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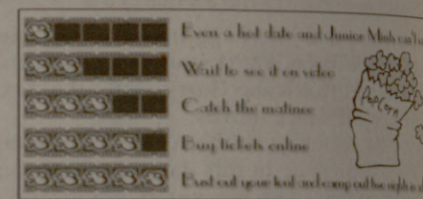
I Spy
Owen Wilson, Eddie Murphy
Columbia Pictures

Owen Wilson co-wrote and cast himself in the comedies *Bottle Rocket*, *Rushmore* and *The Royal Tenenbaums*. Eddie Murphy starred in *Beverly Hills Cop I, II, III* and many other successful comedies. Individually, Wilson and Murphy created comedic masterpieces, but together, their comedic charm is absent.

Wilson and Murphy star as a special agent and a professional boxer, respectively, who work together to stop a bad guy from selling a stolen plane. The movie was released on Nov. 1 as the big screen version of the 1960s TV series *I Spy*, which paired Robert Culp and Bill Cosby. The movie and the show are similar in its racially mixed cast and its plot summary, but that must have distracted the four writers of the movie

because they forgot the comedy.

I Spy has occasional jokes which should elicit laughs from the audience, but the previews show the funniest parts of the movie - which is possibly why the movie made \$14 million in its first weekend at the box office. Peter Travers of *Rolling Stone Magazine* sums it up best when he writes, "*I Spy* something lazy, slow, shallow, stupid, amateurish, unfunny, unsuspenseful, unformed, unspeakably dull and witlessly written, directed and acted."



NEWS IN BRIEF

8 Mile soundtrack tops album chart

NEW YORK (AP) — 8 Mile went the distance, topping the album chart during its first week in stores.

The soundtrack to Eminem's movie of the same name, which opens Friday, sold more than 702,000 copies, according to industry figures released Wednesday.

8 Mile features songs from the Detroit rapper, as well as Jay-Z, Macy Gray and Nas.

In second place was Christina Aguilera's latest release, *Stripped*, which sold about 330,000 copies.

Nirvana, a greatest-hits collection from the Seattle grunge band, debuted at No. 3, selling about 234,000 copies. It includes "You Know You're Right," a previously unreleased song that Kurt Cobain's widow, Courtney Love, and the surviving band

members fought over in court.

And "Now or Never," the debut solo album from Backstreet Boy Nick Carter, sold just 68,000 copies in its first week to debut at No. 17.

Brown's daughters sue for royalties

ATLANTA (AP) — James Brown's daughters said they agonized about suing their father over songs for which they claim they deserve royalties.

"We knew the consequences of bringing all this out — all the publicity this would get," Yamma Brown Lumar told *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* for Wednesday's editions, in her first public statement about the lawsuit.

"We love our father. ... It's been extremely difficult. This is family. This is our father. It's taken a lot of soul-searching and digging deep."

Lumar, 29, and Deanna

Brown Thomas, 33, filed the lawsuit in September in federal court in Atlanta, contending they co-own the copyrights to 23 songs, including the 1992 hit, "Get Up Offa That Thing."

The lawsuit against Brown and his record labels, Warner Chappell Music and Dyna-bee, seeks more than \$1 million and alleges breach of contract, negligence and racketeering.

The musician and his sons, labels, in court papers filed Monday, denied the allegations and asked for dismissal of the complaint. They noted that similar lawsuit that Brown's daughters filed in Michigan was dismissed in the spring.

Brown, in a sworn affidavit also filed this week, said he can assure the court that he examined the merits of the case and made no contribution to any of the claims since his daughters Deanna and Yamma

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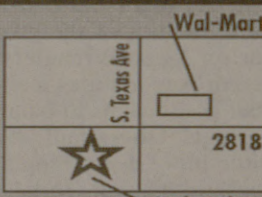
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