

ENTERTAINMENT

CD REVIEW

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So recently I was window-shopping at my local music store, minding my own business in the pop/rock section, and I came across a CD with a woman lying on a bed in lingerie.

The title of the CD was "Extreme Behavior". Needless to say I was interested in the album.

The name of the band is Hinder. Some of the tracks are called "Get Stoned", "Lips of an Angel", and "Homecoming Queen". I decided to purchase the CD.

When I arrived home, I dropped it into my computer, pressed play, and for the next 38 minutes and 17 seconds, I was in a state of bliss.

After listening to the CD, four times, I told myself this is one of the best CD's I have heard in a long while.

After listening to the CD for a while I knew that this five some is dedicated to bringing back the good old days when sex, drugs, and rock 'n' roll weren't dirty words, but a way of life.

In addition, their music follows suit, taking a following in the steps of timeless groups like Bad Company, Aerosmith, and the Rolling Stones.

Now this band is not going to be endorsed by young children; at least not without the consent of their parents.

The opening song "Get Stoned" is not a party anthem as the title suggests.

It is really about not being able to leave your pain-in-the-butt girlfriend "Cause the sex is so much better when you're mad at me."

"That line actually started as a joke, but once I sang it, we said, 'Let's keep it,'" laughs Austin Winkler. "It's like you've got this girl you can't stand, but the sex is so good you can't bring yourself to break up."

The song "Bliss" is about getting drunk to forget a ruptured relationship that "I can hardly see what's in front of me/Because the vodka's running on empty/I can't stay sober/If it's over."

"I love the lyrics to that song, because when you're hammered, you look all that stuff out," says Winkler. "You don't have to deal with it because you're not even thinking about it."

Now the song "How Long" can relate to a lot of the freshmen in college.

Sadly, this is the time where many relationships are heading in different directions and ending up in pieces.

The song "How Long" is a song about a break up that leaves someone's heart in pieces. "Cause everywhere I look I can see how you hold him/How long till this goes away."

Obviously this lyric shows that he loved his girlfriend, and no matter how hard he tries to get over her, she remains in his head. This is a situation that most people are destined to face.

On the whole, I think Hinder has earned a 10 out of 10 with "Extreme Behavior".

Their songs' lyrics are relatable and full of meaning. The music on the album involves a complex arrangement of arpeggios and harmonies that blend together perfectly. The sound of singer Winkler's voice is one that is unique, in the sense that nobody out there can truly compare to the rough, yet sympathetic, sound of his voice.

Assuming that the members of Hinder do not completely destroy themselves with drugs and alcohol too soon in life, we can count on hearing more of this "Extreme Behavior" rock sound more in years to come.

A scrumptious time awaits, just a town away

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When the breeze blows through the town of Hershey, Pa., it takes the scent of chocolate with it. The sweet smell of cocoa and sugar hangs off the trees, the buildings, and the ground itself.

The scent, the candy that creates it, and even the town of Hershey itself owe their existence to one of the sweetest accidents in history.

When Milton S. Hershey got into the chocolate business in Lancaster, Pa. in 1897, he was only interested in making his caramels a little sweeter with a chocolate coating. It was not until the turn of the century that Hershey's chocolate appeared as bars and wafers in local shops and pharmacies.

As demand increased, Hershey needed more room for his process of combining cocoa beans, milk and sugar. He decided to open a

today. The company bought the right to make Reese's Peanut Butter Cups in 1956, topping off its confection selection.

The town that grew around it was originally home for Hershey's workers. Although the town was never officially christened Hershey -- and technically does not even exist as a borough -- it is undoubtedly Hershey, with its chocolate-colored roads and Kiss-shaped streetlights. It now plays host to a variety of attractions, dozens of shops and a candy-themed amusement park.

While the road to these attractions may be brown, it is not as boring as the color may suggest. With construction taking over parts of the "city," those intent on getting the

the rural region surrounding the commercialized area.

receive a factory ID and then proceed to package their own Kisses as they

for free during your stay, Hershey's Chocolate World houses possibly the largest chocolate-themed gift shop in the world. From T-shirts displaying Kit Kats and Reese's Peanut Butter Cups and stuffed, chocolate-themed characters to classic brands of goodies and the newest confectionary treats, the gift shop is by far the highlight of the journey.

