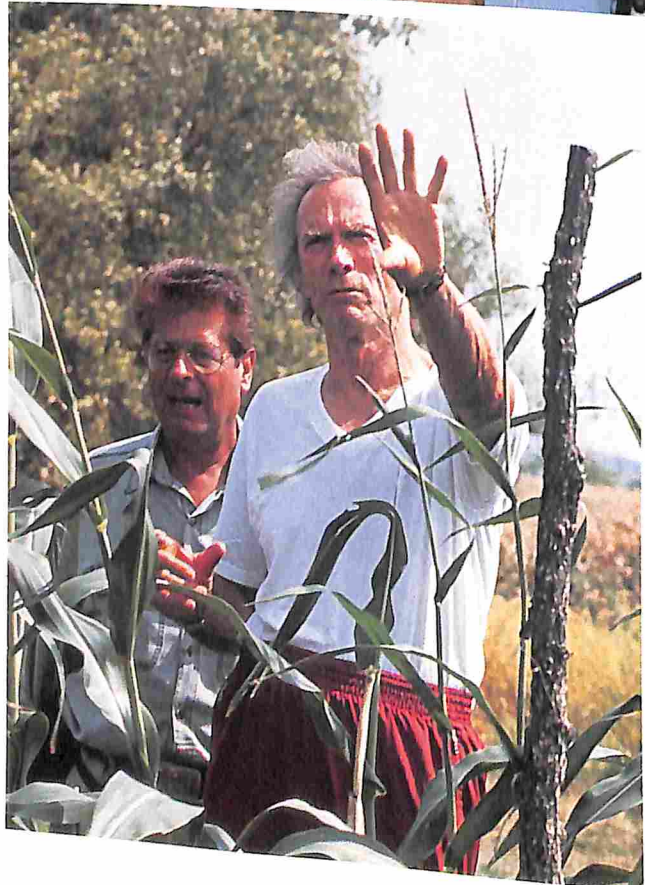
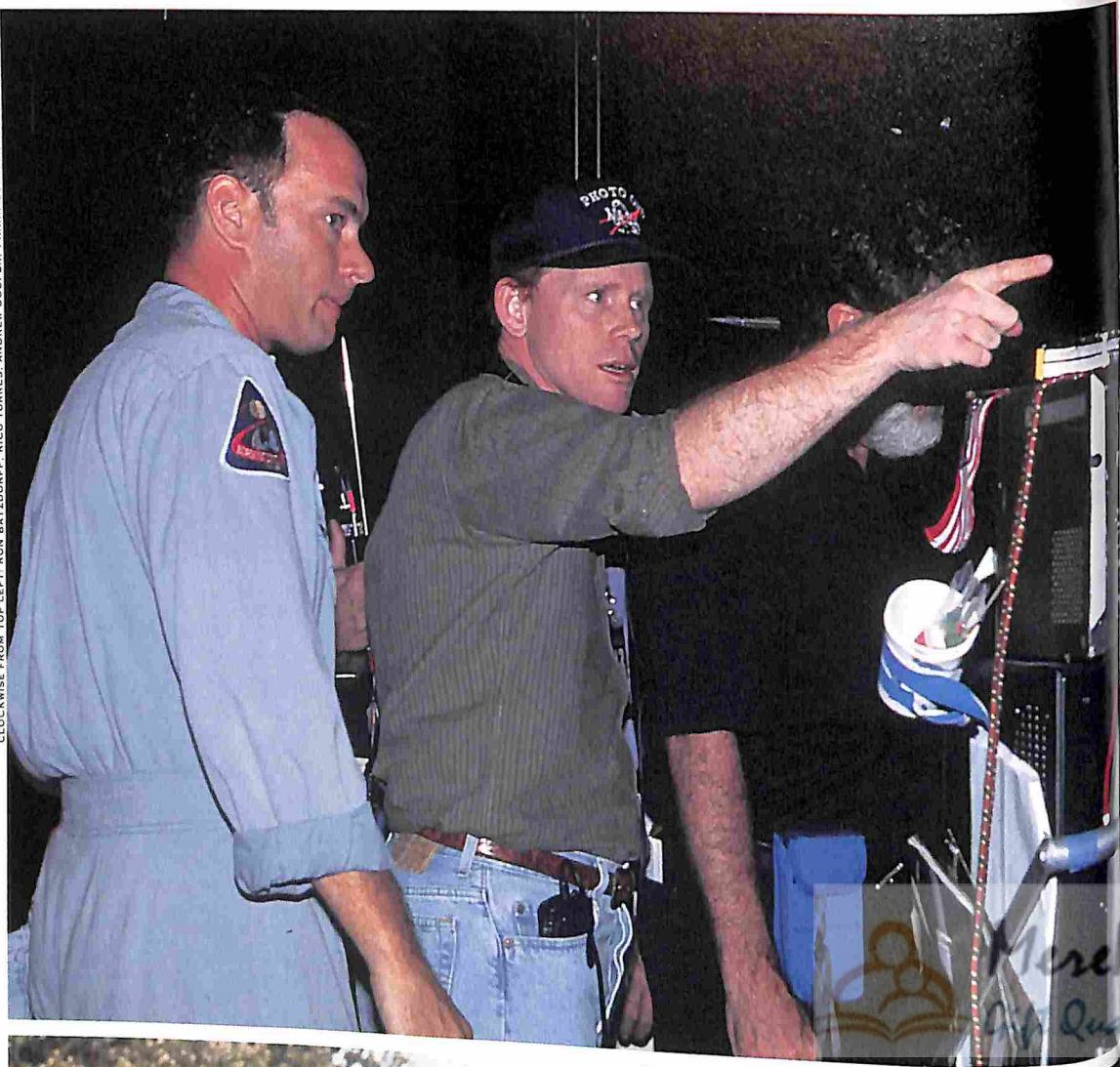


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HANDY MEN:
(Clockwise from top left) Directors Ron Howard (with Tom Hanks, left), *Apollo 13*; Robert Rodriguez, *Desperado*; Mel Gibson, *Braveheart*; Jerry Zucker, *First Knight*; and Clint Eastwood, *The Bridges of Madison County*

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16/May *Braveheart* puts Mel Gibson where he really wants to be: on both sides of the camera. **PLUS:** *Forget Paris*, *Die Hard With a Vengeance*, *Johnny Mnemonic*, *Casper*.

24/June Clint Eastwood and Meryl Streep slow-dance in *The Bridges of Madison County*. **PLUS:** *Batman Forever*, *Judge Dredd*, *Pocahontas*, *Congo*, *Apollo 13*.

34/July Kevin Costner takes the plunge with *Waterworld*. **PLUS:** *First Knight*, *Nine Months*, *Under Siege 2*, *Free Willy 2*.

44/August Antonio Banderas is a *bandolero* out to get even in *Desperado*. **PLUS:** *Fair Game*, *The Net*, *Wild Bill*.

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84/MUSIC DAVID BROWNE on the Doors' *An American Prayer*. **PLUS:** Jim Morrison talks (well, sort of); music clips' campy cameos, from Erik Estrada to Fabio.

90/MULTIMEDIA TY BURR AND ALBERT KIM on L.A.'s Electronic Entertainment Expo.

94/VIDEO LISA SCHWARZBAUM on the Brad Pitt oeuvre. **PLUS:** Picking the pecs of Hollywood hunks.

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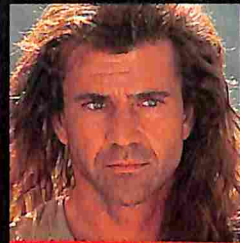
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