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SPECIAL FEATURE

J&W Women’s Center

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Breast Cancer Walk in Providence
Sunday, October 17th
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Speaker and Book Reception
Tuesday, October 19

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J&W writing professor
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SAFETY & SECURITY BLOTTER

- Friday, 9/17, 12:00 am
  Student Assaulted on Pine Street
  Three students approached by two men believed to be J&W students and ZBT fraternity members. After a verbal altercation, one student was struck and fell to the ground. The victims stated that a knife was shown during the incident. Police were notified.

- Sunday, 9/19, 1:30 am
  Male Student robbed at Burger King on Pleasant Valley Parkway
  Suspect vehicle: black Jeep Cherokee
  Occupation: Three black males about 18-19 years old
  Student reported subject approached in a vehicle, asked for a dollar then took the students wallet and fled the area.

- Sunday, 9/19, 10:34 pm
  Male Student arrested at a Residence Hall
  Charged with a narcotics violation.

- Sunday, 9/19, 11:10 pm
  Male Student assaulted on Weybosset St.
  Suspect description: Black male with black hair and mustache, about 5’7”, wearing shorts. Student reported he was approached by a male subject who began to hug a kiss him. The subject pulled the student into an alley and demanded sex. The student was able to flee from the scene.

- Monday, 9/20, 6:00 pm
  Car Stolen from Commuter Lot
  Student reported her vehicle missing from the parking lot. Police were notified.

- Tuesday, 9/21, 11:00 am
  Male Student threatened on Shipyard St.
  Suspect description: Black male 17-20 years old, wearing beige hat and black t-shirt, 5’10”, thin build.
  Suspect vehicle: old model red Honda
  A male student reported he was returned to his car on Shipyard St. and discovered a male suspect crouched down by the car. The suspect brandished a knife and fled the area in his own vehicle.

- Tuesday, 9/24, 12:35 am
  Student robbed near 5-11 Store at Kennedy Plaza
  Suspect description: A black male wearing a white T-shirt and white droog. A white female, no physical description on either suspect. Female student was with a male student when they were approached by 10 black males and one white female. One male struck the female knocking her to the ground and stealing her purse. The male student was also hit several times by the male suspect.

- Saturday, 9/25, 1:30 pm
  Two Students robbed in Columbia Park
  Suspects’ description: 4 black males 18-20 years old, each wearing white T-shirt and blue jeans.
  Students were approached by the suspects as they were crossing the park. Each student was punched in the face by a suspect. A backpack was stolen in the incident. Four black males were seen circling the area in a light brown Toyota.
Senator discusses importance of a women's vote

April L. Pavier
Staff Writer

Rhode Island Senator Beatrice Landis addressed approximately 50 students at the Pepsi Forum on September 28 to discuss her viewpoints on women in politics.

Prior to the event, an audio tape sponsored by www.feminist.org was played. Celebrities Laura Dern, Sheryl Crow, and Nia Vardalou outlined reasons for women to vote in the presentation. Crow provided the statistic that only one third of women under the age of 25 voted in the 2000 presidential election.

Women's Center coordinator Tanya Rogers introduced Senator Landis, also commending her on her recent primary election win.

Landis stunned listeners with an opening anecdote from one of her first days as a house representative in which a security guard would not let her in. He could not believe a female could be a representative. She revealed her solution for that to the female audience.

"Find out who's working on an issue you care about. Volunteer to research. Find a candidate you like and hold them to their promises," suggested Landis.

"The more we use are to see young women volunteering at the state house, will make us more used to the idea of women being an elected official," said Landis.

Fourteen of the 75 members of Rhode Island's House of Representatives and nine of our 38 Senators being female, the numbers are too low to become a noticeable trend according to Landis. Eighteen and 23 percent are not noteworthy numbers, which makes it difficult for current females to take make an impact.

"Every vote counts" is a saying Landis believes in unconditionally. "Seventy percent of women are basically taking a pass," claimed Landis.

"That's bad. By not voting you are robbing the system of hearing your voice."

"All of the time we hear the president and your legislators are deciding right now are affecting the rest of your life," declared Senator Landis.

From global peace to healthcare, women are more concerned now than ever. The Equal Rights Amendment, written and introduced to the Congress in 1923, is an amendment ensuring equality for both genders in the workplace under federal law. It has not been passed yet. The bill only needs three more states to vote 'yes' for it to become the 28th amendment to the Constitution.

Presidential candidate John F. Kerry marched alongside feminists in 1971 to support the amendment. "The Equal Rights Amendment is the only systematic way to achieve full equality for women under law, including equal opportunity in employment, equal pay for comparable effort, and an end to sex discrimination in insurance, pensions, and annuities," stated Kerry at a recent press conference.

Senator Landis took her own stance on women in the workplace as 2nd Vice Chairperson of the Labor Committee. She pushed the passing of the Workplace Violence Protection Act, ensuring that people are protected at their place of employment against those who have been proven to be harmful to them.

"If someone you have a restraining order against is stalking you at work, it is now illegal," commented Landis.

