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3/31 Windy's weekly question

Welcome back.....?

I mentioned in Girlfight that Vinster's Boiler Room director, BEN YOUNGER is considered in Mar '05 Vanity Fair to be one of the hot upcoming young directors. JORDANA BREWSTER, (Mia in TFATF) is now co-starring in the movie D.E.B.S. and she got some good reviews for her performance. Which director/actor/actress would you like Vin to be reunited w/ onscreen???

[answer the weekly q on the message board!](#)

3/25 Xander's death graphic

Director Rob Cohen talked to [Home Media Retailing](#) about the new XXX and DVD and feature that tells Xander's death: "It occurred to me that if we're going to do an extended director's cut, there better be something really worth buying in it, because I don't want the audience that was attracted to my film to feel like they're being ripped off," Cohen said.

Of course, he had to recast the main role for the short, he added. On the DVD extra, Cage is played by Khristian Lupo. While audiences of the new XXX theatrical release will hear new characters refer to Cage's death, it's the special-edition DVD owners who will get to actually see how it happened.

"It definitely gets the point across, and it's pretty graphic," Cohen said.

For more details hit the link above!

Ask Vin a Q!

Send Vin a question through Empire Magazine's website.

[Click here to send Vin a question.](#)

Thanks to Annie!

3/24 Diesel Driven back in action!

- [15 high quality Paci pix](#)
- [28 screencaps from behind the screens sequence](#)
- [3 new scans : Enquirer March 21,2005; Star March 21,2005; People March 21,2005](#)
- [The German paci poster](#)
- [4 group pix from the Paci premiere: Vin and all the actors / actresses](#)
- [VD exposed: Vina nd Val leaving a Chi restaurant.](#)
- thanks to Kaheina, DeviousKadin, DieselFan, DanistaBaby, Titine69 & Morgan York's Official Site!

Riddy PC game demo online

A few months after the full game, a playable demo of The Chronicles of Riddick: Escape from Butcher Bay - Developer's Cut has now been released, allowing you to try out this acclaimed futuristic first-person action game by Starbreeze Studios. This demo contains a brief tutorial and one level titled The Mainframe from the full game.

www.3dgamers.com/news/more/1096481263/

Enjoy!

Windy's Weekly Q: WELCOME TO WYSTERIA LANE VIN!

Is everyone familiar w/ the hit TV show DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES???

Heres a 2 parter: From the information below,which housewife do you most relate to or/and like? But which MALE character could Vin play if he were on the show or which one would you want him to play?

For background & info here's the site: <http://abc.go.com/primetime/desperate/>

[Answer the weekly Q here on the boards!](#)

3/22 Diesel Driven has moved!

Ms Mephisto's message from the board:

Hiya guys!

I just saw that the nameservers took a shorter time than expected to point to the new server. We're live!

Welcome to the moved version of vindieselgallery.net!

Most changes made are the intro blog where I've posted the list of supporters as well as importants stuff as disclaimers, F.A.Q etc.

This is the finalized list of supporters - if you have donated and your name isn't on the list and you wish it to be - e-mail me and I'd be happy to add you: webmistress [at] vindieselgallery . net

[Full list of supporters here.](#)

Thank you so much everyone!

Questions, problems with the site afterthe move? Please let me know - post here, use the feedback for or e-mail me :)

3/20 Paci is #3 with 12.5M\$

Box Office News

New releases: More than doubling the original's opening, DreamWorks opened "**The Ring Two**" with \$36 million from 3,332 locations this weekend, the second \$36 million opening of March. Walt Disney opened "**Ice Princess**" to \$7 million from 2,501 venues, placing it at No. 4 for the frame.

Meanwhile, Vin Diesel family laffer "**The Pacifier**" was in the third position in its third week with \$12.5 million, bringing its cume to \$72.3 million. Pic was off 31% from last week.

source: Variety

New Vinterview: Diesel-Powered

It's obvious in the movie that you enjoy being with kids.

"I tell you, I was just always in a good mood in this film. Usually, the roles I play are the dark, brooding, stoic characters. In The Pacifier, it's a completely different atmosphere. I was running around playing video games, throwing babies into the air, being chased by a three-year-old. It

was just so much fun that, really, it didn't even seem fair. It was a breath of fresh air."

How many kids do you want to have, if and when?

"That's a good question. How many can I afford. Twelve? Okay, then 12 is enough!"

full interview @ [Philstar.com](#)

3/18 Vin .. Action man?!

LUCAS MAKES ACTION MAN A STAR

Legendary STAR WARS director GEORGE LUCAS is making a film about kids toy ACTION MAN.

Lucas is currently in talks with studio bosses in Hollywood to make the movie, and bookmakers are taking bets on who will land the role of the iconic plastic hero. VIN DIESEL and COLIN FARRELL are the favourites so far.

A source says, "We expect work to begin next year and release in 2007."

source: [Contactmusic.com](#)

thanks to heyhay26!

Arlene met Vin at Regis & Kelly

New entry in our fan journal with pics : Finally, after about 15 minutes, a black Escalade pulled up and stopped. Everyone started to freak out, including me! His bodyguard exited the Escalade first, and then Vin stepped out. I literally felt like I had just entered the Twilight Zone!! I couldn't believe my eyes that Vin was there, in front of me, in the flesh, and so close!! By the way, he was even more gorgeous than I imagined he would be in person!

[click here for the rest of the entry + new Vin images](#)

thanks to Arlene for her story and images!

New site section: fan poems

Today we introduce a new site section hosting poems, written by fans. The first three poems come from the very talented Briannie. You can read her works, [Dear Mr Diesel, Angel and Gift here](#).

Thanks Briannie!

Vin PowerPoint Presentation

Our 3rd fan update today is a PowerPoint presentation featuring many Vin pix by Mindy/Purple Frogger. [Click here to download the file](#). Its 2,14MB, and might take some time with aslower connection.

thanks to Mindy!

Paci second week BO news: Paci BO II now more successful than Riddick

According to [Box Office Mojo's Wednesday list](#), Paci grossed more in 13 days, than Riddy did on its entire US run.

Paci gross after 13 days: \$58,380,181

Riddy's total gross after 70 days: \$57,761,012.

Also, Paci got back its production costs (56M\$), right now its getting back its marketing costs (exact figures not known).

These figures are before taxes, so the real, net figures that Disney gets, are significantly lower, but BO-wise the movie cleared up for a sequel now - if ever they plan to do one.

W's Q&A 3/14 NAME THAT BABY!

We all know that the Vinstler has been saying how much he wants to have kids, esp. after making THE PACIFIER. We also know that today's American celebs give their kids some....uh...rather unusual names(ex. APPLE, ELLA BLUE, MADDOX, PHINEAUS, etc.). Whether Vins future kids will use DIESEL or his real last name VINCENT, what name/names would you suggest for his boy/girl babies ????

[Give a name on our message boards!](#)

3/13 Rise of the machines as 'Robots' on top

[The Hollywood Reporter](#) says: Like a well-oiled machine, 20th Century Fox's CG-animated "**Robots**" took the top spot at the weekend boxoffice by a wide margin as the second feature from the studio's Blue Sky Animation grossed an estimated \$36.5 million from 3,776 locations. Last weekend's top film, Buena Vista's Vin Diesel starrer "**The Pacifier**" dropped to second position with an estimated \$18.1 million, a 41% decline in its sophomore frame. MGM's "**Be Cool**" lost 56% in its second weekend to take No. 3 on the chart with an estimated \$10.3 million. Miramax's Bruce Willis actioner "**Hostage**" opened at No. 4 with an estimated \$9.8 million. Sony's Will Smith romantic comedy "Hitch" rounded out the weekend top five with an estimated \$8.7 million. Mel Gibson's unrated pre-Easter release "**The Passion Recut**" from Newmarket Films opened in 954 locations but took in only about \$240,000 for a \$251 average. Among limited release debuts, New Line's "**The Upside of Anger**" grossed an estimated \$225,000 from nine theaters while Fox Searchlight's "**Numbers**" from director Danny Boyle collected an estimated \$73,000 from five screens. Final figures will be released Monday.

3/12 2nd week Friday BO numbers

Pos	Title	Friday gross	Total gross
1	Robots	9,9	9,9
2	The Pacifier	4,7	41
3	Be Cool	3,5	31,6
4	Hostage	3,1	3,1
5	Hitch	2,5	143,6
6	Diary of a Mad Black Woman	1,3	40,5
7	Million Dollar Baby	1,3	80,2
8	Constantine	1,0	63,7
9	Man of the House	.5	15,3
10	Cursed	.5	16,7

bold = new release

As expected, the PG-rated, CGI **Robots** rules this week's box office list. Judged by its Friday numbers, Robots eyes a 38 M\$ weekend, lower than the CGI movies usually, but still opening as second best of 2005, behind Will Smith's Hitch. The other new release, Bruce Willis' new R-rated action movie is set for a 10 M\$ opening.

There was a third new movie as well. Mel Gibson recut his **Passion** to take off some violence for a desired PG-13 rating. When MPAA said no to the new cut, he released it as "**Unrated**". This week's gross from 900+ theaters: 70,000\$.

Vin's Pacifier dropped 45% from its first Friday's gross, and now looks forward a 14 M\$ sophomore session. Drop is higher than usual kid movies', but as Paci and Robots share the same target aud, both movies take away viewers from each other.

source: BoxOffice Mojo

VX's Sandman reviews PC edition The Butcher Bay game

William, aka Sandman77 from the message board, who previously reviewed the [unrated Riddick DVD](#), has just completed his EFBB game review:

Once again hard as fan to give a just and fair verdict of a really good game. Maybe Im too spoiled when it comes to great games nowadays or maybe I just prefer PC games im this genre. I can't say the game is bad or crappy in fact it is really good and worth buying if you like 3D games of any kind not to mention Tigon Studios with Starbreze have worked very hard to make it such a success. If you unlock the 15 min making of movie then you can really tell and see their love for their work put into this game. Hats of to them and hats of to Tigon Studios, if you own a Xbox buy this game. If you own a PC well buy it defintly if your a fan of Vin Diesel!

[you can read the full review here](#)

Rockfish press release:

"With the creative energy that Vin Diesel brings to this project, RockFish has the potential to be a ground-breaking animated feature. This collaboration with One Race is incredibly exciting and together we can create a completely new type of adventure film. We think Rockfish will establish a new genre in the world of all-CG films," said Tim Miller, Blur Studio Company Creative Director, and Writer and Director of RockFish. "Blur's experience in creating exciting films with high-quality CG animation and compelling storytelling blends perfectly with the creative goals of One Race. We share a passionate commitment to creating new worlds filled with interesting characters and challenges, and RockFish fits that bill perfectly," he added.

full article @ [PRweb](#)

thanks to DeviousKadin!

3/11 Boxoffice preview: Battle of machines against men

20th Century Fox and its Blue Sky Studios at one point might have been looking at a potential weekend blowout for the new animated feature "Robots." But then Buena Vista's "The Pacifier" opened unexpectedly strong last week. Suddenly, with "Pacifier's" second weekend claiming a share of the family audience, the "Robots" challenge just got tougher. Hoping to establish itself as the next animation powerhouse a la Pixar Animation and DreamWorks, Blue Sky is out to prove that its 2002 hit "**Ice Age**" was not just a fluke. "Robots" -- from "Ice Age" director Chris Wedge and with a voice cast that includes Ewan McGregor, Halle Berry, Robin Williams and Mel Brooks -- has been well received so far by critics and fans, but it still could be hard-pressed to match "Ice Age's" phenomenal \$46 million opening. Standing in its way is "**The Pacifier**,"

which astonished boxoffice prognosticators with its \$30 million bow. The Vin Diesel starrer is likely to drop to the \$15 million-\$17 million level, but that's still a serious chunk of money that will be diverted from the "Robots" coffers. ([Hollywood Reporter](#))

3/9 A second Riddick movie is coming?

Vin on Han, FMG and Riddick 2

After "Hannibal" gets Diesel to the point where people look to him for action, comedy, drama or directing any of the three, he plans on returning to the science-fiction trilogy that he visited this past summer with "The Chronicles of Riddick."

"Riddick? Well, you know that I've always had 'C2' planned," he conceded. "I'm silently — and I shouldn't even say this — I'm silently working on 'C2' with some of the outlines that were created when I first thought of doing the three films."

full interview @ [MTV website](#)

Vin Diesel makes and voices CGI movie based on 'Rockfish' short

Do you still remember the [Rockfish short movie](#) Vin bought and wanted to develop as a feature movie? In today's Variety comes the news that things are setting into motion:

"Vin Diesel is going to get animated. Diesel's One Race Films production shingle is partnering with Blur Studio to make a CGI feature based on the indie toonhouse's short "**Rockfish**."

Thesp will **voice a lead character** in the **sci-fi actioner**, which will likely be aimed at a more mature audience than most studio-produced digitally animated pics. "Rockfish" short is about a man on an alien planet trying to catch a giant "rock fish" that lives underground and disrupts the planet's miners.

Diesel will produce with One Race partner George Zakk and Blur creative director **Tim Miller**, who wrote and directed the short and will helm the feature. One Race is now seeking independent financing for the production, which it hopes to bring in for **under \$30 million**."

full article up @ [message board](#)

Fan picture from the Paci premiere with short story:

hi everyone i went to hollywood and saw vin diesel but not closer to me at all but it intersting to see him and he is not that tall and he smiled is soooooo cute and it sure nice to see him in real life i will try to get to meet him soon and i have picture but only can see him is far but he talk to the report [here is pix](#) (up at Diesel driven - Kriszta)

Thanks to Tammsue35!

New articles, reviews

- Video interview with Vin @ [theonetwork.com](#)
- Vin silences critics with the might of The Pacifier - Vinterview @ [Canoe.ca](#)
- 'Pacifier' Breaks \$30 Mil, Chills 'Cool' @ [Zap2it.com](#)
- Surprise! Vin Diesel not just a dumb action star @ [The Star.com](#)
- DIESEL FOLLOWS GIBSON'S FOREIGN AND ANCIENT EXAMPLE @ [Contactmusic.com](#)
- Vin Diesel Stars in the Walt Disney Pictures Comedy, "The Pacifier" Vinterview @ [romanticmovies.about.com](#)
- German movie start shall be the 14th april, 2005. Poor Paci is re-titled as The Babynator. A German language trailer can be seen here:
- Vin is #3 sexiest SF actor, according to this german poll @ [Space View](#) (#1: Orlando Bloom, #2 Viggo Mortensen)

- Reel To Real: Would A Navy SEAL Ever Be Assigned To 'Pacifier' Duty? @ [VH1](#)
- Movie Review: Brad Garrett in The Pacifier @ [KYW Newsradio 1060](#)
- thanks to Bee, Anni, JsVineyard, Michael & DeviousKadin

3/7 Uwe Boll wants to work with Vin!!!!!!

In case you don't know Uwe Boll is the worst director ever. He makes Rob Cohen look like Scorsese or Paul W.S. Anderson Spielberg. The good Dr Boll does computer game adaptations like House of the Dead or this year's mega failure Alone in the Dark. AiTD is bottom #16 at IMDb. HotD did not succeed any better, its #33. Not to mention, Uwe has a hilariously huge ego and hilariously small knowledge of the english language.

And now I just saw this article where dr Boll wants Vin for his new movie. Honestly: no fucking way. Vin, stay away from this guuuuuuuuu!!!!



Interview with the reanimated Ed Wood here:
www.insomniacmania.com/

Kriszta

3/6 Paci is #1 movie with 30.2 M\$

The Top 10 movies, according to [BOMojo](#):

Pos	Title	Weekend gross	Total gross
1	The Pacifier	30,2	30,2
2	Be Cool	23,5	23,5
3	Hitch	12,5	138,4
4	Diary of a Mad Black Woman	12	38
5	Million Dollar Baby	8,5	77
6	Constantine	6	60,5
7	Cursed	3,9	15,3
8	Man of the House	3,5	14
9	Because of Winn-Dixie	3,5	27
10	The Jacket	2,7	2,7

Box Office notes:

(Hollywood Reporter): Vin Diesel took care of his charges at the weekend boxoffice as Buena Vista's family comedy "The Pacifier" took first place with an estimated \$30.2 million, according

to studio figures compiled on Sunday. The company's second film from director Adam Shankman (the Walt Disney Co. distributed the hit "Bringing Down the House" in 2003 to the tune of \$133 million), "Pacifier" bowed in 3,131 theaters for a strong \$9,652 average. Insiders had placed the Diesel vehicle in the low-\$20 million range, skewing heavily toward women and the family audience.

(Variety) Vin Diesel's "The Pacifier" easily outtheted John Travolta's "Be Cool" with an estimated \$30.2 million at 3,131 playdates to take the top spot at the nation's theaters during the Friday-Sunday weekend. Disney/Spyglass's "The Pacifier" managed to draw significantly above internal forecasts due largely to unexpectedly strong appeal among teens and adults. The audience for the family comedy was 55% female, 47% under 18 and 19% in the 18-34 age demographic.

(Reuters) - "The Pacifier," starring Vin Diesel, took top honors at the North American box office in its first weekend, nudging the heavily publicized MGM bow "Be Cool," starring John Travolta, into second place.

Disney's "The Pacifier," aimed at mostly female and family audiences, drew a better-than-expected \$30.2 million for the March 4-6 weekend with Diesel's rendition of a tough guy thrown into an unfamiliar role, box office tracker Exhibitor Relations said on Sunday.

full Reuters article [here](#)

Other updates:

- The One Race site is now online!! KNow more about Vin's production company @ oneracefilms.com - ty DieselFan!!!
- 11 new pix from the Paci premiere @ [DD](#)
- Good interview with Vin @ [MTV's website](#)
- Despite financial success Paci is still a critical failure. The actual [Rotten Tomatoes](#) statistics: Reviews counted: 79, Fresh: 16 Rotten: 63, Average Rating: 3.8/10. The IMDb's user rating is also low, its only 4,4 stars out of 10.

3/5 Paci leads BO list on Friday

Friday's Bo numbers estimates

Pos	Title	Friday gross	Total gross
1	The Pacifier	8,8	8,8
2	Be Cool	7,6	7,6
3	Hitch	3,7	129,6
4	Diary of a Mad Black Woman	3,2	29,2
5	Million Dollar Baby	2,3	70,7
6	Constantine	1,8	56,3

7	Cursed	1,3	12,7
8	Man of the House	1,2	11,6
9	The Jacket	1,0	1,0
10	Because of Winn-Dixie	.9	24,4

Source: ShowbizWire

Critix recap from [IMDb](#):

The Pacifier, which gives Vin Diesel the chance to star in a family comedy, also exposes him to some stinging jibes from the critics. "Perhaps he should rethink his career choices," writes Jami Bernard in the **New York Daily News**, who calls the movie "an abysmal comedy that should have been strangled in its crib." Lou Lumenick in the **New York Post** calls Diesel's performance "painfully unfunny." Michael Wilmington in the **Chicago Tribune** writes that Diesel "strains so hard to be cute and cuddly that he sometimes resembles a bald teddy bear on steroids." Philip Wuntch in the **Dallas Morning News** calls the film "a dud" and observes: "If your idea of humor is watching Mr. Diesel change diapers, you'll be blissful. If you're a grandparent taking your grandchildren to their very first movie, you'll enjoy your grandkids more than the movie. Otherwise, you'll be glancing at your watch and wondering if it's over yet." Melinda Ennis in the **Atlanta Journal-Constitution** is much kinder. "Granted, in terms of acting chops, Diesel is no Dustin Hoffman. As writer Dorothy Parker once famously said of Katharine Hepburn, Diesel 'runs the gamut of emotions from A to B.' But as with Arnold Schwarzenegger's similar Kindergarten Cop, all that is needed is a beefy guy as a foil for cute kids and real actors. And Diesel does beefy well," she remarks. and Kevin Thomas in the **Los Angeles Times** compliments the filmmakers on their "artistry and skill."

Links to new Vinterviews & Paci articles :

- Pacifier shows lighter side of Diesel @ [The Winnipeg Sun](#)
- Action hero Vin Diesel takes on paternal role in 'The Pacifier' @ [Tahoe Daily Tribune](#)
- INTERVIEW: Vin Diesel on "The Pacifier" @ [Cinecon.com](#)
- [Robbie] WILLIAMS TOUTED FOR GUYS AND DOLLS @ [contactmusic.com](#)
- thanks to DeviousKadin

3/4 Paci premiere today

Have you been to the movie theaters today? Vin's new movie is out today and dozens of new articles, reviews, interviews are available on the message boards. **DieselFan made screencaps of the following tv show appearances:** [TRL](#), [BET 106 & park](#), [Letterman](#), [Regis & Kelly](#), [CNN showbiz](#) & [Good Morning America](#). Reviews are up at the Paci board sections, with new interviews and topics to discuss the new movie. Link to all the godes: [Pacify me! board section](#).

Review-wise Paci stands where last year Riddick landed: at [Rotten Tomatoes](#) only 29% of the reviews are positive. Family movies usually get panned by critics, so Paci's critical failure is not a surprise. **Box Office - wise** Paci looks forward a low 20M\$ weekend, #2 behind John Travolta's Be Cool. First figures to be issued tomorrow morning US time / afternoon for us, overseas fans.



I also have to add that this week I got swamped with emails, and have yet to answer every one of them. I'm trying to get back to you as soon as possible, but it might take a few days. But not to steal each other's time, please take note that I AM NOT VIN DIESEL, will not answer letters addressed to Vin, neither can not forward them to Vin. Thanks for your time and patience. Kriszta, the webmistress.

