

The Weekly Ink Waster

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Hello!

Yeah, hi. Welcome to The Weekly Ink Waster. The content you are about to read is garbage. If you are at all offended by poorly written material, put this down right now.

Contributions

Please make contributions. It's not easy writing 2 pages of junk every week, sometimes I need your help. If you've got a comment, or maybe a poem, a funny story, or whatever, send it to the email address at the back of this little ditty. Also, you can send me an email indicating that you want me to email you your copy weekly. I heard a rumor that there might be a webpage hosting The Weekly Ink Waster if it gets popular...

It's a done deal!

I recently saw in the paper that the parents of 8 screaming children in some distant country sold their 3-year-old for a RCA TV set in their living room. I think the value of a 3-year-old to whatever shady guy was buying him would be worth a little more than a plain old 22 inch RCA. Why not a plasma TV, or maybe one of those \$2500 projection setups? At least they could include a GameCube, or maybe a 6-month HBO subscription.

Actually, I don't know if they got cable there. Now, obviously this was illegal and they were arrested, but come on.

CDs rip you off

On a side note, I just bought a \$19 CD that contained 35 minutes of music. What's going on here? To me, this is another sign of the collapse of our civilization. Give me a break, they used to sell LP records with more music. Not only that, but most of it was better. I own the original Led Zeppelin record with Stairway to Heaven - includes the lyrics, in good condition. Today's lazy CD listeners would rather be pulling out volume knobs and cleaning their discs for scratches - they couldn't waste their time with those stoopid scratchy records and the diffec-cult turntables. With LPs now as long as most modern CDs and priced like bad Super Nintendo games, I don't know why we don't toss our CD players out the window!

Reviews

occasionally, I'll review something. Most common will be video games, as I can rent those from Blockbuster for a weekend cheap. If you want me to review a CD or something else, loan it to me in school, I'll get around to

listening to it, and I'll rate it next issue.

This week I've decided to review T.H.U.G (Tony Hawk's Underground). I expected a lot of the game, and that's what I got. Career Mode has made way for Story Mode, which has you start out as a skate punk in the Jersey suburbs, get sponsored, go to the Tampa Am, go am while your "friend" Eric Sparrow keeps screwing you, make it to the Vans Slam City Jam, become pro, design your deck, go to Moscow, get stranded there, make it back, have some real skating fun, assemble your own team, make a killer video, and finally participate in a final showdown against Eric Sparrow where you have to tear up his best line, real big, in 4:00. Harder than it sounds. Whoa! I'm glad run-on sentences were not one of the FCAs. All the "Create-a" features have been updated. Create-a-Park lets you freeform place your rails and add goals to your parks. Create-a-Skater lets you send a picture of your face to Neversoft and then download onto your console. The new Create-a-Trick lets you combine elements of simpler tricks and rotations to create a cooler special trick, the new Create-A-Deck lets you use background graphics and stickers to design a pro deck, and Create-A-Goal lets you

place your own SKATE letters, choose your own high scores, and name which tricks to use in Tricktris. Don't forget Online Play, which now includes Firefight mode (shoot balls of fire at your opponents, fun!).

Jeopardy!

Sorry, I'm out of ideas. I leave you with this question from my mom's Jeopardy calendar. If you have an answer, drop me a line at the email address at the bottom of this column containing your answer and your name, and I'll feature you in the next issue.

Category - Math and Science

One volt times one amp equals this unit of electricity.

The answer is coming next issue!
Well, gotta sign off now. This is The Weekly Ink Waster, written by:

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