

Eye on Entertainment

Movie Review:

W

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Directed by Oliver Stone and written by Stanley Weiser, *W* is the story of none other than the man himself, President George "Dubya" Bush. The story itself is a chronicling of George's (Josh Brolin) life, with elements of his family interactions, love life, his initiation into government affairs, eventual presidency and the events leading up to the position he finds himself in now. It features a large amount of the characters that we, the viewing public, became familiar with; including former president George Bush Sr. (James Cromwell), Dubya's wife, Laura (Elizabeth Banks), Vice President Dick Cheney, (Richard Dreyfuss) and even Colin Powell (Jeffrey Wright), a man whose tenure

as Secretary of State can be called nothing less than controversial.

The movie takes cues from confidential meetings and hypothetical situations (or so one would assume) to formulate a vague understanding of what could have happened in the 8 years of Bush's harshly criticized term as leader of the United States. But instead of taking a caustic approach toward George Bush's questionable calls in office and seemingly less than intelligent speeches, Stone instead focuses on the story itself with a small amount of humor and satire mixed in. This makes the story more concrete and the end result is a biography that was originally perceived by intent moviegoers to be a parody.

W is a good, solid movie. Not only for its subject matter but for the interesting topics it touches on and the believable portrayals of its characters. I respect greatly the fact that Oliver Stone did not stoop as low as to eviscerate a man who gets constant criticism from all sides. Say what you want about George Bush but this movie was refreshing in my opinion. To see someone that the media portrays as a villain to our country in another light, the light of a man struggling to surpass his father's expectations and being buried under the pressure of being Commander-In-Chief. After all, we picked him. To Mr. Stone, I say Mission Accomplished.

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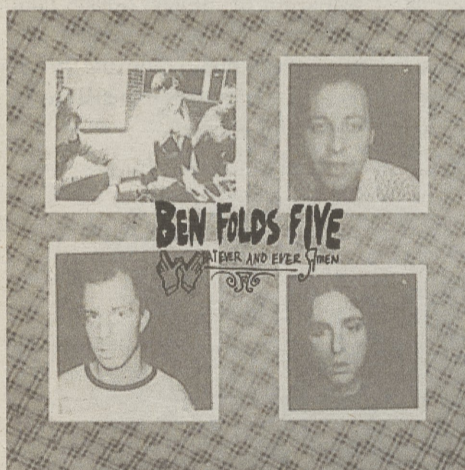
The Improbable President

There's an old saying in Tennessee ... I know it's in Texas, probably in Tennessee ... that says, fool me once, shame on ... shame on you. Fool me ... you can't get fooled again • Too many good docs are getting out of the business. Too many OBGYNs aren't able to practice their love with women all across this country • I'm honored to shake the hand of a brave Iraqi citizen who had his hand cut off by Saddam Hussein • I welcome you all to say a few comments to the TV, if you care to do so • If you've got somebody in harm's way, you want the president being ... making advice, not ... be given advice by the military, and not making decisions based upon the latest Gallup poll or focus group • Our enemies are innovative and resourceful, and so are we. They never stop thinking about new ways to harm our country and our people, and neither do we • They underestimated me • I can press when there needs to be pressed; I can hold hands when there needs to be ... hold hands • And so, General, I want to thank you for your service. And I appreciate the fact that you really snatched defeat out of the jaws of those that are trying to defeat us in Iraq • Families is where our nation finds hope, where wings take dream • I hear there's rumors on the Internets that we're going to have a draft • I know the human being and fish can coexist peacefully •

From the Vintage Bin

Ben Folds Five: Whatever and Ever Amen

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I can't help but feel sorry for Ben Folds. He's one of the most talented and respected musicians out there but he never seems to be able to break out of his "one hit wonder" position in music. But he's not like most one hit wonders, we're not talking about Chumbawamba here. Ben Folds is always somehow in the public eye, be it his

semi-hit songs like *Army* and *Rocking the Suburbs*, or doing soundtracks for movies like *Over the Hedge*, he's never more to the general public than "That guy who wrote 'Brick'".

Ben Folds had a very distinct plan when he formed the three piece band Ben Folds Five, he was going to make "punk rock for wimps". When I listen to *Whatever and Ever Amen*, I can't help but think... mission accomplished. The 12 tracks take us through the complicated and angsty life of Ben Folds. The tracks are autobiographical from the get-go with "One Angry Dwarf and 200 Solemn Faces" which are about his struggles with being short. Track 3 is his own ex-

perience with his high school girlfriend getting an abortion which Folds says wasn't 'any political statement...just a reflection of what it felt like'.

The band really rocks out in one of the greatest breakup songs ever written, "Song For the Dumped" where Ben pleads with his ex to give him back his black t-shirt and the money he spent on her. This is just one of many songs in the Ben Folds catalogue where his tongue is planted so far into cheek that it actually owns real estate in his mouth.

The album ends on "Evaporated" which is one of my favorite songs of all time. It's a very slow and serious song about growing up, looking back on the things you did in your life and where you are now because of it. The whole album reminds us of the good times in the 90's.

Restaurant Review: Brickside Grille

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An upscale, casual restaurant serving a creative American menu with ethnic influences is surely an appealing catch to any food enthusiast. Brickside Grille is just that, a food enthusiast perfect catch with food prepared from scratch in their chef run kitchen, Brickside Grille offers their guests an unparalleled freshness and variety of flavors. The "raw bar" at Brickside Grille is stocked with the freshest oysters, shrimp, and clams, caught and delivered daily from the local fish market in Philadelphia. In addition to their seasonally changing menu, the Brickside Grille features daily specials taking full advantage of seasonal ingredients.

However all menu items are available for carry out, but for those who prefer to dine in, the Brickside Grille has a spacious dining room as well as a large banquet room that can accommodate up to 70 guests for special events. Weather permitting, Brickside Grille also has

an outdoor seating area allowing their guests to dine outside in the heart of their groomed Japanese Garden/Town Square, landscaped with manicured trees, brilliant seasonal flowers, and flowing fountains.

To complement their fine cuisine, Brickside Grille's spacious dining room is open seven days a week to keep their customers pleased and wanting more.

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Is it Sasha Fierce or Beyonce Knowles? On stage her alter ego takes control, off stage she's a woman from Texas. Beyonce Knowles, aka Mrs. Carters new CD titled "I am... Sasha fierce" will debut in stores November 18th as a double disc feature. Side one of the disc will feature soft tempo melodies, and the other will have up tempo dance tracks.

Shocking and disturbing news filled the airways and overflowed the news channels Friday, October 24, 2008. Oscar winning actress, Jennifer Hudson's mother, brother and nephew were shot and killed in their Chicago home. The entertainment industry is in awe over Hudson's heart breaking news. According to Star,

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stars such as, Simon Cowell and presidential candidate Barack Obama sent their condolences and best wishes to the singer and her family. Rosie O'Donnell went as far as to say "grief's too hard to comprehend" and that "no words will do."

Sarah Silverman and Jimmy Kimmel are reuniting after a break in their five year relationship. According to sources at Star, the couple was spotted at L.A.'s Thai Town.

Oh, baby, here we go again, and no it's not Brittany Spears. Just four months after their daughter Stella was born,

and a year after their son Liam, Tori Spelling and her husband Dean maybe expecting again. According to Star, Tori was spotted at a CVS in Westwood, California, buying a home pregnancy kit. Maybe we'll see a growing bump baby sometime soon.

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