

# NEWS &

6/Capitalizing on a Revolutionary The debate over merchandising Malcolm X...The search for Scarlett...The two faces of Gen. Schwarzkopf...HOT SHEET ... FLASHES ... and more.

## FEATURES

14/COVER Mirth of a Nation The 100 funniest flicks on video, ranked by our critics' infallible laugh-o-meter, from No. 1 Airplane! to No. 100 Boudu Saved From Drowning and its American remake, Down and Out in Beverly Hills. PLUS: The team that created Airplane!; unintentionally hilarious films; when comedy gets serious; comedians take a stand; a comedy quiz.

**36/Coming to America** BY MEREDITH BERKMAN Filming 1492: Conquest of Paradise was no day at the beach.

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**62/TELEVISION** KEN TUCKER on two Fox comedy series. The Ben Stiller Show and The Edge; also American Playhouse: Tales From Hollywood. PLUS: The real Ben Stiller.

**68/BOOKS** GARY GIDDINS on Ian McEwan's Black Doas; also Patricia D. Cornwell's All That Remains and Malcolm Bosse's The Vast Memory of Love.

74/MUSIC GREG SANDOW on R.E.M.; also Michael Bolton, 10,000 Maniacs, Roxette, Alice in Chains, Shinehead, After 7, and Jelly's Last Jam cast album. PLUS: Remembering the Temptations' Eddie Kendricks; our Bob Dylan roast leaves him well done.

**80/VIDEO** TY BURR on *Basic Instinct* and the cunningly titled spin-offs Savage Instinct, Fatal Instinct, and Animal Instincts; also Brain Donors, Cold Heaven, and When the Boys Meet the Girls. PLUS: Racier versions of Basic Instinct.

**86/KIDS** STEVE DALY on the 78-track *The Music of Disney* -A Legacy in Song. PLUS: Sounding out Annette Funicello.

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ZERO FOR CONCEPT: The Producers' Gene Wilder and Zero Mostel (at right) want to film the musical Springtime for Hitler, but first they must persuade director Christopher Hewett (in drag) and his secretary, Andreas Voutsinas

#### NOTES

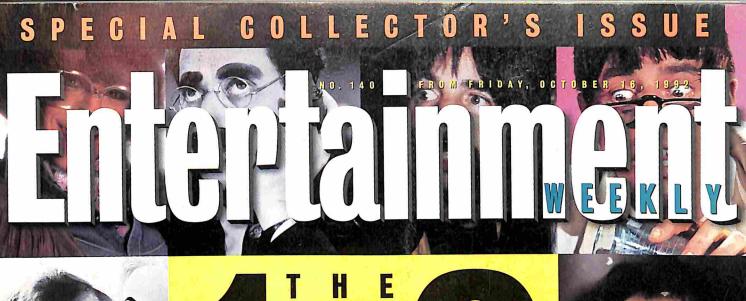
48/The Great White Mope BY DAVID BROWNE Morrissey, rock's melancholy prince, hugs his legions of loyal fans.

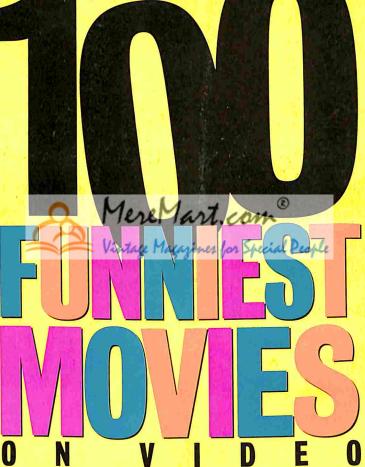
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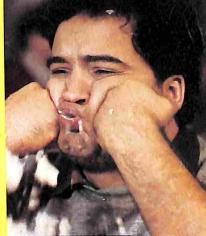
**52/MOVIES** OWEN GLEIBERMAN on Of Mice and Men; also 1492: Conquest of Paradise and Mr. Baseball. PLUS: Mice's director-star Gary Sinise; The Last of the Mohicans' soundtrack.

### DEPARTMENTS

4/Mail Star Trek, Tony Bennett, Brooklyn Bridge, Tony Perkins. **10/Close-Up** Helen Hunt of TV's Mad About You. **12/Trends** A Wolverine with attitude mutates from comics to TV. 88/Encore Oct. 12, 1978: Punk rocker Sid Vicious kills his lover.









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