

Good MARATHON Guide

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WHY HOPKINTON AND NOT LEXINGTON?

For a race held on the day commemorating the start of the Revolutionary war, you'd think it should start in Lexington. However, Lexington is only 14 miles from Boston, and regulation calls for 26 so Hopkinton wins. I guess the closest to patriotism you might get is someone in colonial garb running the race.

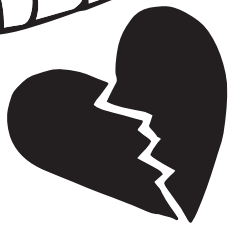
WELLESLEY TUNNEL

It's not a real tunnel, but a stretch of the race where the screams from bystanders-- largely comprised of the students who attend the all-female Wellesley College nearby-- completely envelope the runners passing through. Some women uphold the tradition every year of offering kisses to marathon runners as they run by their campus in Wellesley, Mass. So if runners are looking for an extra pick-me-up near the halfway point of the race, a kiss might do the trick.



BOSTON COLLEGE

Normally a drink in the afternoon would be frowned upon in this jesuit school, but head up to the Newton campus and watch the runners tackle Heartbreak Hill while you sit back and sip on a tall glass of wine.



LIVE ON BEACON STREET?

You can get an amazing birds-eye view from your apartment. Find roof access, pitch a lawn chair, grab a brewski and enjoy the view. Just be sure not to fall off.



KENMORE SQUARE



Congrats! The runners only have about a mile left, so why don't you reward them... by rewarding yourself with some McDonalds. Go ahead, you totally deserve it.

LAYING DOWN THE FACTS: COPLEY SQUARE

Copley Square is named after artist John Singleton Copley. Until 1883 it was known as Art Square because the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston used to stand in Copley Square. The MFA, now located on Huntington Avenue, holds the largest collection of John Singleton Copley's work in the world. Copley's paintings hang in the American Wing of the museum, representative of Copley's development as America's first great painter of oil on canvas.

Rosie Ruiz ENTERS THE RACE

Two Harvard students reported seeing someone burst through the crowd about a half mile before the finish line in 1980. The runner was Rosie Ruiz, a resident of New York, who was the first female to cross the finish line. But after questioning and some crazy CSI investigation (actually it was mostly just observing that she wasn't even out of breath after supposedly running 26 miles), they stripped Ruiz of her title and declared Jacqueline Gareau of Canada the real winner. Ruiz still proclaims that she ran the whole race, but who can deny first-hand evidence provided by college kids... and, y'know, the actual calculations and observations made by officials who questioned her?

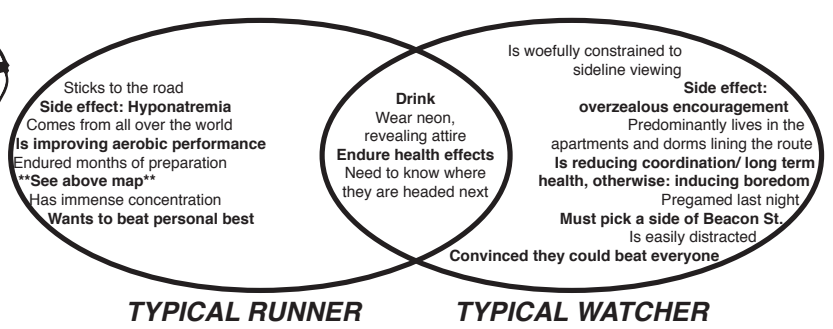
RUNNING PLAYLIST

Whether you are a recently inspired runner or a veteran marathoner, you are going to need some beats to keep you going. Try out this handy list next time you want to up your game.

"Amenamy"- **Purity Ring**
"Recover"- **Chvrches**
"Blue Jeans"- **RAC Mix**
- **Lana Del Rey**
"Reptilia"- **The Strokes**
"Paper Planes"- **MIA**
"Dancing On My Own"- **Robyn**
"I Love It"- feat. Charli XCX"
- **Icona Pop**

"Run The World (Girls)"- **Beyoncé**
-added in accordance with Federal Law
"Beyoncé is an American Diety and Thus Must Be Included in Any and All Exercise, Pump Up or Related Mix"
"I Wanna Meet Dave Grohl"- **Wavves**
"Diane Young"- **Vampire Weekend**
"Comeback Kid"- **Sleigh Bells**

THE TWO MAIN ATTRACTIONS OF MARATHON MONDAY:



How to: MARATHON MONDAY

If you're one of Boston's huge contingent of college students, you've probably heard of Marathon Monday. But on the off chance you haven't, MM is the student population's excuse to wake up at 7am and start drinking until they pass out, usually around 2pm. I'm told there's also an actual marathon too. For all y'all newbies, below is your how-to guide to one of the biggest celebrations in America's College Town.

