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Singer Patti Austin hugs Santana Roberts at a recent mentoring event.

A special moment at Mentor Day

The Over My Shoulder Foundation, an organization that promotes mentoring, had its “Thank Your Mentor Day” party at the Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams showroom in the Back Bay this week. The feel-good event got even more emotional when singer and mentor **Patti Austin** gave **Santana Roberts**, Austin’s longtime mentee, a \$10,000 donation to help cover tuition costs at Berklee College of Music. Other revelers and mentors at the party included Magic 106.7 **Candy O’Terry**, lawyer **Rick Dyer**, and musicians **Jon Butcher**, **Charlie Farren**, and **Robin Lane**.

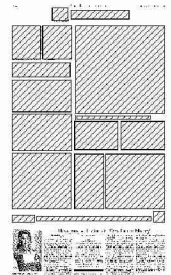
In the Pats locker room, it’s Uggs for all

Patriots players received a little gift yesterday. The team, which leaves for Indy this weekend, returned to their lockers to discover boxes of Uggs for every player. Although QB **Tom Brady** has a contract with UGG Australia to endorse the company’s casual footwear, outerwear, and accessories, it’s not clear who put the boots — dark brown Stonemans, retail \$220 — in the locker room. There was a card in each box: “Congratulations for making it to Super Bowl XLVI, the Uggs team.”

Fresh from Sundance, ‘Celeste’ comes to Boston

Just a few days after Sony Pictures Classics scooped up the movie at the Sundance Film Festival, “Celeste and Jesse Forever” screened at the Coolidge Corner Theatre. Director **Lee Toland Krieger** was in the house Thursday to answer questions, as was actor **Will McCormack** — actress **Mary McCormack**’s brother — who co-wrote the script with the film’s star **Rashida Jones**. McCormack confessed to the Brookline audience that he and Jones — a Harvard grad whose dad is **Quincy Jones** — are best friends and briefly dated in 1999. (They were a couple for

three whole weeks.) “Best three weeks of my life,” he said. Krieger and McCormack said the movie — a dramedy about a couple on the outs — was made for about \$800,000. It was supposed to have a \$15 million budget, but the studio that was going to fund it went out of business before filming. Even with a limited budget, they managed to corral quite a lineup: Jones costars opposite **Andy Samberg**, **Emma Roberts**, **Elijah Wood**, and Boston-bred actress **Ari Graynor**, whose proud parents were in the Coolidge audience for the screening.





KAYANA SZYMCZAK FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

From left: Will McCormack, Lee Toland Krieger, and Meg Toland Lile before their film screening at the Coolidge Corner Theatre on Thursday.

Shins' Mercer makes artful noise in museum



MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, BOSTON

James Mercer performing in an MFA gallery.

Shins frontman **James Mercer** performed four songs, including the band's new single, "Simple Song," at the MFA this week as part of the Acoustic Sessions Series hosted by WFNX-FM. Mercer played in the museum's Dutch and Flemish gallery, in front of **Jan Both's** painting "Bandits Leading Prisoners." . . . Meanwhile, **DJ Spinderella** — former member of Salt-N-Pepa — guest DJ'd at Julep Bar in the Fi-

nancial District. . . Following his fund-raiser at the State Room, Sox third baseman **Kevin Youkilis** joined **Ayla Brown**, **Gavin DeGraw**, and "Chelsea Lately" types **Sarah Colonna** and **Josh Wolf** for a beverage or two at **Garrett Harker's** Hawthorne.

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Gooding flies into town in support of 'Red Tails'

Whatever it takes to get the word out about "Red Tails," **Cuba Gooding Jr.** will do it. In part that's because he feels strongly about the story — the movie is about the African-American World War II aviators known as the Tuskegee Airmen — and in part it's because **George Lucas**, who financed the film himself, asked him to. "George sat [the actors] down and said this has been his passion for many years, and you have to do all you can do to promote it," Gooding told us during a stop in Boston. "He said to me, 'Would you mind going to Harvard?' and I said, 'Whatever you want.'" And so the actor, who won an Oscar for his role in "Jerry Maguire," spoke yesterday to Crimson students and to another crowd at UMass-Boston. The 44-year-old Gooding, who also starred in the 1995 HBO movie "The Tuskegee Airmen," said he feels "indebted" to Lucas for making the movie, adding: "A lot of stories like this are not green-lit in Hollywood." It's an action story about the exploits of the all-black fighter squadron, but "Red Tails" also gives the audience something to think about, he said. "People of influence who've seen it — people like **Oprah [Winfrey]** and **Tyler [Perry]** — have been affected and want to get involved." Knowing that Gooding is a huge hockey fan, we wondered what he thought of goalie **Tim Thomas's** decision to boycott the Bruins' visit to the White House this week. He was not impressed. Gooding said President **George W. Bush** invited him to the White House a few years ago to talk about his movie "Gifted Hands," about the world-renowned neurosurgeon **Ben Carson**. "Of course I went. I didn't bat an eye," said Gooding, who admitted he was not a fan of the President Bush. "Sometimes, you've got to put politics aside."

Jamming

'I just went "I'll sing a bunch of those songs I like singing. I got a band, I'll just call them up and tell them to come over.'" CHRIS ISAAK, talking about how he recorded all the songs on his new album, "Beyond the Sun," in one take





JONATHAN WIGGS/GLOBE STAFF

Cuba Gooding Jr. (left) and members of the New England Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen at UMass-Boston.

Friends and co-workers remember Jackie O.

David Stenn, a producer on “Boardwalk Empire” who’s also worked on “21 Jump Street,” “Hill Street Blues,” and “Beverly Hills 90210,”



was one of the featured speakers at “The Literary Life of **Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis**,” a program hosted Monday at the **John**

F. Kennedy Presidential

Library and Museum. Stenn (inset), who wrote biographies of **Clara Bow** and **Jean Harlow** with Onassis as his editor, joined other friends of Jackie O., including **Betty Sue Flowers**, who worked with Onassis on **Joseph Campbell’s** “The Power of Myth”; magazine publisher **Joe Armstrong**, who lunched with Onassis weekly during the years before she died; and **Harriet Rubin**, who worked with Onassis at Doubleday. **Greg Lawrence**, author of the book “Jackie as Editor,” moderated the talk.



BILL BRETT FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

Dress for Success draws a crowd

Dress for Success held a big fund-raiser yesterday, and speakers included **Jacqui Budd**, chairwoman of the organization that helps low-income women transition into the workforce. WCVB-TV’s **Shayna Seymour** emceed the event. Pictured (from left): **Bridget Blythe** of NECN, **Kristen Daly** of Milton, and **Sue Brady** of Wellesley.

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