3/3 Paci reviews

New pics from the Paci prem, incl. Vin and his niece & nephew

pic#1: Vin and Maria Menounos
pic#2: Vin and niece, nephew and 'Gary' the duck
pic#3: Vin and 'Gary', the duck

these 3 in big size + 37 more pics are at [Diesel Driven](#)

Cassidyliz was @ Letterman yesterday. Here is her report:

ok-i'm back home from the letterman show-no pics though-no cameras allowed. vin was really great & very funny! dave asked him about being bald-when he decided to go bald, etc and of course Paul got a word in. dave asked about his dog roman, and they discussed what happened with the dog biting someone... [click here to read the full post on the m board](#)

Paci reviews

The Paci reviews are out, so many of the, that it would be nearly impossible to link all of them here. If you want to read what the experts think about the movie, visit [Rottentomatoes.com](#). **Positive reviews** says that "Vin Diesel's new movie may not pacify his extreme-action-addict fans looking for an adrenaline fix, but it is a nice little Disney film that is a surprisingly pleasant way to spend time with the family."([ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION](#)) or "A delightful, involving comedy with a little suspense and action thrown in. Vin Diesel is surprisingly sensitive and comedic as a tough, lonely warrior turned paterfamilias." ([TOLUCAN TIMES](#)).

Negative reviews, -that outnumber the good ones-, think for ex that: Director Adam Shankman fails to impose any comedic shape to the disjointed and episodic screenplay. Jokes never build, stagings are clumsy, and the whole thing feels as if it were slapped together in haste. Technical credits on the mostly Toronto-based production are unimpressive" ([Hollywood Reporter](#)).

We at VX mboard have yet another good review by heyhay26: I was lucky enough to get sneek preview tickets for a special showing last night. I took my 3 kids, mom and a friend with me. I just want to say how much fun I had watching it. It was so cute and funny! :lol My kids were laughing all the time. Even the audience sounded like they were enjoying themselves. I'm definately seeing this again opening night and my mom wants to come to! It is so great to see Vin in a role like this. Go Vin!

And in NEW YORK magazine Mar 7 '05

And in NEW YORK magazine Mar 7 '05 On page 68 theres an article of sorts,on what they call the "Long Story Short" pg entitled:The Long ,Strange Trip From Sensitive Mark Vincent To action Hero Vin Diesel.

Its a short article w/ photos & illustrations chronicling Vins career path.
If anyone can post it here or type it great!

New articles, interviews, images:

- [Teen Hollywood](#)
- Diesel Forced To Cut Costs on Hannibal Project @ [IMDb.com](#)
- [Boxofficeguru's preview](#): 20M\$ or this weekend
- [FilmForce.IGN.com](#) interview with Vin
- [Vin Diesel Goes Disney in Family Comedy @AP/Yahoo!](#)
- [Vin on Letterman!](#)
- [Vin on E!](#)
- [Vin arriving to the Late Night show & signing autographs](#); 9 images from Isifa
- thanks to LadyCabDriver, JsVineyard and the Image Goddess DieselFan!

3/2 Paci premiere + movie pix

- [Paci premiere gallery](#)
- [Eight new movie stills](#)
- Vin goes for the kid stuff, new articles @ [Disney Insider](#)
- Will Mel Gibson lead Vin Diesel over Alps? @ [MSNBC.com](#)
- A OK review of The Pacifier @ [FilmsInReview.com](#)
- new tv appearance: Showbiz Tonight on Thursday Mar 3 (CNN Headline News)
- [TRL](#) date is indeed March 3
- 6 reviews: 2 good / 4 bad @ [Rottentomatoes.com](#)
- don't forget, Vin is on Letterman today!
- thanks to Michele, Waimeawahine, Jordyn, Ken, DieselFan and Lbiu.

3/1 Paci stuff

Diesel Driven gallery updates

Ms Mephisto posted up updates on the VX forum, regarding the gallery's future and your kind donations. Pls [click here](#) to read messages.

[Also, updates have started again. Today I added:](#)

- 4 pics from the Jay Leno show (3 from Isifa + one I kisted here b4)
- Pacifier childrace tips from Yahoo!
- and some Paci press conference pix from Wireimage
- thanks to DeviousKadin & DieselFan!

CS! Box office forecast: Paci will be #2 22,3M\$

" Third month of the year is the third week with three new movies, two of them high profile comedies that will likely split moviegoers this weekend. **John Travolta** returns as Chili Palmer, the Hollywood gangster from the movie version of Elmore Leonard's Get Shorty, this time taking on the music business in **Be Cool**. The large ensemble cast offers something for everyone with popular stars like **Uma Thurman, Vincent Vaughn and Cedric the Entertainer**, which should make it the shoe-in for the top spot. Then again, **Vin Diesel** breaks type playing a navy seal guarding a bunch of kids in Disney's family comedy **The Pacifier**, which should bring in enough family audiences over the weekend to make a strong play for second place. The sci-fi thriller **The Jacket** from British film director John Maybury is getting a rather low-key release despite starring **Adrien Brody and Keira Knightley**. Treading similar ground as last year's Ashton Kutcher thriller The Butterfly Effect, it may be too bizarre to find a mainstream audience. Meanwhile, last week's #1 and 2 movies, Hitch and Diary of a **Mad Black Woman** may fight it out for third place, while Clint Eastwood's **Million Dollar Baby** will likely get a nice bump from its Oscar wins. (Although, Marty was robbed...again!)"

Have to agree with them. No offense to Clint Eastwood, but it's not fair that he has 4 Oscars , while Martin Scorsese, -director of Taxi Driver and The last Temptation of Christ; one of the most influential directors ever- not a single one anyway, full article with exact figures and BO tables @ [Coming Soon!](#)

Vinterview at Dark Horizons

"In the seven years that many of us have spoken to Diesel, what remains consistent is his sense of passion. Never one to flinch from a challenge, Diesel says that there is nothing else he ever wanted to be, but an actor. "I was an actor as long as I can remember." The son of a theatre director and an astrologist, the actor says his movie heroes were the likes of Mel Gibson. "The guy's been able to create what he feels the need to create, and that's the key."

full interview @ [DH](#)

Vinterview at Latino Review

Vin talks about the next Riddick game: "Wait until you see the next one. That's the first, the

Tygon debut game. It won awards. What we're going to do on this next level, on the next platform, on the PS3, will blow your mind because it's going to be constantly, the storyline is going to be constantly fed to you through the internet, so you will be able to navigate your way through the story on the internet. It's on Xbox live, it's really something."

full interview @ [LR](#)

New TV appearances

- **Thursday March 3, 2005**
6pm -7:30pm (ET/PT), Vin guests (along with 50 Cent and JLo) on 106 & Park, BET (Black Entertainment Television)
- **Saturday, March 5**
Ebert & Roeper review The Pacifier, (Syndicated). Clickie the link provided and look for the "Find Your Station" search feature to find out when it'll be showing in your area.
- **Sunday, March 6**
Ebert & Roeper review The Pacifier, (Syndicated). Clickie the link provided and look for the "Find Your Station" search feature to find out when it'll be showing in your area.
- thanks to Ken, Eva, DieselFan25

Other updates

- Vin attend P Diddy's pre- Oscar party in honor of Jamie Foxx. It was featured on American show EXTRA. - pics at wav [here](#)
- Pacifier cast intervuiwews: Vin, Faith Ford, Brittany Snow, Lauren Graham @ [romanticmomovies.about.com](#)
- the [official Paci website](#) has been updated with pics, prod notes, games and even recipes!
- thanks to DD, kempa11vd and DieselFan25

2/28 ZZZZZ... can the Oscars be any more boring?

But in case you did not fall asleep after Chris Rock's opening monolouge, and you did catch Sidney Lumet's award, it had a clip from "Find Me Guilty". Dieselfan has the clip [here](#); and here's what Lumet had to say in te press room about Vin:

"(Vin is) one of the best actors I have ever worked with," Lumet said. "Vin got his break as a muscle car racer. (The) first picture that he did, \$50 million, \$60 million, and he's been regulated to that. He's a glorious actor, believe it or not, as opposed to a leading man. I'm not going to oversell it. Hopefully, in September, you're going to see what he is." (Variety)

2/27 DD is back, Vin is beat by Bush

DD is back: Thanks all of you for your kind words. With your donations we were able to pay for the extra traffic and DD is now back online :)

Vin loses best actor award to Gorge W. Bush

George Bush did it again. After beating John Kerry, he beat Vin Diesel as well... at the Golden Raspberry awards, celebrating the worst movies and performances of the year. I'm shocked. Truly. Madly. Deeply. :-D

Full list of purrfect & political winners is [here](#) @ official Razzie site.

Pacifier reviews

[One positive](#) from our site reader: I loved it. It was a great movie, a wonderful family film and very entertaining. [...] I have to warn you ladies, there is a shower scene, followed by him running around the house in a towel. DROOL TEN THOUSAND TIMES! I suggest a bib for drooling prevention if you see this movie.

[One negative](#) from cinemablend.com: feel certain this isn't a project he believed in; it's more of a surrender. It's like the big bald guy is simply giving up and taking whatever might be thrown at him to corral as much money before his last few gasps of fame completely wear out. At this point I'm not sure I blame him, but that doesn't mean I'd want to sit through his family friendly cash in.

Thanks to turncopper & mbiu!

And even more updates

- **Jay Leno show in UK & Europe**
According to CNBC Europe's website, Vin's appearance on the Jay Leno programme will be shown on Sunday 27 February at 20.00 (UK time). (That's 21.00 CET.) If you have SKY TV it's on Channel 510.
- [Vin pics from the Paci press conference](#)
- [Vin on Teenick \(Night 1\)](#) pics + wav (12,1 MB)
- [Vin on Disney Making PB Sandwiches](#) pics + wav (175 KB)
- [Vin on Disney Lifting Kids](#) as Barbells pics + wav
- thanks to DieselFan & Annie!

2/25 Emergency update

There's a Catch 22 on the Internet: the more popular your site gets, the more it costs; and once you reach a certain point, traffic and popularity, you might be no longer able to finance it yourself and your account will be suspended. In the last few days, weeks, month, we've been getting more and more visitors, that has just pushed the visitors' numbers over the 1,000,000 milestone.

With the increased traffic, we did use more and more of the allowed bandwidth and this morning the gallery was pulled offline by the gallery's host. Diesel Driven might not be back till next month. It means only a few days, but as Paci is coming next week, the hiatus came at the worst time possible.

Please everybody read this following post by Ms Mephisto, former admin of our board and owner of the Diesel Driven image gallery. If you can help us, please use the donation button I added to Maria's message. Thank you - Kriszta

Diesel Driven - vindieselgallery.net calls out for help

If you've been around a while you probably remember that a year ago Diesel Driven switched to a new larger host because we were growing too big for the old host. I thought that we'd do just fine with a 70GB bandwidth (1 gigabyte = 1000 MB) since we were around 40-50GB on popular months on the old host. But unfortunately not.

You Diesel-fans and VX-members have all made this site so popular, we have now over a 1000 visitors with 18,770 page views **in average per day**. I'm glad to see that all our hard work is showing and that it's appreciated.

But now the site needs your help. VinDieselGallery.net has grown so big that I now **exceed the allowed monthly bandwidth limit** of 70 GB and it costs me \$3.5 for every extra GB. In ONE day I've went from 70GB to 74.3GB and as of this morning, **the site was pulled offline**.

Then there's the coming month with the premiere of The Pacifier. I cannot afford to pay the extra fees every month in the long run, especially not if I'm going to start saving up to move to a bigger host. That's gonna cost me at the very cheapest \$25 per month. So I'm asking for you to donate a little to keep the site alive and online. My choices are 1) to pay or 2) let my host shut down the site once the limit of the month has been filled.

You can use this secure PayPal "Make a Donation" button. All donators that wants to will be put on a THANK YOU-list on the site and I'll show you where every little penny received goes. If I can do anything for you in return - please do let me know.

And now we return to our regularly sheduled, daily updates:

- **Wanna see Vin on Good Morning, America?**
Just got this mail from Samantha Green, the audience coordinator at Good Morning America. NY fans, you'll love this info:
 - **Good Morning America**
See Vin Diesel on Good Morning America Thursday March 3,2005
Call and make reservations at 212 456-7384
Studio address: **44th and Broadway/ New York City**
Arrive by: **6:30 a.m.** and stand on the audience guest line on Broadway.
There is **no charge** for the show or concert.
If you cannot make reservation by Wednesday March 2 please come to the studio on Thursday and wait on our standby line.
Reservations may also be emailed to Samantha.L.Green @ abc.com
- **New tv appearances:**
 - Vin is scheduled to be on TRL on March 3
 - Live with Regis and Kelly Thursday March 3,2005
- **A Hannibla poster?**
Wojtek sent over the following link to a [polish movie site](#), that has a poster for Hannibal. Not sure if its real or a fan version, but it looks rather cool.
- **Vin/TP mention in INTOUCH mag 3/7**
Can someone pull it up???
Pg 95 w/ caption " Vin Diesel: I want to have kids!
- **Vin Diesel back on the Hannibal track @ [Calgary Sun](#)**
"I don't want to jinx our plans by being too specific but if we keep our fingers crossed, we're going to try and get started this year," says Diesel, who admits he's "had meetings with Mel Gibson and some other producers so things really are happening this time."
- **DIESEL'S LUMET DREAM COMES TRUE @ [ContactMusic.com](#)**
Diesel will be joining his peers on Sunday (27FEB05) in congratulating the director when he picks up a Lifetime Achievement Honorary Award at the OSCARS.
- thanks to Nadine, ashley, Wojtek, DanistBaby & WindyCityLady!

W's Q&A 2/21: VIN paging HARRISON.....VIN paging HARRISON.....

Before the Vinstar came along,I was in love w/ Harrison Ford--ALAS,I've been unfaithful!!
They have some of the same qualities in my opinion. Do you see it too?
If any, in your own opinion,WHICH characteristics of Vins resemble Harrison Fords??? And what Harrison Ford movies/roles could you see Vin in?

[Answer the weekly Q on the message board!](#)

2/24 Paci premiere info

Paci premiere info

Paci's official premiere will take place on March 1, 2005 at [The El Capitan movie theater](#).
Screening starts at 7pm, stars will arrive between 6-7pm. If you plan to see Vin in live, you might also catch the movie's others actors and actresses, the director, the producers and other stars such as George Lopez, Patricia Heaton, Gabrielle Union, Shane West, Regina King, Raven Symone, Christopher McDonald, Traci Bingham, Luis Garcia, Taylor Atelian, Billi Bruno, Ricky Ullman.

WHEN: Tuesday, March 1, 2005

6:00 PM Celebrity Arrivals

7:00 PM Screening

WHERE: El Capitan

6838 Hollywood Blvd.
Hollywood, CA

Vin was at Leno on the 22nd

From all the letters I got from you and read on the board, the show was a big hit among the fans. Dieseladdict60 was lucky enough to attend the show in live, her report can be read [here on the board](#). For those of us, who missed the show, DieselFan provided [screencaps and the full audio interview](#) in a wav file. Thanks ladies!

New tv alerts

- Vin will be hosting TEENick on Saturday and Sunday, February 26 and 27 at 8/7pm central time
- Good Morning America (ABC) on March 3
- Entertainers appearance on 2/28
- [the complete list of all tv appearances is here](#)
- thanks to Wildwolfcolt and DieselFan!

New articles

- MIDNIGHT ICE-CREAM FEAST HELPS DIESEL BULK UP @ [Contactmusic.com](#)
- Hold his gun, Diesel is babysitting @ [The Star.com](#)

2/22 Quick update: 2 Zap2It articles

- [Vin Diesel's Next Calling Is 'Hannibal'](#)
 "'Hannibal' is forever haunting me on the horizon, waiting," Diesel tells Zap2it.com about his own personal passion project. 'Hannibal' is at the summit of the Alps right now, calling my name."
- [Vin Diesel: The Baby Whisperer of the 'Pacifier' Set](#)
 "Why did they call me the Baby Whisperer?" Diesel laughs after Zap2it.com asks about his close connection with the kids in the cast. "The secret was creating a real organic relationship with the babies from the beginning. That meant the day that I was at rehearsals, the first thing that I did I was strap on those babies and just walk around."

and do not forget, Vin is on Jay Leno tonight!

2/21 Vin's talk show appearances

Date	Show name	Channel
2.22	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	NBC
3.2	David Letterman	CBS
3.4	Ellen DeGeneres	syndicated
3.4	Late Night With Conan O'Brien	NBC

[the full tv list can be found here](#)

Breaking the image: new interview from Canada

Q: Does it bother you that we compare you with Arnold Schwarzenegger?

A: Do not people always have the need to compare? It bothered me for a certain time, because I really didn't see which could be the common point between Arnold and me. I don't want to play only in action films during my career. It's a cinematographic genre, but I want to diversify my work. And, contrary to Schwarzie, I don't want to go into politics!

full interview txt can be [read here](#)

[The scans from StarInc magazine](#) (Quebec, Canada) can be seen at DD

An other new scan comes from [Famous Kids magazine](#) 2005, Springs.
 Kids scan thx to Wifey, StarInc & translation to Sunshine

Vin talks Hannibal: 50M\$ budget and ancient languages

"To make things even more exciting, I'm going to make it a non-English, multi-lingual film that represents the many languages that Hannibal employed in his army," enthuses Diesel. [...] It'll be Aramaic for Rome, Iberian for Spain, it'll be some, you know, Maltese version. And it will represent all these different languages. So that's what's happening with 'Hannibal.'"

full interview @ [Eurweb](#)

VX Urban Legends: VX poll results

And just when you thought, I would never ever post up the results and analysis: here it is! First of all, thanks to all, who voted and participated. Your encouragement and kind words meant me a lot; and a big A for the school assignment.

Going through the questions and answers I feel like VX achieved its goal. The readers think VX is a quality, trustable site that is not afraid to criticise Vin when it necessary. Full results and analysis are [here](#).

2/19 Two quick updates

- new tv alert: Wednesday March 2
11: 30pm ET/PT David Letterman, CBS
- Hannibal website is up: online map at <http://www.hannibaltheconqueror.net/>
- thanks to DieselFan and Waimeawahine!

2/17 XXX Unrated edition specs

[DVDFanatic](#) reports: The features on the DVD seem to be pretty virtually different from the features on the original Special Edition released in late 2002, and as stated before, this version will contain **8 extra minutes of footage integrated into the film**, most likely compromising of "Uncensored and Unrated" material. It will have a Widescreen aspect ratio and will contain:

- Audio Commentary by Writer Rich Wilkes
- "Starz! In the Set- The Making of xXx" - Making-Of Featurette
- "The Final Chapter: The Death of Xander Cage" Featurette
- "Exclusive Sneak Peak at xXx 2: State of the Union" Featurette
- "The End Credit Sequence- Raw and Uncut" Clip Compilation
- "Exploding Barn Jump" and "The Bridge Jump" Multi-Angle Stunt Views
- "Avalanche Scene" and "Drug Farm" Storyboard Comparisons
- Hatebreed's "I Will Be Heard" Music Video
- Trailers

Liked the list? [Order the Unrated XXX DVD here from Amazon.com!](#)

Image updates

- Today's cool new images start with [Jason's pics of The Fast and The Furious and the XXX cars](#). All photos were taken at Volo Car Museum in Volo, Illinois. The folks on the pics are Jason and his lovely girlfriend.
- "I do like suits, especially Prada and Armani. I'd like to wear them more often." says Vin in the [new InStyle magazine](#). Lad, its only up to you to get on more suits and pleasure us, VX ladies!
- [Pacifier boxoffice forecast](#): Premiere magazine guesses a manly-yet-cutesy 55,594,107 dollar gross for the up-and-coming motion picture.
- Thanks to Jason, DieselFan25, Dia and Danistababy @ [UVDFC!](#)

TFATF 3 update

Fade In 2005 Vol 8/No.2 caught up with producer Neil H. Moritz (XXX, TFATF, SWAT) and talked about the busy producer's upcoming slate. You can see the [scan here](#), with one note: Man With The Football got a new director, who is not a lesser person but the over-talented-visual-mastermind Paul W.S. Anderson !!!! You know, the guy who single handedly ruined the

Alien and Predator franchises with Alien vs Predator :-D

Any way, this is the quote about TFATF 3: Moritz is developing a third installment of the Universal-based racing franchise that would bring back the character played in the first film by Vin Diesel. Chris Morgan (Cellular) is writing the script, which would pick up where The Fast and The Furious left off, with Diesel's Dominic Toretto a fugitive of the law hiding out in Mexico. The action then moves to Tokyo's street-racing scene, where Toretto tries to bail out a friend in trouble with gangsters.

2/15 New Paci stills + Vin on Conan

- [7 new Paci stills](#)
- [Behind the Scenes - The Pacifier on E!](#)
- Vin will be [Conan O'Brien's](#) guest on March 4th
- [What if the Vin characters lived in South Park?](#)
10 characters South Park style
- thanks to Silver Isis and DieselFan

W's Q&A 2/14: OH VIN! You shouldn't have!

We all have imagined what we'd give Vin or do for Vin for Valentines Day; now if it were so, what would you imagine he'd give or do for YOU on Valentines Day??? Something cheap? Or expensive? Something simple (like a hug & you'd be forever grateful)?

[Be Vin's valentine on the message board!](#)

2/14 Vin to direct Hannibal

[Dark Horizons](#) reports: Now, while talking to DH correspondent Paul Fischer during press for "The Pacifier", Diesel divulged this exclusive tidbit - "I'm going to direct it. The studio thought it couldn't be done for under 200 million so we went into soft pre-production and I found out I could get the budget down to 50 million. The process excited me so now I'm going to direct".

