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'Family Guy' comes to town



NBC 10 News photographer Conrad Ostrowski, of East Providence, is the target of TV writer and producer Danny Smith's humor, wondering if the 'dude is from TMZ or what?' while speaking to film students at the Beacon Charter School in Woonsocket on Thursday. Smith, a native of Smithfield, was in town to receive the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council's Excellence in the Arts Award at Twin River Thursday evening.

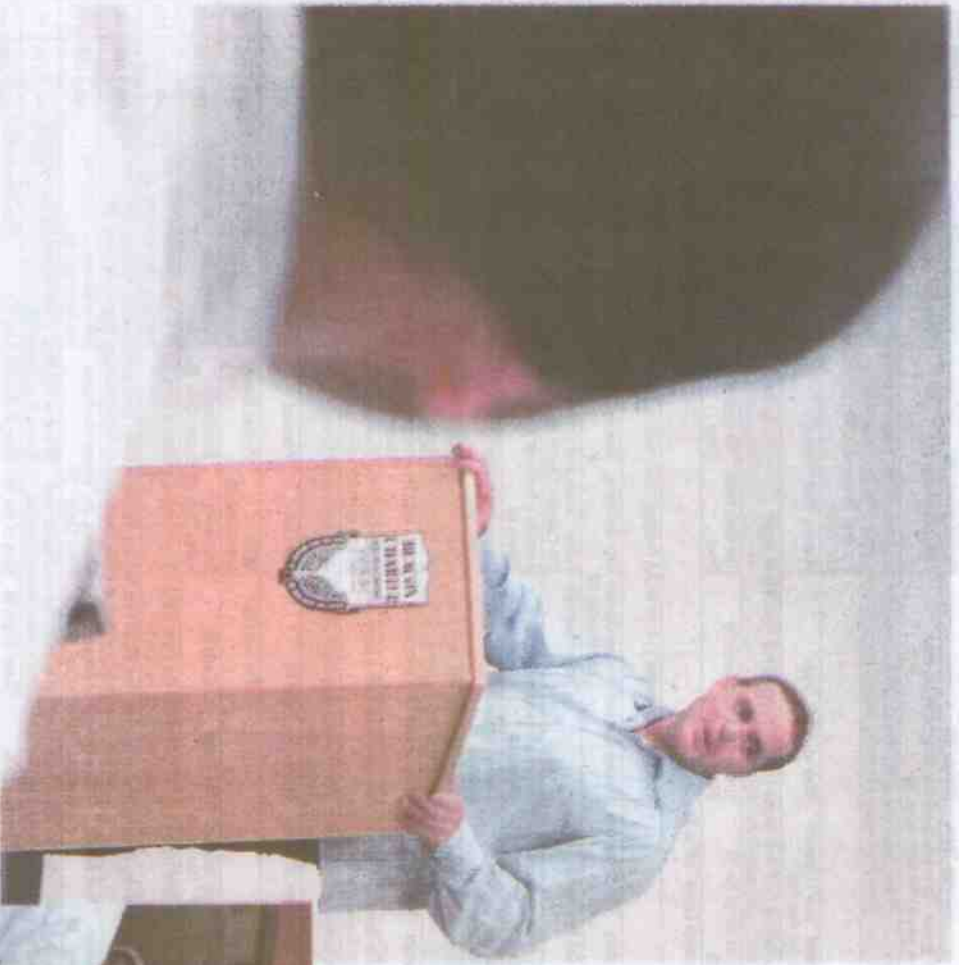


Smithfield native Danny Smith, a writer and producer on the hit Fox TV show 'The Family Guy,' on right, cracks up film studies teacher Uriah Donnelly, of Pawtucket, as he explains how the character 'Stewie' came about, explaining that creator Seth MacFarland's 2-year-old nephew screamed 'I'll see you in hell' at a family function.



BOVE: Cody Thurber, of Burrillville, a senior in the Beacon Charter School's Film as Cultural Lens class, center, pitches an episode of 'The Family Guy' to producer Danny Smith, who visited the school a Woonsocket on Thursday. Thurber had the idea of an episode using the Jurassic Park theme, similar to 'The Family Guy' Star Wars episode. 'You're absolutely in the wheelhouse, baby,' he retorted.

RIGHT: Beacon Charter School English teacher Peter Boland has Smith autograph his favorite Stewie pajama bottoms during the visit Thursday. Stewie is a character on 'The Family Guy' series.



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ABOVE: Smith regales film students at Beacon Charter School in Woonsocket with his adventures from his time in Rhode Island working for PM Magazine, to his days in Hollywood working as a writer for various TV shows such as '3rd Rock From the Sun,' 'Yes Dear,' 'Night Court' and 'Growing Pains' to doing voices for 'The Family Guy.'

RIGHT: Danny Smith is treated to a Rhode Island themed buffet, complete with sturffies, weiners, coffee milk and coffee cabinets, doughboys, and even a Stewie cake, at left, made by Culinary Arts students, following his tour and presentation to students of the Beacon Charter School Thursday.

