

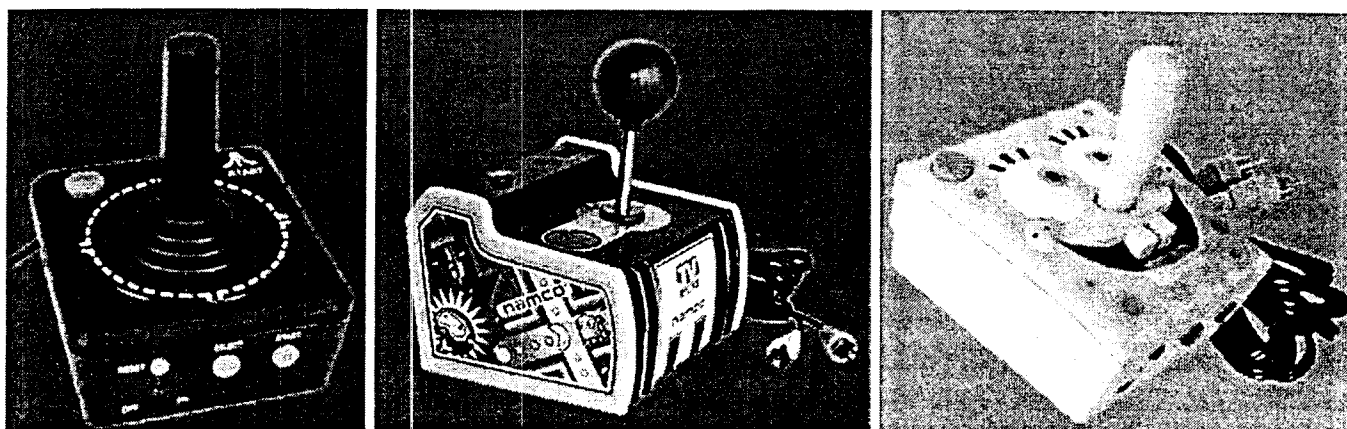
The Needcoffee.com Extreme Shopping Guide

(all entries are in no order whatsoever)

Well, our Holiday Guides were so effective and so popular, that we figured we should do some more of these things. Therefore, welcome to the first of our Extreme Non-Holiday Shopping Guides. Because, let's face it, you have to buy stuff for people all the year round.. And just like coffee, we'll always be there for you.

So above and beyond simple Recommendations comes...The Extreme Shopping Guide. Go to, go to.

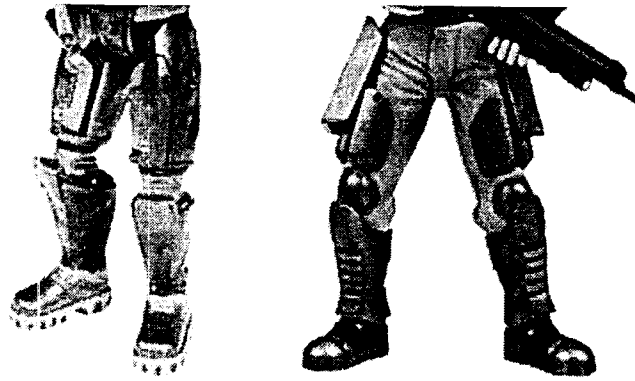
Give the Gift of Jakks TV Games...



How do you know you're old? Well, when you see that somebody's taking the premiere gaming system of your youth and shrunk the damn thing down to where it all fits in the joystick you used to play it with...that's when you're old. Or when the video games which seemed to need entire cabinets when you were smaller--when they do have been reduced to a single joystick...better start picking out a walker. That's how I felt, seriously, when I first saw these things. Atari 2600 was the shit back in the day, and now...it's a joystick. Yup, you get ten games: Adventure, Asteroids, Breakout, Centipede, Circus Atari, Gravitar, Missile Command, Pong, Real Sports Volleyball, and Yars. *Yars*, for God's sake! Who the hell remembers *Yars*? Besides me, I mean. And then there's the Namco joystick with five games inside it: Bosconian, Dig Dug, Galaxian, Pac-Man, and Rally X. Dear God, *Bosconian*. How many Showbiz tokens did I slap inside that thing. Now, Jakks, who creates these things under the moniker "TV Games," also knows that there are some kids who wouldn't know Dig Dug from Mr. Do, so for them they have the Spongebob Squarepants TV Game, which comes with five games also: Invasion of the Hooks, Patrick and the Maze, The Super Chum Bucket, Sandy's Surf Adventure, and Bubble Pop. And really, who wouldn't love a game that involves a chum bucket? They have new models coming, so grab these while you can and don't get behind. Play some Missile Command and weep with me about being old.

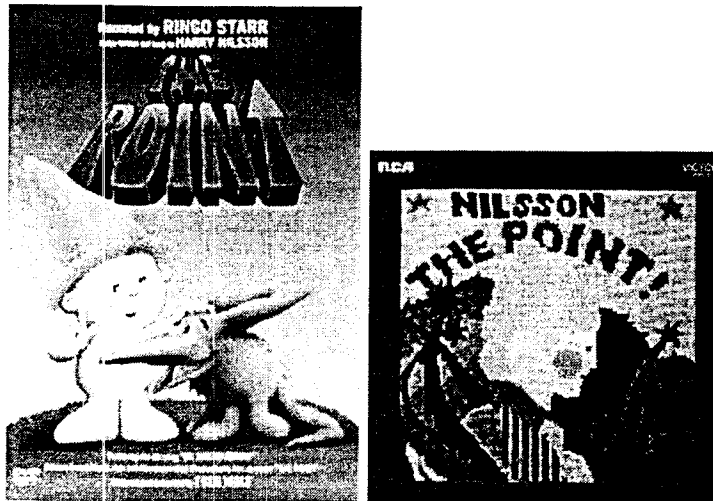
Give the Gift of Halo...





Many are the people I know that play *Halo*. It's become huge. It's even got an online semi-animated parody. People can't wait for the sequel to hit. I bet *Q*Bert* is jealous as hell. Anyway, Joyride Studios is putting out some pretty amazing figures based on the game. Here we have a couple of gentlemen from their third series of figures, Master Chief Blue and the second UNSC Marine. I have on good authority from an obsessive player of the game (i.e. Bailey) that the sculpts look damn good. Hell, the weapons look impressive enough on their own. With heavy articulation and pretty easy poseability, if you know a player who will want these, grab them now--because earlier runs of figures are selling out, folks.

Give the Gift of Nilsson...



If there's a fan of Harry Nilsson on your shopping list then rejoice, because in front of you now you see the proverbial no-brainer. Here we're talking about the DVD and accompanying CD for *The Point*, a made-for-TV bit of animation from 1971. Nilsson provided the story and the songs. It's the story of Oblio and his dog, Arrow, and their exile to the Pointless Forest due to the fact that Oblio has a round head, and was born into a land where the people all have pointy heads. The DVD is narrated by Ringo Starr, whereas Nilsson takes that on the CD. The CD itself comes with three bonus tracks: two previously unreleased alternate versions of songs and one alternate mix with an extended ending. These are both available from BMG, so snag at will.

Give the Gift of Classic Horror...