Hannibál és Gorilla bácsi

- Április 14-én kerül a magyar moziba Vin legújabb filmje. A Pacifier [Gorilla bácsira](#) hallgat majd a magyar keresztségben.
- Nemcsak főszereplője, hanem rendezője is lesz régóta dédelgetett filmtervének Vin Diesel - árulta el az akciósztár a Dark Horizons riporterének. Diesel Hannibál c. mozija a legendás karthagiói hadvezér életét viszi a mozivászonra.
"Én fogom rendezni. A stúdió úgy hitte, legalább 200 millió dollár kell a filmre, ezért saját magunk láttunk neki az előkészületeknek és rájöttem, hogy 50 millióból is ki lehet hozni a filmet. A munkálatok annyira fellelkesítettek, hogy most már meg is fogom rendezni a filmet."
teljes cikk @ [Moziplussz](#)

2/11 Vin on Jay Leno!

- According to [the show's official page](#), Vin will be on Leno Feb. 22nd!
- EW Paci preview: "I don't think I'm motivated by what people say. I've gotta be motivated by what inspires me," says Diesel, who says this film isn't an attempt to rehabilitate his prickly image — he just wanted to make a flick his young nieces and nephews could watch. - [scan @ DD](#)
- [Three new Paci pics](#) from the Moviefone site
- thanks to July @ [Greetings 4rm Vin](#), Danistybaby and DieselFan @ [UVDFC!](#)

2/10 New Paci vidclip

Exclusive Moviefone.com Pacifier Clip!

Tough guy Vin Diesel follows in the footsteps of Ice Cube ("Are We There Yet") by starring in a

family comedy. In "The Pacifier," Diesel stars as former NAVY S.E.A.L. Shane Wolfe who must battle the bad guys while babysitting the five out-of-control children of an assassinated scientist working on vital government secrets. [Help yourself to see the very funny Vin vs Brad Garret fight sequence!!](#)

Other updates:

- [Pics of Vin at the UFC Feb 5, 2005](#)
Ultimate Fighting Championship - Ortiz vs Belfort
Mario Van Peebles, son Mandela and Vin Diesel
(pix from filmmagic.com)
- **Vote for Vin!**
At [bolt.com](#) you can also ask Vin questions for when they interview him at this link. You must be registered to post.
- thanks to Dieselfan and pips24!

2/9 Riddick scores two Saturn Awards nominations

The third installment in the popular Harry Potter film series, "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" leads nominations in the **2005 31st Annual Saturn Awards** announced by **The Academy of Science Fiction, Fantasy & Horror Films**.

Following closely behind were the films "Kill Bill: Vol. 2" and "Spider-Man 2" which received seven nominations each. "Eternal Sunshine Of The Spotless Mind", "Sky Captain & The World Of Tomorrow", and "Van Helsing" each received five nominations. "Collateral" and "House of Flying Daggers" snatched up four nominations each.

Don't ask how could Van Helsing score more nominations than Riddick, especially best horror :-)

Go Saw! Go Collateral! Go Unrated Riddy Cut!

Best Special Effects:

- [Peter Chiang, Pablo Helman, Thomas J. Smith The Chronicles of Riddick \(Universal\)](#)
- Matthew Butler, Neil Corbould, Karen Goulekas, Greg Strause The Day After Tomorrow (Paramount)
- Roger Guyett, Tim Burke, Bill George, John Richardson Harry Potter & The Prisoner of Azkaban (Warner Bros.)
- John Nelson, Andrew R. Jones, Erik Nash, Joe Letteri I, Robot (20th Century Fox)
- John Dykstra, Scott Stokdyk, Anthony LaMolinaro, John Frazier Spider-Man 2 (Sony)
- Scott Squires, Ben Snow, Joe Letteri, Thomas L. Fisher Van Helsing (Universal)

Best DVD special edition release

- [The Chronicles of Riddick \(Unrated Director's Cut\) \(Universal\)](#)
- Hellboy (Director's Cut) (Columbia/TriStar)
- King Arthur (Extended Unrated Version) (Buena Vista)
- The Lord Of the Rings: The Return of the King (Extended Cut) (New Line)
- Shrek 2 (DreamWorks)
- Spider-Man 2 (Special Edition) (Sony Pictures HE)

W's Q&A 2/7: Go Wholesome w/ love.....or no?

It was mentioned on the board that it would be nice if Vin did a romantic comedy like Serendipity.

But how many of you would REALLY love to see him in something.....uhhhh...more erotic-like THIEF OF HEARTS(from 1980's)?

Would you like a sweet simple romantic comedy or a raw hot erotic one???

[Be Vin in Love on our boards!](#)

2/7 XXX DVD cover art & More Paci updates

- Stunning XXX beauty: Vin and Asia on the new DVD cover. Click [here](#) to see the big sized version and [here](#) to read some confusing news. Was XXX planned with an unhappy end?! Creds go to [DVDanswers.com](#).
- [The official Paci](#) site is now online with story summary, new images, trailers and wallpapers.
- The new pix from the website were added to the [image gallery](#) as well.
- The movie's runtime, according to FilmJerk, is 91 minutes.

2/6 Paci pix are back

Eternal Sunshine of a Vinless Mind

Hope you did all erase your memories as we told you when deleting the Paci stills from our gallery. I've just noticed that Dark Horizons posted up the stills, you I also added them back to the gallery. Now, [look at them here](#), like you never see them before!

Adam Shankman talks Paci & Vin

The [FilmJournal](#) interviewed Adam Shankman, director of The Pacifier: an action star who's looking around, going, 'Where am I?'-but enjoying it so much. Vin loved the process. If you ask him, he'll tell you it's his favorite film experience ever. He's a big guy with that incredible voice, and that lends itself to certain kinds of roles, but he's actually a real light guy. I said to him, 'Oh, my God, it's so ironic. You're this big pussycat, and they make you run around and blow everything up all the time. That must be so irritating.' And he went, 'Yeah. Kinda.'"

2/5 Paci Super Bowl Spot [here](#) (Windows Media)

SuperBowl is coming this Sunday and a Pacifier clip will be played in one of the commercial breaks. If you are overseas and /or can not catch the games, the clip is online [here](#) in Windows Media Format.

Men's Journal scans

[Here they go, six gorgeous pages](#), Vins and motorbikes, convo about his parents, struggling for the movie career, current and upcoming movies, including Find Me Guilty (pic at your right) and Hannibal the Conqueror.

thanks to [DanistaBaby!](#)

New Fanfic rule - please all read

Over the years, we have gathered many wonderful stories from very gifted and talented writers. But sadly we are running out of space. So there must be a change: **One thread, one story.**

What this means is that any on going stories should be put together in one thread. Instead of posting the new chapters in new threads, the author will post the new chapters as a reply to his/her topic. Use that feature for the next chapter of their story. And since we Authors love feedback, people can still post their replies. You have any questions concerning this, [hit this link for more info](#) and/or send me an email.

Vin gets fat on movie set

VIN DIESEL suffered for his art on the set of upcoming courtroom drama FIND ME GUILTY - because he wasn't allowed to work out in the gym. The toned tough guy plays a mobster on trial in the new film and had to develop "a gut" for the role, so he was forced to give up his training regime and gain 14 kilograms (30 pounds). He says, "I sat in a room for weeks doing nothing; just eating and becoming my character. For me to go that long without working out, and not having the body that I built my identity around, drove me pretty close to crazy for a while. "But it was fun walking around... parading my gut for the cast."

source: Contactmusic.com

thanks to Maggs and waimeawahine!

The voice of experience

Step off, all you so-called playas. A new poll of strippers, escorts, models and other star-friendly ladies has ruled that Usher is the man. According to a study by PanacheReport.com, the R&B artist can produce more than multiple Grammy nominations. Survey coordinator tells us she interviewed a vast sampling of "experienced" women - all right, there were 10 of them - who gave Usher a big "Yeah!" when it comes to pleasing a woman. Ginuwine also gets high marks for stamina. Honorable mentions go to Nelly, 50 Cent, Andre 3000, Method Man, Vin Diesel and LeBron James."

Source: nydailynews.com

thanks to Maggs!

Other updates, articles

- [4 new wallpapers at Diesel Driven](#)
awesome wallpapers, thanks to Wifey!
- [The sweet smell of excess](#)
weird Vin things ppl don't auction, thanks to LadyCabDriver!
- [February 2005 Vin tv listings, inc. Paci set visit](#)
data from tvnow
- [The art of the double dip](#)
article about the Unrated and Revisited dvd editions, including the new XXX and TFAT version.
thanks to Annie!
- [A few tips to spice up Academy Awards](#)
Vin for the Oscars? Funy article from Arizona Daily Wildcat, thanks to Mindy!

2/4 Vin's bike / Men's Journal cover

No time to do an update today (ty for all articles, news alerts, wallpapers -gonna put them up tomorrow), just a quicky C/P post [from the board by WindyCityLady](#).

GUESS WHAT I HAVE IN MY HAND RIGHT NOW???!

The March 2005 issue of [MEN'S JOURNAL](#) w/ the Vinster on the cover on one of his motorbikes!!!!

The caption below is Vin Diesel The Adventurous Life Of An Action Star & a full & fun article is on pg 62!

Its one of the most flattering articles even written;the author so happened to live a few blocks from where our babe grow up AND went to the same school! I wont spoil it,but our man looks gorgeous & pic from FMG. I'm glad to report that our man still has fire in his belly & fire on his tongue!

[Scans are now up at Diesel Driven!](#)

2/2 Pacifier, PG verified

The official MPAA rating is indeed **PG** for action violence, language and rude humor. Very mild rating, as expected for a family friendly Disney movie.

Windy's Weekly Question: AND WHAT ABOUT SEAN???

Its a good guess that most of us wish that A MAN APART(AMA) was more of a commercial success as was TFATF & XXX.

Some have expressed that they wouldn't want Vin to do sequels to TFATF & XXX though.

How about AMA? If AMA was more of a success box office wise, would you want Vin to continue the SEAN VETTER character in sequels? Why or why not?

[Request a Sean sequel on our message board!](#)

2/1 Pacifier rating and Hungarian updates

Hairy Vin scan from the Toronto Sun, 2003

In this interview Vin talks about the challenges of filming A Man Apart and his hopes for the Guys & Dolls musical with Nicole Kidman. Riddick and his raising salary are also mentioned; but the most fun is the image Vin with hair!! ([@ DD](#))

thanks a lot to Wifey!

Official MPAA rating revealed

The [Ultimate Disney](#) site says The Pacifier has received its official rating, and to not much of a surprise, it is rated **PG** ("Parental Guidance Suggested. Some Material May Not Be Suitable For Children"). The movie is not yet listed in the MPAA database, you I cannot verify it or tell the reasons behind the rating; but its mostly gonna be for "crude humor" or some action sequences.

UPDATE: other sites claim PG-13; some others unrated, so pls stay tuned for tomorrow's updates to see whether or not the Paci was listed in this week's MPAA ratings announcements.

A sötétség krónikája DVD kritika

"Minden szép és designos, de a DVD kiadás nem azért DVD kiadás, mert minden szép és designos. A filmen kívül az ember többre vágyik: rengeteg háttérinformációra, werkfilmekre, interjúkra és nem merchandising extrákra. A lemez készítői vagy nem voltak képesek felnőni a feladathoz, vagy - gyanúm szerint - valóban sci-fi rajongó lurkóknak szánták a teljes lemezt (lásd a menü témaválasztásának lehetőségét és gyermeki extrákat). Legalábbis ennél a kiadásnál, mert létezik egy közkedvelt rendezői változat, amely nálunk bizony újfent elveszett valahol egy messzi-messzi galaxisban..."

Tufee teljes írása a [Moziplusszon](#) olvasható

1/29 More det's about the new XXX DVD

132 minutes on 2 discs

[DVDTown.com](#) has more detaoils about the new, unrated cut of the first XXX movie: the movie will run at 132 minutes and it will come out in a two disc set. Xander's death gonna cost you \$24.96.

This site lists the same extras as DVDansewrs did, so no word on the old extras being kept, or what kind of other material will require not only one, but two discs. This cut is 13 mins longer than the theatrical version was, question is that there will be really new scenes integrated into the movie, or just the old, deleted scenes edited back without the blur in certian scenes?

Do they miss Vin from the XXX sequel?

The UK Empire Movie Magazine has a preview on the XXX movie with Ice Cube. Both he and Sam L. Jackson comment on the lack of Diesel power. You can check their comments [here](#). Its a PDF file, so you'll need Acrobat Reader to open the file.

Thanks to Ibiu for the alert and Annie for the scan!

1/25 RIP Xander Cage

Unrated XXX DVD: Xander dies

Well, it looks like Sony / Revolution Pictures found an easy way how to introduce Ice Cube to the series: they will kill Vin's character (played by his XXX stunt double). You can say goodbye to the tattooed daredevil [here](#).

[DVDAnswers.com](#) reports: Early details have emerged on a new unrated director's cut of xXx which stars Vin Diesel. The disc will be available to own from the 19th April, timed to coincide with the release of xXx: State of the Union. This new extended edition will include:

- additional footage not seen in theatrical version along with a writer commentary
- **The Final Chapter: The Death of Xander** with Khristian Lupo as Xander Cage,
- The End Credit Sequence: Raw and Uncut, two multi-angle stunt views for the Exploding Barn Jump and The Bridge Jump sequences,
- an I Will Be Heard music video by Hatebreed,
- two storyboard comparisons for the Avalanche Scene and the Drug Farm and
- a sneak peak at xXx: State of the Union.
- the set will also include a free movie ticket for the sequel.

thanks to DieselFan and AZSue @ [UVDFC](#)

Vin / Pacifier on Disney Channel

The Disney Channel has been showing a small little bit of Vin's new movie the Pacifier with a quick interview with Vin. It comes on between shows they show clips from upcoming movies from Disney!

thanks to Tricia!

Lots of new high quality images

NumbuhOneVinFan did it again - 61 excellent high quality images were added to the [Diesel Driven Image Gallery](#), everything from the Riddick premiere to Vin's most recent dinner with Chris Rock.

thanks to the one and only NumbuhOneVinFan!

1/24 Vin as one of the year's worst actors

Vin is nominated to Razzie Awards as the worst actor of the year

- Ben Affleck / JERSEY GIRL and SURVIVING CHRISTMAS
- George W. Bush / FAHRENHEIT 9/11
- **Vin Diesel / CHRONICLES OF RIDDICK**
- Colin Farrell / ALEXANDER
- Ben Stiller / ALONG CAME POLLY, ANCHORMAN, DODGEBALL, ENVY and STARSKY & HUTCH

Riddick received no other nomination than Vin's worst actor spot. The full list of nominees, including worst movie, director and Special "Worst of Our First 25 Years" Awards can be seen at the [Razzie's home page](#).

Seven New Images From Last Year's E3 Expo + The Scan from Pple Magazine article

[The E3 Expo 2004](#) - Los Angeles, CA - Thanks to Milla!
[Vin /phones/](#) Tsunami Concert for Hope - Thanks to [DanistaBaby!](#)

Vin's Carrer Emergency

Cindy Pearlman at [Chicago Sun-Times](#) discusses the actors and actresses whose career needs

a fast first aid. Among many other celebs -like Meg Ryan and Ben Affleck- Vin is also listed.

Career emergency: Has the macho mellowed? He was tough and buff and poised for major stardom with hits like "Saving Private Ryan" (1998), "Pitch Black" (2000), "The Fast and the Furious" (2001) and "XXX" (2002). Then the action abruptly stopped when Diesel opted out (reportedly for money) of what turned into a hit sequel for "The Fast and the Furious." Ice Cube will star in this year's "XXX" sequel. As for Vin, he chose to do "The Chronicles of Riddick" (2004), a flop, and will soon star as an agent forced to pull a Mrs. Doubtfire and take care of little kids in "The Pacifier." When you can't kill, turn to comedy.

Can this actor be saved? Sidney Lumet seems to think so because he cast Diesel in "Find Me Guilty," about the longest Mafia trial in U.S. history. He's also still beating the drums for "Hannibal," where Diesel will play the general who rode his elephant over the Alps to attack Rome in the 3rd century B.C.

Iron Giant R2 News

[Total DVD Online](#) reports that Warner Home Video has announced the release of The Iron Giant: Special Edition on R2 DVD from the 14th of March.

The disc will feature a 2.35:1 anamorphic transfer and Dolby Digital 5.1 sound. Extras will include;

- Commentary by director Brad Bird and various crew
- 8 additional scenes with introductions by Brad Bird (Director), including an alternative opening sequence
- 13 branching featurettes revealing the origin and the in-depth development process of The Iron Giant
- Interviews with the creative consultant Teddy Newton on the storyboard sequence development process
- "The Voice of The Giant" - Brad Bird and Vin Diesel discuss voicing the Iron Giant

Ice Cube talks XXX franchise

Cube says the new film, which opens in late spring, is not a reworking of what Diesel did. He plays a totally new character, special agent Darius Stone, who becomes enmeshed in a high-stakes Washington power struggle. His costars are Samuel L. Jackson and Willem Dafoe, and the director is Lee Tamahori of Die Another Day fame.

"I'm happy with it," Cube says. "I play a new agent. I'm not trying to be the same guys. It's a whole other assignment that's needed and they need a whole other guy to do it."

He says the XXX franchise has a "smart" casting policy. "They're going to use a different XXX every time. Each time, it's going to be a different movie a different guy — unless it sells like maybe \$200 million and then they'll probably ask me to come back! But for the most part, it's a new guy every time and I think that's smart — a way to freshen up the franchise."

full interview, mostly about his new kiddie movie, Are We There Yet is up at hfxnews.com
'nother article up at Chicago Sun-Times

1/21 VX and Superbowl goes Pacifier

Pacifier is coming fast and furious, and the Diesel train's first stop will be at Superbowl. You lucky US folks can catch the new spot on Febr 6th, 2005.

Thanks to Mirko @ ComingSoon.net for the alert!

New Paci banner

With the new ad coming, it's time to say goodbye to the good old Riddy banner and welcome Shane to the VX site. Just like his t-shirt says, he loves us :-). So do we love July at Greetings4rm Vin, who designed this lovely animated banner for us.

Vin magazine alert

There's an insy,tinsy,tiny view of Vin at the fundraiser/concert in People Mag Jan 31 pg 68. Its the mag w/ Brad & Jen on the cover again(Separate Lives). Ben & Brad are in the pic too;I think thats David Spade blocking our view of Vin.

thanks to WindyCityLady!

1/19 VX Urban Legends: part 1 The Is Vin gay? phenomena

Every now and then I get an email, or a topic shows up on the message board, that asks the question: Is Vin gay? Usually, my mods and I just refer to our rules and remind the readers that VX respects Vin's personal life and does not collect and share info about his sex life. However the question has become so frequent lately, that I will now address all your concerns [here, on the message board](#). The topic is kept open for responses, comments and questions; alternatively you can also email me (krisztaatvindiesel.hu - replace a twith @), if you have a comment in private to say.

I do also wanna highlight that our policies are not changing, but due to the high level of emails and comments in the image gallery, I felt necessary to give you a more detailed answer, why there is a no gossip policy at VX. The article is a liberal one, so if you are sensitive to this stuff, please skip it and come back for the other Myth updates, where the differences between an official and a fansite will be highlighted, aka I point out the 1001th time I am not Vin and do not have his email address!

(Don't I wish though...) - Kriszta, the webmistress

W's Q&A 1/17: Truth IF YOU DARE.....

Imagine you meet Vin Diesel and he takes you out to lunch(what a dream)! Over an expensive lunch THAT HE'S PAYING FOR, you are discussing his movie roles. You are raving about his looks,talents,feeding his already bountiful ego;then he mentions one of his movies/roles..... THAT YOU REALLY DIDN'T LIKE OR WEREN'T THAT CRAZY ABOUT(GLUP!).

He not only wants you to discuss it but asks you if you liked the movie/role and what your favorite part was; What would you say???

[Would you be honest and tell him THE TRUTH? Or would you dare LIE your a#@ off?](#)

1/18 New pics, interview and Vin, the fundraiser

- The [full txt](#) of the **Galore Magazine interview** + [scan of the article with new pics](#). (first 4 scan on page) Thanks & translaions by JsVineyard.
- **Vin was on the Tsunami Telethon**, an hour-long, celebrity-studded variety show to raise funds for disaster relief in the area hit by tsunami, was aired live on Jan. 15 on that was on tv a couple of days ago. He was there taking donations by answering the phone - thanks to Eric and Jamie.
- **New gallery at Diesel Driven: [Vin exposed 2005](#)**
 - VIN DIESEL SHOPPING AT BARNEY'S, BEVERLY HILLS, AMERICA; 13 JAN 2005
 - Vin Diesel seen at Club Prey in Los Angeles after a night out. 07.01.2005
 - Vin Diesel and Chris Rock leave the Ivy in West Hollywood, Ca 13.01.2005
 - all exposed, off-movies activity pics from 2005 come here; images that show the private Vin,but are tasteful and do not go deep into his private life, relationships and other affairs

1/11 Slowww month

Nothing much happening at this time, only bits and pieces here and there. Riddick is cited all around as one

of the worst movies of the year, and Pacifier shows up in the 2005 previews. Updated will come slowly till the Paci PR machine speeds up, but till that day here are a few good topic links from the board:

- [BFCA mourns bad movies, puts Riddick to sleeps](#)
The Broadcast Film Critics Association showed Riddick in its "In Memoriam" segment, saluting the films that suffered the worst fates over the past year. Among those "mourned" were the Vin Diesel sci-fi action thriller "The Chronicles of Riddick" (Born: 6/11/04, Died: 6/13/04),
- [Find Me Guilty tidbits from the IMDb mess. board](#)
"i was an extra on the nj set of find me guilty and i think this one will be a sleeper -- in the good way... i think it will get the same reaction from people as donnie brasco did -- not as much in the way of subject matter as it will in the way of effect... where it will be good, but not great, but it will make you think about "the system."
- [Vin TinselTown Interview](#)
This is a short interview with TinselTown. He talks about how he stays grounded. Thanks to NumbuhOneVinfan!
- And finally, the very best: [20 High res. Vin photos](#)
Thanks again to NumbuhOneVinfan!

