

ENTERTAINMENT

Word Of The Week:

Sciolist - noun - One who engages in pretentious display of superficial knowledge.

If you had read the Entertainment page enough to remember all the words of the week, you would probably be a sciolist by now.

Entertainment News in Brief
4/17-4/24

Second Bond accident leaves two stunt men injured

Officials announced Thursday, April 24 that an experienced stunt man was seriously injured in a car crash during a chase scene being filmed for a new James Bond movie. *Quantum of Solace*, starring Daniel Craig, is set to be released later this year. It involved several chase scenes including one in northern Italy, where the crash occurred. A spokesman for the town where the filming is occurring said that the stunt man, who was flown to a hospital in a filming helicopter, crashed the car, an Alfa Romeo, into a wall. This accident comes less than a week after a previous car accident, during which an Aston Martin skidded off of a mountain road into a lake. No stunt men were injured in the first accident.

FHM names world's sexiest women

For *Him Magazine*, a well-known men's magazine that puts out a yearly list of the world's sexiest women, has made their announcement for the most attractive 100 women in the world. Taking votes from over 9 million fans, the magazine announced that Megan Fox, co-star of *Transformers*, was voted into first place. For Fox, this is a jump from her 2007 rank of 65th. She beat out last year's champion, Jessica Alba, who rolled in at third. Jessica Biel took second place.

Source: CBC, CNN

Beacon Entertainer of the Week
Laughing Baby from YouTube



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Upcoming releases:
Movies

Iron Man

~May 2~

Based on the famous *Marvel* comic book, a billionaire weapons maker seeks to fight back against those who use his creations for evil.

Rating: PG-13



MADE OF HONOR



Made of Honor

~May 2~

Starring Patrick Dempsey and Michelle Monaghan; a well-off bachelor agrees to attend his secret love's wedding in order to stop the marriage.

Rating: PG-13

Music

Clay Aiken

~May 6~

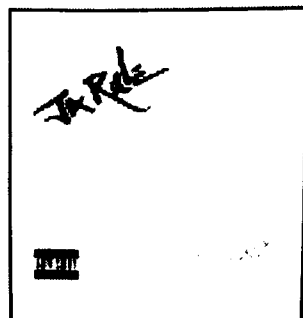
On My Way Here



Ja Rule

~May 6~

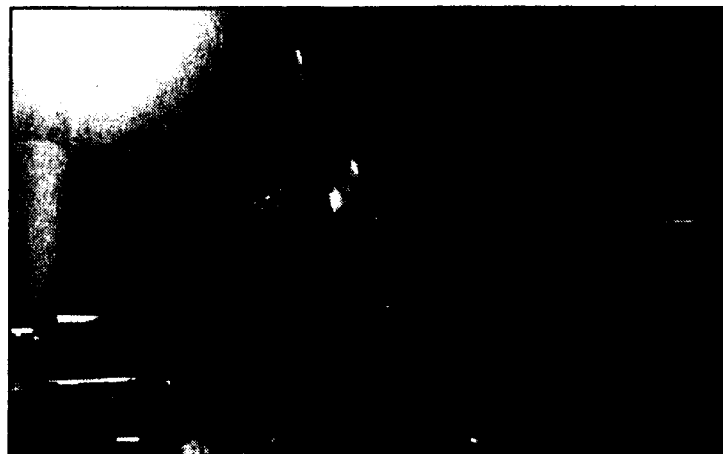
The Mirror



Iron Man: a 2008 blockbuster?

Marvel movie could take tops among summer box office hits

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Robert Downey Jr. plays Iron Man in the upcoming Marvel movie.

Iron Man, set to hit American theaters this Friday, May 2, promises to be one of the must-see summer flicks. For those readers unaware of the Marvel comic-book character of Iron Man, the most you need to know is that this is yet another superhero movie. Based off the self-titled comic-book *Iron Man*, our hero is none other than Tony Stark, who is played by actor Robert Downey Jr.

