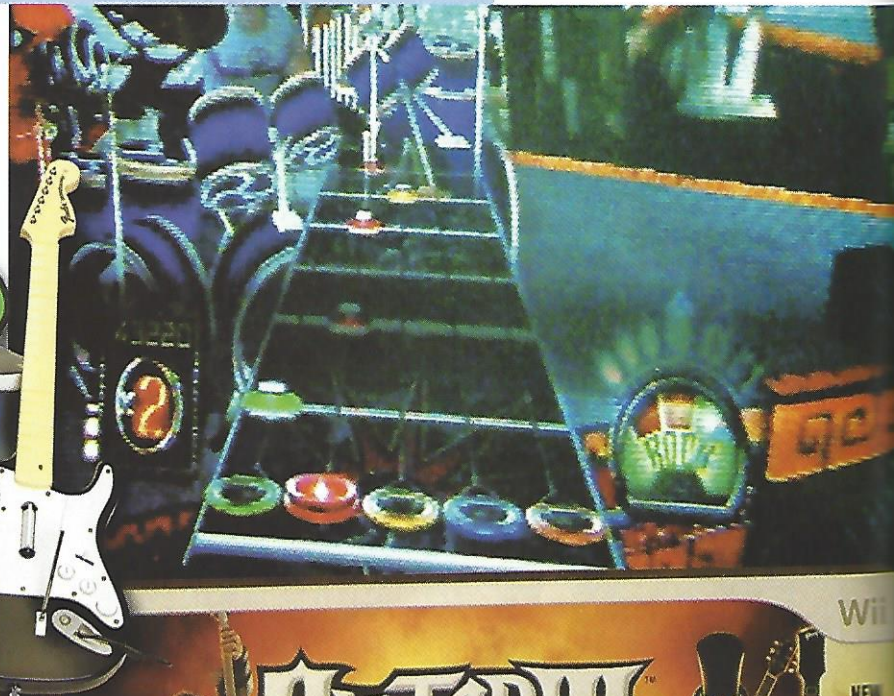


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▼ The music video game *Guitar Hero III: Legends of Rock* is released with a soundtrack of 71 playable songs. Slash and other real-life guitarists appear as in-game characters.

▼ The music video game *Rock Band* is released for Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3. Players perform together in virtual bands, using peripherals to hit notes as they scroll onscreen.

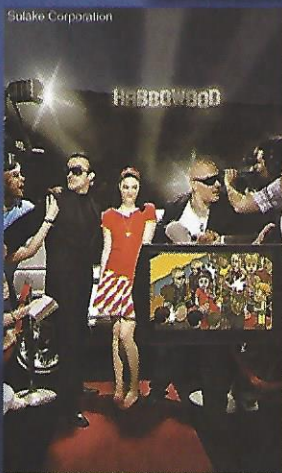
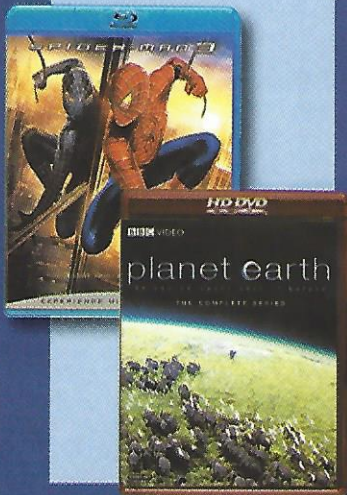


◀ Even after *lonelygirl15* is revealed as a fictitious character, her popular storyline continues for a full season as an Internet dramedy series on YouTube and MySpace.



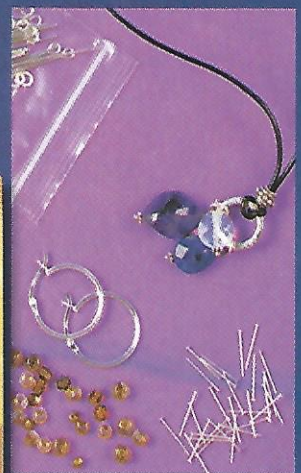
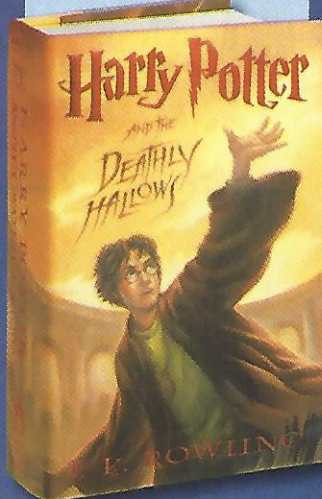
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▼ After a two-year format war, Toshiba pulls its HD DVD product out of contention, leaving Sony Blu-ray as the sole next-generation successor to DVD.



▲ Large-scale multiplayer online gaming gives rise to virtual worlds where players interact via avatars and the computer-generated environment is similar to the real world.

▼ *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, the seventh and final book in the enormously popular series, is released. Its first U.S. print run is a record-breaking 12 million copies.



▲ Beading makes a comeback as a way to relax and creatively spend time with friends.