1/5 Pacifier onesheet: Prepare for Bottle

Paci onesheet, one scan

Prepare for bottle: get the big sized, new [Pacifier poster here @ DD](#); and a [preview scan from UK Empire here @ DD](#). Pics from [ComingSoon.net](#) and our Paci mod, Annie.



TCoR / Hannibal / Doorman: interesting interview tidbits

I have just gotten an email from Sebastian, Germany, and he told us about a Vin interview with the German interview magazine "Galore" (www.galore.de). Quick summary is Vin stated that he himself would be directing "Hannibal". He also stated that a sequel to "Chronicles Of Riddick" in the next five years wouldn't be very likely.

Galore:

Your interest in writing and directing doesn't seem to have vanished since you made it as an actor.

Vin:

No, not at all. At home I still have my script "Doorman" lying around, which is very autobiographical. It deals with a young New York doorman and I put several things in it that I had myself in this job. One day I'm going to film it. Should I be too old for it someone else will play the role and I will stand behind the camera. I will, however, direct a whole other kind of movie in the near future. The contract is already signed. - I will direct "Hannibal".

[More details from the interview, dated Aug 3rd, 2004 is posted on the message board.](#)

1/4 Vin picture from Find Me Guilty / article on movie

Calendarlive.com runs a very interesting an informative article on the new Vin movie. Some highlights:

- "Find Me Guilty" is being made outside of the studio system. Financed by producer Bob Yari, shot in 30 days, the \$13-million production does not yet have a domestic distributor or a release date.



- When Lumet began work on the script, Joe Pesci was being courted to play the lead role. When negotiations with the "GoodFellas" star came to an impasse, Lumet lobbied for Diesel, having seen him in "Boiler Room" and "Multi-Facial."
- "Every day on this movie was like opening night in the theater," Diesel said. "That's the challenging aspect, but also the rewarding aspect. You are going to be called on, in a roomful of 200 New York actors, to do a 10-minute speech."

Oh, and Vin is still bald. The , reddish hair is just a wig :-)

You can access the full article either at CL.com, but if you do not have a valid subscription, you can read the article here, on this [site](#) as well.

Riddick theatrical data: Universal says it was a disappointment plus DVD data

US: In 2004, The Return of Shrek ruled the box office: the ogre power, combined with the lethal force of a deadly assassin cat earned a total domestic (US) gross of \$441,226,247. Grossing roughly 13% of Shrek's cash, Rid ranks #51 with \$57,712,751 total US gross. At #50 sits a very good Ashton Kutcher thriller, The Butterfly effect (go for the director's cut, and the original ending!!) with 57,9M\$; at #52 is the Jen Garner teen comedy, 13 Going on 30... maybe if Andy Serkis played Smeagol, instead of some magazine editor, would it be watchable :-)

Universal's take on the numbers:... the studio had bet on "Van Helsing" as its franchise in the making, it also launched "The Chronicles of Riddick" in hopes of establishing Vin Diesel's intergalactic warrior as an ongoing screen hero. But neither film managed to perform up to expectations.

While noting that "Helsing" "did well, but it didn't reach the boxoffice heights we were hoping for," Shmuger says "**Riddick**" was a **disappointment**. However, in the era of DVD, both titles have enjoyed a solid home video afterlife. ([Hollywood Reporter](#))

International only (12/17 data): Bom's figures are two weeks old, so it is exact figure; but on that date Rid was #31 with \$57,592,962; ranked between Les Choristes: French Not So Dead Music Poets Society; and Shall We Dance?, the only asian movie remake, that is not a horror movie.

Worldwide: as many autumn/winter movies have yet to be released internationally, Rid's position will get significantly lowered from its present, 36th position with a ww total \$115.3 gross. Now it is ranked between the Denzel Washington revenge picture, Man on Fire and yet again the Jlo romance flick, Shall We Dance.

And finally, some DVD news from Variety: Despite disappointing theatrical performance on both films, the studio wound up selling more than 3 million DVDs of "Riddick" and more than 6 million videos and DVDs of "Van Helsing," as well as more than 3 million copies of the remake of the classic horror film "Dawn of the Dead."

BO numbers were taken from Boxofficemojo.com

1/3/2005 Happy New Year!

2005 has just begun and we'll keep serving you the best VD news/images. SoBeGirl did let us know, that Vin had spent New Year's Eve in Miami, Florida, most likely at Forge/SoBe, hanging around at his favourite spots. I hope that both Vin, and all of you had fun when the year ended and will have a fantastic 2005! - Kriszta, the webmistress

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6/30 VX's back: quick update for today

- **New Vinterview / Scan!**
Time magazine has a quick interview with Vin Diesel, scan is up @ [Diesel Driven](#) - thanks to DieselAddict60!
- **The weekly question: From WCL:VINSTER HIT ME!!!!!! OR.....please don't.**
Most of you know there's been alot of debate over Vin taking the lead role in HITMAN, a movie that's going to be based on the popular video game.
Are you familiar w/ the game???? And if so, tell us in your opinion why Vin should or should not play the lead. ALL OPINIONS ARE WELCOME OVER THIS, AS LONG AS WE REMEMBER TO HONOR EVERYONE ELSE'S.:D
- And now thanks for the good wishes and mails, my exam went really really well :) Kriszta, the webmistress

6/22 Fashion crimes and exam break

Vin has committed a serious fashion crime, says the German VIVA TV. The "101 sensational crimes of fashion" screencaps are at [Diesel Driven](#), the video file can be downloaded from [here](#) (Windows Media Player required). Thanks to Janine!

The fan poems were also updated with new verses from M. L. (The Rhythms Of Your Love and Your Affection) and Haarsha Balray (My Beloved is a Dream and What I see in you). The poems marked with New can be read on the [fan poetry page](#).

And now, the serious news, I have a big exam coming up next Tuesday, and will have to take off some time studying. I'll be slow to answer mails, and will most likely not update the page till next week. But soon after I get back, there will be a cool surprise for you :)

Meanwhile, keep an eye on the message board for the [latest news](#), [images](#), [video files](#) and [fun Vin coversations](#). [The Vin Birthday Project](#) is will still accept donations and your [birthday wishes](#) will be still collected on the message board thread.

The weekly question: Hitman goes theatre

Ladies and gentlemen, place your bets! Who will be the director of Vin's new movie "Hitman"? Or rather: who would YOU like to be the director? Genius Roland Emmerich? Or would you prefer lovely Dr. Uwe Boll? [Vote now for your most favourite](#).

6/20 Birthday gift project: halftime!

Good news: Vin's birthday gift project is already a bigger success than we could have ever imagined. Over the course of last week, we have raised 400\$, which means we can not only adopt Lulu, but two more eles for Vin Diesel. If you wish to contribute to the birthday project, you can still donate via PayPal this week. **[7/2: Donation is now over]**

Next to the donation project, we will also send fans' good wishes to our favourite actor. The messages are right now being collected [in a forum post](#), and will be printed out and sent to Vin later with the donation papers.

More info on the Ele Birthday Project can be read on [the message board](#).

Message board update

Last weekend the temp section, containing the posts between June 1-15th had been restored by ezboard, and the threads are available again [here](#). Unfortunately though the posts we lost in

the hacker attack, at the moment of writing this update, have yet to be recovered. More info on ezboard's restoral process can be read on their [Important Annouancements board](#).

Movie Site Awards : Have you voted yet?

As you might remember, our fan site is running for [Movies.com's](#) Best Fan Site Award. The nomination process lasts till July 13th, and only 5 sites will be chosen from all the candidates to compete for the award. If you feel like, we are worthy of the acclaim, and you have yet to vote, pls post a few kind words on VinXperience at its [Movies.com forum thread](#).

Pacifier DVD review

Shane Wolfe and the duck are about to hit teh DVD stores next Tuesday, June 28th. Comingson.net got an early view on the disc:" If you're looking for a movie that will entertain kids but won't make parents suicidal, then I think The Pacifier will fit the bill. It's mildly amusing and should offer some sort of entertainment for everyone in the family. However, hard core, older Vin Diesel fans should stay far away from this and just watch Pitch Black instead."

[full review can be read here](#)

6/16 2nd update: MTV Movie Awards video + caps

MTV Germany aired the MTV Movie Awards tonight, and Janine & hubby Tom have made us four video clips and [50 screencaps \(up and running at DD\)](#) from the event. You can see all clips by clicking on the following links:

- [Vin accepts the award for Butcher Bay](#)
- [Vin and Jen Connelly present the Best Villian Award part I.](#)
- [Vin and Jen Connelly present the Best Villian Award part II.](#)
- [Vin and Jen Connelly present the Best Villian Award part III.](#)
- [Jimmy Fallon \(host\) mocks The Pacifier](#)

You'll need Windows Media to see the files. In case you experience a problem with WM, you might wish to download [this plug](#) to get to see the clips.

6/16 New pics from Find Me Guilty!

New Vin and FMG pics

Today's updates start with [24 new stills](#) from Find Me Guilty. The Sidney Lumet directed courtroom drama will open in the autumn, but pics are already up and running at Diesel Driven.

The second image update of the day is a [shot of Vin and Val](#) leaving Club Mood in Hollywood,CA. Pics are dated to 11.06.2005.

Thanks a lot to Alecia @ [Vinaddict](#) and JsVineyard!

Vin Diesel Getting Into Character To Play Real-Life Badass

"I just got back yesterday from the French Alps, where I was trekking to pay homage to the journey that Hannibal took into Italy," Diesel said. "For the past two months, I've been going around Europe and connecting to the locations that he was in. So it's been a very spiritual and important journey."

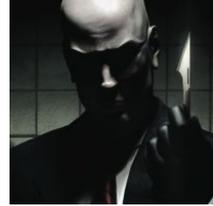
the full article can be read at [MTV.com](#)

Thanks to ZatQ!

6/15 Vin is a Hitman

Finally ! New Vin movie: Hitman

Fox is arming Vin Diesel for "[Hitman](#)," attaching the thesp to topline the feature version of Eidos Interactive's videogame franchise of the same name. The vidgame's story centers on an international assassin known as Agent 47 who works for a mysterious org dubbed the Agency. Vin will also executive produce.



"'Hitman' is a project that by the virtue of its DNA can and will reach far beyond its already substantial core audience," Askarieh [producer] said. "The canvas on which this adventure takes place is something that movie audiences have embraced for the last 40 years. We obviously are delighted to have Vin Diesel on board, too -- he and Agent 47 are a match made in heaven."

thanks to Wojtek!

source: ComingSoon.net

Fan poem updates

- A Loved One's Prayer - written by Ms. L.
- My Comfort - written by Mazdarxvin1
- A Perfect Match and Confusion - by Dianne
- I Silently asked God, A Satellite Connection, Love in Spirit, When the Sun goes down and A Desire - all written by Haarsha Balraj
- all the great verses can be read on our [fan poems page](#)

Message board news: the board is down ... again

As of this morning, our temp section is not available. The error had been reported to ezboard, please standby till we get more info on the issue.

6/14 Vin's Bday Elephant Project: Donation starts today

Dear Vxers, THE ELE has been chosen: the majority of the readers chose Lulu (42%, 80 votes from a total of 191). The sweet african elephant is described as on PAWS's page:

After a few weeks of careful introductions, 71 and Mara have welcomed their new friend, Lulu, into their exclusive little clique. Our concern was with Lulu's very small size in comparison to goliaths 71 and Mara, so we were very careful with this introduction. Since Lulu had been constantly dominated by her former companion, Maybelle, we did not want her to feel intimidated. She has now bonded with both 71 and Mara, and feels comfortable enough with them to be out in the big area. She looks like a little baby elephant next to 71, and 71 acts very protective of Lulu. A happy ending all around.



We have set up a PayPal donation, working and ready to get your contribution to Vin's bday gift. If you have yet to have a [PayPal account](#), simply register with your email address and a password, the rest should be self-explanatory.

Please note that PayPal charges 2,5% of fees for changing foreign currencies to Dollar. The fee will be added to the current exchange rate. For question, comments about the PayPal donations, you might wish to use [this topic on the board](#).

Our goal is to raise \$150, that is the cost of an elephant adoption. If there is a surplus on the account, it will be also given to PAWS, with the possibility of adopting a second ele as well.

The PayPal account will be open between 2005.06.14-2005.06-30. The collected amount of money will be sent to PAWS, and Lulu's adoption certificate will be mailed to Vin, along with our birthday wishes. To add your message to the package, add your reply on the [message board's birthday wish thread](#).

Thank you,

Kriszta and the VX managment

6/10 VX project for Vin Diesel's upcoming birthday

This year VinXperience celebrates Vin's birthday a very special way. A kind reader, Andrea (1schoolgirl on the boards) had the idea to adopt an elephant in the name of the site, as the gift to the Vinstar. Our chosen organisation is The Performing Animal Welfare Society, a place where abandoned or abused performing animals and victims of the exotic animal trade can live in peace and contentment. PAWS has 8 wonderful eles, and our first step is to chose THE ELE. Please [click here](#) to choose which PAWS ele shall we adopt.

More info about this poll / VX's bday gift can be found on the [message board](#).

6/8 It's official: Vin won't be in TFATF3

Vin is not Furious anymore

Universal Pictures has set Justin Lin to direct "The Fast and The Furious 3," a vehicle that has been modified in both cast and continent. None of the stars (Vin Diesel, Paul Walker) of the original two films will return. Pic will shoot early this fall in Asia and the U.S., and will be about an American moving to Tokyo and becoming a "drift racer", ultimately challenging the top driver.

[full article can be read here](#)

Source: Variety

Gallery updates:

Janine has made [58 screencaps of Vin's breakdance](#) instuctional video - unmissable pics with the teen Vin! Also listed is a new [autographed picture](#) by Vin, thanks to LadyRiddick77!

W & Js's Q&A 6/6--Special Guest Question

Here's a good one from silsin:

If Vin would visit you for one day (you could choose the date) what would you like to show him at the place / town / area you live that's special to you?

[show him a modern arts museum on our message board!](#)

6/5 MTV Movie Awards + Vin's family pics

Quick update: at last night's MTV Movie Awards, Butcher Bay won the Best Video Game award. According to the [press release](#), it was pre-show, so it might be not included in the telecast on June 9th. But you will be able to see Vin and Jennifer Connelly presenting the Best Villain Award to Ben Stiller. Also we've got some special pics from the Fresh Air Fund Gala: Vin

was there with his dad and sis!

Links: [MTV Movie Awards](#) * [Vin w Dad and Sis](#)

6/4 Brand new Vin pics! In Suit!

Jennifer Connelly, Vin Diesel brave Odors for Fresh Air Fund

As reported Thursday, Vin attended and was honored at Fresh Air Fund Annual Spring Gala held at Tavern on the Green, Thursday, June 2, 2005 in New York. Oscar-winner Jennifer Connelly, Soprano James Gandolfini and host Carson Daly kept the celeb quotient high. Vin Diesel, fresh off his super-dad Pacifier role, made a rare appearance to support the fund, and the kids, of course.

Article at [oanmedia.com](#), pics up at [Diesel Driven!](#)

thanks to Janine and Caroline4u!

New fan poems added

- What is it called...? - Written by Haarsha Balraj
- You will "know" - Written by Haarsha Balraj
- Fighting it off - Written by Haarsha Balraj
- A favor please? - Written by Haarsha Balraj
- Don't leave, stay. I love you. - written by Lou

you can read the new poems at the [fan poems page](#)

Message board update

Ezboard had a new update that you can [read here](#). The restorals have started, and they also offer info on the attack and ask for help to catch the possible attacker(s). Meanwhile, we are waiting to see if we can be restored, I have created a [temporarily forum](#), where you can post till a definite answer comes reg. VX. More info as it develops. - Kriszta, the webmistress

6/2 More board update / more Twohy news

Ezboard has a new update regarding Tuesday's data loss:

By now you I am sure that you are quite aware that ezboard's systems were severely attacked early on Tuesday morning. Since that time, we have been focused on getting boards running properly and restoring data. We have restored a significant number of boards and we are continuing to restore boards and system functionality as quickly as possible. I want to bring you up to speed on what we know, what we are doing and what happens next:

[click here to read all the latest news](#)

Teen Vin fans! Vin is nominated for this year's Teen Choice Awards!

FOX and TEEN PEOPLE have opened the voting polls for teens ages 13 through 19 for THE 2005 TEEN CHOICE AWARDS. From now until Thursday, Aug. 4, voters can log on exclusively to [www.teenpeople.com/teenchoice](#) to cast their ballots for the hottest celebrities in film, television, music, sports and fashion for THE 2005 TEEN CHOICE AWARDS, which airs Tuesday, Aug. 16 (8:00-10:00 PM ET/PT) on FOX.

Nominees in the comedy category:

- Adam Sandler, "The Longest Yard"
- Ashton Kutcher, "Guess Who," "A Lot Like Love"

- Ben Stiller, "Meet the Fockers"
- Jimmy Fallon, "Fever Pitch"
- Jon Heder, "Napoleon Dynamite"
- Vin Diesel, "The Pacifier"
- Will Ferrell, "Kicking & Screaming, Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy"
- Will Smith, "Hitch"

The Pacifier also runs for the best comedy title. You can find more info and check out all the nominees at kptm.com.

Artwork from David Twohy's new film

As we reported yesterday, Riddick director David Twohy has three new movies to do. He has just updated [his website](#) yesterday, where you can learn more about the movies and see two early artworks for his next directorial project, The Would Be Warrior. Oh, and Bill Gates will be in The Italian Job 2!

Pics and more info at [Twohy's site](#).

Vin be honored tonight

Mariah Carey, Tommy Hilfiger and Tiki Barber chair the Fresh Air Fund's salute tonight at Tavern on the Green. The gala, emceed by Carson Daly and organized by Harriette Rose Katz Events, honors Jennifer Connelly, Vin Diesel and James Gandolfini.

source: [NY Daily News](#)

One more update

Scan from this month's UK Empire magazine with answered questions had been added to [Diesel Driven](#).

Thanks to Annie!

6/1 Board update + Twohy news

Dear VinXperience board members,

I am really sad to inform you that yesterday the entire ezboard system had been attacked. As a result we lost many posts from the board, all threads posted after 2004/4 have disappeared. Ezboard is working hard on restoring the lost data, but it might take a few more days to fix all message boards. Hopefully it will be possible. For more info, please read [the official ez announcement](#).

Thank you for your understanding,

Kriszta

Three New David Twohy movies

Not Riddick 2., but director David Twohy has three new movies to write: one of which will turn his original heist pic premise into "The Brazilian Job," the sequel to Paramount hit remake "The Italian Job." He'll also write sci-fi actioner "The Break". "It's 'Independence Day' if things had gone wrong and the humans are imprisoned here on Earth."

Twohy will also direct his script "The Would-Be Warrior" for Nickelodeon Films: "It's a fantasy adventure in the 'Jumanji' vein, involving a modern 15-year-old boy who gets caught in a centuries-old feud between Norse gods," the ICM-repped Twohy said. "It's good, crazy fun. It has visual effects and lots of action, but it pokes fun at other grandiose sword and sorcery epics."

source: Variety

The Pacifier is Vin's 2nd most successful movie overseas

A pair of holdovers -- BVI's "The Pacifier" and UIP's "The Interpreter" -- continued to post decent numbers, with the former taking in \$3 million at 2,006 engagements in 30 territories, including a launch of \$1.5 million at 354 playdates in the U.K., or 15% of "Sith." "The Pacifier" has cumed **\$61.2 million overseas**, highest for a Vin Diesel pic after "XXX."

source: Variety

The weekly question

JsVineyard asks: Win Vin

Imagine you're invited to a party where they auction off bachelors for a good purpose. One of the bachelors is Vin and you accidentally happen to have a huge amount of money to spend. Of course you outbid all the other girls and the sexiest man alive is now at your service for 24 hours. He'll do anything but sexual things. What will you make him do when he is yours alone?

[Send Vin to fix the poor message board ... on the message board!](#)

5/29 Total Film Vin Interview + Scan

Q: I was just wondering how many inches.... are your biceps?

A: I thought you were going to ask something else! I don't know.....that's a good question, I have to tell you, there was a time in my life when I would've been able to tell you that to the centimetre. But those days are gone! I do have the answer to the other question, though.....

[the Total Film \(UK, July edition\) scan](#) with the rest of the questions and answers can be viewed at Diesel Driven.

thanks a lot to Lbiu!

Vin on Conan O'Brien - rerun

If you missed Vin on Conan earlier this year, you can catch the re-run of the show on Tuesday, May 31.

Thanks to Tricia!

5/28 VX for Movie Site of the Year!

[Voice your support on movies.com](#)

Each year Movies.com editors and readers pick the best of the Web for the Movie Site Awards. This year VinXperience is running for the award as well. If you think this site qualifies as the best actor fansite, please [click on this link](#), (Best Actor fansite section) and post a reply to Vx's thread. If the site gets a lot of comments, we might be among the five nominees who will run for the honorable Movie Site award of the year title!

Thanks for your support,

Kriszta

New fan poems added

Two new fan poems, from Haarsha and Ce Weldon have been added to our [fan poems page](#). Thanks for the submitted works!

Interesting new topics from the message board:

- [German Hannibal tidbits](#)
- [Interesting Paci review from BBC](#)
- [First Action Hero](#)
- [Winamp Skins and Wallpapers](#)
- [Just some pics: A Man Apart, XXX premieres](#)
- [Vin Diesel Wallpapers](#)

thanks to Annie, JsVineyard and NumbuhOneVinFan @ [VinAddict!](#)

5/24 Weekly Question + Paci news

Pacifier box office news

USA: The Pacifier is still at No 20 this week taking \$189,333 making a total of **\$110,247,131** after 12 weeks.

