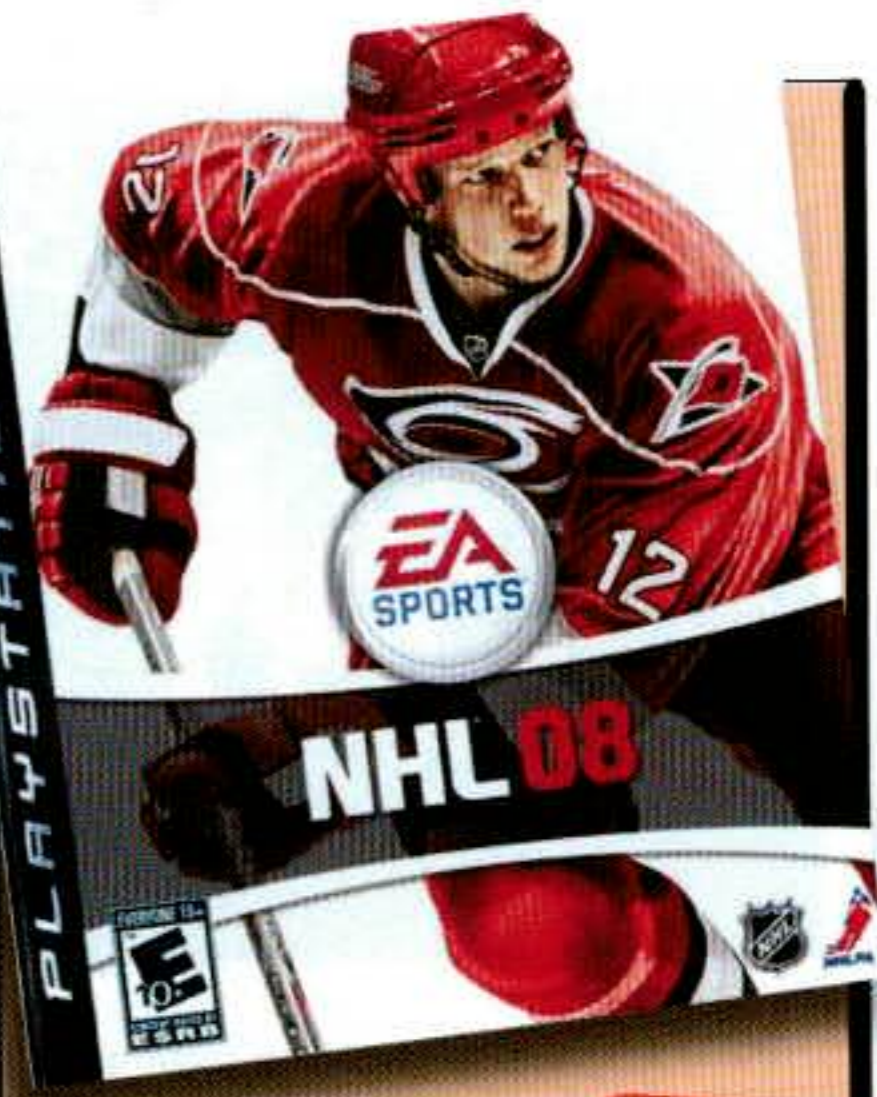
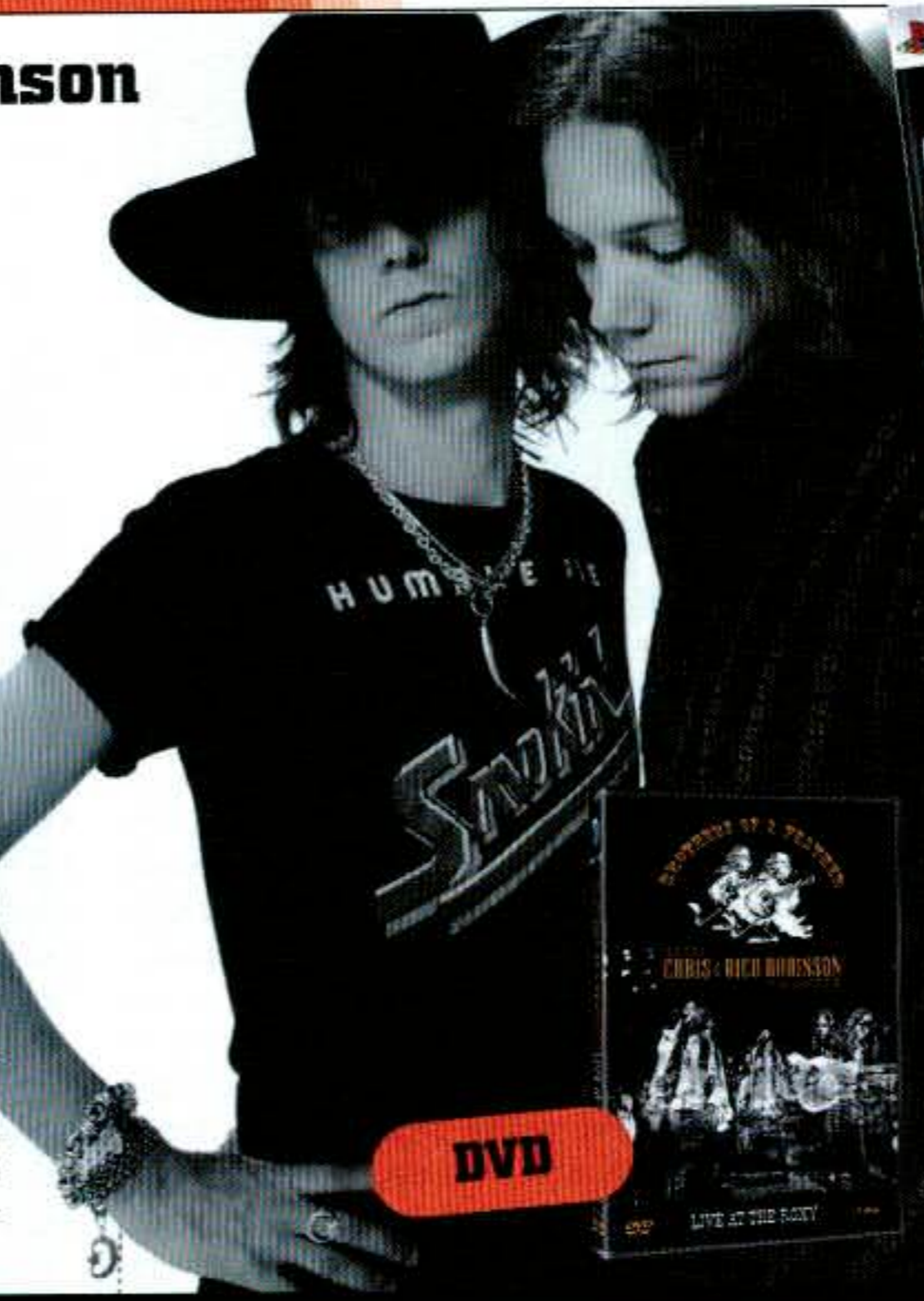