Senator Landis urged female students not to get trapped in "Pink Collar poverty." The term defines government slanging many more women are employed through lower-paying employers than men. The Senator wasn't too worried about the females in her audience falling victim to that thought, since she saw firsthand how effective J&W is in career placement.

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After graduating from Rhode Island College with degrees in both Communication and Political Science, Landis went on to achieve a Masters degree from Emerson College in Business Communication. Upon graduation from Emerson, Landis became District 22's voice in the RI state House of Representatives. For ten years she ensured her district and Rhode Island was taken care of. After Rhode Island Monthly named Landis one of the "legislators who have emerged and made an impression," she decided to run for Senate for District 26, in Cranston, where she has sat since November 5, 2002.

Senator Landis's commitment to the bettering of people and society can be seen not only in her political past, but in her personal endeavors also. After visiting Russia in 1997 and bearing witness to the large number of children in orphanages, the Senator adopted a baby named Sofia Rose.

"Beatrice did a good job of speaking to her audience and kept it on a level that relates to them. She urged them to vote, and it was very motivational," concluded Rogers.

Arts & Sciences presents ‘Living Literature’ to students

By Benjamin Bright
Guest Writer

More than 100 students from all majors piled into the Pepsi Forum recently to hear "Living Literature" performed. The dramatic readings, or readings done in theatre style, include four short stories by 19th century author and playwright Anton P. Chekhov.

Performed by husband-and-wife team Barry Press and Anne Scarrubia, one of the short stories selected from a collection of more than 600 was: How I Came to be Lawyerly Wed. This entertaining story involved two young people caught in the conflict of a pre-arranged marriage when they clearly did not love one another.

The three other short stories were, A Work of Art, A Joke, and A Drama.

Press and Scarrubia, who travel across the state to present Living Literature, are planning a series of presentations entitled, The Pursuit of Happiness: What is the American Dream.

The series is scheduled to take place at various local libraries and churches in October and November. The event was sponsored by the Cultural Life Committee of the School of Arts and Sciences.
University hosts largest post 9-11 career conference

BY SARAH CHANG
Staff Writer

One-hundred and thirty five companies attended the annual Johnson & Wales Career Conference hosted at the Rhode Island Convention Center on October 7. The event was open to seniors, alumni and faculty from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. to the entire J & W community.

Seniors and alumni were given the opportunity to attend at 10:30 a.m. to mingle and network with companies while faculty took the opportunity to gain insight on current workforce situations and how to better prepare J&W students.

"Last year we had 102 companies, this year we hosted 135, our largest "post 9/11" Career Conference. The gains being with those employers representing financial services, retail and technology sectors," said Celeste Brantolino, Director of Career Development and Alumni Relations.

From regional companies such as AAA Southern New England, Cox Communications, and McCormick & Schmick's to larger, coast-to-coast corporations such as Aflac, Marriott International and Tyson, a range of opportunities were offered to J&W students.

Although this was the largest post 9-11 career conference, Brantolino noted that the real thrill in her mind was that the number of employers organizing on-campus recruiting schedules for the day after the fair doubled.

This signifies a strong surge upward in employment trends. Employers are staffing up and have found that J&W graduates meet their hiring needs well," Brantolino said.

Many students attending the conference were disappointed with the lack of representation from companies within their major. This dialogue has been addressed by J&W students heading into the workforce consistently.

Brantolino claims the career development office aims for representation in all different segments.

"Our goal is to increase recruiting opportunities for each major," she said.

Brantolino continues, "Some industry segments do not use a large-scale venue such as a Career Conference for sourcing candidates. Strategic Marketing Firms and Advertising Agencies are a good example of industry segments we work with on a direct referral and Cooperative Education level."

The director also noted that a fair amount of students who successfully complete an experiential work experience are offered full time jobs after their co-op.

The career development office maintained their strict guidelines for proper dress and appearance for students. Students were not allowed to enter the conference without proper business attire. Students who wore excessive jewelry or who were underdressed were turned away.

In the director's eyes there are two types of students who attend the career conference.

"Many (students) take full advantage of the program, spending time researching the companies who have pre-registered in order to determine who they should target; show up to the convention clean, pressed, neat, and ready to make the process work. These super stars yield unlimited network contacts and interviews," she said.

On the other side of the spectrum as Brantolino puts it, are the students she is concerned with.

"At the end of the spectrum we have students who throw on what ever they think will pass by the minimum requirements of our dress-code, run in the front door and spend a few minutes crossing the carpet to the exit to pick up their certificate of attendance and complain that this was a waste of their time. Those are the ones I worry about."

She asks, "How do they expect to get a return on their investment if they don't take advantage of the tremendous opportunity this event provides?"

Students are urged by Brantolino, and faculty to not overlook the hidden opportunities offered to them.

"Compas, one of our two covenant partners, hires not only Culinary & Pastry Arts, Culinary Nutrition, Foodservice Management, as well as all Hospitality Majors, but operates one of the largest wholesale buying and distribution organizations called Food Buy."

Food Buy hires business management, accounting, finance, and marketing majors to staff well-paid analysts positions.

