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Conquered by SONY.

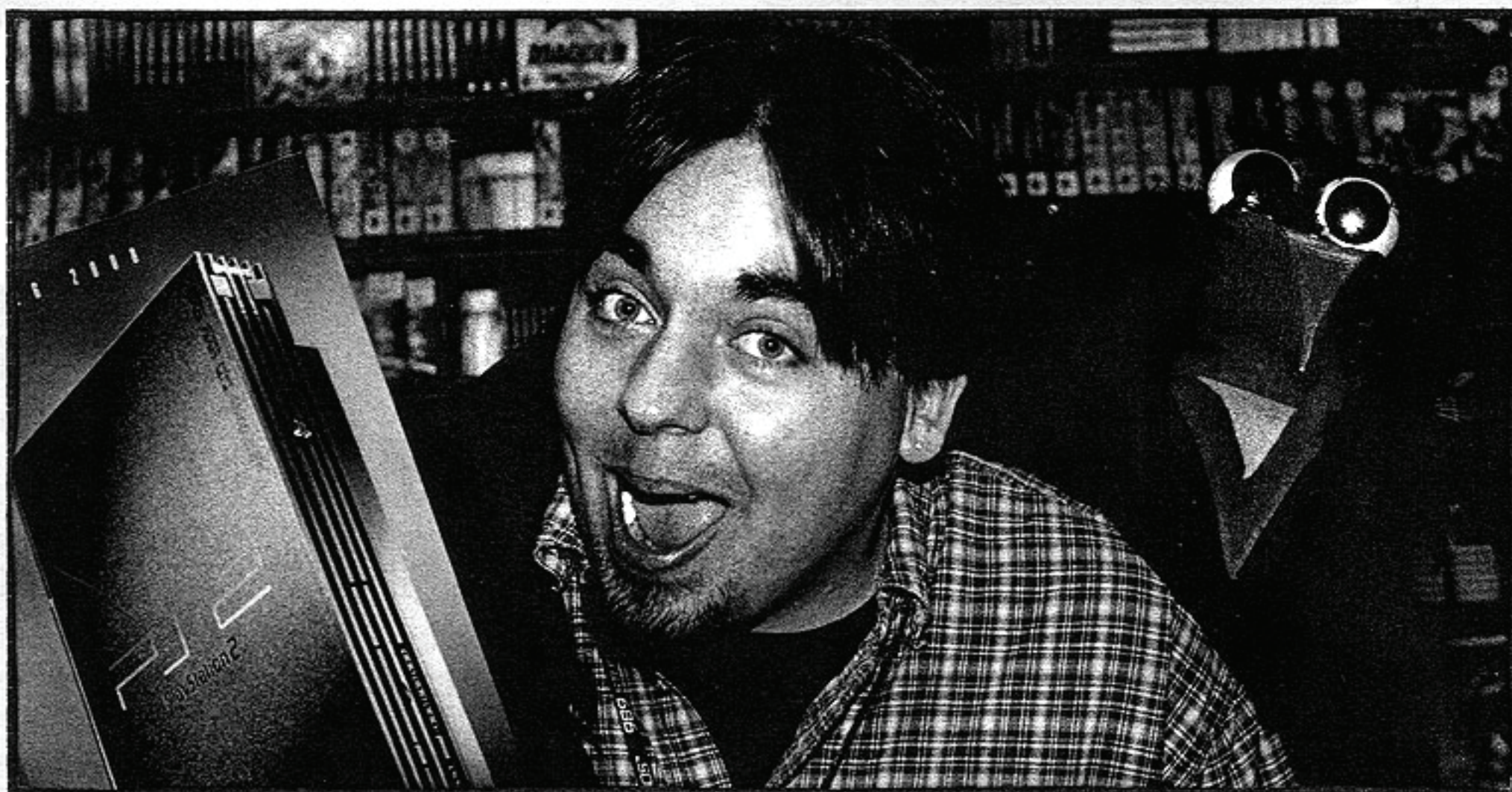
...the small print at the  
bottom of page 2 is for you,  
Ms "Pac Man," you know  
who you are...

# CROW PITA PIT!

OCT 27/2000 • THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU CAN READ • IT'S A FREE BIRD, BABY

## PLAYSTATION 2 IS HERE!

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• THE WORLD'S GREATEST  
CONSOLE IS RIGHT NOW

## LOCAL GROUND ZERO: ELECTRONICS BOUTIQUE



### CAMERA CRAFT:

- ♥ THE BEST THERE WAS
- ♥ THE BEST THERE IS
- ♥ THE BEST THERE EVER WILL BE

**Joe and Vi Waterer, we all  
thank you for everything.  
Barrie loves you!**



**OCT 28 HALLOWEEN PARTY WITH  
AC/DC TRIBUTE HELL'S BELLS  
NOV 4 METALLICA TRIBUTE  
SANDMAN**

SCARY!





