

## Cool Jokes

### Ice Fishing

A drunk decides to go ice fishing, so he gathers his gear and goes walking around until he finds a big patch of ice. He heads into the center of the ice and begins to saw a hole.

All of a sudden, a loud booming voice comes out of the sky. "You will find no fish under that ice."

The drunk looks around, but sees no one. He starts sawing again. Once more, the voice speaks, "As I said before, there are no fish under the ice."

The drunk looks all around, high and low, but can't see a single soul. He picks up the saw and tries one more time to finish. Before he can even start cutting, the huge voice interrupts. "I have warned you three times now. There are no fish!"

The drunk is now flustered and somewhat scared, so he asks the voice, "How do you know there are no fish? Are you God trying to warn me?"

"No", the voice replied. "I am the manager of this hockey rink."

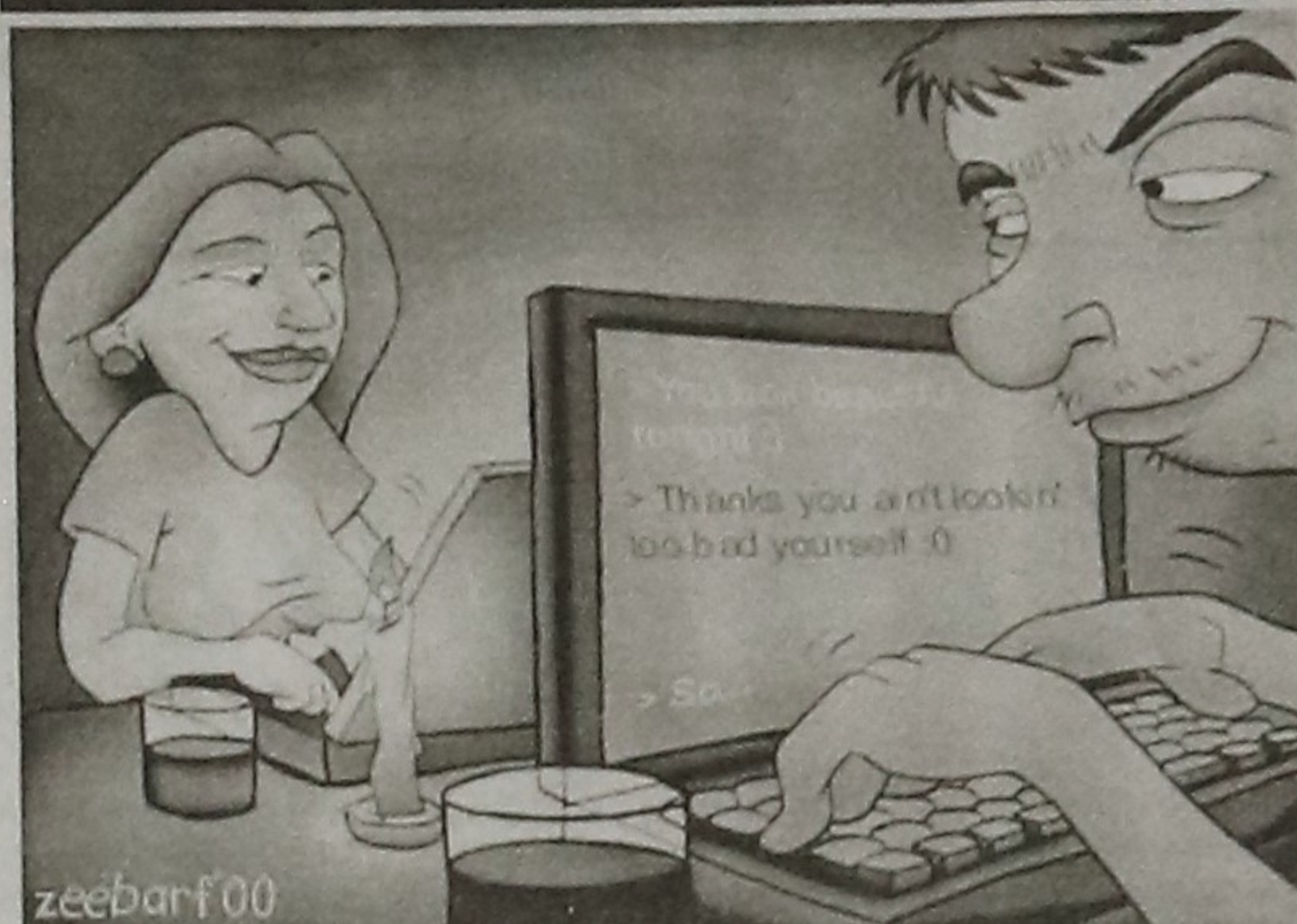
(From By Saeed Faiz Apurba)

### Actual headline from AP News

#### WANTED FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER

Linda Burnett, 23, was visiting her in-laws, and while there went to a nearby supermarket to pick up some groceries. Several people noticed her sitting in her car with the windows rolled up and with her eyes closed, with both hands behind the back of her head.

