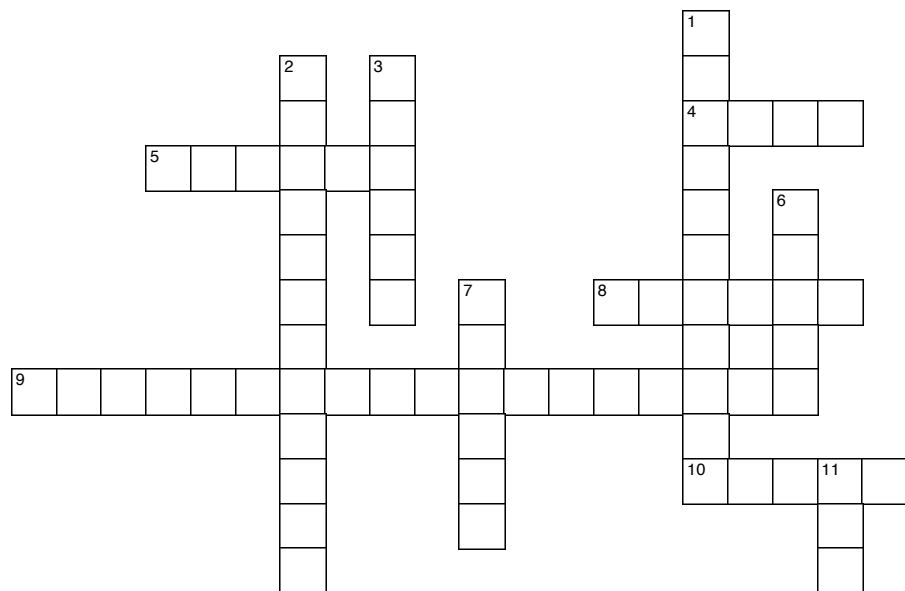
reers of recent graduates who can afford to work for free.

Some attorneys disagree with fighting against this system through the courts. They argue that these interns willingly sign up for positions knowing that they will not be paid. They believe that regardless of how you classify the positions, they still help "build resumes" and provide insight into how a particular industry operates.

The validity of these unpaid positions in the private sector remains unclear. Since June there have been a number of other cases brought by interns who have shared similar experiences. Jack Newhouse is an attorney for former entertainment interns and noted the future of this practice on Forbes.com, "The recent uptick in cases indicates that the threat of a lawsuit is no longer a theoretical risk associated with hiring unpaid interns."

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Fall Potpourri



Down

- 1 A favorite fall beer from Maine. Grab one at Sidebar and you'll likely enjoy the aftertaste of Bud Light.
- 2 A new Student Handbook policy resulting from too many "helicopter parents"
- 3 Casual conversation about other people, typically involving details that are not confirmed as being true.
- 6 Wondering if you're wearing a pair? You probably aren't.
- 7 This year's Fall Ball theme
- 11 Lexis's resources surpass Westlaw in this practice area

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- 4 November test on professional responsibility
- 5 Fish sign
- 8 Outgoing Boston mayor
- 9 Massachusetts Attorney General and candidate for Governor Martha Coakley had two of these "best friends"
- 10 Opinions by a court on a question that is not essential to its decision even though it may be directly involved.

ANSWERS

1. BUMPKINHEAD 2. NOCALLPOLICY 3. GOSSIP 4. MPRE 5. PISCES 6. PANTS 7. GATS-
BY 8. MENINNO 9. LABRADORRETRIEVERS 10. DICTA II. TAX

Horoscopes

Libra

You always weigh your options, but the time has come to question your routine and who you take orders from. Networking can be a beautiful thing and so too is your significant other. Indulge yourself in both and think about all the cool stuff you can buy loans you can pay back when you land that new gig.

Scorpio

You'll get your pat on the back just as soon as you sit down already. No one rivals your drive. Just look at Leonardo DiCaprio. Everyone wants to make money on a blockbuster, but who can stand listening to the critics? Take a seat, and take some notes.

Sagittarius

You know the value of patience — but it's high time you ask for what you've been looking for from that professor, supervisor, boss or editor.

Capricorn

Don't let a disappointment or a missed opportunity get you down, or as they say, check yo self before you wreck yo self. Your next win is right around the corner.

Aquarius

A clever law student like yourself knows that responsibility can mean setting accurate expectations for yourself and others. Manage your time and own that new role, position, project—whatever fell into your lap unexpectedly last month.

Pisces, Pisces, Pisces

You're strong and sturdy but you're not ready for this little surprise. You'll be swimming upstream with work for a while, but you will be rewarded in aspects of your life outside of law school.

Aries

Desire to take the bull by the horns this semester? Check. Ability to take the lead

concerning your extracurricular endeavors? Check. While your commitment to work is commendable (and often aggressive) all work and no play makes Jack (or Jill) a dull boy. Pace yourself, and don't forget to make room for fun this semester. You should accept that invitation to your neighbors Halloween party.

Taurus

You are passionate about your work and you want others to take notice. Harness this by working on perfecting a resume, a project, or a piece of writing. It's true what they say—it's all in the delivery.

Gemini

Harmonize your inner twins this month by pairing your need to communicate with your natural wit.

Entertainment can be educational, and vice versa.

Cancer

You're all about moving forward this month, so you don't have time to let your figurative outer shell (you are the crab after all) hold you back. Make the decision that's been nagging you and stick with it. If all else fails, you've got your friends. And a rom-com.

Leo

You need to go back to the gym. You're succeeding in school, but don't get a big head just yet. Take your friends' advice.

Virgo

You love the fresh start that the new school year brings. Bask in your diligence and accomplishments thus far—you've been running on all cylinders. Take a breather and let things run their course. Unless of course your co-pilot has a horrible sense of direction.