1 The most important meal of the day, serving it up, Boston's way. Bop. Whether you intend to spend the holiday cheering on the runners from the sidelines, or cheering on your friends as they do a keg stand, remember to start off with a big breakfast [DISCLAIMER: Beer ≠ Food]. With all of

the festivities, food tends to take a back seat. It'll keep you going as you meander about the city, and it will keep you from being one of "those guys" barfing in the middle of an Allston side street.

2 If you don't adequately prepare for Marathon Monday, you're gonna have a bad time. You never know where your MM will take you, so you'll definitely want to be prepared for any possibility. Wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes. You'll thank me Tuesday. A backpack is also not a terrible idea. Some items to consider: extra clothes, water for hydration, and a lighter. Even if you don't smoke, I guarantee you'll get asked for one several times, and it never hurts to help out a stranger in need.

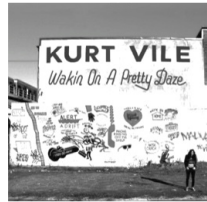
3 ~It's a student's story, baby just say "yes."~ For any first time MM-er, my biggest recommendation is to keep an open mind to anything and everything. For partiers and non-partiers alike, Marathon Monday is a city- wide extravaganza. Don't be afraid to say yes to the day. Go watch the marathon. Go laugh at the ridiculousness of Allston. Go do something. Take advantage of one of the youngest cities in America on its most wild holiday. [DISCLAIMER: by population age, not establishment. Duh guys. Boston's old as shit.]

Cameron Brody, Marathon Monday Enthusiast

WHY COPLEY AND NOT THE NORTH END?

The Old North Church is where Paul Revere's famous ride began, ushering in what would soon be called the Revolutionary War, but that's not where the Marathon ends. But head over there after the race anyway and grab a cannoli. Again, you totally deserve it.

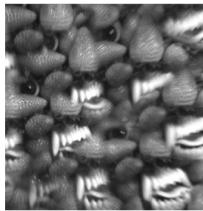
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WALKIN ON PRETTY DAZE – KURT VILE
My appreciation for this album is two-fold. Firstly, as a Philly native, it warms my heart to hear tunes from a hometown hero, especially packaged thusly; that mural actually exists (in North Philly), put there by artist Steve Powers (google this man), and best viewed from the Market-Frankford line (visible on the left). Secondly, this is a superb album of warm tones and tempered psych-rock sensibilities, enough to remind anyone of home.



OVERGROWN – JAMES BLAKE
James Blake's music occupies a unique terrain where dubstep slips into bedroom pop with a touch of what is unmistakably R&B. Overgrown follows in the vein of Blake's debut and maintains the same high-quality songcraft and production from start to finish. The difference between the two records? The first one didn't feature totally rad collaborations with Brian Eno and RZA.



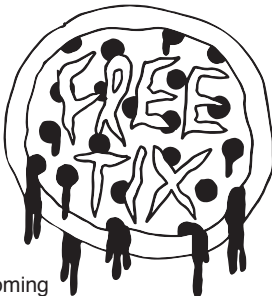
FLOATING COFFIN – THEE OH SEES
The band's millionth-or-so studio album comes from a place filled with the same lo-fi-psychy juice that a lot of our favorites seem to have been drinking lately. Informed by surf-punk, art-rock, and memories of their parents' garage, Floating Coffin pulses from track to track with a heavy energy, both latent and manifest, without ever taking itself too seriously.



SHAKING THE HABITUAL – THE KNIFE
Don't go into this one expecting another "Heartbeats." Shaking the Habitual veers closer to electronic noise music than the shiny synthpop of The Knife's early albums. With that said, this is a great, great record. Let yourself enter its strange and abrasive world. The weirdness is rewarding.

BLACK REBEL MOTOR-CYCLE CLUB

LA rockmeisters Black Rebel Motorcycle Club are coming to Boston (May 3rd @ House of Blues) and here's your chance to go FO FREE. Just send us a picture of yourself and a cycle (need not be yours; need not be motored) to THEBEAT@WTBURADIO.ORG and we'll holla back!



