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The new 'Friends' mystery: Who's your Daddy?



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Watch this season to watch Rachel's endeavors as an expectant mom develop. "Friends" airs Thursday nights at 8 p.m.

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A long summer finally ended and last spring's \$1 million question was finally answered: Which of the female "Friends" was expecting? The Sept. 27 episode (which was a disappointing 30 minutes long rather than a full hour) began with the cast still thinking Monica was pregnant. But she soon dispelled that myth and Ross went off to correct the rumor he had spread. That left Phoebe and Rachel. Phoebe realized that if it wasn't her, only Rachel was left. But Rachel obviously wasn't ready to confess her sins, so "poor knocked up Phoebe" took the rap. Of course, she needed a father and decided on James Brolen, Barbra Streisand's current hubby. Um, whatever. But, upon noticing Rachel's new champagne-sipping technique - taking

this week. Also, Joey and Thad are supposedly not on the suspect list. And we are pretty sure it ain't James Brolen. Unfortunately, Ross may be the only one left to stake claim. At least we know it's a him, thanks to Phoebe's powers of intellect. Other than the pregnancy issue, the rest of the season premiere was pretty uneventful. All the usual characters acted as could be expected. Monica, of course, was in rare reigning princess form as she surveyed her wedding reception. And for once her long hair didn't make her look like Elvira. Still, go back to a shorter length, Mon. Ross failed as usual to get the girl. But he did almost score with a few 10-year-olds on the dance floor. That is, before Girt left him paralyzed. After Monica made Joey change so he didn't look like he died tragically in France, succeeded in getting several girls, including Ross'. However, he couldn't get the Chinese look down and didn't get the part in Chandler's mom's "fantastic lover's" new play. And we also learned he has "freakishly tiny feet." But never fear, ladies: the rest of him is good - he'll show ya! Chandler spent the night trying to find a way to dance in his slippery new dress shoes. He claimed to have taken lessons so he wouldn't embarrass Monica (she's probably used to that), but I kinda doubt he would have been successful anyway. The world will never know. All in all, it was a rather disappointing first episode of "Friends," considering the information revealed. Other than the Rachel's pregnant thing, not a whole lot really happened. But, there are a few more thrilling questions left to be answered, so there is still hope for the season. Stay tuned...

Murder mystery dinner comes to Behrend

by Jeanine Noce
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Murder mystery, delicious dinner and searching for a suspect. These were a few of the elements in the mystery dinner on Saturday in the Reed Union Building which was part of Parents and Families Weekend. From 6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. more than 150 relatives, parents and students were entertained by Mayhem Incorporated presenting the theater show "Money Mayhem: You Bet Your Life!" The evening indeed began with pure mayhem. Eight cast members encircled tables filled with students and families. Each was in their own world preparing for the game show which was about to begin. Barbara Bigbucks, the founder of Weight Whackers, was dressed in a white suit with sunglasses and screamed at everyone to be under control. Make-up artist, May Belline, in her 70's retro metallic-orange suit, fixed everyone's hair and make-up for the show. Emcee Rob Eubline wandered around in his hot-pink sport jacket and mismatched tie, memorizing his lines and having Belline shine his bald head. Mike Raffone, station WRLB's announcer was dressed in a business suit with a "Star Trek" tie and tried to figure out where he should be for the start of the show. Director Hartley Worthit, dressed casually, was not acting casual while trying to get everyone in their places and assure that everything was under control. The quiet and odd gentleman, Hugh Dunit, dressed in a police uniform guarded the \$1 million. The game show's returning champions, Chita Littlebit a widow and retired nurse from Kansas and Stan Bymee, a computer programmer, both walked around observing their surroundings. Littlebit was dressed in a business suit with her purse closely attached to her and Bymee was in a wheelchair dressed in slacks and a shirt. Eubline then opened the show, "You Bet Your Life" by introducing the returning champions, Littlebit and Bymee. Raffone explained the concept of the game and stated that 16 contestants would be chosen, eight male and eight female. Dinner was then served to the potential contestants and audience members and directly afterwards the two teams were called up on stage to begin the competition. Four teams of four were assembled for the first game

called "spooning." Players had a spoon tied to a string which they inserted in and out of each members outfit. The winning two teams continued and played the second game called "It's a Wrap" in which the two men of each team were wrapped in an entire roll of toilet paper. The winning team then continued on and was split apart in two. "Dressed for Success" was the third game. Each of the men in each group being blindfolded and dressed in a woman's outfit by their partner. The winners received a box of "Whack-a-Roni." Suddenly, someone was stabbed in the back and abruptly died. The audience was then told of an incident in 1998 where the murdered individual fell down the stairs and had amnesia. However, the deceased individual remembered being pushed down the stairs and believed that someone close to him or her was the one who committed this crime. Dunit had all of the parties involved seated for an interview and the audience discovered many clues. He first accused Bigbucks and Raffone of having an affair and admitted that Bigbucks and Worthit are married. Raffone and Neckwith were also exposed as having been together. The information that Bigbucks hired Sammy "The Ring" Baloni to threaten Worthit was also discussed. The first envelope of evidence was then opened at each table in the room. This contained a note describing the murder of local plastic surgeon, Dr. Ike N. Lopitoff. This information was confusing to some and also helped others. Dunit then had Littlebit open her purse and the audience discovered that she was married to emcee Eubline and that she and Bymee had been receiving answers from Eubline. This was how the two had succeeded in progressing to the final round for the chance of \$1 million. The audience then opened evidence two. This information pertained to Baloni writing an apology to all of the families of the people he had murdered. Now if all of this information was not confusing enough, the audience then discovered how the real plot unfolded. One man out of the audience did get all of the clues correct and was the winner of "Money Mayhem: You Bet Your Life." He received a Penn State Behrend sweatshirt and the audience was finished with crime solving. Some looked completely puzzled while walking out the door, yet all looked to have had a tantalizing time. To discover who the real murderer was you will have to catch the show for yourself which Mayhem Incorporated performs periodically in the Erie area. The "mayhem" is definitely Worthit.

