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»Must walk

**JIMMY FUND BOSTON MARATHON**

**WALK**—Most people will never see a penny of the Boston Marathon's \$575,000 prize purse. This Sunday, however, 7,000 walkers will raise more than 10 times that amount for the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, during the 19th annual Jimmy Fund Boston Marathon Walk. See [www.jimmyfundwalk.org](http://www.jimmyfundwalk.org) for start times and route maps. **METRO/MC**



»Must ask

**'STUMP THE GRAD STUDENT'** Whether you're looking to vent some rejection letter resentment or just find out, once and for all, why the sky is blue, here's your chance. From 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, three Boston PhD students will field science-related questions at the corner of JFK and Mt. Auburn streets in Cambridge while WGBH films it. **METRO/MC**



»Must axe

**NEW ENGLAND GUITAR FESTIVAL** Worn out the buttons on your 'Guitar Hero' controller? Maybe it's time to upgrade to a real axe at this weekend's New England Guitar Festival. More than 150 guitar, amp, and accessory manufacturers and dealers will set up shop at the Bayside Expo Center on Saturday and Sunday. **METRO/MC**



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**The Receiving End of Sirens**

Hub band plays their first, and last, show at Avalon

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Rainman reviews the news

as told to **Dorothy Robinson**

**INTERVIEW.** Don't feel badly for Louisiana rapper Rainman because he happened to launch his debut album, "Bigga Than Life," on the same day 50 Cent and Kanye West released their albums. He's cool with it. Then again, he also thinks Britney Spears had "presence" at the VMAs, so we're beginning to question his judgment.

**We'll start off with the world's biggest news. Did you see Britney Spears on the VMAs?**  
 Yeah, I saw a little piece of it.

**What did you think?**  
 She looked good. She got that presence when she gets on stage.

**Um, really?**  
 Yeah, I would say so. Sure.

**It was announced that Jon Stewart will be the host of The Oscars this year. Good pick?**

Nah. Not one of my real favorite people to be real with ya.

**You're an Ellen fan I take it?**  
 Yeah! I like her personality. She's zany. She's got that charisma. I think I would like it better than that other guy doing it.

**"3:10 to Yuma" was the No. 1**

**movie in the country. Does this show that America is ready to embrace the western genre again?**  
 Yeah, me, myself, I do like westerns. When I was growing up, my mom was watching this show called "Bonanza." I liked the cowboys and Indians. I got into it. It's a trip.

**Your album happened to drop on the day known as "the battle of the titans." Do you think that will hurt or help?**  
 Well, you know what? There's going to be a big rush to the record store to grab their albums. But see? The same time they got me on the new release shelf, and people will be interested. But, next, year they need to look out! 'Cause once the world lets me rain on them a little bit, then they'll be in trouble.