The career development office database of employers consists of over 1,500 contacts, and the process for preparing for the career conference beings in March.

"We are pleased to see a core group of employers who consistently support our events year after year, coupled with interest from new employers," said Brantolino.

Christina Dun, a recruiter for CVS felt that J&W "does an excellent job" training its students for the workforce. She also stressed the importance of experience, "whether starting out as a cashier or pharmaceutical assistant, the key is getting your foot in the door," she said. A recent graduate who is currently working with McCormick's and Schmicks, Edward Bolus offered similar tips to fellow J&W students. "Get as much experience as you can," said Bolus while stressing the importance to get as much exposure to the workplace as possible.

Bolus felt that Johnson & Wales provided him the perfect curriculum that has enabled him to be successful in the restaurant industry. He chided that fellow culinary students "pay close attention to chefs, you learn what to and what not to do."

The next career fair will take place on January 27, 2005 when J&W hosts the 5th annual Marriott career day.

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Professor and writer leading Women’s Center to triumph

Newly hired director illustrates her career path, life, and Center goals

By John Ortenzio
Editor-in-Chief

The Women’s Center at Johnson & Wales University, located on the third floor of the Citizen’s Bank Center for Student Involvement in a quaint, corner office experienced administrative changes in September. Tanya Rogers, a former Arts & Sciences professor has recently been appointed to the position of Director for the Center that serves as a safe zone for all students, and as a medium to educate and empower women.

Rogers was born and raised in Johnston, Rhode Island, a 15 minute cruise down Route 195. The director attended Regis College and received her B.A. in Political Science and Communications. Her first job out of college was with AT&T Wireless, during the era when the company brought the wireless segment to the Boston and Providence market.

Rogers spent three years with AT&T, finding the ranks to management, as well as finding the position very lucrative. But the writer and professor felt the position was not for the “good of people.”

“I finally said I’m done with that and I wanted to change and get into something where I was doing something besides making money. I really enjoyed my job, but I wasn’t helping people. I was extremely burnt out as well,” stated Rogers.

Rogers had an idea to write a science-fiction book buried in her brain. She immediately began her mission to complete the book, which is still in the works. She wrote during the day, and cooked at The Abby, a local restaurant near Providence College in the evenings.

“All cooked there at night and wrote all day,” said Rogers. “I was working with someone who was in editing and started the editing process, so I said I needed some solitude,” she continued. She then traveled to England, Germany and Africa to gain solitude and inspiration for her book. She later attended Goldsmith College in London where she received her Masters degree in 20th century literature at Goldsmith College.

According to Rogers, she was extremely driven at this point in her career and life. “After doing what I didn’t want to do for so long, it gave me an immense passion for other things. But I would get burnt out.”

And when the writer would get burned, she switched to reading. “I always needed to be working.” Books written by the great writers,” as she puts it would inspire her.

If all else failed, Rogers would stop drinking coffee, her second love, for days at a time. This technique would cure her writer’s block, which she admits struggling with a few times during the process.

“It would be like a new energy,” she explains.

After receiving her Masters Rogers was unsure of her future path.

“I just sent letters to all the Rhode Island colleges introducing myself,” said Rogers.

Johnson & Wales called Rogers and said they didn’t have any openings but she could come in for an interview because they were very interested in her. Upon her arrival for the interview, Rogers was ten minutes late due to her difficulties in finding a parking spot downtown. But that didn’t deter Johnson & Wales from hiring her.

She began teaching English Composition courses, while working at the Women’s Center.

“I was exhausted, and I never stopped. But I can tell you that there wasn’t a day where I didn’t love what I did,” Rogers proudly said.

People in the community would ask Rogers if she knew this person, or that person, and Rogers would reply with a stern “nope.” “I was head down, just running from one, place to the next,” she said.

The driven and passionate leader on campus admits that sometimes she wishes to go back to sales for the wealth aspect of the profession.

“I learned early on that I need to be doing something that helps people, even if it’s a hard day and stressful day it’s still always a good day,” she said.

With the help of what she calls a diverse, bright, and unique staff of student employees and work study, Rogers hopes that the Center will be a place to improve the health and the minds of students.

“Although it’s a women’s center, we’re concerned about all students. I would like to call it a safe zone, a place that promotes and encourages diversity and uniqueness.”

The center is in the process of conducting and planning events and programs with the assistance of Safety & Security, the Library, and Parent Ambassadors Working for Students.

While sitting at her desk in a newly renovated office decorated with artwork and plants Rogers urged students to come into the lounge located in the center and sit and relax. “There’s so much space you won’t stand out.”

She also urged students to remember, “What you put out is what you get in return. Even though life is a struggle sometimes, if you continue to put out, you’ll continue to survive, and you’ll get what comes back in.”

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Sorority sisters lend a helping hand

Community
Service Spotlight

BY GINGER J. VIEIRA
Staff Writer

The Alpha Sigma Tau sorority raised over two-hundred dollars for the Easter Seals Walk-A-Thon on September 25. Corey True, publicity manager for the sorority and fifteen other members of the AST participated in the mile and a half walk at Water Place Park. Aside from walking, they also helped serve food and water to the participants of the program and did face painting for the younger kids.