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BOSTON HISTORY

How much do you really know about Boston?



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By Jeff Gangi
Staff Writer

Looking to take a break and get some fresh air between classes? Take a walk in America's oldest public park; it's right across the street. Boston Common was purchased for 30 pounds (current exchange rate makes that \$48.10) and set aside as our "common" ground in 1640, making it America's oldest public park. There are many statues and plaques throughout worth a quick read.

Fact or Fiction? A giant tank of molasses exploded and flooded the streets of Boston. Oddly enough, this is a real story. In the North End, on January 15, 1919, sometime around noon a giant tank of molasses exploded. The explosion sent a wall, some say as high as 15 feet, down Commercial Street, killing 21, injuring more than 150 and destroying buildings in its path. It took six years to reach a conclusion of the more than 100 cases brought. After 3,000 witnesses gave testimo-

ny and six years had passed, the court ruled the United States Industrial Alcohol Company was negligent and was ordered to pay almost a million dollars to the plaintiffs.

"Boston Harbor-a Teapot Tonight!" Those were the cries heard from a gathering of over 5,000 people, more than one-third of Boston's population at the time. After leaving the Old South Meeting House on December 16, 1773 the angry colonists, joined by others who had been gathering at local taverns, dumped 340 chests of tea into Boston Harbor (That's why the water is still brown.) Many more interesting facts about the Boston Tea Party can be found at <http://www.bostonteapartyship.com/old-south-meeting-house-history>. The British occupied the Meeting House shortly after in 1775, filling it with dirt and using it for horse riding practice, but we all know how that story turned out. Then the Meeting House nearly burned in the Great Boston Fire of 1872, but was saved by the timely arrival of a fire engine from New Hampshire. The Old South Meeting House is still standing at 310 Wash-

ington Street, a short walk from the law school. It's open for tours from 10AM-4PM in the winter.

High fly ball to right center field! Boston is home to the oldest professional baseball park in America. Fenway Park opened its doors in 1912 and celebrated its 100th Anniversary last year on April 20, 2012. The Sox are looking like playoff contenders this year, so take a study break and catch a game.

Quack, Quack! Don't take my word for it: take a Duck Tour. The tour company uses the WWII era DUKW vehicle (slightly modified from those used to storm the beaches at Normandy and Guadalcanal) and gives an interesting land and water historical tour of Boston. Tours leave from the Prudential Center, Museum of Science and Boston Aquarium.

Come back next month for another look at some Boston history. Welcome to Boston and don't forget to take a look around.

COMMENTARY

DeAngelis: The Soul Proprietor

By allie deangelis
Staff Writer

There is this nagging echo that reverberates against my face every time I talk to a classmate that reminds me daily of some depressing force of reality. There's the weak job market, the shaky economy, low funding, and cuts to budgets. We've been having this conversation for the last three or four years now. Telling someone to get over it seems a little harsh, so let me mellow the delivery with an anecdote. I am sitting in my favorite class in the row above a boy who brings his computer to class. His desktop background is a plain black screen, with plain white capital letters centered in the middle reminding him to "DO YOUR WORK." Read that again. The simplicity of this mantra is so incredibly fitting, more

satisfying than our empty stress and offers some zen comfort to this crazy life. You go, Glen Coco.

It's a familiar phenomenon: students with the least amount of time left before graduation wish to do the least amount of work. Obviously. We've all been there before. If this time of my life were memorialized by a Thought Catalogue article, the headline would read "Top Ten Things You Should be Stressing About, Now." And on this list, I think school work is number 12. Maybe 15? It depends on how much money you opted to throw away at the bookstore this year. Yes, this is Heartbreak Hill for us 3Ls and 4Ls in the Suffolk Law marathon. We should be hitting our stride, but instead we are banging our heads against the wall.

It is easy to become preoccupied by the incessant accessory noise and disenchanted by the rat race out to the legal

workforce. However, if you put the cart before the horse, you may end up spinning your wheels. Stop panicking. Stop reading articles that justify your Gen-Y malcontent with your place in the world. It's uncertainty which breeds anxiety. Our school is a virtual petri dish of sorts, but you can't let all the bull distract you from the commitment you made three or four years ago.

Do your reading, go to class, know your professors and engage in learning what you signed up to learn. Do your work. You'll be fine. If you let fear of the unknown sit on your back, you will be so worn down you'll have nothing left when the clock runs out on this little law school gig of ours. Breathe in some focus and push the naysayers aside - and don't forget to network, network, network.



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Law School Lexicon

Coffee: You don't drink coffee? May as well sign up for that loyalty card now.

Cold Call: Let's just say you'll go cold all over if you haven't done your reading.

Gunner: This guy always does his reading...and everyone knows it.

Hornbook: These are your friends; search them out in the law library to supplement your understanding of the material.

IRAC: Get your four-pack of highlighters now. You'll be marking up the case law in a color-coded fashion according to Issue, Rule, Analysis, and Conclusion.

Outlining: Outlining is condensing the material down to a manageable study guide. Begin outlining when you've concluded a major section of the course, using your course syllabus and casebook to create headings and synthesize the rules that you've learned. Include case summaries like this one:

Palsgraf v. Long Island Railroad. Pg. X. Cardozo. Railroad guard pushes man, causing him to drop an unassuming package. Package in fact contains fireworks that explode and cause scales to fall on the plaintiff. Illustrates that the plaintiff's harm was not foreseeable, so no proximate cause.

Socratic Method: This is what makes the first year of law school the best year of education of your life. It is the pedagogical technique also known as "hiding the ball." The professor does not give information directly but instead elicits it through a series of questions (to students who had better be prepared to answer them).

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