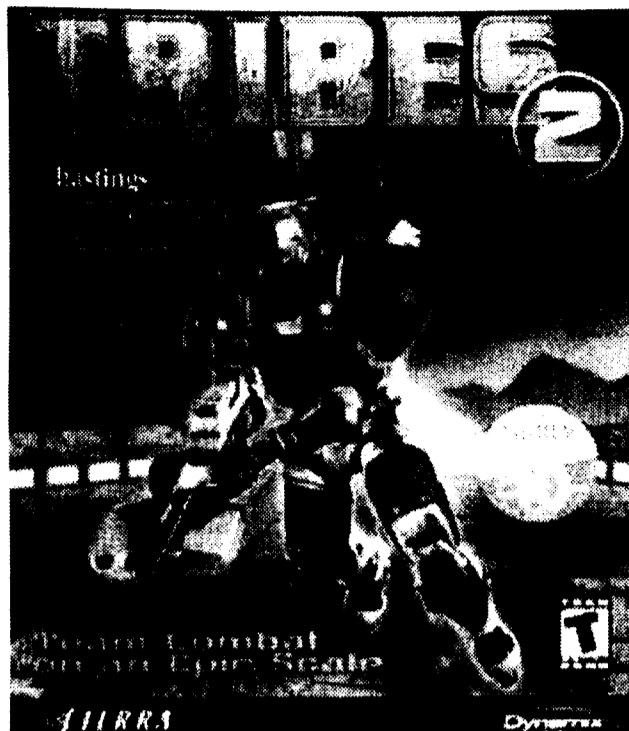


New video games



Tribes 2 is designed for online play and offers eight multiplayer Internet games with their own objectives. Off line, you can go solo on five training missions and fight computer players.

The real strength of this sequel is the graphics. From a misty, earthlike setting in broad daylight to a rocky planet in space, you will be impressed by the details, texture, and horizon.

Controls can be hard to learn because there are so many. Fortunately, not all of the keyboard controls are needed for every game.

Rated for ages 13 and up.

NASCAR THUNDER 2002

Maker: EA Sports
Rating: 3 stars

System: Sony PlayStation 2

Suggested price: \$49.99

Number of players: 1 to 4

by Jim Buu
The Dallas Morning News

TRIBES 2

Maker: Sierra Attractions
Rating: 3 stars

System: PC CD-ROM

System requirements: Windows 95 or higher, Pentium II 300 MHz, 64MB RAM, 531MB free disk space

Suggested price: \$29.95

Number of players: Up to 64 via LAN or Internet

Tribes 2 is a great sequel to Sierra's groundbreaking multiplayer action game Tribes. This version provides more weapons and vehicles, plus larger environments.

Tribes 2 has a straightforward story line with few twists like those found in other games such as Half-Life. The setting is the 40th century, and a war is being fought over new worlds. You must side with a tribe and choose your armor. Three armor types are available, each with different capabilities, but all come with a jetpack. Master jumping with the jetpack - the speed can save your life.

Past NASCAR games always came up short because of licensing problems, hardware limitations, or sloppy programming. Luckily, NASCAR Thunder 2002 may have the complete package.

Finally, there is a console NASCAR simulator that features all 43 cars in a race, more than 50 real drivers and every track on the circuit. Realistic car damage is also part of the game, along with features such as Create-a-car and a Career mode, in which you obtain sponsors, meet their requirements and earn cash to build a better car.

The controls are easy to handle. The informative display on the track, stability control, and automatic speed adjustments around corners help even rookie drivers get up to speed.

With improved graphics and blurred-out jagged lines on the cars and tracks, this game would have been awesome. Nevertheless, NASCAR Thunder 2002 is still the best NASCAR simulation for the PS2.

Rated for all ages.

Here's what awaits pop and rock music in 2002

by Chuck Klosterman
Knight Ridder Newspapers

I thought it might be prudent to predict what's going to happen in music in 2002. This way, you'll know what's going on before it actually happens, which will save you the trouble of keeping up with what's current.

My friends, I give you the future of rock:

- I predict the teen pop sensation will officially end. However, it will not end because it's unpopular; people will still buy more teen pop than anything else. But every media outlet will incessantly declare that "teen pop is dead," and all the record labels will assume those media outlets are right. They'll start dumping teen musicians from their rosters, and this will cause the stock prices for Jive Records to fall through the floor, and then all the original media outlets who said teen pop was dying will say, "See, we told you teen pop was dead. Just look how much money Jive Records has lost!"

In a related story, Britney Spears will stage a comeback tour in late November.

- I predict the best album in 2002 will be "Songs for the Deaf" by Queens of the Stones Age, featuring former Nirvana percussionist Dave Grohl on drums. Supposedly, this album title is not ironic: There is going to be one song on the CD that includes a low-frequency drone that can be "felt" by those who can't actually hear it.

In a related story, Jive Records will begin aggressively marketing its new roster of artists to the hearing impaired.

- I predict the much-awaited Nirvana box set will finally be released in time for Christmas 2002, when Courtney Love and the surviving members of the band inexplicably come to an "amicable agreement," despite spending most of the year declaring how much they hate each other. The previously unreleased single "You Know You're Right" will be roundly declared, "brilliant, but somehow disappointing."