Easter Seals is an organization dedicated to improving the lives of people with disabilities, giving them a chance to live with equality, dignity and independence. Established for more than 80 years, Easter Seals has 400 centers across the nation, a total of 13,000 staff members, and thousands of volunteers.

According to their official website, one out of every five Americans is affected by a disability, a total of over 54 million people. Over four million of those people are children.

Disabilities include blindness, hearing and speech problems, and mobility problems. Whether a person was born with the disability or acquired it through an accident, for example, Easter Seals seems to have a solution for everyone.

They provide services such as physical therapy, speech and hearing therapy, job skills training, and technological services that will assist them on a daily basis. The main goal is to help a person with a disability gain a level of independence so they can live a happier life.

Alpha Sigma Tau is planning to work much more with the Easter Seals organization in the future, helping at future fund raising cocktail parties and raffle events.

The group is working to become a part of the Silent Witness Program, a program dedicated to supporting women who have been in abusive relationships. True explained that it is very difficult, requiring a great deal of intensive work, to even become part of the program, but it is one of the sorority’s future goals.

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**Did You Know?**

- Did you know that all of the fraternities and sororities at Johnson & Wales collectively raised $7,000 to benefit Make A-Wish Foundation?
- Their largest fundraiser for Make-A-Wish is the Dance Marathon, where Greeks dance from 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. to raise the money.
- This money is used towards granting two wish children their wish.

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**This Week in Greek**

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"I was director of technology of University of Connecticut for all residence halls. Do internships and externships to get your foot in the door."

Kenneth Lindberg
Sociology

"Right out of college I worked as a shipper and receiver in a factory - go figure! As a father I'd say to take a job even if it's not exactly in your field."

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Rachel Shannon
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"I was an American Vista at CCRI. Go with something your interested in. Work it in to your career plan and your future."

Kate Fontaine
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"This is my first real job after finishing my masters. Follow your passion and everything leads to something."

Donna Thomsen
Freshmen Studies

"My first job was in a high school, and I loved it! Try lots of things. Find passion because that will last a long time."

Mary Javarey
Psychology

"My first job was a 1st grade teacher in Kansas City, Kansas. A less than ideal job may lead to an ideal one. Be flexible and open minded."

Charles Mazmanian
Mathematics

"I was a manager of sales of laboratory equipment. My advice is not to be afraid to take the first job you think is the right position at the right company."

Colleen May
Hospitality

"I was a recreational center director with a support staff of ten. Listen and see how decisions are made before you can work to make changes."

Robert Wahl
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"An accounting clerk in a hotel. Look for a job that's going to offer you the opportunities to gain experience, not necessarily the 'golden apple' with a first job."

Fred Farla
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"Banquet Function Manager. Don't give up your dream, even if the first job you do isn't what you want to do."

Andy Haynes
Campus Ministry

"My first job was pollinating corn. Do something you enjoy. Make sure you enjoy it!"
BY KARLA PINTER
Ideas & Opinions Editor

One day in my Foundations of Leadership class, we were discussing leaders and their visions. To be a strong leader, you need to have a strong vision to carry your company and yourself into success. In the front of the class, a girl made a comment about our presidents. "The Vision never lasts longer than the campaign." Margaret Guterth made the statement and made me think about our president, and the campaigning that is being done for the future president. A president is someone that will lead the United States of America to be the best that it can be. Have good morals; help other countries (if needed), while still helping the United States. It is not an easy task, but whoever does take the challenge should be willing to sacrifice a lot of him or her.

At the beginning of the campaign process, each candidate focuses on the issues. Their vision is clear. Their mission is to get you to vote for them. They want you to vote for what they believe in. The candidate you choose is the one that best portrays your beliefs. George W. Bush and John Kerry both start out with the same vision, the vision of catering best to your needs and wants. It's interesting though, as the campaign becomes closer into the Election Day, the vision is tampered with. No one really knows who starts it, but I find it to be very evident who finishes it.

Bush and Kerry both had information brought out against them. It was in reference to their time spent in the military. Did one deserve a purple heart and did the other deserve an honorable discharge? Their opponent brought out such allegations you might think. But let's just look back on what really played out.

Without getting into major details of battling out what disturbed the vision first, let us just look at the big picture. There was only one candidate that did not lose his vision. When topics that do not relate to the campaign arose, the first thing any person would do is to defend him or her self. Kerry did an excellent job at defending himself. When the commercial first hit television against him, he rebutted, and several months later, you would find him still lingering with this topic. I guess he felt talking about what really happened in the past, with his military records, was a huge factor with who becomes president.

When allegations against Bush arose, he spoke his peace, for maybe a couple of weeks and then he moved on. He realized what was important with an election. He realized his past may affect the elections, but he knows what is more important. Letting the citizens of the United States know that he is thinking more about them, then worrying about what they think of him.

