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GIRLS HEART *SEX AND THE CITY* AS *LOST* STEERS TO NUTTY FINALE. COULD WE LIKE A CAPPELLA?

ACTUALLY EXCELLENT · SECRETLY GENIUS · CAN'T LOOK AWAY · PAST SELL-BY DATE · ?! INEXPLICABLE · MATURE THEMES · EWWW!

1 *Sex and the City*: Global Female Takeover Begins

Click-clacking into theaters May 30th

Manly men of the universe: Make your plans for month's end! Otherwise, you're sure to be dragged off to the cineplex, drunk on Cosmos, to see the *Sex and the City* movie, perhaps the least desirable male entertainment since the XFL. (A brief RS staff poll – Austin: "No." Sean: "No way." Andy: "Seeing *Indiana Jones* 4 again." Brian: "Maybe." But we heard it's nearly three hours long. Brian. "What?! Do they go to *Mordor*?") We called the ESPN Zone in Chicago. "We'll have the doors open for men seeking shelter," says marketing manager Brian Hanover. "Call us male day care."

Mr. Big: "I'm sorry, Carrie, but I'm seeing Iron Man for the ninth time instead."

2 Pocket Ledger Delights, Disturbs

Joker figure is summer's macabre must-have

It's a delicate situation: You have a blockbuster coming out with a stunning performance by a young actor who died after completing the film. What do you do? Action figures, of course! "Kind of a downer," says a manager at Forbidden Planet, a New York comic-book shop.

3 Alert: Nerds Infiltrate MTV!

***The Paper*: MTV, Mon. 10:30 p.m. ET**

Making compelling reality TV about journalism is hard – cough! – but MTV's done it with *The Paper*, a sassy show about brainy neurotics running a Florida high school pub. The star is Amanda, a plucky editrix: "I tried to watch *The Hills*, and 15 minutes into it, I just couldn't do it."

4 666? Check. Dahmer? Check.

***Metal Bands* book of lists rocks hard**

You will never again fear constipation with Dan Nelson's *All Known Metal Bands* (McSweeney's), a magnificent glossary of band monikers (Emorrhage Corpse, Nausea(nt) that may be the best bathroom book ever. Related: There have been three bands named Dysentery.

5 Lost's Great, Dizzying Season

ABC, Thurs. 10 p.m. ET

Michael's back, Desmond's through the looking glass, Ben and Charles Widmore are playing Risk – it's been the best *Lost* season ever. But on the eve of the finale, we'd like to consider the show's future. Except, according to Desmond, the future already happened. And, according to Hurley, the future doesn't exist. And, according to Daniel Faraday, the future might be what a rat named Eloise calls "alternate reality." And, according to the smoke monster, "Blllaaarrrrgggghhhhhh!" Can we tone down the *AP Physics* just a little? We can't tell whether we're fast-forwarding or rewinding our TiVo.

6 When Well-Waxed Men Attack

***American Gladiators*, NBC, Mon. 8 p.m. ET**

In January, NBC revived the sinewy carcass of *American Gladiators*, and it's a campy gas. Exclusive: Gladiator Wolf reveals he does not get kicked in the nuts this season. Going to see *Sex and the City*, Wolf? "Probably," he says. "My wife wants to see it." Talk about a kick in the nuts!

7 U.K. Lohan: Peaches Geldof

From the guy who brought you Live Aid

She's young (19), she's modeled (naturally), and she's got sisters named Pixie and Fifi Trixibelle. Sir Bob's daughter is London's latest tabloid hellion, out-Wino-ing Wino recently when she was filmed allegedly buying drugs. Movie, album, getting tossed off Virgin Airways to come.

8 Who Invented "Camel Toe"?

Underappreciated *Serial Mom* on DVD

Forget Fannypack. John Waters introduced "camel toe" to the lexicon, but the *Serial Mom* reissue, featuring rockers L7 as the "Camel Lips." Says Waters, "Elizabeth Taylor wore [these pants], and my mom would say, 'Look at her hysterectomy pants!' "

9 A Cappella Chic? Really? Yes.

Wanna hear nine dudes do Seal's "Crazy"?

The Office spoofs it, J.J. Abrams has a movie idea, and now it's a book – Mickey Rapkin's *Pitch Perfect* (Gotham). "I loved [it] when I was a freshman," says *The Office*'s Mindy Kaling. "There was always the chance someone was going to single you out and sing a verse of 'More Than Words.' "

10 Lying Liarpants Lies, Legitimately!

James Frey's new book is fiction (like, duh)

Pugilistic *A Million Little Pieces* author and punctuation-deprived Oprah offender returns from purgatory with *Bright Shiny Morning* (HarperCollins). "I was a pariah," he told *Vanity Fair*. Free root canals without anesthesia for the first 100 buyers!

QUICK AND DIRTY WITH . . . CRAIG FERGUSON

Host, *The Late Late Show*

After three years on the air, your show seems to be having a breakthrough. You even beat Conan one week in the ratings. . . .

It's this weird kind of overnight success after being in show business for 25 years. I've been fired so many fucking times and had so many shows fail that another one won't be a big surprise – but I'm really having fun now.

The sketches you do in costume can be ridiculous.

When the sketches fail, it's more fun. There was a sketch [an ESPN (L.K. spoof] we did with Ewan McGregor the other night that was such a train wreck that it may be the best sketch we've ever done.

Any nerves at the White House Correspondents' dinner?

I was cacking my fucking pants. Everybody says it's a tough gig, and it is.

Were you checking to see if Bush or Cheney laughed?

Oh, fuck yeah. Especially Cheney – you don't want that guy sitting behind you in a bad mood.

You going to see the *Sex and the City* movie?

I'd rather burn my pubes with a blowtorch.

Grand Theft Auto IV? Are you a video-game nut?

Not really, but I approve of it just because it looks like how I lived my life in the Eighties.

Give us your ultimate show.

Lead guest would be somebody like Connery or Michael Caine. Second guest: a spectacular-looking woman. And then maybe, through a time machine, the Damned just when they were playing the 100 Club in '76. That's the best fucking band I've ever seen in my fucking life.

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