In a related story, Love will convince new buddy Winona Ryder that it would be a "good career move" for Winona to murder someone.

- I predict the following persons will be in arrested, indicted, or "wrongly convicted" of a crime in 2002: Eminem, Snoop Dogg, Nate Dogg, Jay-Z, Master P, Bubba Sparkxxx, Lil' Kim, Lil' Bow Wow, Foxy Brown, DMX and the Ruff Ryders, Sean Combs, Missy Elliot, Nelly, every member of D-12, Flavor Flav, somebody from Jurassic Five, 4/9 of the Wu-Tang Clan, most of Da Liks, most of the Junior M.A.F.I.A., Pink, Tupac Shakur (who will be cleared due to lack of evidence), Allen Iverson, David Austin Green, C-3PO, Tyne Daly, 3rd Bass, and emerging Afghan hip-hop star Da Burqa

Killah of the Kandahar Posse.

In a related story, I will be assassinated for making this prediction.

- I predict the Strokes will nonchalantly release their much-anticipated follow-up to "Is This It," a new album filled with songs about "life on the road" and "the perils of fame." There will be approximately 14,000 new stories about this album before it comes out, most of which will call it "brilliant, but somehow disappointing." It will sell approximately 14,000 copies.

In a related story, 95 percent of America will respond by saying, "Now ... who are those Strokes again? Are they a rock band or something?"

- I predict Bruce Springsteen will be interviewed in the New Yorker by Nick Hornby, and Bruce will indicate plans for a new studio record. Lyrical topics will include: darkness, roads, a Midwestern woman wearing a flowered sundress, a disenfranchised landscaper named "Mitch," a really dark road, somebody who owns a denim jacket, a poorly lit street, and possibly a cave.

In a related story, people who don't know who the Strokes are will be very excited about this announcement.

- I predict Kid Rock and Pamela Anderson will have a baby, which will be legally named "I Am the Baby of Kid Rock."

In a related story, Tommy Lee will begin dating Britney Spears. (Writer's note: I'm actually sort of serious about this one.)

- I predict that Metallica will ask Paul McCartney to become the band's new bassist. However, the union will be scrapped when Internet users on metallica-tulz.com accuse the band of "totally selling out for, like, the kajillionth time." Metallica will respond by suing its entire fan base.

In a related story, System of a Down will cover "Helter Skelter."

- I predict that MTV News will instruct America's youth to improve the planet, embrace tolerance and "stop the hate." This message will precede the year's hottest "TRL" video, a duet between Eminem and Marilyn Manson titled "Let's Blow Up the School and Sodomize the Survivors."

In a related story, Marilyn Manson will deny he is dating Winona Ryder to make Courtney Love jealous.

- I predict the new trend in pop music will be the fusion of rap and country, which will be dubbed Cow-Hop. Sadly, it will spawn another rivalry between the East (i.e., Nashville, Tenn.) and the West (Birmingham, Ala.), resulting in the tragic shooting of Toby Keith while making a 1-800-CALL-AFT commercial.

In a related story, Radiohead's Thom Yorke will become so despondent over the loss of Keith that he will shave his beard.



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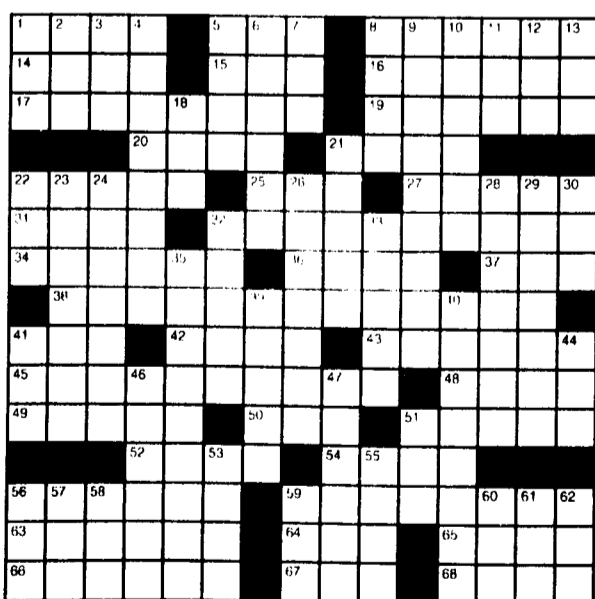
Split Ends



Not long ago, I visited the lovely state of California. While in the town of Beverly Hills, I decided to go on a bus tour. Something cool happened. During the tour, the bus came to a screeching halt. The passengers and I witnessed a man in a trench coat standing on the sidewalk, cornering a beautiful blonde woman. The man reached into his trench coat and pulled out a hair dryer, which he aimed at the woman. He hissed, "Freeze...er...I mean hot. Give me your money or I'll turn this baby on and I'll give you split ends!" The woman screamed and began to run. The man jogged behind her, mocking, "There's no escape because I have lots of extension cord!" The newspapers stated the woman was found later that day, crawling to a beauty parlor, barely alive, her hair resembling a dying Chia Pet. Luke Perry and Jason Priestley have been assigned to the case.

Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 "Lohengrin" lady
 - 5 Fall mo.
 - 8 Legal claims
 - 14 Birdbrain
 - 15 "William Wilson" writer
 - 16 Imaginary
 - 17 "Suspicion" Oscar-winner
 - 19 Sparse
 - 20 Currier's partner
 - 21 Tim or Beryl
 - 22 Ice cream flavor
 - 25 Thurman of "Pulp Fiction"
 - 27 Overcrowded
 - 31 First name in mysteries
 - 32 Drooling
 - 34 Ogle
 - 36 Fruitless
 - 37 Gear tooth
 - 38 Fire-safety device
 - 41 Consumed
 - 42 Critic Rex
 - 43 Participated in recycling
 - 45 Highly critical
 - 48 Soggy ground
 - 49 City on the Ruhr
 - 50 Blast letters
 - 51 Degrade
 - 52 Thatcher, e.g.
 - 54 Shopping center
 - 56 Abhor
 - 59 Earl of "Police Woman"
 - 63 Select a channel
 - 64 "Born in the ..."
 - 65 Fourth piggy's fare
 - 66 Plant fungus
 - 67 UFO pilots
 - 68 Lady's guy



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Solutions

- 1 INEGRAL
- 5 AUTUMN
- 8 SUITS
- 14 BIRDS
- 15 WILSON
- 16 IMAGINARY
- 17 SUSPICION
- 19 SPARSE
- 20 CURRIER
- 21 TIM
- 22 ICE CREAM
- 25 THURMAN
- 27 OVERCROWDED
- 31 MURKIN
- 32 DROOLING
- 34 OGLE
- 36 FRUITLESS
- 37 GEAR
- 38 FIRE SAFETY
- 41 CONSUMED
- 42 CRITIC
- 43 RECYCLED
- 45 CRITICAL
- 48 SOGGY
- 49 RUHR
- 50 BLAST
- 51 DEGRADE
- 52 THATCHER
- 54 SHOPPING
- 56 ABHOR
- 59 EARL
- 63 SELECT
- 64 BORN
- 65 PIGGY
- 66 FUNGUS
- 67 UFO
- 68 GUY
- 7 GOLFERS
- 8 DECEPTION
- 9 FREQUENCY
- 10 EVALUATOR
- 11 COOP
- 12 MAKE
- 13 SHIFTY
- 18 MRS. GARDNER
- 21 CITY
- 22 CASABLANCA
- 23 ACTOR
- 24 ELECTRA
- 25 PITCHER
- 26 PROGRESSED
- 28 CAPITAL
- 29 NOISY
- 30 EASTER
- 32 DIRECT
- 33 FUNERAL
- 35 RUBBER
- 39 SUPERNATURAL
- 40 GYMNASTIC
- 41 HIGH
- 44 SCOTCH
- 46 HUNTING
- 47 MAXIMUM
- 51 EVERYTHING
- 53 CLOTH
- 55 UNFORTUNATELY
- 56 INC.
- 57 ROYAL
- 58 EVEN
- 59 SHADE
- 60 SKIER
- 61 BLYTH
- 62 REAL

Anyone caught stealing Karl's ideas will be attacked by rabid Yetis and then, after being mauled, they will be thrown into a pile of manure...face down. We welcome your humorous submissions. Send them to behrcoll5@aol.com

Recipes for You!

Peanut Butter Fudge

Ingredients:

- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup milk
- 3/4 cup peanut butter
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Preparation

Put sugar and milk in pan and bring to a boil. Boil two and a half minutes. Remove from heat and add peanut butter and vanilla. Stir just until mixed well. Pour into greased pan. Cool and cut.

We want your recipes! Send your submissions to behrcoll5@aol.com. Don't cop out and raid your mom's recipe box. We want recipes from college students, for college students!

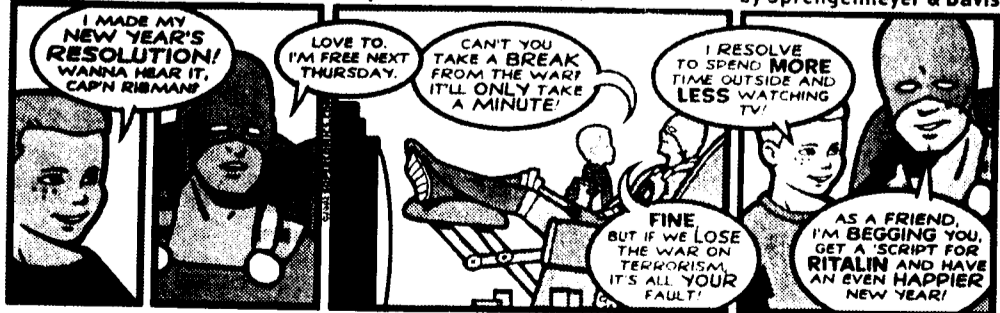
The Weekly Funnies

DITHERED TWITS by Stan Welling



"And here's Tommy as the Folsom Prison Prom Queen. He was such a beautiful boy."

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