Worldwide: BVI's "The Pacifier" took in \$2.2 million at 2,385 screens to push its offshore total past **\$58 million** .

No UK premiere for The Pacifier

Looks like the recent Star Wars and Sin City premieres overshadowed Vin's Pacifier and no official premiere will be held for the comedy in the United Kingdom. But at least there's a nice site available for the english fans that you can access [here](#).

Paci news thanks to Annie!

Hannibal tidbit

According to [IMDb](#), Yorick van Wageningen has been cast in [Hannibal](#). Van Wageningen played The Guv in TCoR. [Here are a couple of piccies of him](#). Doesn't he kinda/sorta remind you of Matt Schulze?

That's now two character actors who appeared in TCoR who also are showing up in other Vin movies. If you remember from another post, Linus Roache, the Purifier in TCoR, is in [Find Me Guilty](#).

thanks to Waimeawahine!

JsVineyard's & W's Q&A 5/23 Directing The Vinster:

WCL asks: Legendary director Sidney Lumet has directed our man in FMG; we are yet to see this film but alot of us have faith it will be a great success for Vin. Which directors who have already worked w/ Vin bring out the best in him as far as performance/acting??? And which ones would you love to work w/ Vin in the future?

[Save Private Director on our message board!](#)

5/18 Update on Tigon Games

Riddick 2, Perrone in the works

[Hollywood Reporter](#) on Vin's computer game company:

(1) Actors also are getting in on game development: Vin Diesel's Tigon Studios produced the best-selling, critically acclaimed game prequel "The Chronicles of Riddick" last year and is working on a PlayStation Portable game and a full sequel;

(2) Vin Diesel's Tigon Studios, which last year released its first game, "The Chronicles of Riddick: Escape From Butcher Bay," is another creative entity looking to foster closer ties between Hollywood and video gaming creative community. Diesel, a gamer himself, has been able to secure Hollywood talent for his games, while finding good developers to create them. Moving forward, Tigon will develop original game properties like "Perrone" and work with game publishers on other projects.

Thanks to Waimeawahine!

New fan poem: My New Discovery

Haarsha Balraj has sent us an excellent new fan poem. The following verse is just a quote, you can read the full poem, entitled My New Discovery on [the fan poems page](#).

*" His few words showed me what he is made of
This Iron Giant is strong on the outside but
He has a heart of gold and is tender on the inside
He reminded me of the determination
And free spirit that lingers in the wilderness of my Africa"*

The weekly question

Special guest questioner VinzWif3y wants to know:

You've just brought a house in Beverly Hills and the person who sold it to you hasn't told you that The Vinsters are your neighbours. When you finally move into your house, you see Vin doing his gardening *** :eek He also has really loud and wild parties. Literally all the things a lousy neighbour does. Do you keep stush or do you confront him about it?

[Be a good neighbour on our message board!](#)

5/16 New Vinterviews

New scans and interviews

One from Germany, one from Hungary: JsVineyard translated a new interview from a German cinema flyer. full translation is [here](#)
scans [here](#) and [here](#);

& Crazyhore tipped me over to buy **La Donna magazine**, that had Vin on the cover and featured an interview with Vin . Quote:

There are two more things you are famous about. One of them is that you gain weight with eating icecream.

One kilo cold vanilla icecream and a hot chocolate cake. I started it in Paris, in the Plaza Athenée, when I had a vacation there last year. But the brand of the icecream does really

matter!

full translation is here.

scans can be found here: [cover](#), [1](#), [2](#), [3](#) and [4](#)

Pacifier menu shot and BO figures

International data: BVI's "The Pacifier" continued to play out with \$3.3 million at 2,472 engagements in 31 markets for a foreign total of \$53.5 million, with the U.K., France and Japan yet to open. The Vin Diesel comedy launched in Brazil with \$260,000 at 135 sites.

also added are a few new Paci pix [here @ Diesel Driven](#)

menu shot is taken from DVDanswers.com

BO figures are courtesy of Variety and Box Office Mojo

Find me Distributor?

As reported on 5/11, HBO and New Line has announced last Friday the fundtaion of their new movie company called Picturehouse - but without listing Find Me Guilty on the upcoming movie shedule. You xan read their [press release here](#).

thanks to cicoa!

Sequels sink sans stars aka XXX2 suffered the loss of Vin

"When you make a 'XXX' film without Vin Diesel, you're taking away what made the first film distinctive," one agent notes. "It's almost an admission to the audience that there may be something wrong with it."

[Variety's](#) article about the bad sequls of 2005 can be found [here](#)

And now a random Vin fact

Vin has earned more than **1 million dollar** for voicing TCoR: Escape from Butcher Bay. But he might not do it in the future as the Screen Actor's Guild and the video game industry could not agree on the terms using actors as voiceovers in the games and a strike might happen at a later time. (source: Variety)

5/12 VX 7.0 officially launched

After a week of test-runs, additional changes and corrections I am happy to announce the official launch of our 7th site version. Saying goodbye to our old blue/gray colors, the new VX is in happy white/pink to celebrate a talented actor, the bald phenomenon known as Vin Diesel.

The last few months have been very eventful at VX, with Pacifier turning out to be a big box office hit and Vin acknowledging us in Munich, the site now receives up to 2000 visits per day. The message board has also registered its 1000th member and now is busier than never before.

To keep up with the high traffic, we have recruited two great new moderators, PurpleFrogger who oversees the Vin News, Polls and Junkyard and JsVineyard, who is responsible for Girlfight, Vin Media and Vineyard. One moderator has left the site, so we owe a big thanks to DieselFan25 for her past work and wish her the best in the future.

Vin's kind words challenge us to work harder, make a better site and be more punctual, up-to-date as never before. All the site pages have been updated, Vin's bio, his filmography, his awards and box office figures; his movie fact sheets; the extra material; the site history, the staff info and contact addresses have been all corrected and revised.

But the spirit of the site stays, we'll be as passionate and -when necessary- critical as before. Knowing that Vin watches us is a bit scary, but we are not afraid of the Vin, are we?

Kriszta

5/11 US distributor found for Find Me Guilty

A newly founded, yet to be named movie distrib will release Vin's Find Me Guilty, reports [Variety](#). HBO Films' and New Line Cinema's new specialty film banner will start with 3 movies, including a Nicole Kidman movie called Fur and Vin's latest motion picture.

The article describes FMG as : "Guilty," now in post, is a courtroom drama starring Diesel, Peter Dinklage and Joe Pesci. Story concerns the real-life trial of New Jersey's Lucchesi crime family, the longest Mafia trial in U.S. history. Pic was produced through Bob Yari's Stratus Films banner.

Official announcement is expected to come on Friday.

W's Q&A 5/9 Does he NOT think he's sexy (REALLY)????

Vin in past interviews has repeatedly said quote " I know I'm not pretty" and "I use what little I have". Yet in photos he seems to know how to put on that oh-so-sexy charm of his; you can tell by his ex-pressions alone! Do you think this is pretend modesty on his part or do you think Vin really isn't aware of his unique, personal charms & the beauty of his special looks???

[answer the weekly q on our message board!](#)

5/10 Vin drops Dreadnaught, presents MTV Award

Vin to present MTV Movie Award

Just like last year, when he gave away The Best Kiss award with Thandie Newton, Vin is lined up to present an MTV Award this June. Other hosts: Jessicas Simpson and Alba, Hilary Swank, Billy Bob Thornton, Lindsay Lohan, Hilary Duff, Zach Braff, and Ziyi Zhang. The show will be taped on June 4th, and will be aired on June 9th.

There is a Vin-related nomination as well, TCoR runs in the best movie - based computer game category.

Source: [Entertainment Weekly](#)
thanks to lwnt2bmrdsiesel!

Vin officially off Dreadnaught

Two years ago Vin was cast in an action thriller called [Dreadnaught](#), described as : "the rookie captain of the Navy's newest stealth ship mutinies when his crew accidentally shoots down a passenger jet. He is ordered to kill the jet's sole survivor to cover up the mishap."

Then the project was canned and now a quote from [Wall Street Journal](#) explains why:

"Dreadnaught," deals with the accidental downing of a civilian airliner during a U.S. Navy exercise and a subsequent coverup. Action-film star Vin Diesel was to play the lead role. After 9/11, the project's studio -- Sony again -- sent the script out to be rewritten. But the Iraq war threw another wrench into the project, says Stephen J. Rivele, one of the rewrite's authors, and made the Navy-coverup theme "too hot to handle at that point." (Sony says the coverup plan was abandoned because the idea "seemed unnecessary and a little bit of a stretch.") Sony

says the film remains "in development." Mr. Diesel no longer plans to star, a spokesman said.

Thanks to Artemis Aristoboule @ [AoVD!](#)

New fan poem added

*Vividly Intelligent Nature is his first name
Desirable, Irresistible, Enthralling, Sensual, Emotionally, Lovable is his last name*

you can read Ms. L.'s full poem at the [fan poem page](#)

5/9 Gallery update

The following new scans were placed today in the Diesel Driven image gallery:

- New Zealand TV Guide - paci interview with Vin [scan 1](#), [2](#) and [3](#)
- Australian Empire Magazine - Paci review [scan](#)
- New Zealand TV Guide - Riddy interview with Vin [scan 1](#) and [2](#)
- Famous Magazine April 2005 - interview with Ice Cube about XXX2 - scan [1](#), [2](#) and [3](#)
- Story (Hungarian Magazine) [scan 1](#) and [2](#)
- --> [translation here on the board](#)

thanks to VinDieselFutureWife and Jodi @ [Vin Diesel Media](#)

5/4 New site & board look

New site design

Dear readers, I am happy to present you our new look, a more lively and colorful design for VinXperience. With the happy colors the site chose a new tag line, the slightly modified sentence that Vin said to me in Munich: "The site that knows all about me!" The new banner was made by and design tips were given by my friend Tufee. The update is not yet complete, but the majority of the work is done by now. Most site pages had been updated / revisited, and mistakes had been corrected. However if you spot anything or just want to comment on the new look, let me know either by email (kriszta_at_vindiesel.hu) or post at [this board thread](#).

Thank you,

Kriszta
VX webmistress

Spike Lee boxing pic moves forward

[Variety](#) reports: Spike Lee starts "[Save Us Joe Louis](#)," his long-planned Joe Louis feature, immediately after completing "Inside Man" with Denzel Washington, Denzel Washington, Jodie Foster and Clive Owen for producer Brian Grazer at Universal. Lee and Budd Schulberg have been working (writing) the Joe Louis project for five years. It's the story of the two Louis-Max Schmeling championship bouts (1936 and 1938) and the global ramifications. Lee says characters involved in the pic will include FDR, Hitler, Mussolini and Sugar Ray Robinson for starters, adding Schulberg was on hand for the 1938 fight. Lee tells me, "Budd (93) is going strong. This is a David Lean caliber film."

No news on Vin's participation, but remember, last year he was in talks to play Joe Louis, so he might be still attached.

Recent image updates in the gallery

- [24 great Vin misc pics](#)
- [52 screencaps from TV München's Vin interview \(2005.04.13.\)](#)
- [scan from Münchener Merkur 2005.04.13.](#)

- [scan from BRAVO, Germany \(#18, 04/27/05\)](#)
- [translation for the BRAVO interview](#)
- thanks to Alecia @ [Vinaddict](#), Silke and JsVineyard!

MTV Movie awards nomination for Butcher Bay

MTV: Music Television today announced the nominees for the "2005 MTV Movie Awards". Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy and Mean Girls top this year's nominee list with four nominations each. It was also announced that Fever Pitch star Jimmy Fallon is set to host the star-studded awards show. The fourteenth annual awards ceremony will air on June 9th at 8:30PM (ET/PT). The winners will be revealed at the "2005 MTV Movie Awards", which will be taped on June 4th at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles, CA.

There's one Vin related nomination, Butcher Bay goes for the best movie based computer game award. Click here to vote for EFBB!

Best Video Game Based On A Movie

- # "Spider-Man 2"
- # "Van Helsing"
- # "Chronicles of Riddick: Escape from Butcher Bay"
- # "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban"
- # "The Incredibles"

you cannot vote in this category, but you can vote for the rest of the awards [here](#)

J's Q&A 05/03

Ladies and gentlemen, today's Q&A presents...ME. [our new mod, JsVineyard]
Lovely windy offered me to post Q&A's every once in a while - thank you my dear - and here we go:

Darth Vin

[With the upcoming Star Wars Episode III movie ahead, can you picture Vin in it? What part would he play? An honourable Jedi like Qui-Gon Jinn, a Senator or rather a dark Sith Lord?](#)

XXX 2 / State of Union / The Next level was a critical and financial failure

Top sum up the reviews: Joel Siegel of ABC's Good Morning America sums up XXX: State of the Union in seven words: "Great toys, neat action, not much else." He concludes by remarking: "This is the silliest big-budget movie I have ever seen." David Hiltbrand in the Philadelphia Inquirer doesn't spare the disparaging hyperbole, either. "State of the Union concludes with a stunningly unconvincing, uninteresting and unsuspenseful chase of a bullet train, one of the worst sequences in cinematic history," he writes.

more about the reviews @ [IMDB](#)

The financial update: Opening in third place behind the second weekend of The Interpreter, XXX: State of the Union imploded with a flabby \$12.7 million at 3,480 theaters, by far the weakest debut of any movie at over 3,400 venues. According to distributor Sony's exit polling, 64 percent of the audience was male and 53 percent was under 25.

The action thriller, which cost in the neighborhood of \$100 million to make, will have the weakest retention for a major sequel in the genre in decades, likely making less than one quarter of XXX's \$142.1 million by the end of its run.

full Bo report @ [BoxOfficemojo.com](#)

4/27 XXX2 - not so good?

XXX2 opens worldwide tomorrow - so far to very bad reviews

1.5/5 "OK you don't expect a sequel to 2002's brainless XXX to be an action masterwork, but this is so preposterous that it feels like an overblown spoof of the original." [Shadows on the Wall Rich Cline](#)

4/10 "...a movie mixed into a video game mixed into a soundtrack mixed into an urban test market report..." ["movie review] [JoBlo's Movie Emporium JoBlo](#)

5/10 "Burdened by Ice Cube and Sunny Mabrey masquerading as actors, awful, loud rap music and idiotic stunts, this clearly qualifies for the stupid genre." [Tolucan Times Tony Medley](#)

These and even more reviews are also up on [the message board](#). Thanks to Lbiu!

Even more reviews will be soon available @ [Rottentomatoes.com](#)

Bad news from Empire!

Annie has received this email from James Dyer at Empire Mag:

Hi Annie

I'm sorry to report that the interview with Vin was cancelled at the last minute at the behest of his publicist.

Sorry

James

So I am afraid the questions you submitted at Empire's website, will never reach Vin.

Pre - order the Pacifier DVD or VHS!

W's Q&A 4/25--Special Guest Question

Since there are cooks here on the board, special guest questioner Ehlaina wants to know: Are there any favorite recipes you would love to cook for the Vinsters if you had a chance & also share w/ the rest of us??? You are welcome to post more than one!

[Cook for Vin on our boards!](#)

Background on Blur Studio (Rockfish)

[DV Format](#) has an interview with Tim Miller, Blur Studio Company Creative Director, and Writer and Director of RockFish, the animated short around which One Race production will be jointly developing a multi-media franchise.

Thanks to Waimeawahine!

Good worldwide Paci BO news

"Pacifier" entertained families around the globe who paid \$8.6 million to see the movie this weekend, boosting its cume to **\$31.5 million**. The Vin Diesel action comedy opened in Italy to \$850,000. In New Zealand, "Pacifier" earned an extra 74 percent in its second weekend because of school holidays, taking \$300,000 for the weekend for a cume of \$600,000.

Source: [Reuters](#)

Thanks to Annie!

Rob Cohen on the Vinless XXX sequel

The Reasoning Behind Not Bringing Back Vin Diesel as XXX: "If you're going to break the rules, if you're going to have a franchise that's going to break the rules, the first rule to break is don't have it be the same actor. You don't see the same James Bond over and over again - he has the same mannerisms over and over again. It's good to have a guy with a different thing going."

more about XXX2, and the new RC movies, Stealth and Sinbad @ [about.com](#)

4/26 Paci DVD news

Pacifier Due in June

Walt Disney Home Entertainment has announced Kindergarten Cop 2, The Pacifier, starring Vin Diesel, Lauren Graham and Faith Ford will hit store shelves on June 28 for a suggested price of \$29.99.

The DVD will feature an anamorphic widescreen transfer and Dolby Digital 5.1 audio, plus extras like a commentary from director Adam Shankman, two featurettes called On Set With Brad Garrett: Unpacified and On Set With Mr. Diesel: Action Hero and Nice Guy, deleted scenes and bloopers.

Click on this [link for the cover art](#).

Source: - IGN DVD

4/20 Vin won't be back in TFATF 3

Vinless TFATF-series

In an interview @ [about.com](#), TFATF-series producer Neil H. Moritz revealed that Vin would not be back for the 3rd episode.

Is it true you're doing a Fast and the Furious 3 with neither Vin Diesel nor Paul Walker?
Yes, it is."

Was there development on a Fast and the Furious 3 script that brought Dominic back?
We had talked about it.

But it never got to even the treatment stage? No.

Click [here](#) to read the full interview about TFATF 3, XXX2 and other Moritz projects!

A female agent in the next XXX movie?

Dir. Rob Cohen also talked to about.com, and mentioned that the next agent might be very well a lady: "I would really like to do a woman XXX. That's what I really would like to do. I think we understand the testosterone level of Vin Diesel and Ice Cube. I would really love to get the Michelle Rodriguez type or Michelle Yeoh or someone, a female who really can kick ass and take names."

Xander's death scene video

Wanna see how Xander died? DieselFan @ [UVDFC](#) turned the dVD featurette into an avi file, that you [can download here](#). This 4 minute short starts Kristian Lupo, Vin's stunt double. ([Divx codec](#) required!)

In the aforementioned [interview](#), Cohen also talked about the sequence: "It was the most provocative and interesting thing to do to add value to the new DVD. Other ideas were thrown around but in the end, there is an intrinsic drama and delight in building up a hero and then wiping him out so there's room for a new one. I think they may enjoy it. I think there's a sadistic level of enjoyment to be had with taking down any kind of leading man character."

...and now 3 random facts about Vin Diesel:

- Vin Diesel encases the souls of his enemies in the bodies of Golden Retriever puppies.
- All of mankind was saved when Zacharias Q. Hoffslaus, the antichrist, was strangled in his crib as an infant by Vin Diesel
- Vin Diesel single-handedly broadcasts much of Central America's television from his mind.
- for more [click here](#) and keep refreshing for other hilarious facts about Vin Diesel!
thanks to Drkspider

W's Q&A 4/18:I wanted Vin Diesel.....BUT GOT LEONARD INSTEAD.

Using your imaginations & me borrowing from the CONAN O'BRIEN skit: Pretend that Vin offers to give you a very intimate, no-holds barred interview, revealing everything you ask, telling you everything you want to know! But while he's in (your) town he needs a great favor from you. His "brother" Leonard (remember, this is the imaginary "brother of Vin" from the Conan O'Brien Show) is depressed because, FOR NO REASON AT ALL, his girlfriend broke up w/ him. Believing that you are a great, big hearted person, Vinster asks you to take Leonard around town all week & show him a good time! And in-between dates, Vin will be willing to give you an exclusive interview!

[Long questions follows on the board here!](#)

4/18 Xander is dead - the DVD reviews

XXX DVD reviews

The new XXX: Uncensored, Unrated Director's Cut DVD edition arrives tomorrow to the shops and video hire stores. The movie features 8 additional minutes of footage (previously seen among the old DVD's deleted scenes) and a featurette with Xander's death. He gets killed off in a graphic and rather stupid way as a mean parting gift from the producers. If you wanna read the spoiler how, click on the [link here](#), that will lead you to the message board. If not, you can buy the movie from tomorrow, [from our webshop as well](#).

Reviews:

- xXx doesn't burden itself with a lot of facts, politics, or the laws of physics in some cases. Vin Diesel isn't asked to do much other than look badass, an easy thing to do with his impressive physique, shaved dome, deep voice and obviously fake tattoos. Compared to the other excruciating performances in this movie, he's one of the better performers. ([DVD.IGN](#))
- The bottom line: if you enjoy action movies, this is top of the line, grade-A big guns, big explosions, big engines material. If you are looking for deep thought and raw emotion, the door is over there. I had a lot of fun with this movie and the special features are good as well. I recommend this to be a must-see rental or purchase. I am glad to add this to my library of movies. ([DVDfanatic.com](#))
- Is this a classic in the action genre? I'm not sure. I don't think so. Its fast, its loud, and it stands as a true testament to filmmaking in the early part of this century. That doesn't mean you'd want to watch it more than a few times during your own lifespan. Director Rob Cohen adheres to a strict esthetic: Have Fun! That's all he cares about. He doesn't want his films to hold any sense of reality or valid coherence. I'm all right with that. In fact, I embrace it. It's just, on repeat viewings, there's really nothing new to go back to. ([Movieweb.com](#))
- I can't deny that the transfer here is great, but it's still a step down from the Superbit release of this film. And while there are quite a few nice extras here, I've marked this package down a few notches because so many of those supplements were previously available. If you absolutely have to have it, go right ahead - it's a nice package - but if you already have the title or aren't interested in the slightest, pass. ([DVDfile.com](#))

Can't watch Munich videos?

Then download this codec and install it on your system to get the videos to work. ;) [LINK](#)

Thanks to Janine!