The vision of any president should be bringing the United States to the best place it could be. Of course visions can be distorted which could consist of lies or not, but that's politics and something that must be overcome. For the best candidate you must look past what others are saying, but look at their reaction and how they handle the situation. See if the vision of a president stays true.
At the Movies: ‘Friday Night Lights’

By CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP Entertainment Writer

The rhapso-dy-horbe of the media, the media scrutiny, the fan obsession. No, we’re not talking about the Boston Red Sox at playoff time. This is Texas high school football, and exaggeration is impossible.

From the big cities to the smallest wind-swept towns, it really is a way of life. I.C.C. “Buzz” Bissinger captured it with all the nuances and evocative detail in his 1990 best seller “Friday Night Lights”, and director Peter Berg twice again it in his film of the same name.

It’s easy to overemphasize the heroism and heartache of a sports movie, but Berg, who adapted Bissinger’s book with screenwriter David Aaron Cohen, resists the urge and goes in the opposite direction.

The focus is on Permian High School football in the West Texas city of Odessa, both on the field and in the locker room. The look is stripped down and bleached out, making the already parched landscape of oil fields and scrub brush seem even bleaker, though in a strikingly beautiful way. And the soundtrack is an eclectic mix of old-school rap, rock and punk, including the truly inspired use of The Stooges’ “I Wanna Be Your Dog” during the Permian Panthers’ ghastly second half in the 1988 state championship.

There is an awful lot of action, though the football scenes have a bone-jarring realism thanks to stunt coordinator Allan Graf, a former USC offensive lineman who also choreographed the plays in “Any Given Sunday” and “Jerry Maguire” but sometimes at the expense of character development.

For example, the book focused more on Brian Chavez, Permian’s tail end tight end who went on to Harvard and is now a lawyer in Odessa. Here, he’s a barely fleshed-out supporting character played by “crazy/beautiful” co-star Jay Hernandez.

Bissinger, who happens to be Berg’s second cousin, also spent more time exploring the racial and socio-economic rifts that existed both within Odessa in the late 1980s and between Odessa and rival Midland, a wealthier, whiter town 20 miles east.

But Berg does faithfully depict the be-all, end-all element of high school football in places like this, where literally every store shuts down on Friday nights and the 20,000 people packing the stadium all have some opinion on how the coach should run the team.

As the under-pressure Coach Gaines, Billy Bob Thornton continues to show he can bring nuance to any role. Thornton doesn’t turn the character into a cliche, bunking out orders like a drill sergeant. Instead, he shows the wearing anxiety of living under the constant possibility of being fired (after a huge Permian loss, Gaines comes home to a sea of “for sale” signs sprouting from his front lawn) as well as the genuine desire to develop strong players and even stronger men.

Among the stars of his squad are the slightly dumber quarterback Mike Winchell (Lucas Black, who played opposite Thornton as a boy in “Sling Blade”), who’s not really sure why he’s playing football, and party-boy tailback Don Billingsey (Garret Hedlund), who’s living in the shadow of his alcoholic father (Tim McGraw), who was a star at Permian 20 years earlier. McGraw, the country music star, gives a surprisingly convincing performance in his film debut, one that’s reminiscent of Dwight Yoakam’s turn in “Sling Blade.”

The showiest role of all, and the one that offers the greatest range, is that of Boobie Miles (Derek Luke), the showboating running back who helps the Panthers light up the scoreboard in their first game, only to suffer a serious injury at the end that sidelines him for the rest of the season. Luke, the “Antwone Fisher” star, is magnetic at the character’s high point, then fearless and heartbreaking as he realizes his dreams of playing college and pro football have been destroyed.

His performance vividly conveys how high school football can be more than a religion … it can represent life itself, for better or worse. Berg, as Bissinger did before him, lets us decide for ourselves.

“Friday Night Lights,” a Universal Pictures release, is rated PG-13 for thematic issues, sexual content, language, some teen drinking and rough sports action. Running time: 105 minutes. Three stars out of four.

Sean ‘P. Diddy’ Combs to form all-woman group for MTV series

NEW YORK (AP) Sean “P. Diddy” Combs is on the prowl for some ladies who can sing and dance.

On Thursday, he announced dates for an open-call audition for his new MTV series, “Making the Band 2,” a reality show about Nick Combs producing an all-girl pop group.

“I want a group of women that can sing like Christina Aguilera and dance like Usher,” Combs told The Associated Press by phone. “I’m looking to create an international supergroup to follow in the footsteps of the Supremes and Destiny’s Child.”

Combs hosted “Making the Band” for three seasons in which he formed the hip-hop group, Da Band, before disbanding them. This time around, Combs sees less opportunity for failure.

The rap and fashion mogul says the new group will still have hip-hop undertones, and will definitely have more determination. To detect the right girls, P. Diddy says he has an eye … and an ear and a nose … for talent.

“I have the ear. I can see it. I can smell it. I know in my gut,” he said.

This won’t be P. Diddy’s first time crafting an all-girl pop group. He was the mastermind behind Dream, a pop quartet who sang the hit “He Loves Me Not.”

The open-call auditions begin Tuesday in Los Angeles, then head to Miami on Oct. 18 and New York City on Oct. 21. Contestants must be at least 18 years old.