## Toon By Zeebarf



After an 8 month online love affair.  
Thelma and Warren decide to meet  
in person for a romantic dinner...

## Weird Web Weekly

BY SALMAN

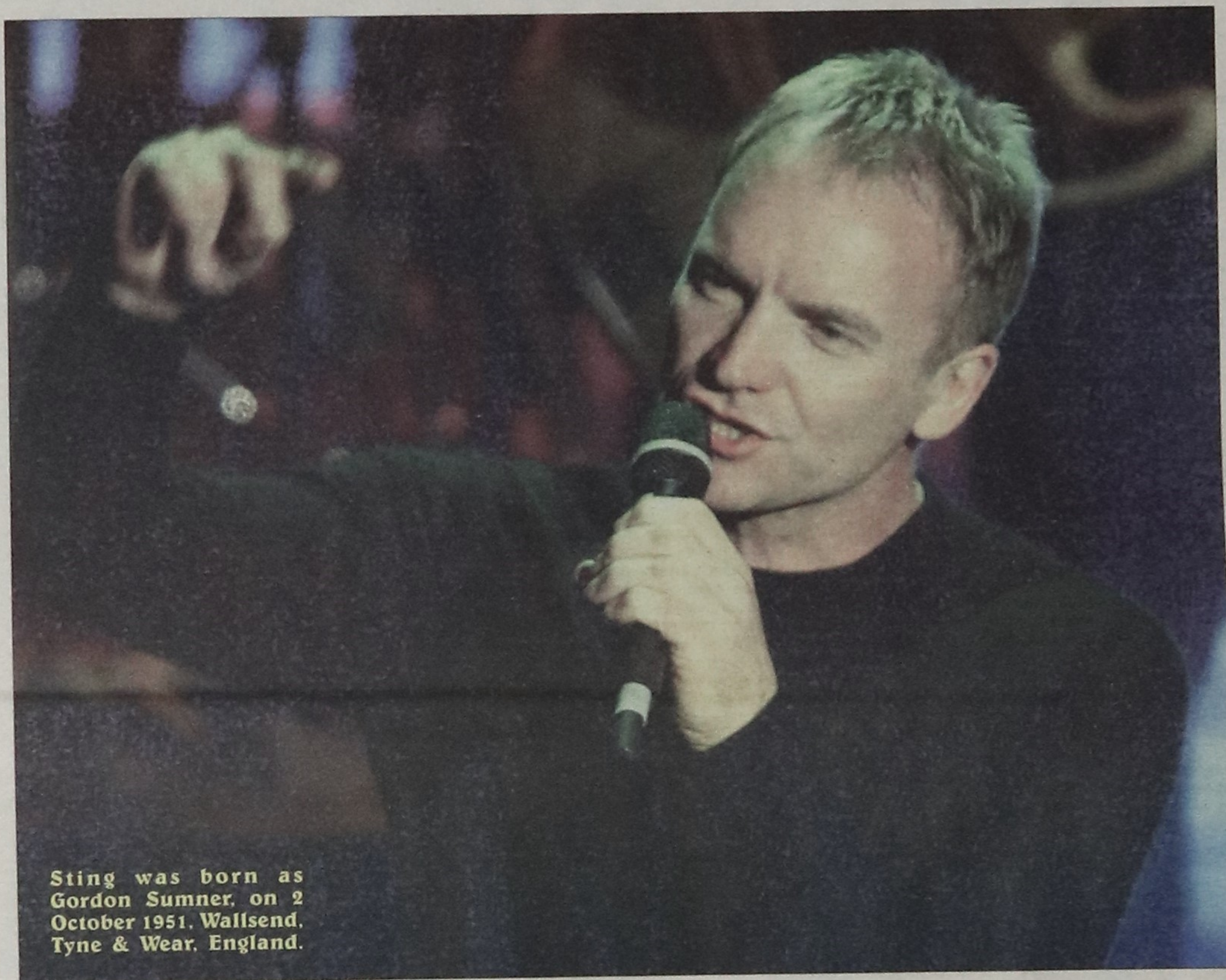
Check out <http://www.chinapage.com/sunzi-e.html> (about 70kb) translation of the art of war by sun tzi essential reading for anyone not planning to live in a monastery. We all have enemies I waited quite a while for my parents to get the book. Then finally I realized I could find it online and here it is.

Tolkien fans will know that a movie is being made of The Lord of the Rings. I personally am not interested since I hate it when they make movies of books I like, but some of you might want to check out [www.onering.com](http://www.onering.com) for info on the movie.

