

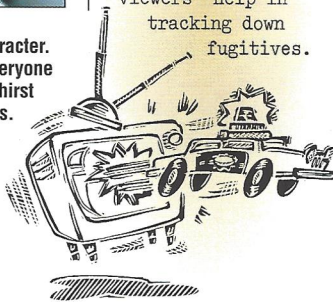
John Travolta and Samuel L. Jackson star in *Pulp Fiction*, an "extravagantly demented low-life lalapalooza with outlandish twists." The film's plot revolves around a watch, a briefcase, and a large syringe in a darkly humorous scene which reportedly causes a few audience members with needle-phobia to fall out of their seats in revulsion.

John Candy, the large and lovable star of films *Splash*, *Cool Runnings*, *Home Alone*, and many other family favorites, dies at the age of 43. Whether Candy played jerks, slobs or loonies, his natural goodness came shining through.



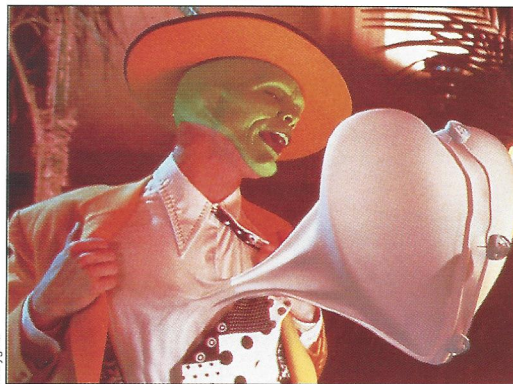
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"Life is like a box of chocolates," says its title character. *Forrest Gump*, starring Tom Hanks, surprises everyone with its popularity, attributed to the audiences' thirst for the film's theme of simple values and good intentions. Fascinating special effects place Gump into real news footage with U.S. presidents.



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Every Tuesday night 20 million homes tune in to "Home Improvement," television's No. 1 show, starring comedian Tim Allen as Tim Taylor, the how-to host of "Tool Time," with his wife Jill and three kids. Fans love this funny real-life reflection of middle-class family life.



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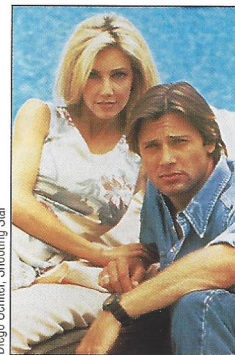
Comedian Jim Carrey's career is s-s-smokin'. In *The Mask*, Carrey plays shy Stanley Ipkiss, who discovers that a mythical mask can turn him into a very cool green-faced cartoon-like dude. While waiting for sequels to *The Mask* and *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective*, Carrey fans enjoy current hit *Dumb and Dumber*.

With a tried-but-true storyline, the TV show "Me and the Boys," becomes an immediate family favorite, with stand-up comic Steve Harvey playing a widower who's left to raise three lively sons singlehandedly.



ABC from Shooting Star

Reality-based television programs rule the tube with "Cops," "American Detective," "FBI: The Untold Stories," "Top Cops," and "Rescue 911." "America's Most Wanted" and "Unsolved Mysteries" enlist viewers' help in tracking down fugitives.



Diego Uchitel, Shooting Star

Shameless prime-time soap opera "Melrose Place," co-starring Heather Locklear and Grant Show, attracts legions of fans with its silly-sensational plotlines and shallow-but-beautiful characters. Fans even buy the TV show's soundtrack and "MP" clothing.



Celler Pictures from Shooting Star

Tom Cruise bites as the elegantly evil vampire Lestat in the film based on Anne Rice's novel *Interview With the Vampire*. Brad Pitt costars in the story that's been a favorite with millions of readers for twenty years.



Steve Granitz, Reina

Comic Margaret Cho stars in the first all-Asian sitcom "All-American Girl," about a college girl who's not making enough money to move away from home and has to live with her rigidly traditional Korean immigrant parents.

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