

## Sights and Sounds

# Super Bowl Sunday

Whether you're excited for Super Bowl, sad another football season is ending, or just don't care, here are football related movie's and television episodes for everyone to enjoy!

### Romantic Comedies

#### Silver Linings Playbook



Suffering from bi-polar disorder and recently released from a psychiatric hospital, Pat returns to his parent's house and determined to win back his ex-wife. Pat meets recently widowed Tiffany, complete with her own neuroses, at a dinner at a friend's house, where she offers to help Pat communicate with his ex-wife-as long as he enters a dance competition with her. Constant throughout the movie is Pat and his family's devotion to the Philadelphia Eagles- and all the rituals and good luck charms that go along with being a Birds fan.

#### The Waterboy



Socially inept and clumsy Bobby Boucher takes his job as water boy for the university football team very seriously. When he is fired from his position because of sheer incompetence, Bobby approaches the rival university's coach and asks for a job. After enduring one mean spirited comment too many, Bobby lashes out and tackles the quarterback to the ground which leads to him quickly becoming one of the most feared linebackers.

### Dramas



#### We Are Marshall

This historical drama describes the aftermath of the 1970 plane crash that killed 37 football players on the Marshall University Thundering Herd football teams, the rebuilding of the football programs and the healing of the community.



#### Remember the Titans

When African-American coach Herman Boone is hired to coach the T.C. William's High School football team, the white players boycott until the former coach, Bill Yoast, comes on as assistant coach. The team deals with several racial clashes, while the school board tells Boone that if he loses even one game he will lose his job as well. This leads to an undefeated season, which is threatened right before the semi-finals when it is apparent the referees are intentionally calling a bad game.



### Rudy

Rudy dreams of playing football for Notre Dame even though his grades aren't good enough to get into the school and he lacks the stature or talent necessary to play in such a prestigious program and instead goes to work in a steel mill. After his best friend is killed in a car accident, Rudy decides it's time get on with his dreams, enrolls in a junior college where after a lot of hard work he is accepted to transfer to Notre Dame. Rudy doesn't make the team, but gets the chance to be the "tackling dummy" and after two years of inspiring the team he's allowed to dress for one game, where he is triumphantly carried off the field by his teammates.

### **Television**



### How I Met Your Mother-?Monday Night Football? (Season 2, episode 14)

When a funeral and extra-long wake on Super Bowl Sunday prevents the gang from their tradition of watching the game live while eating hot wings, they decide to tape it to watch the following night. Everyone disrupts their regular routine in order to keep from accidentally learning the outcome of the game-Ted works from home while Barney handcuffs himself to Ted's wall. Hilarity ensues in Lily's classroom and as Robin tries not to listen to the recap while she's presenting the news.

### Seinfeld ?The Label Maker? (Season 6, episode 12)

Jerry has two tickets to the Super Bowl, but can't attend because of Drakes Wedding, so he gives them to Dr. Whatley-who Elaine suspects re-gifted to Jerry a Label Maker she gave him for Christmas. In an epic kerfuffle that Seinfeld is known for, the tickets go from person to person, until finally Jerry finds himself at the Super Bowl sitting next to Newman.



### The Simpsons ?Lisa the Greek? (Season 3, episode 14)

Homer begins to bond with Lisa when he discovers her ability to pick winning football teams and uses it to help him gamble. For the 8 weeks leading up to the Super Bowl, all of Lisa's picks wins. When Lisa discovers Homer is just using her for her prognostic abilities, and not because he enjoys spending time with her, she quits talking to him. Homer makes tries to make amends by inviting her to watch the Super Bowl with him, where Lisa gives him this cryptic prediction: if she still loves Homer, Washington will win; if she doesn't, Buffalo will.

Posted by Jacoba W. on January 30, 2015

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# Monuments Men



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It's not often that a World War II film comes my way that stirs my soul. It's even rarer that what stirs my soul is not the personal story of an individual or a small group of people standing up for what is right against the Nazis or an escape from a German internment camp despite impossible odds. It's not that I don't enjoy a good war film, but most war films have the same basic features, [Read more](#)

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# In Remembrance

It's that time of year where we remember who we've lost this past year.



**Phil Everly** (January 19, 1939 ? January 3, 2014)

Phil Everly was one half of the Everly Brothers. 'Bye Bye Love' in 1957 brought them fame and resulted in 15 Top 10 hits between 1957 and 1962. In 1986 the Everly Brothers were among the first 10 artists inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

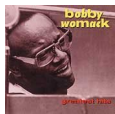
Find the Everly Brothers in our catalog [here](#) or search on [Hoopla](#) for streaming music.