**"This will be the biggest launch for any machine out yet, and we're very proud to be part of it and to be in partnership with Sony, and I believe it's going to be a very, very successful day tomorrow."**

—Graham Simmonds, Barrie's EB manager, Oct 25, 2000.

To put it mildly, he was correct. Electronics Boutique and every other outlet lucky enough to be a part of the launch was on fire yesterday, as Sony's vaunted **Playstation 2** broke sales records all over Canada and the United States. The standout launch games include *Dead or Alive 2: Hardcore*, *Tekken Tag Tournament* and *Ridge Racer 5*. But the killer app so far is Electronic Arts' *SSX*, an amazing snowboard racer. I'm also kinda pleased by the short yet elegant *Fantavision*, which is Lava-Lamp and caffeine-fueled version of the Atari classic *Missile Command*. A cursory jaunt through the 'net reveals that this superconsole is gonna be in short supply until after Christmas, so happy hunting, y'all. Caw!

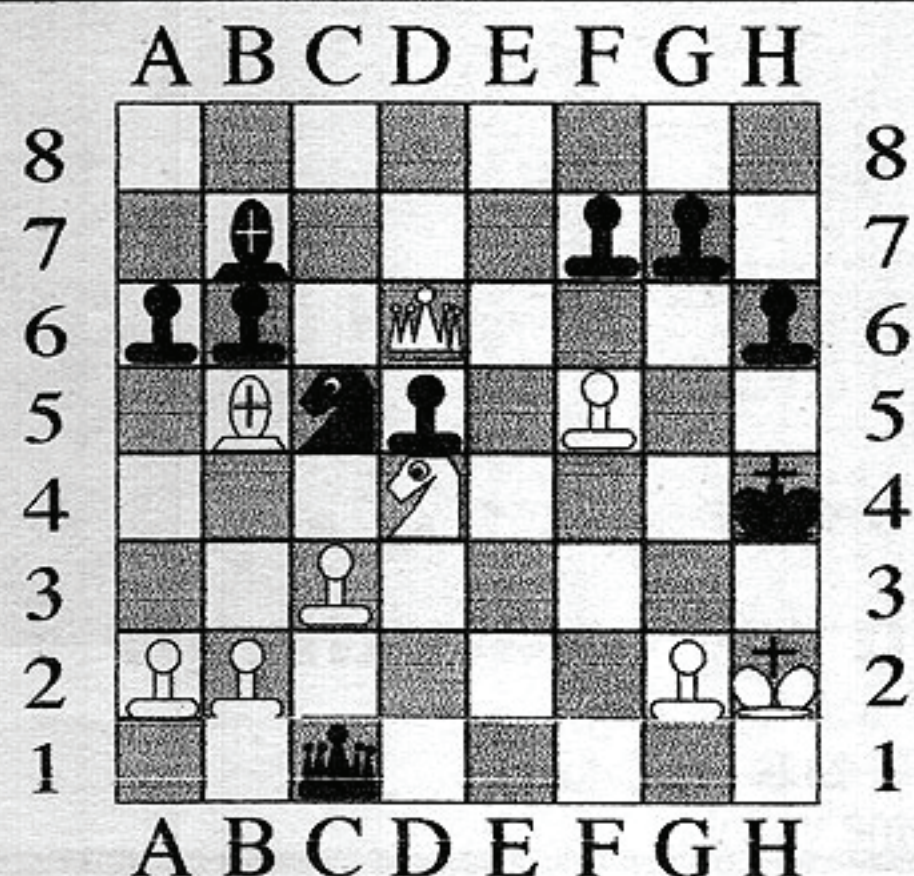
## Camera Craft

What an amazing store, run by wonderful people. Politicians can fight, and then we live with the winner for a time, but a special store like this is what I really consider one of our city's institutions. I wish I could've used the interior for a movie; inside is a magical atmosphere and vast array of exotic cameras and other gadgets in which the shopkeeper from *The Neverending Story* would be at home. You'd almost feel as if you could ask for Gizmo, from the movie *Gremlins*...and get it. The Waterers know everything, and are the most helpful shopkeepers in the whole city. When I was in Georgian College a couple of years ago, photography was a part of the graphic design program, and I didn't know much, but I always got help from Camera Craft. This is about more than a good store—every city should be lucky enough to be enriched by such a place, operated by such great people. I'd happily trade every shiny new store in Barrie for another year of Camera Craft. Our city has been blessed by the work of these special people for decades. We won't forget that. Again, thank you for everything, Joe and Vi Waterer.

## The Jazz Cafe

Mike Campol supported me from the start, and always paid on time. Good luck where ever you are, Mike. Still, I lost one of my big supporters rather abruptly, and thus...

**NOTE: THE NEXT CROWE MAY BE 1 WEEK LATE.**



WHAT CUTE ACTIVITY IS WHITNEY HOUSTON'S YOUNGEST CHILD DOING RIGHT NOW? PLAYING WITH HER MOM'S LEFTOVER MARIJUANA DEBRIS SCATTERED ON THE CARPET.