So chocolate-lovers beware -- there is a place in Pennsylvania where all your Willy Wonka dreams can come true.

Just be careful not to come home with a toothache.



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Hershey's Chocolate World not only offers rides, but shows and other tasty attractions.



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A day at Hershey's Chocolate World will leave both children and adults smiling and wanting more of the fun that is so good, that it must be fattening!

new factory in the place of his birth: Dauphin County's Derry Township.

Hershey's Chocolate Company continued to grow through the 1920s and the Great Depression, adding new products that remain popular

full Hershey experience have to take the scenic route. As a construction worker stops cars between the real Hershey factory and the Hersheypark amusement park, passengers have the opportunity to sit back and enjoy

Cow-filled farm land surrounds Hershey, which made the section of Dauphin County perfect for a chocolate factory, as it easily can supply one of the three main ingredients for the confection: milk. Towering over the town and countryside are several monstrous roller coasters, a stark contrast to the open fields and quaint storefronts.

With days to go until the amusement park opens its doors for the season, the roar of a roller coaster startles a troupe of horses crossing the intersection. White dummies replace riders in the coasters, as those below wish they were allowed to test ride the steel giant.

Winding roads lead past the park, stadium and factory to what is perhaps the most extravagant of these attractions. Hershey's Chocolate World is the size of a supermarket but filled with --you guessed it-- chocolate, including Hershey's cookies, ice cream, fudge and just a few milk chocolate bars.

Walking into the building, patrons are faced with many choices, each one involving gluttony. The Factory Works at Chocolate World allows kids and adults to put on a hard hat,

come off the conveyor belt. Patrons can take a tour of the "factory" and learn exactly how Hershey got its taste. Loading into a giant, four-seated Hershey's Kiss, visitors ride on their own conveyor belt.

The Kisses ride through the local dairy farms, into the chocolate-making plant and even into the oven. Riders are pushed through a burst of heat, as the omniscient narrator talks of the cooking process that bars and Kisses undergo.

The joy that Hershey's chocolate brings around the world is portrayed at the conclusion of the tour, with pictures of people of all ages enjoying Hershey's products with the company's theme song blaring from the speakers, "Hershey's Chocolate: the Great American Chocolate Bar."

Upon their exit, a few lucky patrons get the opportunity to take part in a taste-test of Hershey's products. Women dressed in white distribute samples to survey takers, who have the challenge of determining which one of them is not like the others. Their reward: A few pieces of cracker, a glass of water and some extra chocolate nuggets.

While you can get some chocolate

This Winter season at **HERSHEY:**

Christmas in Hershey is a magical time, filled with unique attractions, events, and activities. At the center of it all is **HERSHEYPARK CHRISTMAS CANDYLANE**, where the magic of the holidays comes to life with a million twinkling lights, a selection of rides for all ages, festive decorations, Santa and his reindeer, and shopping in our quaint village shops!

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Information about the upcoming season can be accessed by calling: 717-534-8968

◀ GEEK'S CORNER ▶

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Just killing some time. Lets face it, geeks are perhaps the score board leaders when it comes to taking pot shots at the old chronometer.

Computer geeks seem to be the reigning champions of the geeky underworld in this particular activity. How do we maintain our superiority on the score board? It is a mixture between being easily amused and many of us having the ability to create something to amuse ourselves with.

Personally, my computer based, time-slaughtering methods vary, depending on how much time I have, and the availability of the Internet.

So long as there is an outlet handy, or my battery lasts, I always have something to do. Watching movies, playing computer games, writing Geek Corners, and yes, homework, are just some of the things I can do without even having access to the Internet. I have such oldies but goodies as X-COM and Master of Orion II on my system.

The truly desperate can of course resort to such time killers as Minesweeper or Solitaire, but those are usually reserved for only the most desperate of situations.

Running through one of your old favorite games is always a good way to kill a couple of hours. And of course, on the off chance that there is not a crushing load of homework which needs to be done, you can also

enjoy a movie on your computer or laptop.