If you liked the cartoon from Zeebarf on last week's spice page, you can visit [www.zeebarf.com](http://www.zeebarf.com) to see more toons, or subscribe to his (her?) mailing list (or send a message to [zeebarf-subscribe@egroup.com](mailto:zeebarf-subscribe@egroup.com)). But be warned, quite a lot of the jokes could be offensive to quite a lot of people.

And here's a place to analyze your dreams - <http://edition.snap.com/directory/category/0,16,14987,00.html?dd.snap.15>

Finally here's something for you crossword freaks - <http://www.woneacross.com/>



Sting was born as Gordon Sumner, on 2 October 1951, Wallsend, Tyne & Wear, England.

**N**ICKNAMED Sting for the black and yellow striped sweater he would wear while performing, Gordon Sumner was raised in the bleak industrial town of Newcastle by a hairdresser mother and milkman father. His mother was a classically trained pianist who taught him his scales so well that he was offered an advanced piano scholarship. But jazz and guitar were Sting's real loves, and after stints digging ditches and teaching, he moved to London to play professionally.

American drummer Stewart Copeland caught his act and convinced him to try rock. Joined by Brit guitarist Andy Summers, the trio formed the Police in 1977. Their rock-reggae sound broke through with "Roxanne," a song written as a plea for a prostitute not to "put on the red light," which was subsequently banned by the BBC, making it an instant hit. In fact, the single proved so successful that A&M rushed to release their first album, *Outlandos D'Amour*.

In quick succession, the band's next albums, *Regatta De Blanc*, *Zenyatta Mondatta*, and *Ghost in the Machine* were released, with at least one hit single emerging from each. The release, in 1983, of *Synchronicity* and its monster single, "Every Breath You Take," secured their place in pop history. After a triumphant world tour, Sting decided he had achieved all he could with the Police, and the band dissolved at the height of its popularity.

Sting's solo career began in 1982, two years before the break-up of the Police, for whom he was lead singer and bass player. In that year he starred in the film *Brimstone And Treacle* and from it released a version of the 30s ballad, "Spread A Little Happiness," composed by Vivian Ellis. Its novel character and Sting's own popularity ensured Top 20 status in Britain.

While continuing to tour and record with the Police, he also co-wrote the Dire Straits hit "Money For Nothing" and sang harmonies on Phil Collins' "No Jacket Required."

By 1985, however, the other members of the Police were pursuing solo interests and Sting formed a touring band, the Blue Turtles. It included leading New York jazz figures such as Branford Marsalis (alto saxophone), Kenny Kirkland (keyboards) and Omar Hakim (drums). The group recorded his first solo album at Eddy Grant's studio in Jamaica before Marsalis and Sting performed at the Live Aid concert with Phil Collins. The Dream Of The Blue Turtles found Sting developing the more cerebral lyrics found on the final Police album, *Synchronicity*. It also brought him three big international hits with "If You Love Somebody Set Them Free" (UK number 26, US number 3), "Fortress Around Your Heart" (UK number 49, US number 8) and "Russians" (UK number 12, US number 16).

In 1985, Michael Apter directed *Bring On The Night*, an in concert film about Sting and his touring band (a live album was also released). Following a tour with the Blue Turtles, Sting recorded 1988's *Nothing Like The Sun* (a title taken from a Shakespeare sonnet) with Marsalis and Police guitarist Andy Summers plus guests Ruben Blades, Eric Clapton and Mark Knopfler. The album was an instant success internationally and contained "They Dance Alone (Gueca Solo)".

Sting's tribute to the victims of repression in Argentina, in addition to a notable recording of Jimi Hendrix's "Little Wing". This track featured one of the last orchestral arrangements by the late Gil Evans. The same year Sting took part in Amnesty International's Human Rights Now! international tour and devoted much of the following two years to campaigning and fund-raising activity on behalf of environmental causes, notably highlighting the plight of the Indians of the Brazilian rainforest.

He set up his own label, Pangaea, in the late 80s to release material by jazz and avant garde artists. In August 1990, a track from "... Nothing Like The Sun ..." "An Englishman In New York" (inspired by English eccentric Quentin Crisp), reached number 15 in the UK charts after being remixed by Ben Liebrand.

In 1991 Sting released the autobiographical *The Soul Cages* from which "All This Time" reached number 5 on the US Billboard charts. He continued in a similar vein with *Ten Summoner's Tales*, which contained further high quality hit singles including "If I Ever Lose My Faith In You" and "Fields Of Gold". "All For Love", a collaboration with Bryan Adams and Rod Stewart for the movie *The Three Musketeers*, topped the US charts in November 1993, and reached number 2 in the UK in January 1994.