Last week the gods of rock blessed our fair town with a sneak peek of a new EP from Allston's favorite daughter & sons, Mean Creek. The song "My Madeline" will be part of a three-track release (anticipate cassette!) soon to be released. You can stream it over at soundcloud.com/allstonpudding

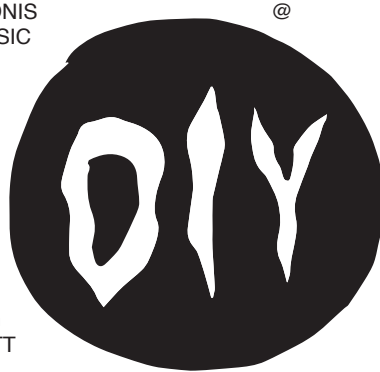


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SICK CONCERTS

4/13
Δ DOWN HOME UP HERE BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL Two days of pickin' and grinnin' from Boston and elsewhere @CLUB PASSIM
4/14
Δ S.H.O.P. PRESENTS: ANDREW LOWRY, VUND-ABAR, SWEATSHOP, RONALD VEGAN, THE TAKEAWAYS punk happenings from everybody's favorite secret house of pancakes @ALL ASIA 8pm \$5 18+
Δ BOSTON MIDNIGHT MARATHON BIKERIDE tour de franzia (lol jk) @HOPKINGTON free to participate but you gotta get out there on your own. Bostonsos.org for info
4/15
Δ METZ w. ODonis BRIGHTON MUSIC HALL Get yer grunge on 8pm doors \$12 18+
Δ MAGIC MAN, THE NOVEL IDEAS, STOLEN JARS indie-electro jams to make you happy again @GREAT SCOTT 9pm \$8 18+
4/17
Δ SLOWDIM, BABYDRIVER, EX-MAGICIANS, AARON SPRANSY A whole hodgepodge of rock goodness @MIDDLESEX \$5 21+
4/18
Δ CULO, BIRTH DEFORMITIES, MALE NURSES, BAD NOIDS +TBA Punk rawk punk rawk @ELKS LODGE 3am doors \$8
Δ BRIGHT LIGHTS: EMERSON STUDENT FILMS Debut of student films "I Fell Silent" and "The Swimmer" @555 Washington St 7pm Free
4/19
Δ THE BABIES, FUTURE SPA, AYKROYD, THE FAGETTES Mostly local indie rock it's all really good n garage-y @STARLAB 8pm \$12 All Ages
4/21
Δ AKRON/FAMILY Like weird psychy (folk)rock shit I can't describe it just go @BRIGHTON MUSIC HALL 8pm doors \$15 18+
4/22
Δ REFLEX ART OPENING Art by Lila Debas focused on the experience of passing through a gallery; meta. @GODINE FAMILY GALLERY 9am (runs til 5/4)



(and as always hit up the Boston Countercultural Compass for more rad happenings)

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY

As we all know, the 238th anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord is upon us. But the events of April 19, 1775 have been the subject of much distortion, and many of you may not have heard the true story. We here at WTBU are committed to bringing you the unvarnished truth, and we are pleased today to present you with the true story of Lexington and Concord.

In early April of 1775, Thomas Gage, military governor of Massachusetts, began planning to raid the town of Concord for the Patriot military supplies stored there. Word of the raid, however, leaked out in advance, and bold Patriot riders—among them Paul Revere—spread the news to militia members in the area around Boston. Preparations were made to

give the British a hearty surprise. When the troops arrived in Concord, and opened the storehouse where they expected to find 700 muskets, they found instead...700 bottles of Old Overholt Straight Rye Whiskey. The Patriots originally intended to hold a spring festival, as a final peace offering to the British government to avoid rebellion. But those tyrannical redcoats did something the minutemen had not dreamed they would dare. Yes, dear reader: they stole the whiskey, private property of the citizens of Concord, and hauled it back

Now you tell me history isn't exciting. Monday is Patriots Day. And while that's a holiday barely acknowledged outside of New England and that one Trale Lewous twizzlers video, it commemorates a pretty huge deal: the flare that sparked the Revolutionary War. While the initial conflict at Lexington didn't go so hot for our guys (our troops were outnumbered 10 to 1 at the scene of the famous "shot heard round the world") we eventually ended up 15,000 strong, forcing a British retreat and winning the first battle of the War. It's hard to communicate in this small space just how awesome that is (and I mean it in the classical sense of the word) but that is AWESOME.

Laura Jane Brubaker, nerd

toward Boston with them, guzzling the outrage, the militia sped off in hot pursuit, catching up with the British at Lexington Green to demand the return of their precious liquor. Shots were exchanged, and the Patriots managed to grab the remaining wagons full of whiskey before returning to Concord. The British naturally followed them, but by that time enough minutemen had been mustered to repel the assault and harry the redcoats all the way back to their headquarters in Charlestown. Of course, the most peculiar occurrence that day was not the battle itself, but the fact that the first shot fired at Lexington Green was, in fact, heard 'round the world. Sound waves from the musket fire circled the globe in just under 33 hours, reaching the ears of approximately 8,500 people per second. This miraculous event was for a long time disputed as mere Continental propaganda, but a painstaking effort by a worldwide network of scientists confirmed the sonic circumnavigation in the early 1830s. This discovery led Ralph Waldo Emerson to commemorate the "shot heard 'round the world" in his address to the town of Concord in 1836.

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