'Save the Last Dance' Soundtrack is a Hit

by Breanna Bush
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A soundtrack that is as good as the movie itself - possible or not? Not only is the movie, "Save the Last Dance," outstanding, so is the

music. A list of the artists includes Lucy Pearl, K-Ci & JoJo, Pink, Ice Cube with Mack 10 and Ms. Toi, 112 featuring the Notorious B.I.G. and many others. For those who never saw "Save the Last Dance," it can be described as a

capture the movie's theme of interracial dating and the lyrics show that color of skin does not matter; what is inside the individual does. The most powerful line of the whole soundtrack is, "We're all the same colors when you turn off the lights."

Chaka Demus & Pliers perform "Murder She Wrote." This song is Jamaican and sounds like it could be a song Shaggy would perform. It has a slower beat, but still makes you want to get up and dance.



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Sean Patrick Thomas and Julia Stiles star in "Save the Last Dance." The hit soundtrack from the movie includes artists such as K-Ci & JoJo, Montell Jordan, and Snoop Dogg.

Lucy Pearl featuring Snoop Dogg and Q-Tip perform on the soundtrack. This song carries a slower dance beat. In this song, Snoop Dogg uses his familiar flow which is heard in all of his music. Lucy Pearl and Q-Tip work well together, displaying their singing abilities. All three vocalists complement each other to create an outstanding song for this soundtrack.

The most familiar song on the "Save the Last Dance" soundtrack is "Crazy" by K-Ci & JoJo. Even though this song is not the theme to the movie, it by all means is the most popular. It has received an extreme amount of publicity as it is played on radio stations throughout the U.S. and also on MTV. It does have the traditional sound to it, making it an unmistakable K-Ci & JoJo hit.

Pink, currently popular for singing "Lady Marmalade" with three other artists, grabs a song on the "Save the Last Dance Soundtrack." "You Make Me Sick," has a fast, hip-hop dance beat. The song adds a little bit of attitude to the soundtrack, giving it exactly what it needed.

A song with an outstanding beat and lyrics is "Get It On Tonight" by Montell Jordan. This song has a slower tempo, but makes you want to get up and dance like most of the soundtrack. A down side to this soundtrack, if you hate edited songs is "You Can Do It" by Ice Cube featuring Mack 10 and Ms. Toi. Since "Save the Last Dance" is PG-13, only the edited version of the soundtrack was made.

This soundtrack, made up of a variety of artists, has the power to make someone want to get up and dance. It has combined artists with different types of musical sounds to create not only a successful soundtrack, but a soundtrack that may unharbor emotions. All artists combined make this an excellent purchase. Out of 10, I give it a nine.

'Reba' - a promising new comedy

by Jamie Salapek
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When it comes to country music superstars, Reba McEntire is a household name. Her Grammy-winning performances on stage have won the hearts of many country music fans. McEntire's fire-red hair and delicately beautiful features gives her a "country girl at heart" image that is easy to fall in love with. The ever-so-talented Reba is singing a different tune these days. She is taking on the television world, much like she has taken on the music world, with her new television series, "Reba." McEntire will enter the world of television with a twist of comedic ensemble combined with her vibrant personality. She plays Reba Hart, a Southern mother of three, as well as soon to be ex-wife.

riage fallen apart, but her three children don't make things easy for dear old mom. Reba's 17-year-old daughter has announced the two words that every mother of teenage daughters dreads, "I'm pregnant." Cheyenne, played by Joanna Garcia of "Freaks and Geeks," is your typical drill-team daughter who is ready to marry Van (Steve Howey) the local high school football jock. With a number of heartaches and headaches, Reba must remain stable and confident in order to keep up with her two younger children. Younger daughter Kyra (Scarlett Pomers from "Star Trek: Voyager") enters into the most unpopular stage of life as a 12 year-old, filled with nagging complaints and unwanted changes. Jake, her nine year old son, played by "Daddio's" (Mitch Holeman) just wants to wake up



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"Reba" stars Reba McEntire, Christopher Rich, Joanna Garcia, Steve Howey, Scarlett Pomers, Mitch Hollerman, Melissa Peterman and is on Fridays at 9 p.m. on the WB.

Reba Hart is faced with many challenges as she watches her "Partridge family" turn into a single parent household with many glitches. Soon to be ex-husband, Brock Hart played by Christopher Rich, star of "Murphy Brown," is a dentist who's fallen in love with his annoyingly perky and pregnant dental hygienist, played by Melissa Peterman who starred in the movie "Fargo." Not only has Reba's hopeless mar-

riage fallen apart, but her three children don't make things easy for dear old mom. Reba's 17-year-old daughter has announced the two words that every mother of teenage daughters dreads, "I'm pregnant." Cheyenne, played by Joanna Garcia of "Freaks and Geeks," is your typical drill-team daughter who is ready to marry Van (Steve Howey) the local high school football jock. With a number of heartaches and headaches, Reba must remain stable and confident in order to keep up with her two younger children. Younger daughter Kyra (Scarlett Pomers from "Star Trek: Voyager") enters into the most unpopular stage of life as a 12 year-old, filled with nagging complaints and unwanted changes. Jake, her nine year old son, played by "Daddio's" (Mitch Holeman) just wants to wake up

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