Other updates:

- [Night & Day scans UK magazine - 2005.04.17](#)
- [Scan from famous magazine, April 2005.](#)
- [A few more pics added from last week's Munich Paci premiere](#)
- [Nata's diary from the Munich premiere](#)
- [Paci is #9 at this week's US box office](#)

- [Paci is #1 at this week's German box office](#)
- [DIESEL FEARS MOVIES HINDER HIS FATHERHOOD DREAM](#)
- [XXX DVD giveaway @ Contactmusic.com](#)
- thanks to Annie, [Movie-infos.de](#), Nata @ [_Vin Diesel Fever.de](#), [Ganz-Munchen.de](#) , Wifey, JsVineyard, enigma489UK and Contactmusic!

4/16 Munich coverage #4 + some XXX news

New pics and video file from Munich

[New screencaps](#) have just emerged from the german Premiere Tv's Kino show, with Vin talking about the movie, being at the Munich premiere and but of course, our wonderful group hug. Also available, a [short video clip](#) from the show, with Vin telling he made this movie for his niece and nephew to see a movie with Uncle Vin.

[screencaps](#) ** [video](#) (Windows Media file, 1,9 MB)

pics and video thanks to JsVineyard!

XXX news: new title and why is Vin gone?

The upcoming XXX sequel will have different titles in the US and overseas, reported [Variety](#). The first version is called **XXX: State of Union**, a very american term, according to the maker Revolution Pics. On the other hand, overseas viewers will go to **XXX 2: The Next Level**. Only titles vary, the movie will be obviously the same.

Meanwhile, **Lee Tamahori**, the director of the sequel told [SCI FI Wire](#) that he had a hand in getting Ice Cube to take over the starring role from Vin Diesel: "If I had Vin in the picture, I would have had to do extreme sports again, and I did not want to do a retread." For more on his reasons and the changes he made to the movie, visit Sci Fi Wire!

4/14 Second update

New articles, interviews, images on board:

- [Munich stories: A duck steals the muscleman the show](#)
- [Actionhero Vin Diesel shows his softer side.](#)
- [From ex bouncer to movie star: Vin Diesel in Munich](#)
- [Vin Diesel - From hot rod to Pacifier](#)
- [NZ TV Guide Vinterview: VIN'S NO DUMMY](#)
- [screencaps from the Pro7 tv show](#)
- thanks to Silsin, Kapl, Mindy, Kiri and JsVineyard!

4/14 Munich coverage #3

[The Munich special](#) have been updated with a very funny video interview from Stefan Raab's show on Pro7. In this 4 minute clip Vin is accused of air pollution and talks Pitch Black and Sezame Street. Clip is available [here](#), with lots of thanks to JsVineyard.

(if you have problem viewing the clip, you'll need to install the [DivX 5.2.1. codec](#))

Pacifier past 100M\$ dollars

Returning to regular updates, its time to catch up with the box office news: last weekend Paci has crossed the 100M\$ limit in the **United States**. It grossed 3,1 M\$ on its 6th weekend, and was ranked as No#8 while Sahara lead the lists followed by Sin City, Robert Rodriguez's masterpiece. Paci's current gross, as of Tuesday, April 12th: **\$100,938,120 M.**

The **international releases** are gearing up as well. Quoting [Reuters](#): "In Australia, it was a close struggle between "Sahara," with \$1.1 million from 183 cinemas, and ultimate champion "The Pacifier," which expanded nationwide to 253 cinemas in its third week and took about \$50,000 more.

"The Pacifier" opened at No. 1 in Spain with \$1.8 million at 302 sites, up 20% on both "Daddy Daycare," and "Cheaper by the Dozen." It also triumphed in Belgium with a very good bow of \$509,000. The cume for the Vin Diesel comedy stands at **\$3.4 million.**"

Thanks to Annie and Ibiu!

New interviews from Germany

With the Munich premiere, there are new interviews shoing up in the germna press. GMX.net/de has a nice Paci interview in german, the english translation is [available on the board](#). TV Movie also interviewed Vin ([scan here](#)), and named VX as the top link for the man. The english interview [translation is also on the board](#) (5th post from the top).

Thanks to Silsin ands JsVineyard!

4/13 Munich coverage #2

The corrected [Munich diaries](#) have just been posted online here with new images, including my personal photo with Vin :-)

[..] a very familiar word hit my ears: VinXperience. He just said he knew and liked it VX to Janine! Without hesitation I reacted and told Vin it was my site. He turned back, smiled and came back to me. I think he asked if it was really me, then he said that I was the woman who knew all about him :-D

He asked if I wanted anything, like that dvd to sign, but I, cold blooded as Vincent of Collateral, asked for a picture with the two of us. He agreed and I quickly jumped to the red carpet, gave my camera to Silsin and then he hugged me and I asked back if he really loved the site. Once more a positive answer then a flash and I was already standing back in line with Silke telling me was not sure if the camera worked.

[But it indeed did - you can now see the pics in the gallery!](#)

4/12 Vin knows our site aka we were at the Munich premiere

The Paci premiered yesterday in Munich, Germany and we have been at the premiere. Long story short, we got a chabce to get our pics signed and even more Vin told us that that he knew and liked our site :-) The special reportage is coming together right now with images, media files and written stories about last night.

For starters, you might want to check out the reports [Janine's entry](#); [Silsin's diary](#) and [My short intro](#), (which will have an longer edition tomorrow). Then you can [check out the images](#), JsVineyard and Silsin took at the event. Please take note that this is an exclusive gallery, when referring to the, pls link to the gallery and do not take the pics.

We also have a [second gallery](#) with more images and two video files from [Pro 7](#) and [ZDF](#). They miss the voice track, but we'll have a txt summary of for them tomorrow.

For the special munich coverage, lots of thanks goes to Nata of the [German Vin Diesel Fever](#)

[site](#), who gave us the tickets, Silke and Janine for the pics and media files and Vin for being the cool guy he is!

4/8 Pix from France + DVD news

Paci DVD: June 28

The Paci DVD premiere has been set for June 28. [Joblo](#) has the details on the movie: anamorphic widescreen and fullscreen editions, Dolby Digital 5.1, special features containing deleted scenes, a blooper reel and cast interviews.

Pix from Spain & Disneyland, France

[Vin on lookout for Hannibal movie](#) + [pix from France, Disneyland](#): Vin opened a new spectacle called Space Mountain 2. thanks to Thanks to [DieselFan](#), Numbuhonevinfan, starface and picturedesk!

Webmistress' note:

I'll be out of town till next Tuesday. If you have mailed me recently, I am afraid I will not be able to answer till next week. Thanks for your patience and just might have something very cool for you all, when I get back home ;)

4/6 Paci premieres in Europe

The international Paci premieres kicked in yesterday in Spain. In the new gallery section, for the Eu prem images, you can see 30 new pics from the press photocall and the premiere. Pix are from various spanish papers and Gettyimages.

ty to WindyCityLady and JsVineyard!

Vin opens new attraction in Disneyland, Paris

American actor Vin Diesel will open this wednesday evening (aka tonight) "Space Mountain: Mission 2", the new attraction of Disneyland theme park in Paris, in the presence of astronauts Patrick Baudry, Jean-François Clairvoy and Umberto Guidoni.

full article in french at [@ yahoo.fr](#)

Card Makers Wanted

July from [Greetings 4rm Vin](#) looks after your help: "As you may or may not know I run a site called Greetings 4rm Vin. It's basically a greeting card service featuring Vin Diesel themed cards. In the beginning coming up with new cards was fun, but now it's become quite hard to come up with new ideas on my own.

So that's where you guys come in. I know how talented a lot of you are :) I'm not looking for a permanent card maker, just anyone who wants to help out. "

[If you are interested, click here for the details!](#)

The weekly question

W's Q&A 4/4--Special Guest Questioner Guest questioner ELECTRIKALGWEN wants to know:

We all know Riddick's full name is Richard B. Riddick. Now, what do you think the "B" stands for???

[Blade? Bruce? Brian? Benaffleck? Choose one on the boards!](#)

4/2 Happy April 2nd! :-)

April's fools

I hope everybody liked yesterday's bogus article about Vin quitting Hollywood. Obviously, it was written by me, so Vin is still happily acting out there and the site's life goes on. But not before I mention an other April joke, coming from Peter Jackson and the King Kong Crew.

Yesterday, in a video interview, the half of Mr PJ (he has lost lots of weight!!!) announced the sequel for his King Kong movie. Apparently Son of Kong is in works for over a week, with Naomi Watts, Adrien Brody and Jack Black. What concerns us, is that the second KK movie is financed by the money previously put away for Riddick 2. But as TCoR ain't happening anymore, they now can shoot King Kong 2.

You can check out the joke video @ kongisking.net

(Though once King Kong is a success, it will most likely get a sequel. Also due to the low BO figures, chances for TCoR 2 are rather low.)

German Paci premiere

The premiere of "the Pacifier" (in German "der Babynator") will be in Munich/Germany on **April 11, 2005** starting 7.00 pm at the MaxX Muenchen and our man Vin will attend. If you want a pair of tickets, visit [this page for a giveaway](#).

thanks to Silsin & Montgomery Burns!

Early info on the Paci DVD

DVDanswers.com has the early artwork of the DVD cover plus news that the movie comes in late July or early August. More details as new info comes in.

Paci 5th Friday figures

According to BoMojo.com, Paci is no#7 with 1.9 M\$. Total gross, after 29 days is 92.2 M\$, which means next week Paci will most likely reach the 100 000 000 \$ limit.

As of other new releases, Robert Rodriguez's stylish and plain amazing looking Sin City cleared the list with 12 M\$!!!! Yay for Sin City :-D

4/1 Very sad day for our community ...

Diesel quits acting

LOS ANGELES (Hollywood Reporter). Action movie star Vin Diesel had announced his retirement from Hollywood. On a press conference yesterday Diesel thanked his family for letting his dream come true, his directors and co-actors for the marvellous time they spent on films and his fans for their love and support. His future plans include extended work on his successful game company and a new foundation for up-and-coming talents.

[click here to read the full article](#)

Some final gallery updates:

- [Vin Diesel Attends The Caa Pre Oscar Party Held In Los Angeles 2005/02/25](#)
- [Pacifier press conference pics](#)
- [A positive Paci review scan from Germany](#)
- [a Vin sig](#) and an [autographed picture](#)

- [Vin's shower caps from The Pacifier](#)
- [a scan from USA Today March 18](#)
- thanks to LadyRiddick77, Bee, JsVineyard and Tracy!

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9/30 Find Me Guilty now in 2006

New info on Vin's long time awaited courtroom drama, directed by acclaimed director Sidney Lumet:

- [Find Me Guilty](#) will be released by Freestyle Releasing
- movie is now pushed back to 2006, release date to be announced
- Guilty's running time is 2 hours 4 minutes
- sources: [Coming Soon!](#) and [Box Office Mojo](#)
- thanks to Muddie!

9/28 Photo shoot back from 1998

Misc updates:

- A **Getty Images photoshoot** back from **1998** @ [Diesel Driven](#)
- Pictures from **XXX's Japanese premiere**, 2004 @ [Diesel Driven](#)
- 67 caps from Vin still in Japan, but for the **Riddick premiere** @ [message board](#)
- Vin @ "**Caiga Quien Caiga**" (funny tv show, 2005)(14 caps) - [clip available](#)
- **Paul Walker Regrets Missing Latest 'Furious' Chapter** @ [Zap2it.com](#): "I was bummed," Walker says now. "I wanted to make another one. My dream scenario was that it was going to be Vin, Tyrese and I, and I spoke it over with the Powers That Be and they're like, 'Oh f***, we can't afford that.'"
- **The Weekly Question: "Be creative!"**
To all you creative minds out there: Think of a short poem, a funny limerick, a fancy song or something else especially for Vin, and share it with us.[\[Here\]](#)!
- thanks to Jibarita and Janine!

9/21 Vin back in the Dominican Republic

New/old photoshoot pics

all pics at [Diesel Driven](#)

Thanks a lot to Alecia @ [Vinaddict!](#)

Dominican Republic updates:

- The famous actor is back in the country. This Monday [2005.09.19.] he was seen having lunch calmly, like a whole countryman, at the Adrian Tropical restaurant. ([Diario Libre](#))
- A picture added back from August, Vin's 1st visit in DR to [Diesel Driven](#).
- Thanks to Jibarita!

The Weekly Question: "DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT HISTORY???"

We know Vin is revving up to play a powerful, historical figure HANNIBAL. Which other powerful

& sexy historical or legendary figure do you see him playing or being ??? Henry VIII? Napoleon? Casanova? Don Juan? Robin Hood? King Arthur? One of the Egyptian kings? John Dillinger?

Tell us & say why [on the message boards!](#)

9/19 Updates

Vin meets Leonel Fernandes, president of the Dominican Republic

According to articles in [Hoy Digital](#) and [El Caribe CDN.com](#) Vin met with Leonel Fernández, president of the Dominican Republic. As you can recall, Vin wants to shoot a movie in DR, and have already had a discussion with the president about El Padrino and/or Hannibal, when he had spent his holiday in the country last month. This time Mr Fernandez was in the States, as the newspapers report:

Immediately after his arrival President Fernández entered the hall of ambassadors of Las America's airport where he stayed for 1/2 hour. He met with the agent George Nader, the north american actor Vin Diesel and Mr. Raman Chalaw, director of the University of New York. Nader reported that Diesel wants to invest into the country's touristic industry. (Hoy)

The presence of the actor Vin Diesel troubled everybody, including security, staff and the press who formed a line to take pictures with him. Diesel was accompanied by the art sponsor George Nader. (El Caribe)

Translation thanks to Silke!

([more about this topic can be found on the message board](#))

Fan art updates:

- [The Beauty and the Beast](#): TCoR 2 storyboard: the scene of the hot meeting between Lady Vaako and Riddick, or it could have been! Fan art by Dany.
- [Manamana](#): Chrissy's hilarious new video mixing Vin's german TV Total interview w the Sesame Street Song.

9/13 Air date correction and a few new magazine scans

- The **World Stunt Awards** will be on E! Tv **Oct, 13 Thursday**, instead of the previously reported Monday. Sincere apologies, the official Taurus site had the wrong day as well. Thanks to Gaby for catching the mistake!
- Even more [new images added to DD](#): The Face mag (May 2000), FHM UK mag, Nov. 2002, one FHM article "Movie of the Month" from the same issue, two snippets on Paci and a TCoR one. Thanks to Janine!

9/13 Big image update

The following new / old pics were added to Diesel Driven:

- [Vin promotes The Pacifier photoshoot](#) (previous low quality pics replaced w better q images)
- [Vin in Cabana Club \(?\)](#)
- [Misc Vin picture from a photoshoot](#)
- [Three images from the XXX press conference](#)
- [Six pics from the a Man Apart press conference](#)
- [Vin Diesel @ LOFT Lounge & Dance Club \[aug 2005\]](#)

- [3 pics w Vin/Val at Jar Rule's concert in the Dominican Republic](#)
- [Screencaps from an XXX Vinterview](#) (previous low quality pics replaced w better q images)
- [Screencaps from an AMA interview](#)
- [Vin gives a tour on TCor's set - caps from the DVD extra](#)
- [Three set of Paci caps](#): Nice Guy, Peter Panda Dance and of course, the shower scene!

Thanks to Jibarita, Janine, Alecia @ [Vinaddict.com](#), [Bufo.com](#), [Bonche.com](#) and [Junk Feud!](#)

The weekly question:"Shape me up, baby!"

You're a beautician and Vin accidentally happens to be one of your newly acquired clients. He tells you to surprise him with a special treatment. What will you do to him? Get your mind out of the gutter, it's all about the beauty and the soul.

[Give Vin the treatment of his life here, on the message board!!](#)

World Stunt Awards Airdate!

USA fans: this year's World Stunt Awards will air on **Oct 13, THURSDAY**, on the **E! Entertainment channel**. No word yet, whether or not Vin will be among the presenters; but his movie, The Pacifier is nominated in the Best Fight category.

Source: [official website](#)

9/10 Vin on BET / Katrina telethon

Last night Vin was on [BET's S.O.S.: Saving OurSelves Telethon](#). He just did a small segment asking for donations. For video clips, pics, donation info go to BET's site.

If you had taped the event, be kind and contact us. Thanks, K

9/7 Quick update

- Please read the **admin changes of the board** [here](#) (new forum sections / new admin team) & answer [the weekly question](#) here!
- **"WHEN YOU'RE A JET!..."**Besides Guy's & Dolls, WEST SIDE STORY is definitely another definitive NYC musical in my opinion. If Vinster were playing a role in this famous musical, what or who would he play? A JET gang member? A Shark? Riff? Bernardo? Tony? With his dancing skills, I think he'd have no problem whatsoever w/ the famous Jerome Robbins choreography. With enough training, do you think he could handle the singing roles???

9/5 Admin / video update

Video updates

- Our video page has just gotten a **cool new fan made video!** [Click here](#) to check out the Pitch Black themed fan clip by Christine!
- Also updated were the Munich themed video clips by Janine. Better quality, smaller size - only on the [VX video page!](#)

Pacifier nominated to a World Stunt Award!

Vin's The Pacifier has just been nominated to a [Taurus Stunt Award!](#) This award is for fights with or without weapons. Stunts in this category include street fighting, boxing, wrestling and martial arts. In case of Paci: two ninjas break into a house and the lead character must use household items and toys in defense. The other 4 nominated movies are Troy, Kill Bill Vol. 2, House of Flying Daggers and The Bourne Supremacy.

This year's World Stunt Awards will be held on Sept 25, 2005.

Admin update #2

As mentioned in the 8/25 update, the **user database had been revised** and accounts that were never used after being created, were deleted. If you had lost your account, but want to come back later and check out the boards, feel free to create a new one. But be sure to use it at least once, as forum updates will periodically happen in the future to keep the database at a reasonable size.

Magyar Vin fanok!

Szeretettel várunk egyre népszerűbb magyar fórumunkon, ahol te is tagja lehetsz a Spy Chix magyar különítményének, vagy akár élőben is megismerkedhetsz a többi rajongóval. [Fórum / infó itt!](#)

8/29 Quick update

- **More pics from Vin & Valentino attending Ja Rule's concert in the Dominican Republic:** 19 pics added to [Diesel Driven](#)
- **2 pics from Contender** added to [Diesel Driven](#) - thanks to maryflynn23!
- **Dominican Republic Hot Spot for Hollywood:** Diesel's visit to the DR was in preparation for his starring role in a film about a Dominican who travels to New York in search of the American dream. After meeting with Santo Domingo Mayor Roberto Salcedo and getting a city tour, he announced his plan to promote the DR as an ideal location for filming movies. - full article @ [Yahoo!](#)

8/25 Administrative update

Dear VXers! Did you know that we already have 1280 board members?! That's how many pple registered an account for our new message board since July 4th. Checking our membership database showed that there are accounts, that have never been used since they were activated. In case there are users unaware that their accounts have been activated, I will send out reminder emails to those addresses.

If you have already created a message board account, but did not receive the activation email, be aware that you can now try to enter the forums. Accounts that were activated but never used, **will be deleted** from the database **if they are not visited at least once in the next eight days**.

If you have a board account related question (lost password, passive account etc.) you can mail me at kriszta_at_vindiesel.hu

(unused accounts were deleted on 9/5)

The Weekly Question: LETS PLAY DRESS UP!

We know Vinster loves his Armani & Prada duds. Which other designer clothes or fashion chain's outfits would you love to see the Vinster in??? The Gap? Ralph Lauren? Brooks Brothers? P Diddy's line of fashion (Sean John?)? Old Navy? Do you prefer clothes & hats w/ logos or without logos?

[Be a Fab 5 on our message board!](#)

8/22 Grand media file update

Today we present you 10 new video files from various events, talk shows, movie premieres & screncaps from all events and a few new image file additions to the gallery:

Video file updates:

Chronicles of Riddick

[Vin on Leno](#)

[Leno soundbite](#)

[ET Riddick special](#) - set visit

[ET Riddick premiere](#)

The Pacifier

[Vin on Ellen promoting Paci](#)

[Vin on abc promoting Paci](#)

[Vin on Conan](#)

[BET interview](#)

[Regis & Kelly](#)

[Letterman](#)

Gallery updates:

- [Vin's guest appearance on UK MTV's TRL, 2004.08.10.](#)
- [Vin & Alexa attend TCoR's London premiere, 2004.08.11. \(18 pix\)](#)
- [Mario Van Peebles, son Mandela and Vin Diesel Ultimate Fighting Championship, 2005.02.05.](#)
- [Vin on Leno, promoting TCoR, 2004](#)
- [Vin on Letterman promoting The Pacifier 2005.03.02.](#)
- [Vin on Ellen promoting The Pacifier, 2005.03.04.](#)
- [Conan, 2005.03.04.](#)
- [Regis & Kelly, 2005.03.03.](#)
- [BET, 2005](#)
- [Vin on ABC promoting Paci](#)
- [ET TCoR interviews w Maria Menounos, 2004](#)
- Scans from TV World Germany [#1](#) [#2](#)
[txt of translated interview](#)

Lots of thanks for the videos & caps Meghanh & JsVineyard!

8/18 Update

New media updates:

- [Vin hands out MTV movie award with Eve, 2002](#)
- [screencaps from that event](#)
- [14 new TCoR screencaps by request: Riddick chained to the shred](#)

- [Vouge scan, Aug 2005](#)
- thanks to Violet & Janine!

The weekly question: CELEBRITY CHEF

If Vinster was going to be your personal chef for a day, what would you want him to prepare for you? That is for breakfast, lunch, dinner, & desert?

[answer the q on our message board!](#)

8/15 A video update

New videos have been added to [the video file section](#). Vin talks about his sexy voice, TFATF and gets the VMA 2002 for Best On Screen Team with Paul Walker. Screenscaps from latter event are also up @ [Diesel Driven](#).