WHITE UTILIZES THE DIAGONALS FOR MATE IN TWO MOVES. CELEBRITIES ARE GARBAGE, SO FOCUS YOUR MIND HERE FOR A CHANGE. TRY.

Answer: 1.Qg3+Kh5 2.Be2 mate

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Wasup, "SoCceR?" I know that letter I wrote you months ago was more than a little wack, but I had almost turned into yer big brother, so I had to do something. Anyway, you then told me to bugger off and leave you alone, and I did. Then a couple weeks later you introduce me to that person who likes the same tv characters I do. C'mon, get real, he was just an excuse for you to talk to me again. If you tell a guy he's immature and dangerous, and you tell him also to leave you alone, and HE DOES, why would you have anything to do with him? It doesn't make sense. Unfortunately for me, shortly thereafter those two guys went over to your table that night to piss you off. They just up and did that, that kinda thing ain't my idea. You must've been plenty angry, 'cuz your mom called me an "as\*\*\*\*e" a week or so later. As you know, I had to "leave" shortly after that, so I didn't get to talk to you again. When you were walking by, I pretended to shuffle my papers, so you would have an excuse to just politely ignore me. Instead, you say something coy. Why bother talking to a guy who's "scary?" I guess I'll never understand.



## Brave Retailer Attempts To Sell *Phantom Menace* Goods



Above: To the right of the storefront, there sits a Darth Maul inflatable chair. To its left, Jar Jar Binks.

Both fellow business owners and consumers of Barrie were shocked when an unknown retailer in the Bayfield Mall decided upon offering *Star Wars Episode One, The Phantom Menace* merchandise for sale last week. However, over the passing week, the feelings changed to quiet respect and admiration for the person's bravery.

*The Phantom Menace*, just over one year old, and despite having millions upon millions of dollars behind it in promotion and name recognition, spawned the biggest and most disappointing onslaught of unwanted movie tie-in items in modern history. It also produced mountains of items featuring a character that is almost universally hated: Jar Jar Binks. The low quality of TFM spoiled the viability of existing (and up until that point, profitable) reissue *Star Wars* products, getting the whole lot either drastically discounted and/or simply removed from Toys R Us and Wal-Mart, and then used as landfill. TFM items now languish unsold on Ebay, or take up space as they collect dust on the shelves of a few boneheaded comic book specialty stores. Products once thought to be potential collector's items now can be had for less than a fifth of their original selling price of just over a year ago. TFM items are the industry standard for "no sale."

"He's got a lotta guts, ya gotta admit," said Alan Smithee, Bayfield Mall's PR representative. "At first I thought it was some kinda kitschy joke, but nope, he's seriously expecting money for those things...wait a minute, *this is a joke, right?*"



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Leagues

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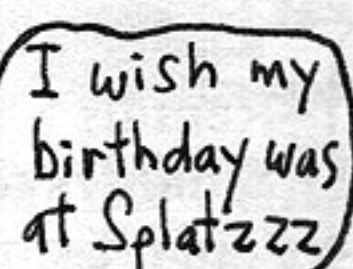
Bayfield Mall

(Under Price Chopper)

Phone: 725-9588



I won't use this PAINTBALL MARKER until everyone has Safety equipment. Safety first.





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The Foundation,

Holmes Bookstore, Pizza Pizza, 2 for 1 Subs, Short Stops, Tiff's, Graydon's, Fitzzy's, Hearty Bites, The Second Cup, The Copper Kettle, Reggies, Ruanne's, Lucky Devil, Big John's Records, Kerry's Bookstore, Pharaoh's Pita, The Patch, Pita Pit, Philthy McNasty's, Velocity, Bayfield Convenience, Maple Convenience, The Merriman, Queen's, Pizzaville, Coffee Time, CD Matrix, Splatzzz Paintball, Pogie's Pub, The Bayfield Perc, The Great Canadian Bagel, JD Billiards, Music Pro, Gamer's Lair, Mary's Coin Laundry, North County Books, Virtual Arena, Room 112, Seamus O' Brien's, Adult Movie Warehouse, Groovy Tuesday's Bistro, Essential Soul, Lindy's and The Lockeroom in Barrie by the Bay and distributed to some of Georgian College's wonderful Graphic Design instructors

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## Graydon's Saves The Day

Due to unforeseen events, the Film Festival's Director's Brunch would've been ruined if it hadn't been for the nice folks at Graydon's. With next to zero notice, they really got things together fast, and the Director's Brunch was saved. Bravo!

It was really informative and fun. Pictured from left are the directors Lawrence Green, Jari Osborne and Alistair Brown. I too would've been in the photo, but I went a little overboard with the bean dip and wasn't presentable.

—Thanks to Graydon's.

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Hokey smoke! These movies are great, and more toys than you can shake a stick at! I...uh, I did say "stick," right? Gosh, I hope so...