The compilation *Fields Of Gold* highlighted Sting's considerable accomplishment as one of the finest quality songwriters to appear out of the second UK 'new wave' boom (post-1977). The collection featured two new tracks, "When We Dance" and "This Cowboy Song", the former providing Sting with his highest charting UK solo single when it reached number 9 in October 1994.

Sting spent a traumatic time during the summer of 1995 when he had to testify in court after accusing his accountant of stealing vast sums of his income. The outcome was in Sting's favour and the accountant Keith Moore was jailed for six years.

Mercury Falling was very much a marking-time album, not as strong as *Ten Summoner's Tales* but good enough to satisfy his fans and placate most reviewers. The title track of his new album, *Brand New Day*, proved he was still capable of achieving hit singles when it reached UK number 13 in September 1999. The album overall lacked the punch of his more recent work.

## COMPUTER Trick Your

**S**O, you're saying that you are a hardcore gamer, right? But won't be any fun until your machine is a fully modified. Many of the upcoming games are not quite "gaming" anymore, you better trick out your game machine if you want to stay on top for them. Don't even bother to trust what the vendors say. They say that any system they sell is an ultimate (only the God what they mean by the word "ultimate") game machine. It suffers from RAM shortages while playing Quake III. If you want the "ultimate" game machine here are some tips.

**Processor vs RAM.** First of all, you'll have to get the fastest processor. Much RAM as your main-board can handle. If you want a brand machine IBM's PC300GL. This machine is a bit expensive. (11.3 thousand with monitor) though it should have been a lot more. Consider Coppermine Pentium III 533EB processor and 133 MHz SDRAM. In fact Coppermine processor outperforms even the fastest non-coopermine running at 600Mhz, and Athlon 700 Mhz processors. On the other hand, PC, equipped with an Athlon 700 Mhz (the maximum speed that the RAM can keep up with) CPU and at least 128 MB of PC100 RAM, should though it is no match for the IBM machine.

**VGA and driver.** If you're a 3Dfx fan, dreaming about latest Voodoo3, I can tell you something. We are going through a whole new millennium and chips have come a long way. In fact, I don't understand why one should buy Voodoo3 when it lacks all the hottest features including 3D rendering. If you must if you want your game to look awesome. So if you are still in Voodoo3, then stay back. Playing games, is heavy graphics work and don't understand that then get a partner and play. At least, it requires any VGA!?!). Are you asking for my? Well, thank you. Guillemot's Maxi Gamer Xentor 32 (Tk. 10000). This will give you incredible speed and the image quality that is simply stunning. Its RV Ultra chip supports extraordinary transparency effects like smoke from wheels. But the problem is that this board is readily available at computer stores. There is another board, equipped with the same Nvidia which is also very popular with gamers and available at most of the shelves. It is Diamond's Viper V770 ultra (Tk. 9K). On the other hand, no any TNT2 chip based AGP board if you have an AMD CPU. Otherwise it may serious driver conflicts resulting in the worst image quality. Rather, go Matrox Millennium G400Max board (Tk. 12000) for AMD K6-2, or Athlon based system. For 3D applications, Millennium G400Max chip uses "Now" instructions, the same instruction set used in AMD CPUs resulting in understanding between the VGA and the CPU. The other important thing is driver. No matter which AGP board you use, make sure you have the driver for it. Updated drivers give a boost to your board performance and the



These are wonderful times for racing-sim fans. Over the last two years, there's been a lot of competition in the racing-sim market. EA's *Formula 1* is a contender, and despite a few problems in the retail version, the game will doubt that EA Sports can produce a racing sim that's as realistic as the best.

But before you open up a new browser window and download the game, keep in mind that the game does have a few potential problems. First, it's a deep system. A 450MHz system with 128MB RAM, which is probably a bit higher than what you have. A harsh fact is that such hardware is only average according to the game's internal benchmark. That if you want to see this game in high resolution, you'll need a decent accelerator. As such, you may find yourself gradually upgrading the game's detail settings to get the smooth animation needed to drive an F1 2000.

The good news is that some judicious tweaking can provide a frame rate that's acceptable. If you're a fan of the game, you can avoid the maniac antics of the computer-controlled drivers in *Death Race 2000* instead. It's to be expected that the game's AI is a bit narrow-minded, especially when you check replays. The game's AI is a bit narrow-minded, especially when you check replays. The game's AI is a bit narrow-minded, especially when you check replays.

Then again, no one can get to enjoy the most exhaustive and detailed racing game. Every track and driver from the game is available in the game. The game is a joy to use. You get to bypass qualifying and practice laps as you race as well as head to the garage and fine-tune your car. The game's test-day mode.

All 17 F1 circuits are available in any mode you want. You can race in any mode you want. You can race in any mode you want. You can race in any mode you want. You can race in any mode you want.

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