“Making the Band 2” will premiere on MTV early next year.

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The Impact of Thomas Frank's book, "What's The Matter With Kansas?"

BY CHRISTINA ROBERTS
Staff Writer

Thomas C. Frank, author and editor of The Baffler, has done it again. Frank's newest book, "What's the Matter With Kansas?" is full of interesting political ideas. Unlike many political texts his book is far from dry. In his book "What's The Matter With Kansas?" author Thomas Frank systematically analyzes all aspects of why American working-class is compelled to vote Republican. He goes to great lengths to examine the correlation between cultural beliefs and why the American working-class vote for Republican officials.

Frank discusses how American people vote for candidates who are for the same personal or cultural beliefs, including beliefs pertaining to abortion, the rights of homosexuals, and other opinions. In doing so they often forgo concerns about economic issues. To Frank it is the economical issues that should take precedence. Thomas frank does an absolutely amazing job at breaking down some intriguing political abnormalities.

Frank was good enough to take sometime and talk to the Herald about his newest book, "What's The Matter With Kansas?" and about his political views.

Herald: Who were some of your greatest influences in life and as a writer?

Frank: I am a big fan of H. L. Mencken, but mainly for his scoffing style, not his politics. Edmund Wilson is another favorite, for the way he integrates history and the present. And I also find myself reading a lot of Sinclair Lewis these days, alternately the mocker and the glorifier of Middle America. hat got you interested in politics?

Herald: What got you interested in politics?

Frank: A large part of history is politics. There are other aspects to this than formal, electoral politics, of course, but politics is always at the heart of it. Additionally, so many aspects of life are "political" these days that politics seems hard to avoid.

Herald: It is stated in your book that you were at one point a " sometime conservative. Can you elaborate?

Frank: I grew up in very conservative surroundings in the suburbs, and I naturally internalized the politics around me. I was a big fan of Ronald Reagan, and ironically was introduced to the populist style through his version of it. Later I discovered that he had it all backwards; that it wasn't just about government infringing on people's rights; that real populism was about who owned this country and how they ruled it, not just through government but through big business.

Herald: What is your political stance now?

Frank: I'm pretty liberal today.

Herald: What is your opinion about both major presidential candidates and the election?

Frank: I'm going to vote for Kerry, but I think he is hobbled by his inability to talk to the traditional working-class base of the Democratic Party. I strongly dislike Bush's fake populist, but I recognize its power. -

Herald: What would you like people to walk away with after reading your book?

Frank: Hopefully they will start to think about the economic questions that were once so important in American politics but have since been obscured by the "culture wars."

I especially want to answer the question, why do so many Americans vote for a candidate who only harms their long-term economic interests.

Herald: More specifically what would you like College Students to understand from your book?

Frank: I hope students understand the importance of studying history. As Faulkner said, "the past isn't even past!"

Herald: If any, what advice would you offer college students when it comes to politics?

Frank: College students are often drawn into a politics of moral righteousness. While this leads them to conclusions that I generally agree with, I would caution them against adopting an attitude of smug moral superiority. This is why the left keeps losing, year after year.

Although "What's the Matter With Kansas?" is a book about politics, I think that many people can benefit from reading it. First off, Frank's wit alone is greatly entertaining. He tackles a potentially dry and dull topic and makes it enjoyable, even if the reader isn't really into politics. Also the book is easy to read and has amazing information, even if you disagree with Frank's opinion. By reading the book at least it helps give you a more rounded view of politics.

Beneath the radar

A&E Staff Picks

VIDEO GAME

Champions of Norrath

Earlier this year, Snowblind Studios brought the outrageously admired EverQuest setting to Play Station with hack-and-slash gameplay in Champions of Norrath, a dungeon-crawling action RPG. Much like the computer version, Champions of Norrath has big graphics, a never ending story line, and new action to occupy those long college nights.

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With their single "I'm Not Okay, I Promise," My Chemical Romance has recently broken onto the mainstream rock scene. Their new album, "Three Cheers for Sweet Revenge," is innovative and original. Be sure to check them out at Lupos on October 28th with Story of the Year.

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Culinary

THE CHOPPING BLOCK

BY PHILOMENA CORRADO
King Features

TWO TEMPTING TREATS FOR HALLOWEEN

This year Halloween falls on a Sunday, with no school distractions. So, the kids have all day to build up excitement and anticipation for trick-or-treating. You can’t get them to the table—they’re too busy trying on costumes. You can get them to settle down, though, with imaginative food presentation.

Booberry Bats over Blue Moons were meant to be dessert, which you might serve after a bowl of their favorite canned soup topped with a few croutons. But you can make them the main dish using a sturdy bread such as multigrain or country bread, instead of pound cake, and omitting the sugar and cocoa sprinkle.

The kids don’t know, nor do they care, but you know that blueberries are high in the antioxidants that help reduce the buildup of bad cholesterol and may be helpful in reducing the risk of some cancers and heart ailments. In addition to the fruit, you’re giving the kids dairy in the cream cheese, which provides calcium. All in all, this is a fun way to serve valuable nutrients. The Blue Witch’s Brew is a healthful snack any time.

