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Waste some time with games

by Billy O' Keefe Knight Ridder Newspapers

BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER

Available: Now for Xbox From: Electronic Arts

"Buffy the Vampire Slayer" is primarily a beat-`em-up game, and a darn cool one at that. Our hero moves a bit stiffly when jumping platforms, and fending

off multiple opponents is a futile exercise. But when it comes to good ol' punching and kicking, "Buffy's" fast pace is a good time, with tons of combos, special moves and foreign objects that help mix things up. All the show's characters are represented with great models and voiceovers, though the one-liners get old fast. More successful are the various styles of music that accompany the excellent environments. It's a game that pays homage to

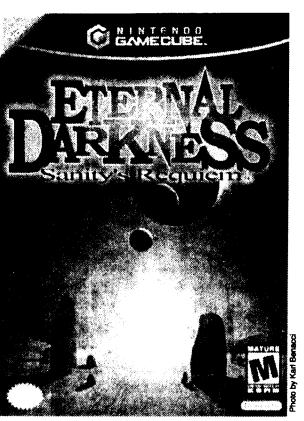
fans of action games in general will eat up.

ETERNAL DARKNESS: SANITY'S REQUIEM

Available: Now for GameCube From: Nintendo/Silicon Knights

"Eternal Darkness: Sanity's Requiem" is not a "Resident Evil" wannabe, but instead a straight-up, action-intensive adventure that enjoys messing with scrap out of the woefully inept an awesome value for everyone characters and spans two millen-

lows you to pick off various en- setup you have in place. The sigemy body parts in any order you nal transfers without a hitch on see fit, and the magick system, any angle, regardless of interferwhile tricky, features some great ence between the controller and depth. All this is to say nothing the receiver, and it endures disof the fourth-wall insanity ef- tances far greater than the adverfects, which do everything from tised 20 feet. It's doubtful you'll warp the walls to "disconnect" ever want to play "Pikmin" from your controller and mute the TV. another room 80 feet away, but



This game is mature, which means it's pretty cool.

enticing adventures out there, Playing "Crazy Taxi 1's" West "Eternal Darkness" takes the Coast level with "Crazy Taxi cake as the game to own on the 2's" Crazy Jump move is about GameCube.

WAVEBIRD WIRELESS gems (Crazy Football, Crazy CONTROLLER

From: Nintendo

Nintendo's Wavebird is a stun- games may not find this worth a ning piece of work that makes purchase, but "Crazy Taxi 3" is

bound by an overriding story. plugs into the GameCube with-The addictive combat engine al- out meddling with whatever Gimmicky indeed _ until it pulls you can just the same. The Wavebird could have used an auto-off feature, and some improvements on the original design, such as a larger D-pad, would have been nice. But when minor quibbles like these are your biggest problems, it's hard to care. Nintendo nailed this one.

CRAZY TAXI 3: HIGH ROLLER

Available: Now for XBox From: Sega

"Crazy Taxi 3's" new Las Vegas/Grand Canyon level isn't bad, but the confusing amounts of slowdown and somewhat disjointed level design make it the weakest of the series' three levels. Fortunately, "Crazy Taxi 3" also contains the Small Apple and amazing West Coast level, as well as nearly every-

its namesake, but also one that one over on you. One of the most thing from the first two games. as fun as gaming gets, and the new mini-games feature some Tornado) among some also-rans Available: Now for GameCube and duds. Dreamcast owners who still have the prior two

Through the looking glass

by Mike Pingree, KRT Campus

WORKERS COMPENSATION

A 28-year-old Estonian prostitute was arrested in Finland and held for 51 days before being released when the prosecutor decided not to press charges. The woman immediately sued for \$21,230 in lost income.

THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

A woman married her prisoner boyfriend at the Vigo County Jail in Indiana, and, when she kissed him passionately at the end of the ceremony, she passed a balloon filled with illegal drugs from her mouth to his, police said. A guard noticed a slight bulge in the groom's cheek and ordered him to open up.

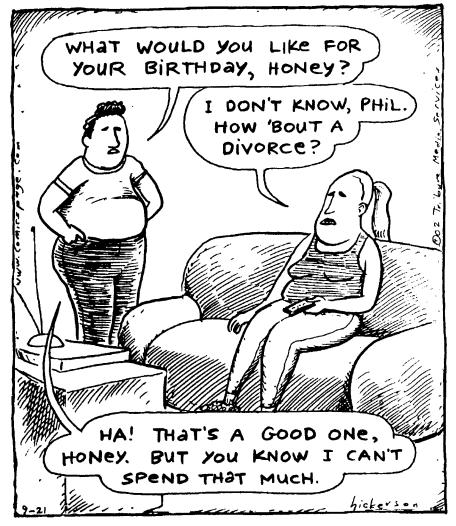
IS IT ME OR EVERYBODY ELSE?