8/13 Find Me FMG video clip!

We're guilty of having a new video clip and images. The Find Me Guilty video clip, shown at the 77th Annual Academy Awards, has been added to our [video files section](#). And for those who missed [Vin on Leno](#), we also have that clip ready and waiting for you. You may also want to visit [Diesel Driven](#) for a detailed series of Vin screencaps.

Many thanks to Montgomery Burns 13 for the video and JsVineyard for the screencaps!

8/12 Diesel Driven image updates

New images, magazine scans added:

- The Starledger-Newmark, NJ October 24, 2004
- Loaded - April 05
- US Weekly - June 2 2001
- Bent Magazine - May 2005
- DVD Monthly - Sept 2005
- Vibe - April 2002
- Vin in Spain / Paci press conference
- 2 VSDA images

all pics can be seen @ [Diesel Driven!](#)

Thanks to 38Rachel69, Jibarita & Janine!

Weekly question: PaRappa the Rapper

Eminem, Ja Rule, 50 Cent, P. Diddy... the list of male rap stars is long. Now if Vin were a rap star instead of an actor, what (nick)name would he possibly have?

Choose a name on our [message board!](#)

8/8 Vin in Dominican Republic Part II.

New news and pix are coming in about Vin's holiday, so we've made a brand new gallery @ [Diesel Driven](#) devoted to the Dominican Republic images. New images added:

- Vin Diesel & F. Valentino Morales hold a press conference
- Vin & Val attend Ja Rule's concert

News-wise you can read that [Ja Rule did not make the original concert time](#) (flight problems, postponed with a day), and [straightened up articles](#) from the press conference.

Thanks to freespirit & Jibarita!

8/6 Vin in Dominican Republic: pics and one more new movie

Vin has just been caught in the Dominican Republic, location scouting, attending a Ja Rule concert and meeting President Leonel Fernández to discuss a new movie project. **El Padrino** will be "a story of a man who moves from Santo Domingo to New York to try to make American dream real". According to Vin it will have similarities with films like Al Pacino's Scarface.

Pictures of Vin's trip, featuring his constant shadow, Valentino can be seen @ [Diesel Driven](#). (last 6 pics on page)

More details about the project/visit can be read @ [message board](#). Right now we only have the rough Google translated articles. If you can speak Spanish and have some time to polish them, pls email me at kriszta@vindiesel.hu !

Thanks to Jibarita & John M!

8/4 New Vin movie: The Retriever

The [Hollywood Reporter](#) says that German media fund Equity Pictures is sinking its money into the action genre, investing \$70 million in a new slate of productions that includes titles top-lined by action veterans Keanu Reeves, Vin Diesel and Sylvester Stallone. Vin's movie is called "**The Retriever**," which features Diesel as a one-man army fighting to save the world from nuclear apocalypse.

More details from [Equity Pictures's](#) site: A thriller literally made for Vin Diesel, who is supposed to save the entire world from doom in a James Bond manner; at the last moment. The whole world is threatened by an apocalyptic weapon, which originates from the death zone of Tschernobyl, having been left behind after the accident in the power plant. Rebels, having nothing to lose, are now threatening to use it. Pure action and thrills are making 'The Retriever' both a huge cinema action film as well as a success to be in the world-wide DVD box office.

Translation thanks to Silke!

Vogue snippet

There's a mention of Vin on page 128 August issue with Madonna on cover. A small quote and mention of the Fresh Air Fund Spring Dinner he attended (with a slue of other celebs). No pic of him.

He mentions of going to camp in the summer, how his parents saved 14.00 a day to send him to camp in the countryside to escape the hot sidewalks of Gotham. He thought it was lame then but now understands it's importance (paraphrased).

Thanks to MAVDementia!

Vin In Spain (Video Clip)

Alecia found this video of Vin in Spain. It shows some clips from The Pacifier and Interview Snippets of Vin. In parts of the video Vin speaks a little spanish. It's a great clip check it out. Click one of the Links Below to See the Video. Note: You Will Need Windows Media Player to View the clips.

[Vin In Spain 56k](#) ** [Vin In Spain DSL](#)

Thanks a lot to Alecia @ [Vinaddict!](#)

W's & JS's Q&A 8/2: BABY, you can wash my car!

Nichollette Sheridan's character did it on Desperate Housewives. Paris Hilton did it for a California hamburger chain. Jessica Simpson did it in her These Boots Are Made For Walking video. I hear even a Pro-westler did a parody in the same type of bathing suit Paris Hilton wore! And amature videos are being sent in by men & women from all over America, to the USA TV news show A Current Affair. Yes everyone seems to be doing a sexy car wash skit for the camera lately!

How many of you would LOVE the Vinster to do one??? If you were behind the camera, how would you direct it? And what would he be wearing?

[Answer the weekly Q on our message board!](#)

7/30 Rob Cohen: Vin didn't listen

In an [interview with The Sun](#), the outspoken filmmaker is referring to actor Vin Diesel, whose career eroded after the flash of action hero stardom he showed in two of Cohen's most popular films, The Fast And The Furious and XXX. [...] In Cohen's view, Diesel became arrogant, alienating his core audience of "young white males" who had lionized him.

"He didn't listen," Cohen says. "I hung out with him so much during those years and I adored him, but I couldn't stand the behaviour that was creeping in."It's a great waste. But it's not over because my hopes for Vin centre around the fact that learning and suffering might be good for him."

Is Vin out of fuel? Is Cohen the Boogeyman? Click [here](#) to read the full article and [here](#) to discuss it with other fans on the [message board!](#)

Region 2, European DVD news

Finally, Europe is getting the director's cut of Riddick, Vin's SF actioner from last year. The much better cut of the movie will be presented in a two disc set including more deleted scenes, a commentary with Twohy, Alexa Davalos and Karl Urban and many more extras. More @ [DVDanswers.com](#)

A new edition of XXX DVD is also coming along, as part of a two disc set with the Vinless sequel, XXX: The Next Level (called State of Union in USA). Details about the double DVD featuring XXX and its sequel are up @ [DVDanswers.com](#).

7/28 Vin receives VSDA award

Last night Vin was awarded "Male Star of the Year" by the Video Software Dealers Association. Sho was hold at the organization's annual home video convention at the Bellagio July 27, 2005 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Among the other awards winners were Patric Swayze, Morgan Spurlock (Super Size Me) and bestseller movie titles like Saw or Bourne Supremacy. ([Retuers / Yahoo](#))

Pics are up at [Diesel Driven](#)

thanks to Fizzi!

7/26 VX admin update

Most recent Site/Gallery updates

VX's Video files section grows fast, now featuring 28 video clips, including newly added files such as a Riddick interview or a back-in-time clip, Vin Diesel 's video interview about Saving Private Ryan. You can check out all the updates @ [the video page](#)

Diesel Driven is also expanding with newly added files, like Vin shooting Pacifier's pool scene or the many screencaps of the above mentioned videofiles. New Vin pics / screencaps @ [Diesel Driven](#)

thanks to Janine!

Message Board Update

[VX's ezboard forum](#) had been officially closed down, posting access was removed from the Fanfictions and Spy Chix areas as well. The old forum is now an archive of all the posts b4 the hack attack (posts up to April, 2004) and message from June, 2005.

[The new board](#) is now 3 weeks old, with more than 700 registered members! All new applications prior 7/26 have been accepted. Please register only one time, as we only accept one account per person and delete the duplicate accounts. If you registered before 7/26 and still haven't gotten an account activation email and/or have trouble entering the board, drop me an email with your username and email address, to check your account's status.

Interesting, news posts from the message board:

- [Thandie Newton slams The Chronicles of Riddick](#)
- [Vin likes Doom](#)
- [Diesel still rumbling - Celebrity Q&A](#)
- **and of course the weekly question: Boxer Vin?**
Did you know there is a boxer named Riddick Bowe aka Big Daddy? Imagine Vin to be a boxer, what nickname would you give him?
Have a look at Riddick Bowe [here#1](#); [here#2](#):

answer the weekly Q on our [message board!](#)

7/22 Board update and new screencaps

Board update 7/21

Last night the site and board were down, caused by server problem. As of this morning, problem had been solved, but posts between last night 11pm CET time and 12am CET time were unfortunately lost. If you posted a fanfic or other important message, pls be kind to post it again. Also, if you have registered your account last night, you'll have to register again. Thanks for your understanding, Kriszta, webmistress.

New screencaps @ Diesel Driven:

- [Vin promoting XXX](#)
- [Vin gives Pacifier interview](#)
- [The Chronicles of Riddick featurette](#) (bottom of the page)

- [Saving Private Ryan interview](#)

Thanks to Janine!

W's & J's Q&A 7/18: Another Diesel/Cohen hookup???

According to our recent newsletter, talks are in about a possible movie role for Vinstler as the Marvel comic character "Silver Surfer" as well as Rob Cohen being the potential director. SO HOW BOUT IT FOLKS--do you want to see Vin & Cohen work together again ??? Is it a YAY or NAY?

[Stealth away on the message board!](#)

7/18 Happy 38th Birthday Vin!

and of course, twin brother Paul as well :))

This year we had a special project to celebrate Vin's birthday. We have adopted five elephants from PAWS - to build a virtual army of elephants for Vin's upcoming Hannibal. The following certificate is only one of the many images we sent to Vin:

click here to see the rest of the scans at [Diesel Driven!](#)

Other updates:

- [Misc Vin images from Webshots.com](#)
- Scans from South African YOU Magazine 05 May 2005; [pic 1](#) & [2](#)
- [Caps from Short5 - Interview and voiceover](#)
- New video: [Vin goofing while recording IG voiceover](#)
- thanks to Haarsha & Janine!

7/14 New pics from an old photoshoot

[Nine pics @ DD](#) from an old photoshoot by Jamie Hughes thanks to Alecia @ [Vin Addict!](#)

Vin? Cohen? Silver surfer?

The [Comics.IGN.com](#) website ran an article today about the possible Silver Surfer movie. They quoted Marvel Studios CEO Avi Arad who has hinted about the identity of the possible director of 20th Century Fox's planned comic books movie.

"There is a director who should make Silver Surfer," Arad has since revealed. "He is mentally committed to it [but] he's doing another movie now. ... What's most important to me about this guy, first, is that he's incredible with visuals. But he's also a spiritual guy, a Zen Buddhist."

[..] Rob Cohen is one possibility. He is a practicing Buddhist and has helmed such big Hollywood projects as The Fast and the Furious and xXx. Interestingly, Cohen is already attached to another Marvel sci-fi project, Killraven. His regular leading man Vin Diesel is said to be interested in the title role of Silver Surfer. "The Surfer is an intergalactic superhero," Diesel told the National Post in 2003, who is "one step further than all these regional superheroes."

full article with more possible directors @ [Comics.IGN.com](#)

7/13 Vin is the "Male Star of the Year" #2 - update

Actor Vin Diesel has been named the recipient of the Male Star of the Year Award by the Video Software Dealers Association (VSDA). Diesel will be recognized during the Awards Show at VSDA's Home Entertainment 2005, the annual confab for the home entertainment industry, on the evening of Wednesday, July 27 at the Bellagio Hotel & Casino, organizers of the show announced today.

"We are thrilled to be able to extend this recognition to Vin Diesel," said VSDA President Bo Andersen. "Vin Diesel has starred in a variety of very successful movies that have become fixtures in video stores around the world. He is not only a star but a highly respected and versatile actor."

The full press release with contact and pricing info, how to get to the event, can be read @ [Business Wire](#)

The weekly question: Is it worth a laugh?

Imagine you're one of Vin's buddies, Val for example. Would you check out his fan boards (like VX) on a regular basis to see what the girls are talking about him? What would you think of the women lusting after Vin?

Answer the weekly Q [here @ on the message board](#)
[registration is required to enter the forum]

Media updates: new pics & videos

Have you visited our newly opened [video page](#) yet? We offer several clips of Vin, awards shows, behind the scenes and interview files. Among the newly added files, there will be a **Making of Escape from Butcher Bay clip** and a **Pacifier video interview**.

Do not forget to check the [Diesel Driven](#) gallery updates either: we have new screencaps of the new video files! Also, the Other events gallery had been updated, all events got their own albums, listed by year. Images added: two news pics from the [MTV Movie Awards](#) and the [Fresh Air Fund Gala](#).

Lots of thanks to Janine!

Vin poems

Our poems page is expanding as well: Ms. L. and Haarsha Balray, our resident poets have so many new verses now, that I have broke down the poems page and created standalone pages for the ladies:

- [Ms. L.'s page](#)
- [Haarsha's page](#)

FYI: If you have new poems, you would like to submit to VX, you can now post it on the message board's [Fan Poems](#) section. I'll also accept email submissions of course.

Ele donation update

" As of today (Mon. July 11th) the box of precious momento's is on it's way to California. We will post images of the PAWS packet and examples of printed messages soon...don't want to spoil it for our guy in case he's lurking..lolol"

posted by MAV on [the message board](#)

7/9 Vin is the "Male Star of the Year"

[Video Business Online](#) reports that Vin will be honored as "Male Star of the Year" by VSDA (Video Software Dealers Association). Vin's award will be given out at their annual Home Entertainment conference, at the July 27 awards show in Las Vegas, Nevada. "The actor's movies are a fixture on video store shelves", said VSDA president Bo Andersen. Other winners include Patrick Swayze for his in movies ranging from Dirty Dancing to Donnie Darko.

thanks to dawndrellm!

Quick Message board Q+A:

1) I can log with my username/password on the old ezboard, but not at the new place?

You need to register a new account, the old ezboard data is not valid here.

2) I had registered X days ago, and still hasn't gotten a confirmation mail?

If you registered before July 9th, your registration was most likely accepted, but the confirmation mail got lost in the cyberspace. Feel free to go to the board and log in with your username / password, it will work.

3) I want to register but cannot see the confirmation code?

Please sent me an email with your desired username, password and email address and I set the account up for you.

7/7 The Pacifier tops the american DVD charts

Action star Vin Diesel's comic turn in "The Pacifier" was the big rage in home entertainment last week as the Buena Vista Home Entertainment comedy topped the sales and rental charts its first week in stores. "The Pacifier," which grossed \$112.5 million in theaters, is the third \$100 million-plus comedy to hit video since April. The film topped VideoScan's First Alert sales chart for the week ending July 3 and Home Media Retailing's rental chart for the same week.

source: [Hollywood Reporter](#)

New feature: video files page

In the last few months, Janine has given us so many video files, that finally it was time to put a media page together! If you [click here](#), you can watch the clips from the MTV Movie awards, Vin's Munich Paci premiere and misc clips such as a Pitch Black or an XXX behind the scenes footage. Thanks a lot, JsV!

Diesel Driven Gallery updates:

- [Screencaps from a TCoR DVD promo interview from ugo.com](#)
- [Screencaps from Behind the scenes PB video file](#)
- [Screencaps from Behind the scenes XXX video file](#)
- Big sized DVD artwork for the R2 Pacifier DVD release ([pic1](#)) ([pic2](#))
- thanks to Janine and DVDanswers.com

7/6 Virus warning!

Dear VXers,

it has just come to my attention that someone sends out emails infected with **virus** from the email address **administrator@vindiesel.hu**. If you get an email from that address, with the header **"*DETECTED* Online User Violation"**, **DO NOT OPEN IT AND DELETE IMMEDIATELY**. More info [\[here\]](#). Kriszta

Pacifier R2 DVD News

TotalDVD.net reports: Buena Vista Home Entertainment has announced the release of The Pacifier on R2 DVD from the **19th September**.

Extra features are to include:

- * Deleted scenes – Includes a scene in which Lt. Shane has a very amusing 'conversation' with Gary the duck
- * Blooper Reel – Hilarious out-takes of all the cast members
- * Brad Garrett: Unpacified – A closer look at the hugely entertaining Brad Garrett as he prepares for his wrestling scenes
- * On Set with Mr Diesel: Action Hero/Nice Guy – Shows the softer side of Vin Diesel continues after filming
- * Audio Commentary – A chance to hear the director Adam Shankman take you through the film

The weekly question:

Ladies and Gentlemen, fellow Vin droolers,

this week's Q&A is entirely about -no, not Vin this time- the new board. Tell us The Awful Truth. What you like and dislike. What you first thought when you entered the old board, couldn't post anymore and saw the announcement. We're dying to know! [Post your reply here on the new message board!](#)

The VX staff

7/4 VX has a new message board!

Dear VXers,

as some of you might have already noticed, the message board has moved to a new server, away from ezBoard.

<http://www.vindiesel.hu/forum>

This enables us to open the fanfic sections to everyone, no more passwords will be needed. We also have the possibility to do our own backups of the database, that should prevent a huge data loss like the one we had after the attack on ezBoard.

The board features a shoutbox where you can leave short messages for a special person, provides lots of new emoticons and is very easy to handle. Choose one of three different skins and have a look at the new chatroom at

<http://www.vindiesel.hu/extra/chatroom.htm>

We only ask you to register anew for it was not possible to transfer the user accounts from ezBoard to the new board. And if you're one of our most talented fanfic writers, please re-post your stories. The fanfic sections on the old board are still open so you can just copy and paste your stories.

Come and join the Vin Dieselicious fun at

<http://www.vindiesel.hu/forum>

The VX staff

7/2 Ele donation project wraps up!

Find Me Guilty website & poster

[Find Me Guilty](#) moves to the Internet: [the official website](#) has just opened up with the poster of the upcoming Vin movie. According to the poster, the movie will open this fall, but no exact date is given.

Thanks to Annie!

Final amount: \$629.17 US

In accordance to the poll we are adopting Lulu, Winky, Annie, Wanda and Mara. You have all done an excellent job showing how generous and open your hearts are. The loyalty and dedication you've shown to both Vin and VX is admirable and awe inspiring. On behalf of the entire VX staff we thank you one and all.

Please remember to post a message in the [birthday thread](#) if you have not already done so. Time is running out, the [thread](#) will remain open only for a few more days. Again, Thank you all for your participation.

The VinXperience Staff

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12/31 [Happy new year VX!!!](#)



12/24 Happy Holidays!

Wishing all of our dearest readers a wonderful Christmas & Hanuka and Happy Holidays !

No message board accounts will be activated between 24-29

As Christmas is coming up, admins of VX go on holiday, and no new accounts will be activated between Dec 24 and 29. Accounts created in this period will go live in evening hours of 29th, at earliest. During this time you can still register accounts, but the waiting period will be longer than the usual 72 hours.

Seasoned members, also pay attention that updating your profile with a new email address renders your account inactive. In order to keep your access during the holidays, refrain from such changes. Also, note that during this time we will not be able to help you with lost passwords and forgotten user names.

Vin on [IMDb STARMeter](#) Top 25 for 2005

20. Vin Diesel (*Last year: #18*)

The monolithic action star turned from punching bad guys to cracking jokes in *The Pacifier*, a fish-out-of-water comedy movie that paired him with toddlers instead of heavy machinery. It became an unexpected spring hit, opening with \$30.6 million, going on to take in \$113 million overall.

Thanks to Wojtek!

The new Q&A is up!

Merry X-mas! If Vin was Santa Claus, what present would you want him to bring you?

[Answer the Q on the message board!](#)

12/19 The Poster of Vin's first play ever: The Dinosaur Door

Today's update features a very cool item, the poster of Vin's first theater play ever! Story, as you know is that little Vin and friends broke into a theater to play and raise hell. They got caught but instead of getting punished for misbehaving they all got roles in the upcoming play The Dinosaur Door. You can watch the poster [@ Diesel Driven](#). On the poster Vin is still credited as Mark Vincent. On [this close up](#) you can see that his brother, Paul also got a role in the play.

Other pic updates

- [Boiler Room afterparty, 2000:](#)
- [Vin & Larenz Tate @ NAACP image awards:](#)
- [Screen Actors Guild awards, 1999:](#)
- [Events from 1999:](#) Motorola Party, the premiere of 'The Muse', Absolut Tom Ford, Absolut Gucci.
- [Vin & partner @ DreamWorks Oscar party, 1999:](#)
- [Vin leaving Regis&Kelly, 2005:](#)
- [Ultimate Fight Championship, 2005:](#)
- [Space Mountain opening, 2005:](#)
- [Vin @ BET SOS telethon 2005:](#)

Pics taken from Newscom, Zuma Pics and Getty Images

12/15 VX needs your help

Dear VXers,

VinXperience had a very special year in 2005. We had ups and downs, we met Vin, and then saw our board hacked and lost messages. We created a new forum and opened a video site that now has 1700+ members and 100+ videos, respectively. We've served you news about The Pacifier, Find Me Guilty, and Hannibal, provided images from our own Munich premiere pics to the latest Video Game Award files, and run a popular chat room with the craziest Vin fans online.

Our services are free for you, the users, but not to us, the site managers. This year, costs have significantly risen with the new site and features; meanwhile income has declined following the discontinuation of the Ezboard community chest. To replace the old board's donation system, and to cover the doubled cost of running VX/DVD, we set up a PayPal donation account. Your support, while not mandatory, would be greatly appreciated in order to maintain VX in 2006 and beyond.

Thank you.

Kriszta
VX admin

Updates: VGA + party clips

The Spike TV Video Game Awards have arrived. In the [first clip](#) Sam L. Jackson introduces Vin, then he hands out the Best Female award to Charlize Theron. Then in the [second clip](#) Kristanna Loken interviews Vin at the afterparty.

The other new video update shows [Vin being at a Playboy pyjama party](#) :)

Lots of thanks to Jibarita & Foxyflirt!

New image addition to Diesel Driven

- Vin @ a Playboy pyjama party [pic1](#); [pic2](#)
- [screencaps from VGA awards & afterparty](#)

Thanks to Foxyflirt & Jibarita!