BOOBERRY BATS

OVER BLUE MOONS

1/2 cup water
2 1/4 cups frozen or fresh blueberries, divided
1/3 cup plus 1 tablespoon sugar, divided
1 tablespoon cornstarch
Pinch salt
1/2 cup whipped cream cheese
2 drops red food coloring
1 drop yellow food coloring
1 (10.75-ounce) loaf frozen pound cake, thawed
1 teaspoon confectioners sugar
1 teaspoon unsweetened cocoa powder

In medium saucepan, over high heat, bring 1/2 cup water to a boil. Add 2 cups of blueberries; return to a boil. Lower heat and cook until liquid is released from fruit, about 2 minutes. Meanwhile, in a cup, combine 1/3 cup of the sugar, the cornstarch and salt. Add to blueberries, stirring constantly, until sauce thickens, about 1 minute. Spoon into a bowl; cover and chill.

In small bowl, stir together cream cheese, remaining 1 tablespoon sugar and food coloring; set aside. Cut a thin layer off the top and bottom of the pound cake. Cut pound cake into 4 thick horizontal slices. Working with 1 slice, use a 4-inch bat-shaped cookie cutter to cut out 2 bats. From the same slice, use a 1/2-inch half moon-shaped cutter to cut out 4 half moons. Repeat with the remaining cake slices. Carefully spread 4 bats and 8 moons with cream-cheese mixture. Press remaining 1/4 cup blueberries into cream cheese, covering with remaining bat and moon shapes, forming sandwiches.

In a cup, combine confectioners sugar and cocoa; through a strainer, lightly sprinkle over sandwiches. Spread blueberry sauce on 4 serving plates to form a “sky background.” Arrange 1 bat and two moons on each plate; serve. Yield: 4 portions.

BLUE WITCH’S BREW
1 (12-ounce) package frozen thawed blueberries or 2-1/2 cups fresh
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Bush and Kerry trade post-debate accusations over war and jobs

ELYRIA, Ohio (AP) — President Bush and Sen. John Kerry, their animosity stirred by a contentious second debate, hit into each other over Iraq, jobs and debate performance on Saturday in critical battleground states. Kerry also criticized the administration for the shortage of flu vaccine.

"We now know the administration knew of the deficiency of the flu vaccine," Kerry asserted as he campaigned in Ohio. The administration has denied it had any warning.

Instant polls did not give either Bush or Kerry a clear edge in Friday's wide-ranging debate in St. Louis before an audience of uncommitted voters. But Republicans were heartened by what they saw as a steadier, more focused and aggressive performance by the president than in the first debate, where he displayed bouts of impatience and prevarication.


Afghanistan's presidential election turns sour as Karzai challe ngers boycott, claiming fraud and incompetence

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghanistan's historic presidential election turned sour Saturday when all 15 candidates opposing U.S.-backed interim President Hamid Karzai withdrew in the middle of voting, charging the government and the United Nations with fraud and incompetence.

In the end, faulty ink — not Taliban bombs and bullets — threatened three years of painstaking progress toward democracy. The opposition candidates claimed the ink used to mark people's thumbs rubbed off too easily, allowing for mass deception.

Electoral officials rejected opposition demands that voting be stopped at midday, saying it would rob millions of people of their first chance to directly decide their leader, and the joint U.N.-Afghan panel overseeing the election would rule later on the vote's legitimacy.

But the controversy nonetheless cast a pall over what had been a joyous day in Afghanistan. Millions of ethnically diverse Afghan voters crammed polling stations for an election aimed at bringing peace and prosperity to a country nearly ruined by more than two decades of war.

Tour bus carrying 31 people on weekend casino trip overturns in Arkansas, killing 15

MARION, Ark. (AP) — The lone bus belonging to a mom-and-pop tour operator careened off an interstate and overturned early Saturday, killing 15 Chicago-area travelers, many of them family and friends of the tour company owner. Witnesses told police the bus was drifting.

The bus, carrying the group to a weekend getaway at a Mississippi casino, was about 30 miles short of its destination in Tunica, Miss., when the crash happened about 5 a.m. on Interstate 55 in northeastern Arkansas, near Memphis, Tenn.

Thirty-one people were aboard the bus, and the remaining 16 passengers all were injured. Some of the dead were found crushed beneath the vehicle after wreckers pulled it upright, state police spokesman Bill Sadler said.

Among the dead was the bus owner's brother, who had been driving. Witnesses told police the bus drifted off the road near a point where the interstate veers to take travelers into Memphis.

Al-Sadr's Shiite militia agrees to start handing in weapons, but violence continues in Sunni areas

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Shiite militia men loyal to radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr agreed Saturday to begin handing in weapons, a significant step toward restoring order in Baghdad's sprawling Sadr City slum as the interim government struggles to curb Iraq's more widespread Sunni insurgency.