As oncoming traffic swerved to avoid her, a woman drove 12 miles on the wrong side of a highway between Toulouse and Bordeaux, France.

She caused seven accidents involving 18 victims before the police caught up with her. She was taken to a psychiatric hospital.

CAPTAIN RIBMAN & Cow Chips, Aboy





your mind. The game features of wireless controllers that preceded else, giving you every square 12 tales, involving 12 playable it. It uses a radio signal instead inch of a franchise that's as adof an infrared beam to commu- dictive now as it was when it nia, each diverse in style but nicate with its receiver, which first arrived.

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Video company gets exposed!

by James L. Rosica Knight Ridder Newspapers

The case of a former Florida State University student who exposed her breasts and unwittingly became a "Girl Gone Wild" may go to trial in Tallahassee.

But the Girls Gone Wild video makers defeated a similar lawsuit in Louisiana earlier this year, in which a judge ruled that women who "flash" in public don't have to consent to being filmed.

Jury selection has been set for Oct. 7 in Becky Lynn Gritzke vs. M.R.A. Holding and Mantra Films, producers of the Girls Gone Wild video series, which features young women baring their bodies, usually in public.

The 25-year-old Gritzke, a one-time swimsuit calendar model, said she was videotaped without her permission when she pulled up her top on New Orleans' Bourbon Street at the 2000 Mardi Gras celebration.

The footage wound up in the Girls Gone Wild "Sexy Sorority Sweethearts" video, which includes unrelated scenes of other women performing sex acts, according to court documents. Gritzke's photo also is on the cover and in nationally distributed ads.

She first sued in September 2001; the case now is in federal court here, before U.S. District Judge Robert Hinkle. Gritzke is seeking more than \$75,000 in damages, and an undisclosed cut, estimated to be in the millions, of the profits from the video's sale.

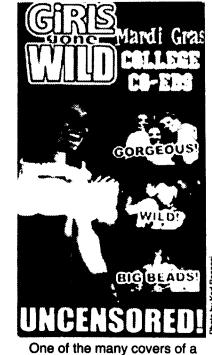
Her case now rests on two claims: That her likeness was used without her permission, and that her appearance in the video has unjustly subjected her to ridicule, embarrassment or disdain.

But the Girls Gone Wild team has wrapped itself in the First Amendment, saying in court records that Gritzke's "removing her shirt in public at the world famous Mardi Gras celebration ... is certainly a matter of public interest (and) publications of public nudity generally are considered newswor-

thy.'

Case law largely has not recognized a right to privacy in public. But the courts have affirmed a person's right not to have his or her image exploited commercially.

Gritzke's lawyers at first said she did not know she was being taped because the video



"Girls Gone Wild" video. Classy, eh?

cameras were hidden. The tape featuring her was shot by an independent cameraman who sold it to Girls Gone Wild.

But according to recent court filings, Gritzke asked the cameraman, "What's with the light?" and he answered he was "making a video.'

That doesn't constitute consent, according to documents filed by her attorney, Kelly Overstreet Johnson of Tallahassee. Johnson declined comment to the Tallahassee Democrat, citing federal court rules that discourage lawyers from talking about pending cases.

But Ronald E. Guttman, the Los Angeles-based lawyer for the Girls Gone Wild producers, noted that a Louisiana judge tossed out a suit by three underage women who were included on another Girls Gone Wild video.

In that case, the women, two were 16 at the time and the third was 17, were drinking at a New Orleans club during Mardi Gras 1999 and showed their breasts to a cameraman.

In March, Judge C. Hunter King of Orleans Parish Civil District Court dismissed the suit.

"They were consenting to the video and/ or photographs taking place," he said, according to a hearing transcript. "It seems like they were pretty willing

"When you do it on Bourbon Street or go into a club and do it and you know there is an individual with a video (camera), certainly you must expect that this is going to be shown all over the place," Hunter said. "... They had the ability to say no." Hunter's decision was not appealed, records show.

"I believe that Judge King's analysis in the Louisiana action is indicative of how Gritzke's case ultimately will be decided," Guttman said in a statement. "But we're ready to go to trial and we're confident of a successful outcome, based on the facts and the First Amendment.'

But Hinkle already has questioned the free-speech defense in a recent court order, saying, "The First Amendment provides no right to make an unconsenting individual the poster-person for a commercial product, as plaintiff alleges defendant has done."

Johnson declined to say where her client now lives or works. Gritzke was Miss September 2000 in a "Women of FSU" calendar published by Campus Calendars. According to the calendar Web site, she studied accounting and finance, and is a South Florida native.