



BAIT BYTES

Silent Hill

Konami
Playstation
Genre: Horror Adventure

MarioKart

Nintendo
Nintendo 64
Genre: Racing

Konami, creator of "Resident Evil" and "Resident Evil 2," follows up two zombie killing games with a more psychological thriller. This one takes place in Silent Hill, a small town where a tourist crashes his car late one night and wakes up with his daughter missing, snow falling at the wrong time of year, darkness coming and going at will, all the townspeople missing and mysterious gates to a terrifying netherworld located around the town.

The controls in "Silent Hill" are a pain compared to the smoother interface of the "Resident Evil" series, but they are needed for camera angles in the game, which switch and move around like a real horror movie. "Silent Hill" is also not for the novice or impatient game player. The puzzles and enemies can be frustrating and the game offers little help.

What the game lacks in control and execution, it more than makes up for in the dark and scary atmosphere, the terrifying and entrancing visual design and the surrealistic levels. Sound design for the game is also amazing; the music adds intensity and fright to the game in just the right places. Odd sounds floating around everywhere — like the sound of a crying child echoing through the hallways, far off sounds of machinery and ghosts and the howling of the cold wind — heighten tension and add to the effect of the horror in the game.

"Silent Hill" is definitely a game to check out and is fun to play in a dark room in the early hours of the morning. It is definitely one of the best horror games to be released and should set new standards for upcoming horror and psychological thriller games. (Grade: A-)

— Kyle Whitacre

If this game had a warning from the Surgeon General it would read — this game is highly addictive and will cause a significant decrease in sleep and grade-point average.

This game is the sole reason many people buy a Nintendo 64. With 16 different race tracks and eight different characters, something new happens every time this game is played.

Anybody who played the original version on Super Nintendo will be pleased with the vast improvements this game has received while at the same time keeping everything that made the original great.

Most of the old characters are present, some of the same basic tracks and everybody's favorite "Battle Mode."

The upside to this game is it allows up to four people to play at the same time, so it will bring out the competitor in anyone and will quickly turn good friends into enemies.

The game play is excellent — quick and responsive. The characters will do what they are supposed to do when they are supposed to do it.

The graphics are typical of Nintendo — bold colors with a cartoon type of quality to them.

The graphics are not great when compared to some of the newer Nintendo games, but they are passable.

The simple fact is this game is just plain fun.

"MarioKart" will cause the hours on the clock to roll off without anybody noticing, which could be a bad thing, but in this case is not. (Grade: A+)

— Scott Harris

People In The News

Bird shows distaste for Fabio at new roller coaster

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (AP) — Busch Gardens touted Fabio's ride on a new roller coaster called Apollo's Chariot as "Modern-Day Adonis vs. Ancient-Day Sun God."

But a bird upstaged the supermodel and the ride.

The animal hit Fabio on the nose and cut him, sending blood streaking down his chin and cheeks. Several women sitting near him in white tunics, portraying goddesses, were splattered with blood.

Fabio was treated for a one-inch cut on the bridge of his nose and released from a hospital.

"He's fine, no serious injuries," park spokesperson Deborah L. DeMarco said. "I don't know about the bird's plight."

She said "We're very sorry that it happened, it was an act of nature."

Strickland honored in upcoming special episode

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A special episode of "Suddenly Susan" will pay tribute to cast member David Strickland, who hanged himself last week.

The episode of the NBC sitcom will be taped the week of April 12, with a broadcast date yet to be determined, producer Warner Bros. said Monday.

Production was suspended after Strickland's body was discovered March 22 in a Las Vegas motel room. The cast and crew decided to return to make the episode in his honor.



STRICKLAND

Spike Lee defends new film about serial killer

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — Spike Lee says his new movie about the Son of Sam killer isn't a sell-out.

The movie depicts the hunt for David Berkowitz, who killed six people in random shootings in 1976 and 1977. Seven other people were wounded in attacks that terrorized New York City. Berkowitz is serving life in prison.

Lee told students at the University of Georgia Tuesday that the film isn't a diversion from his black-themed movies but a look at the region he loves.

"Black folks are saying Spike's sold out," he said. "For me this is a New York story."

The movie, "Summer of Sam," is due out in July.

Attorneys fight to keep DiMaggio's will private

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Attorneys for Joe DiMaggio asked for his will to be locked away, apparently to keep it out of the hands of collectors.

The will was stored in the Broward County clerk's office near DiMaggio's home in Hollywood, where the baseball great died March 8 after a battle with lung cancer. He was 84.

With DiMaggio's death, the value of his collectibles has skyrocketed.

Aside from his signature, DiMaggio's will includes the provision that his only son, Joseph Paul DiMaggio Jr., be given a trust fund that will pay him \$20,000 a year. DiMaggio's great-grandchildren received trusts of \$250,000 and \$500,000.



DIMAGGIO

Woman charged with stalking Dennis Rodman

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (AP) — A woman accused of stalking Dennis Rodman told a judge she's innocent and was ordered held on \$50,000 bail.

Marie Boguszewski, 36, of Bradley, Ill., pleaded innocent Monday to three counts of making terrorist threats and one count of electronic stalking.

Boguszewski allegedly e-mailed and called Rodman's former agent, Dwight Manley, hundreds of times to request a date with Rodman. In November, when she learned the messages were not forwarded to Rodman, she threatened to kill three employees of Manley's agency, prosecutors allege.

Boguszewski tried to meet Rodman by attending his games and a book signing and turning up at a restaurant where he was eating, prosecutor Tori Richards said.

Boguszewski also faces trial in Illinois on charges of aggravated assault against her father and aunt.

MTV names director of new Internet division

NEW YORK (AP) — MTV Networks Tuesday named music TV veteran Fred Seibert to lead its new Internet division.

MTV's parent company, Viacom Inc., created the MTV Networks Online unit a month ago to pool the successful Websites for MTV, VH1 and Nickelodeon and to create new sites aimed at luring music lovers and children.

Two of the new projects call for creating a Website especially for kids, with a music destination, moderated chat rooms, audiovisual content from Nickelodeon and an online toy store. Both are to be released later this year.

Seibert was MTV's original creative director before founding a TV production company and running Hanna Barbera Cartoons Inc.

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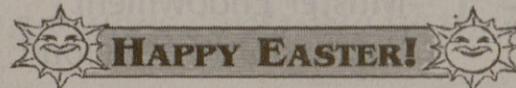
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