In a sign of persistent Sunni unrest, clashes flared in several cities as the search continued for the body of British hostage Kenneth Bigley, who was decapitated by his abductors reportedly after a failed escape attempt. Sporadic explosions could be heard late Saturday near the Tigris river around an area where U.S. troops and Sunni insurgents have clashed.

Interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's government hopes to quell insurgent enclaves before legislative elections planned for January. U.S. and Iraqi officials have been negotiating for weeks with tribal and religious leaders in key rebel strongholds but have said they are prepared to use force if talks fail, as they did in Samarra last month.

Egypt detains Bedouin tribesmen in Sinai terror attacks that killed at least 34

TABA, Egypt (AP) — Investigators lifted fingerprints, swabbed dust and collected tissue from the wreckage of three car bombings Saturday and detained dozens of Bedouin tribesmen, including quarry workers who could have provided the explosives that killed at least 34 people.

Israel blamed al-Qaeda for the Thursday night attacks in two Sinai resorts, and Egyptian investigators were leaning toward an al-Qaeda connection as well.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Caution dominates the Sheep's monetary aspect this week. Rams and Ewes might want to shear their big spending plans until a more favorable financial picture begins to emerge by week's end.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Thrift counts both at home and at work. So you might want to rethink major purchases or investments. Also, be wary of a so-called revelation about a previous decision.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Both household budgets and workplace accounts might benefit from some judicious trimming of unnecessary expenses. A partnership could lead to an unexpected challenge.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A previously overlooked opportunity could re-emerge with a new travel-related matter. Check this out carefully to see if it's what you really want before you decide one way or another.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This could be the start of a new career-changing phase, so start marking down your many accomplishments for those who need to know how much you have to offer. Good luck.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) It's not too early for the sometimes procrastinating Virgo to start making those long-distance travel plans. The sooner you decide where to go, when to go and how to go, the better.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Financial matters once again figure in any major action you might take regarding career, travel or other endeavors. You'll want a ready reserve to help you back up those moves.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Trying to resolve a problem in a personal relationship could be more difficult than you'd expected. Look into the possibility that someone might be interfering for his or her own reasons.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A project you once rejected might be more attractive because of changes that you feel you can now work with. The weekend is especially favorable to family matters.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) This is a good week for the gregarious Goat to enjoy being with people you care for. You might even want to show off those creative kitchen skills you're so adept at.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A colleague might think your attitude is patronizing or even outright insulting. True. That might be his or her problem. But you might want to take some reassuring steps anyway.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It's a good time to jettison those old concepts about a family matter you might have been holding on to. This will help make room for a new and more enlightened way of dealing with it.

BORN THIS WEEK: You like to analyze a puzzling situation before you try to resolve it. This makes you excel at getting things done the right way.

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**King Crossword**

**Across**

1. Disconcert
2. "Animal House" group
3. Skateboarder's protection
4. Lemieux
5. Ford or Lincoln
6. Bread spread
7. Interim
8. "At the Copa"
9. Blinder
10. Inioznami's vessel
11. Bottom line
12. Like the White Rabbit
13. Eastern potentate (Col)
14. Porches
15. "God bless us, every one," said he
16. Malevolent
17. Bullying bravery
18. Surfing
19. Broadway's Verdict
20. "Come in last"
21. Treated to Chili
22. Provide a counter-example
23. Going like the wind
24. Traps
25. Reckless, perhaps
26. Ms. Brookovich
27. Pirouette pivot
28. Pax
29. Check
30. Con
31. Shred, for one
32. "fast" character
33. Component
34. Spaced-out character
35. Approaches
36. Command to flower
37. TV fare
38. Heart of the matter
39. Duke
40. Reunion group
41. Out of context?
42. Reformed
detention
43. Breaks
44. Period of inactivity
45. Bread
46. Type units
47. Cause of hay fever
48. Critical component
49. Agent
50. Make lace
51. Essential
52. Pigeon
53. Dormitory
54. Everything happens
deeper
55. Rover of torrid cities
56. River of foxy fortunetellers
57. Bohemian
58. Cismar
59. "Won't let you go!"
60. "I wish I was a mermaid!"
61. "You can't make a bird fly!"
62. "Only a PIG!"
63. "We must ANCHOR VIRGINIA!
64. "How do you LIKE that?"
65. sanctuary
66. "Did you just Applicant to the DUKE?"
67. "He's been" (5)
68. "He's been" (7)
69. "I'm NOT going to..."
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5. Devastation
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7. Small of the back
8. Hay fever
9. Soothing agent
10. Take out of context?
11. Daytime TV fare
12. Approach
13. Command to flower
14. Character
15. Make lace
16. Skip over
17. Rover of torrid cities
18. Bohemian
19. Cismar
20. Breaks
21. Period of inactivity
22. Bread
23. Type units
24. Cause of hay fever
25. Critical component
26. Agent
27. Make lace
28. Essential
29. Pigeon
30. Reformed detention
31. Everything happens deeper
32. Dormitory
33. Break
34. Period of inactivity
35. Bread
36. Essential
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**Hocus Focus**

2. HENRY BOLTIMOFF

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**Popeye**

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**HUBERT**

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*Who's picking? I take 'em as they come!*