**Pete Seeger** (May 3, 1919 ? January 27, 2014)

Pete Seeger was a folk singer and social activist. His best known songs are 'Where Have All the Flowers Gone?' and 'If I Had a Hammer (The Hammer Song)'. He was one of the

folksingers most responsible for popularizing "We Shall Overcome" during the Civil Rights Movement.

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**Bobby Womack** (March 4, 1944-June 27, 2014)

This singer-songwriter began his career as a child with his brothers in Curtis Womack and the Womack brothers. Sam Cooke signed the group to his label, and after some success with the newly named Valentinos, Womack played backing musician for Cooke. Womack also wrote the Rolling Stones' first UK number one hit "It's All Over Now".

Check out his CDs [here](#) or log on to [Hoopla](#) and stream his CDs for free!

**Tommy Ramone** (January 29, 1949 - July 11, 2014)

The last surviving member of the influential punk band The Ramones died July 11, 2014. Born in Hungary as Erdelyi Tamas, Tommy Ramone was a founding member and drummer of the Ramones famous for the songs "I Wanna Be Sedated" and "Blitzkrieg Bop". He played on the band's first three studio albums before leaving the Ramones to concentrate on studio work.

Listen to the Ramones on [Hoopla](#)



**Jack Bruce** (14 May 1943 - 25 October 2014)

Jack Bruce was Scottish musician and composer considered by many to be one of the greatest bass players of all times. Best known for his work in the band Cream, Bruce also had a successful solo career and occasionally performed in Ringo Starr's All-Star Band.

Check out Cream's albums [here](#) or stream them on [Hoopla](#).

**Wayne Static** (November 4, 1965 - November 1, 2014)

Born Wayne Richard Wells, Wayne Static is best known as the spikey-haired lead vocalist of metal band Static X. Formed in 1994, Static X released six studio albums. In 2011 Wayne Static pursued a solo career and released the album Pighammer.

Find Static X's albums on [Hoopla](#)



**Bobby Keys** (December 18, 1943 - December 2, 2014)

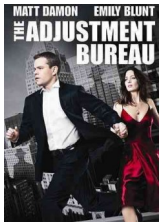
December began with the loss of the Saxophonist and Rolling Stones sideman Bobby Keys. A longtime friend of Keith Richards, Keys toured and played with the Rolling Stones for 40 years. His career spanned four decades and he appears on albums by Lynyrd Skynyrd, George Harrison and Joe Cocker among other prominent musicians.

See him with Joe Cocker in [Mad Dogs Englishmen](#) or read his [autobiography](#).

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## Adjustment Bureau



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*The Adjustment Bureau* (2011) stars Matt Damon as Senate candidate David Norris. He has been tapped by an unseen group to win a seat in the Senate . . . just not this election year. If you were to read the basic plot of the movie it would sound like a typical political thriller. An unseen group is grooming its candidate for a high office. Suddenly this candidate becomes enthralled with a woman who they believe will be detrimental to his career and the group's agenda. This unknown organization begins to exert every effort to keep their candidate away from the woman and focused on the job at hand. As the candidate continues to try to find the woman he loves he begins to find out more about this hidden organization and begins to fight against their control and seek his own way. [Read more](#)

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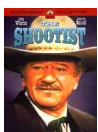
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## The Shootist



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A while ago I wrote about one of my favorite John Wayne Movies, *The Quiet Man*. *The Quiet Man* was a romance and a departure from the War and Western films that John Wayne was most well known for. My second favorite John Wayne film, *The Shootist* is also a departure from his usual role even though it is a western, it is the story of an older gunfighter now battling a greater battle; cancer. Seeking a place to spend his last days, he takes up residence in a boarding house run by a widow who is against everything the gunfighter's life represents while her teenage son harbors a secret desire to be just like the old shootist .

The cast for *The Shootist* is among the best. Besides 'The Duke' as the shootist J.B. Books, the film features Lauren Bacall as boarding house owner Bond Rodgers and Ron Howard as her son Gillom. Despite the film's title you won't find a lot of shoot outs in the film. It's the story a

dying man, who wants to die with dignity and perhaps regain a little taste of the life he could have had if his life had not taken the violent turn it did. Yes, John Wayne is still the tough guy, but his view is now tempered as he faces his cancer and the knowledge that there is nothing he can do to win his battle against it. Each character must in the end examine themselves as they are faced with Books? mortality and eventual death.

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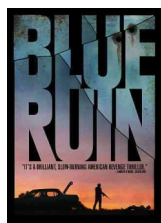
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## Blue Ruin



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Here's one of my favorite American movies I've seen this year. I heard about this while it was making the rounds on the festival circuit last year and finally got a chance to check it out recently. It won the FIPRESCI prize at the Cannes Film Festival last summer (the international critics' prize for best independent feature). While it's worth checking out for the Virginia set cinematography, it is primarily a suspense film about how revenge never goes the way you want it to. [Read more](#)

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