The film is directed by Jon Favreau, responsible for *Elf* and the film-adaptation of *Zathura*. Not only does Favreau have behind-the-scenes experience, but he's also acted quite a bit. Favreau has appeared in 2003's *Daredevil*, another Marvel comic-to-film adaptation, *The Replacements*, in 2000, television's *The Sopranos* and even the recent comedy, *The Break-Up* (2006), co-starring with Vince Vaughn.

Iron Man looks to be a breakthrough for Favreau, having been their first film he's worked on that has implemented computer-generated imagery (CGI).

On the basis of this, Favreau stated, "I've always been very reticent to use CGI to the extent

that it has been used by other filmmakers." Favreau said in an interview. "I think that now, through motion-capture and the integration of miniatures with CGI, like in *King Kong*, I'm starting to be a lot more convinced by what the technology can do. But the idea of using CGI and relying solely on that to tell your story, those days are past. I think that integrating practical filmmaking and augmenting it with CGI is the key to making it an emotionally involved story."

Above all else, this was the particular reason that Favreau chose Downey to portray the role of Stark. "The best and worst moments of Robert's life have been in the public eye," the director explained. "He had to find an inner balance to overcome obstacles that went far beyond his career. That's Tony Stark. Robert brings a depth that goes beyond a comic-book character who is having trouble in

high school, or can't get the girl." Favreau felt that Downey's questionable past of alcohol and drug abuse made him an appropriate choice for the role. In turn, Stark himself is quite the drinker, battling high-tech, superpowered villains along with battling alcoholism. Favreau also felt Downey could make Stark a "likable asshole," but also depict an authentic and captivating emotional journey once he won over the audience.

Other big names, such as Gwyneth Paltrow, Terrence Howard and Samuel L. Jackson also take on famous characters from the Marvel universe. Paltrow takes on the role of Virginia "Pepper" Potts, Stark's personal secretary and love interest. Also set to make a cameo is Marvel Comics co-creator Stan Lee, who makes it a point to appear in every Marvel film to date.



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Wesley Snipes.

Wesley Snipes sentenced to three years

Actor faces prison term for tax evasion; sent money to overseas accounts

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Actor Wesley Snipes was sentenced Thursday, April 24 to three years in prison for failing to file tax returns.

The sentence of three years was the maximum requested by prosecutors. Assistant Attorney General Nathan J. Hochman said that he wanted to make an example of the famous actor. "Snipes' long prison sentence should send a loud and crystal-clear message to all tax defiers that if they engage in similar tax defier conduct, they face joining him," he said.

Federal prosecutors claimed that Snipes' crimes have been going on for as long as a decade. They claim that, while the exact amount is in dispute, Snipes avoided paying as much as \$15 million in tax returns by sending money overseas.

However, Internal Revenue Service Commissioner Douglas Shulman says that Snipes will be treated just as anyone else would. "There is no secret formula that eliminates a person's tax obligations, nor are there any special exceptions," he said.

With Snipes in legal troubles, the Hollywood community responded strongly. Actors Denzel Washington and Woody Harrelson, two long-time friends of Snipes, wrote personal letters testifying to the man's character. Thirty-nine pages of testimonials were presented by defense attorneys, CNN reports.

"[Snipes was] like a tree, like a mighty oak," wrote Washington. "Many who know him have witnessed the fruit of his labors, have sat in his shade and even been protected by his presence. I am proud of him, proud to call him a fellow thespian and most importantly, proud to call him a friend."

Another witness, reports CNN, recalled how Snipes had trained airline personnel on safety techniques following the Sept. 11 attacks in 2001 without seeking payment or media attention.

Snipes has largely been quiet on the issue. Aside from a loud "Wow" outside of the courtroom, Snipes didn't speak to fans who waited for him.

Snipes' attorneys have said that they will appeal the decision. They argued that he should receive a sentence of house arrest or probation.

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