The new Q&A is up!

HEAR HIM ROAR! How would you personally describe the Vinster's voice??? A roar? A growl? A motor? Anything more deliciously descriptive???

Tell us your opinion [on the message board!](#)

Message board account revision completed

As of Dec 14th, unused accounts created before Dec 1st have been deleted from the board. 407 accounts have been removed, moving back the membership count from 2122 to 1715.

If your account was deleted, but you would like to log in later, feel free to create a new one, but this time be sure that you log in at least once, otherwise the new acc't will be deleted as well the next time we update the user database.

Kriszta
VX board admin

12/08 Quick update

You can catch a new Vin video @ [tmz.org](#); featured in an article about obsessed autograph hunters.

The new Q&A is up!

FOR THOSE WHO KNOW THE LAST UNICORN: Which voice over could Vin have done for the movie? Tell us your opinion [\[here\]](#)!

VX community news :

- The first batch of stories are already in. Do not miss the new entries, read them all on [the message board](#).
- The first shower of the Secret Santa gifts have also arrived. You can read all the happy reports [on the board](#).

12/05 Administrative update

Dear VXers! Did you know that we already have more than 2000 board members?! That's how

many pple registered an account for our new message board since July 4th. Checking our membership database showed that there are accounts, that have never been used since they were activated. In case there are users unaware that their accounts have been activated, I will send out reminder emails to those addresses.

If you have already created a message board account, but did not receive the activation email, you can now try to enter the forums. **Accounts** that were activated but **never used, will be deleted** from the database **if they are not visited at least once in the next eight days.**

As it was questioned the first time, why did we clean up the membership list, the reason behind the removal of unused accounts is to reduce the size of the database. The purpose of registering an acc't is to visit the board; but if you do never log in, it just eats up valuable space.

If you have a board account related question (lost password, passive account etc.) you can mail me at kriszta_at_vindiesel.hu

12/03 VDV & fanfic rule updates

VX fanfic contest rule update

Fic length has been updated to **3 pages** in MS Word, not including fic header, letter size 12, Times New Roman, **line space 1.0**. Read about the changes [on the mesage board!](#) And as a reminder: post your fics in the contest board just like you'd post them in the other fanfic sections.

VDV updates.

Today's update features: Vin on TRL promoting AMA; Vin and the cast get interviewed on the red carpet at the AMA premiere; Vin on Kwame's video clip "Nastee"; Vin at UFC - Ultimate Fight Championship; Vin talks about Multi-Facial, plus fan videos and presentations from hlp and Mindy.

All clips @ [Vin Diesel Video](#).

12/01 VX Fanfiction Contest

Dear VXers, today we proudly present to you our very first Fanfiction Contest. And it's not at all an ordinary contest - it's all about smut today. So while you suffer through endless and boring holiday family visits, let your imagination run wild and do naughty things to Dom, Riddick and Co.

The basic subject of your story is "**The Games People Play**". This means that you take any sexual role playing game of your liking and make a short story out of it.

A general note: We're not setting up any age limits because we want to welcome anyone to read and/or write stories. Please take the ratings/warnings serious as the material in this contest by definition will be offensive to some.

Learn more about the participation rules [on the message boards!](#)

11/30 The Rock passed on The Pacifier

According to a new Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson interview @ [icWales](#) he was approached for [Paci](#), but passed on the project. That news makes Vin #3 choice, as the movie was originally written for Jackie Chan.

"I had passed on The Pacifier," - said The Rock. "I was happy for its success but it just wasn't

for me. I was waiting for the right opportunity."

Vin missed DRIFF - the Dominican Republic Movie Fest

According to this email I got from Emily, Vin did not make to the Dominican Republic Movie Fest.

For those fellow VXers that were wondering whether or not Vin attended the first Dominican Republic International Film Festival, he DID NOT. I was in attendance for the entire festival, and he was a no-show. Everyone was very upset and disappointed. I wish you the best! I love your site!

Thanks to Emily!

11/29 Weekly Q + New caps at DD

W's & JS's Weekly Q&A 11/28

What Vin movie character do people think looked best? Or in which movie did Vin look best?

[Say Riddick/Pitch Black on the message boards!](#)

New caps added to Diesel Driven

[Ja Rule party, 2001](#)
[TFATF Vin and Paul on MSNBC, 2002](#)
[Pitch Black ~ Roseanne show caps, 2001](#)
[Pitch Black ~ Martin Shot show caps, 2001](#)
[Pitch Black ~ CNN interview caps, 2001](#)
[Saving Private Ryan promo, 1998](#)
[Sundance Film Festival, 1997](#)
[Hot Zone TFATE, 2001:](#)
[True Life tidbit on Vin:](#)
[MTV Spring break, 2001:](#)
[Caiga, Spanish parody, 2005:](#)
[MTV Stew TCoR presentation, 2004:](#)
[Charlie Rose interview, 2002:](#)

Thanks a lot to Janine!

11/24 Happy Thanksgiving to the USA VXers!

New screencaptures added to Diesel Driven:

- [Disney Movie Surfers](#)
- [Riddick the Lowdown - a Making Of by SciFi TV](#)
- [Knockaround Guys promo interview](#)
- [Vin on Regis&Kelly promoting XXX](#)
- The related video files can be found @ [Vin Diesel Video](#)

Plus one special addition: [a mega Pitch Black coverage](#) from the In2Film magazine (2000) including an interview with Vin, a feature about the special effects and talk with director David Twohy.

Thanks to Janine!

The weekly question: BEEEEEE-HEEEEEHEEEEEEE-HAAA-HAAAAAA!

Vin loves to play antiheroes, it's true, but can you think of a down, dirty, rotten, evil character from any movie that you would love for the Vinster to play? With that voice he could be oh so menacing ...

[Be a Darth Viner on the message boards!](#)

11/21 VGA pics update: bigger, longer, uncut

The [Spike TV Video Games Award gallery](#) has been updated, 6 of the 7 pics (second to last) have been replaced with bigger version. Don't forget to check out Vin's Tigon logo!

Pics thanks to [Charlize Theron Central](#) & [Dwayne Johnson Fever!](#)

11/19 New pics: Vin presents a VGA Award to Charlize Theron

Spike TV's Video Game Awards

Vin presented an award to Charlize Theron last night at the 3rd annual Spike TV "Video Game Awards 2005" ceremony. Event was held at the Gibson Amphitheatre in Los Angeles, CA. Hosted by Samuel L. Jackson, the two-hour "game vs. game" extravaganza will premiere on Spike TV Saturday, December 10 (9:00-11:00 PM, ET/PT). Pictures with Miss Theron on stage and backstage photos with The Rock and Xzibit are up @ [Diesel Driven](#).

Full winner's list can be read @ [PR Newswire](#).

Thanks to Jibarita!

Other image updates:

- [Four Pacifier movie flyers from Japan](#)
- [Two misc Vin pics](#)
- Thanks to Janine & Tempered Storm!

W's & JS's Weekly Q&A 11/14

As it seems that Hannibal really will be filmed in Europe and also partly financed from Europeans, do you expect the film to be different than if it would be based and financed in/from the STATES???

[Ride your elephant on the message boards!](#)

Vin Diesel Video updates

VDV's first update features a whole lot of new Vin clips for the site. Pickles78's clips have finally found a permanent home here, you can see Vin juggling on Teen Nick, Vin doing the rope twist for TCoR and a bit smalltalk about the Pacifier, PB and a circus visit. The full clip list and videos can be found @ [Vin Diesel Video](#)

11/17 - VX EU meeting

The European VX meeting will take place in Munich, Germany on the last weekend of February 2006 (02/25 + 02/26). [Details on the message board.](#)

The new Q&A is up!

As it seems that Hannibal really will be filmed in Europe and also partly financed from Europeans, do you expect the film to be different than if it would be based and financed in/from the STATES???

Tell us your opinion [on the message board!](#)

11/16 Secret Santa

Christmas is coming, the snow clouds are gathering and your Secret Santa is about to stop by you - and he could be from all over the world, all continents and countries. This season we celebrate Xmas with a special gift ceremony that calls for all VXers who like to send and receive surprises. This year you can all be Santa; while participating in our Secret Santa game.

[As of 2005.11.20, the sign in process have ended.]

[Details on the message board!](#)

New Image Additions

- [Jane Magazine \(USA\):](#)
- [Radio Times \(UK\):](#)
- [Jay Leno caps](#)
- [MTV TRL XXX and TFATF](#)
- [Craig Kilborn show](#)
- [E! caps](#)

Thanks to Annie and MAVDementia!

11/14 Melkor, Hannibal games in the works

Tigon Games webpage updated: new video games in the works

In addition to the already announced **Secret Service** game, that Vin is developing with X-Men director Bryan Singer, the following three new games were posted on the Tigon site

Barca B.C: Possibly released with the Hannibal game, Barca B.C. is a story-driven Third Person Action game that allows the player to control an army of thousands in real-time. Allowing the player to strategize campaigns and then fight in the thick of battle using a third person POV while simultaneously controlling an army of thousands will provide an experience never before seen in an Action RTS.

Melkor: Entitled after Vin's Dungeons & Dragons name this action-RPG is best described as a 'hardcore mature take on Zelda 64'. The hero, Melkor, is a unique, mysterious and powerful character going on a series of adventures in a fantastical universe. Vin doesn't try to explain the world...it just is. Magic, creatures, a variety of races, mysticism, cataclysmic events and dark arts are all commonplace. What is not is our hero: Melkor.

Perrone: a unique and epic story-driven game set in the 1970s South Bronx based on the heroic yet contradictory life and career of explosive New York City cop, Frank Perrone (aka Frankie Dynamite). While Perrone was one of New York's most honored and decorated cop, his name paradoxically topped the Police Commander's "Most Violent Prone Cops List". Although he lived this dual existence, one thing always remained constant - his honor. Perrone was a man who refused to rat on his mobster contacts, even in the face of tremendous danger.

More info about the games can be read on [Tigon's website](#).

Thanks to Janine!

Vin's favourite films

According to the [UK News of the World](#) newspaper, Sunday 13 November edition:

1. The 1954 Marlon Brando classic On The Waterfront
2. US Civil war epic Gone With The Wind
3. Alfie - the original version
4. Braveheart
5. The Passion Of The Christ

Thanks to Annie!

11/9 Vin Diesel Video

Dear VX members and visitors,

it is our great pleasure to introduce a new VX sibling to you: [Vin Diesel Video](#). Providing you with news and pictures about Vin is not enough for us, we want to give you a full Vin media fix, too.

On this new site you will find video clips gathered from all over the world. Fun clips with Vin, a special on the German Pacifier premiere, Vin's various talk show appearances -such as The Late Night Show or Ellen De Generes- as well as various backstage/behind the scenes footage and other interviews he gave.

Come on in, make yourself at home and enjoy the show. If you have a video (or link thither) which is not yet part of this archive, please let us know. Otherwise have fun - and don't forget to bring a drool bucket along with your popcorn!

Kriszta & the VX staff

Weekly Question:"Surprise, surprise"

VinXperience has a new sibling, namely [Vin Diesel Video](#). Please have a look around and tell us what you think of it.

Can't wait to hear your opinion @ [the message boards](#)!

11/8 New Hannibal info

The Nov 6th edition of [Diario INFORMATION de Alicante](#) published a detailed article about Vin's interest in shooting the movie in Spain. Key points include:

- Vin has been [as of Nov 6th - K] in Alicante again for more than two weeks **searching for locations** and **test shoots** in the area.
- **F. Valentino Morales**, who often played small roles in various Vin films, now takes a step forward and impersonates Hasdrubal, the brother of Hannibal Barca (Vin).
- The movie is, as always, produced by **George Zakk**. Spanish producers will also contribute in order to cover the movie's budget.
- Hannibal's **shooting** will start **next year**.

The full translation by Silke can be read on [the message boards](#).

11/6 Hannibal being shot in Spain?

Finally, news about Vin's long time being-in-talks project: [Hannibal the Conqueror](#)! An article in [Variety](#) describes a new movie studio in Spain, [Ciudad de la Luz](#). This studio is now in talks with Vin to house his passion project.

Located near Alicante in eastern Spain, the Ciudad studios cost E270 million (\$324 million). They're described by architect Gary Bastien, who also designed the Los Angeles Center Studios, as the most advanced in Europe. When finished, the Ciudad will offer nine stages plus a triple whammy of high-tech services, a deep-water tank and two large backlots, one on a promontory over the glimmering Mediterranean. With its art nouveau facade, marble halls and backlot fiber-optic connections, it's definitely an impressive undertaking.

As previously reported, Hannibal will be shot from 50 million \$, most likely in several ancient languages, just like Mel Gibson's Passion of the Christ. Script, based on Ross Leckie's novel, was written by David Franzoni (Gladiator). Project is being in the talks since 2002.

11/7 update: Spanish website [Laverdad.es](#) mentions that "The negotiations are going on and it's very likely that the film is going to be shot in Alicante very soon. But there is nothing signed yet. The people in charge of the production company did not only visit the 'Ciudad de la Luz' but also visited the surrounding area to find possible places to shoot the outdoor takes of the film."

Thanks to Silke for the translation!

The Retriever is postponed

According to [Equity Pictures' website](#) -the movie studio behind [The Retriever](#)- the movie had been postponed. In this action flick Vin was supposed to save the world from some terrorists or others ... and their nuclear mayhem.

Thanks to Silke!

Revised fan fiction and Spy Chix files

- The [Spy Chix pages](#) has been updated with Mission#5 info, character bios and previous story recaps. Thanks Anki!
- The [fanfic rules](#) page has been finally updated with the new board's references.

11/2 W's & JS's Weekly Q&A 10/31

Read it & *BLUSH*

Do you think Vinster would blush at some of the descriptions here about his looks??? His body? What he must smell like? How he....*SIGH*.....fills out his clothes nicely? In your opinion, how would he react?
GENTLEMEN OF VX, how would YOU react if some of these things here were being said about YOU?

[Post your answers on the message board!](#)

More Body, More Soul : Beautiful Black Men

Scan from the book is now available at [Diesel Driven!](#)
If you liked it, don't forget to order your copy from [amazon.com!](#)

Thanks a lot to Janine!

10/26 The Weekly Question

Polling, polling.....

Everyone, think of some great & interesting poll questions that we can put on our board! Suggestions will go to the EXIST POLL section for everyone to answer.

[Post your poll suggestions on the message board!](#)

10/25 Vin will be at Spike TV Video Game Awards Show 2005

The Spike TV "Video Game Awards 2005" takes place on Friday, November 18 at the Gibson Amphitheater in Los Angeles with the two-hour "games vs. games" extravaganza premiering on Spike TV Saturday, December 10 (9:00-11:00 PM, ET/PT). The show will be hosted by acclaimed actor and producer Samuel L. Jackson. The Red Hot Chili Peppers, **Vin Diesel**, The Rock, Missy Elliot, Snoop Dogg, Carmen Electra, Xzibit and Ozzy Osbourne are also set to appear at the third annual awards event.

If you can record the event, please be kind to [contact board admin Janine](#).

Source: [PR Newswire](#)

10/24 More Body, More Soul : Beautiful Black Men

Vin featured in a new book! There's a new book coming up on Nov 1st, called **More Body, More Soul : Beautiful Black Men**. Among other sexy black men, like Jamie Foxx and Mekhi Phifer, Vin's gonna be photographed. Quoting [Amazon](#)'s book description:

"As hip hop conquers the world and black actors sweep up awards, a new group of black men has risen to the forefront of popular culture. These are men who are not afraid to express themselves and who possess a unique sense of freedom when it comes to style and image. They are all here in this stunning visual tribute to black male beauty. From film and television, you'll find photographs that reveal the suave Jamie Foxx, the sleek Mekhi Phifer, the lovable Will Smith, and **the edgy Vin Diesel**. From the world of music, images convey the raw muscular power of such performers as 50 Cent, Ja Rule, Jay-Z, and Usher. And, sports figures like LeBron James, Allen Iverson, and Stephon Marbury display a comfortable elegance with their athletic prowess in awe-inspiring photographs."

10/23 Quick image update

- [Four autographed pics](#) - thanks to Rachel
- [Five bigger, better quality pics from the Chronicles of Riddick photoshoot](#) - images taken from [Film.Gen.Tr](#)

The very first VX meeting

We did it! Yesterday five of us Hungarian fans got together and held the very first official VX meeting. Talking about Vin, of course, and having fun and goats! You can read [the report w pics on the message board](#).

We are also planning a European and an American meeting, details about the events can be read also on the message board.

EU: [A big European VX meeting!!!! - Choose country first!](#)

USA: [Interest in a US Vx gathering.](#)

10/21 Hitman writer found, movie is a potential franchise

20th Century Fox has hired Skip Woods ([Swordfish](#)) to adapt its feature version of videogame [Hitman](#), with Vin Diesel toplining, says Variety. The story centers on an international assassin, known as Agent 47, who works for a mysterious organization dubbed the Agency.

The trade adds that Fox is looking at Hitman as a potential franchise. The first three games in the "Hitman" franchise have sold more than 5 million units. The next episode entitled [Hitman: Blood Money](#) will come out this winter.

Source: [Variety via Comingsoon.net](#)

Also added to the image gallery:

- [Tiger Eyes' awesome autographed pictures by Vin](#)
- [4 more Vin pics from last year's E3 expo from Kravall.de](#) - w thanks to Janine!

10/17 Vin returns to The Dom. Rep.#3

Vin will attend First Annual Dominican Republic International Film Festival (Nov. 13-19)

Set upon the shores of the Dominican Republic's breathtaking north coast, the EMI Group's Sun Village Resort & Spa, in Cofresi Beach, near Puerto Plata, will host the first annual [Dominican Republic International Film Festival](#) (DRIFF). From Nov. 13 - 19, the resort will turn into a haven for Hollywood, housing high profile directors while screening top studio and independent films and hosting exclusive parties and events.

Over 1,000 people are expected to attend the film festival along with directors from festival entry movies Lovewrecked, Water and The Last Mogul. Academy Award Winner Lou Gossett Jr. and Miss Dominican Republic have confirmed their presence. Samuel L. Jackson, **Vin Diesel**, and top Dominican-born Major League Baseball players are tentatively planning to attend.

Full press release & more info @ [PR Newswire](#)

The new Q&A is up: RESCUE ME!

Use your creativity again everyone! For the ladies, what would be your favorite rescue fantasy involving Vinster as the hero??? For the guys, what would be your favorite buddy movie hero fantasy that teams you up w/ Vin? And guys.....who would get "the girl" at the end of the movie, you or Vin?

[Tell us all about it on the message board!](#)

10/11 LUMET SPECIAL TO AIR ON TCM

The American Turner Classic Movies channel will host an in-depth interview tonight (10/11/05) with Sidney Lumet, Oscar-winning director (Lifetime Achievement) and helmer of Vin's latest, Find Me Guilty. The program will air at 8pm EST. Following the interview, the channel will be screening five of Lumet's best-known works. Here's a chance to find out more about the man behind FMG!

[If you record the show, pls contact the site staff, either by email or replying to this board thread.](#)

Thanks to Mousedriver for the alert!

The new Q&A is up: In Da Pool

You're a pool designer and Vin hires you to design his new swimming pool. What does it look like? Its shape, the depth, does it have a jacuzzi or even artificial waves?

[Tell us all about it on the message board!](#)

10/10 Even More Diesel Driven Gallery Updates

- [A fashion article scan w english translation from a german magazine](#)
- [Four hot high quality images from earlier photoshoots](#)
- [And a misc pic of Vin giving a radio interview in Germany, 2005](#)

Lots of thanks to RIDDICK!

10/8 Diesel Driven Gallery Update

Lots of new, gorgeous Vin shots @ Diesel Driven

- [A photo shoot from 2005](#)
- [3 pics from Vin opening Space Mountain 2 in Disneyland, France, 2005](#)
- [5 pics with Vin and Alexa Davalos from Riddick's German premiere, 2004](#)
- Thanks to Jibarita!

In other news:

- **Sidney Lumet**, director of Vin's up-and-coming [Find Me Guilty](#) (2006.03.17, limited release in New York and Los Angeles), talks about the movie @ [Christian Science Monitor](#).
- [The eyes see it](#): Vin was at **UFC Ultimate Fight Night 2**. It aired Monday Night October 3rd on Spike TV, live from The Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. The fight card featured former UFC middleweight champion Evan Tanner, versus the high-flying former Canadian champ, David Loiseau. The card also featured the stars of The Ultimate Fighter 1 Chris Leben and Josh Koscheck.

The new weekly Q&A is up: Tough or tender HEARTED???

I asked a little while ago if you prefer Vinster tough or tender. But how do you think he reacts to some of the gossip or criticism he probably sees on the web or in the paper? Do you think he's tough enough to ignore the slights that he reads??? In your opinion, should he pay attention, ignore them, & why? A special request to give your honest opinion, but WITHOUT mentioning any particular incident or rumor about out guy.

[Tell us all on the message boards!](#)

10/2 Quick image update

- [Vin, Val and Leonel Fernandez](#) (President of Dominican Republic)
- [Screencaps from Vin promoting A Man Apart on CBS](#)
- [Screencaps from Vin promoting XXX on CBS](#)
- thanks to Dieselpower and Janine!

10/1 Release date for FMG

Find Me Guilty is now set to be released on **March 17, 2006**. As previously reported, movie runs 2h 4minutes and is distributed by Freestyle Releasing.

Other movies, sheduled to be released on March 17, 2006:

- [Don't Come Knocking](#) (limited, r: Wim Wenders)
- Killshot (r: John Madden)
- Summer Storm (limited, r: Marco Kreuzpaintner)
- [V for Vendetta](#) (r: James McTeigue)

source: [Coming Soon!](#)

thanks to Muddie!