Then of course, there are underground products. If you want to kill ten minutes, considering downloading a few flash games to your computer.

Pac man is my personal favorite, but there are many others that are available online to download. I will insert a word of warning regarding flash games and your personal computer. Take a very close look at the provider before you put anything onto your system.

The all too real possibility of becoming

infested with spy ware or viruses if you download flash games from a less than savory website makes it absolutely essential to exercise some caution when exploring this time killing option.

If you have Internet access, a safer option can be playing these flash games online without downloading. Do not be fooled into thinking that Flash offers only games. Flash animation is a very popular medium on the Internet.

Sites such as Newgrounds (www.newgrounds.com) and Neurotically Yours (illwillpress.com) are two that I personally frequent.

I will put yet another word of warning into this article (and hope my editor does not put me from my family friendly PG

comics to read is a favorite option of mine personally.

There is always a new one to add to the favorite list. And catching up can take days depending on how long the comic has existed.

Go digging through sites such as Top Web Comics (www.topwebcomics.com) or BuzzComics (www.buzzcomics.com)

confess to getting a sort of perverse amusement out of the endless personality quizzes out there.

If you are truly bored, looking through the more ludicrous of these can be good for a cheap laugh. These and innumerable other second wasters have a home on the Internet, simply running a search on time killers will lead you to sites with lists of things to do when you are bored.

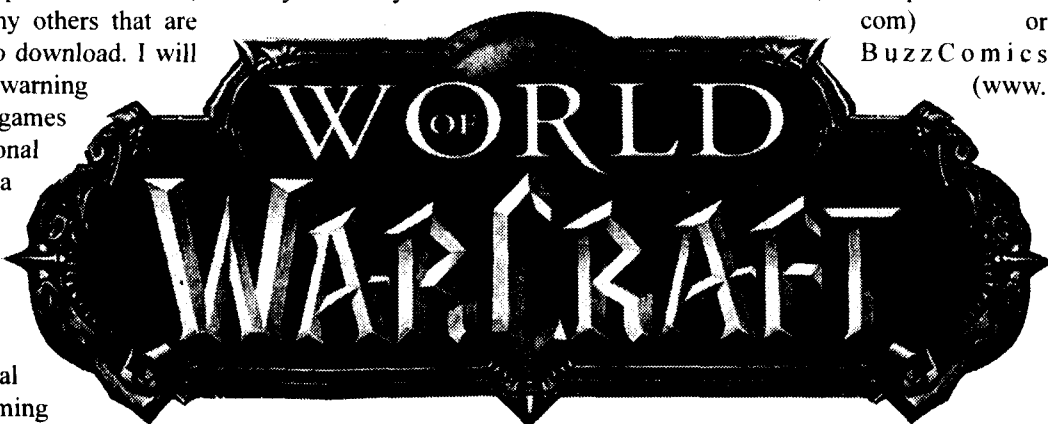
Assuming that the blessed Internet remains available to you, my World of Warcraft characters and I persevere against the advancing march of time.

Other MMO drug flavors are also excellent weapons in this war. Be wary however, use these only as a last resort, as pulling oneself away when it is time to go do something productive can be bothersome,

as any Warcraft junkie can attest to. Armed with an MMORPG arsenal, the hours will scatter before you.

And so, I leave you to go find some other time killer to enjoy,

hoping that I have given you some idea of just how the computer geeks out there can spend so many hours per day in front of the computer screen. And just maybe I've inspired you to pick up some habits yourself. Of course, if you seek non-computer based entertainment, I suppose a good book or a board/card game can do some damage to the clock.



warning), both of these are sites with adult themes. If you are easily offended I do not recommend these sites to you.

Another online pastime that I have previously written about but most certainly bears mentioning once again is web comics.

If I have a large chunk of time to be "dealt with," looking for a new web

buzzcomics.com) to find one to suit your tastes.

I am told it is possible to spend hours per day on bulletin boards, in chat rooms, or on sites such as Facebook, but I must confess to not being a devotee. Still, if you are into that sort of thing they seem like valid ways to eviscerate a moment. I will