Chris & Rich Robinson
Brothers of a Feather
— Live at the Roxy
Eagle Rock

Back in 1996, during a rare touring break for the Black Crowes, the two longhaired masterminds behind the soulful Southern rock band decided to head off on a brief, 12-show acoustic tour highlighted by a three-night sold out stop at the famed ROXY in L.A. On this collection from those three shows, the brothers hirsute give new meaning to the term "intimate" as they croon their way through 20 painfully poignant, yet aurally arousing tunes perfect for a chill evening with friends, or a little southern romance with your other. Armed with nothing but guitars, mics and a harmonica, all other distractions were removed from the true heart and message behind what made the Crowes so alluring. Classic renditions of such heart-tuggers as "My Heart's Killing me" and "Jealous Again," along with a bunch of brilliant covers including Little Feat's "Roll Um Easy" and highly underrated Brit John Martyn's "Over The Hill," leave a sweet, angelic hum ringing in your ears. Overall, there's over a hundred minutes of hair, blues and bellbottoms to lose yourself in. Audio purists can rejoice in knowing that there is a CD version available, however only 14 tracks made the cut.



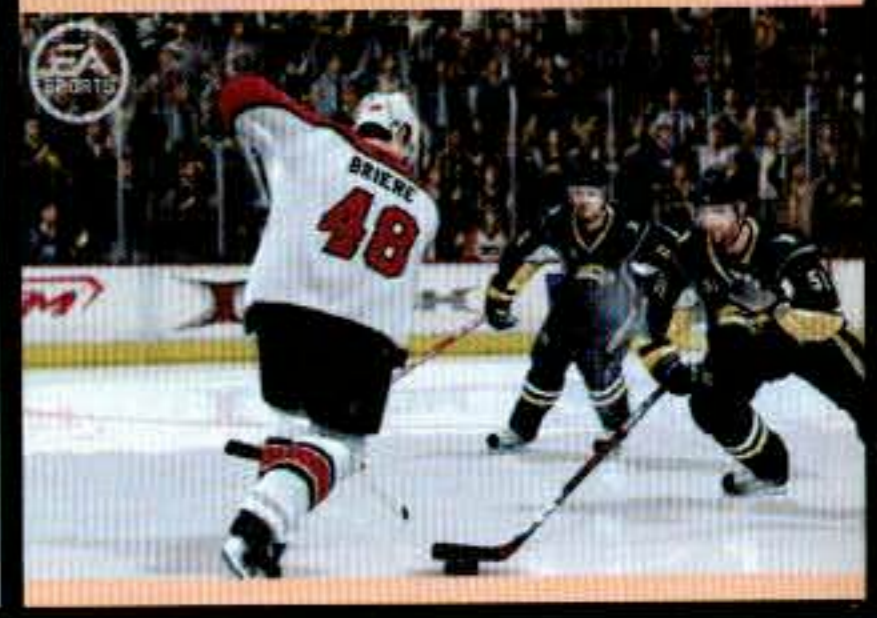
GAMES

NHL 08

EA Sports
 -PS3

Each year around this time, as the days start to get shorter and colder, the powers that be at EA Sports release their new *NHL* game for us to nozzle up to. This year's edition, *NHL 08*, scores big time. With crisper playing and finer graphics, this game (to borrow a well known hockey analyst's signature line) is a *monster*. The first thing you'll notice is the slicker, more natural way the players skate. It's a slower, more enjoyable pace allowing you to follow the game in a more realistic way. Fret not—this game does move fast and delivers some of the most punishing bodychecks that most hardcore hockey enthusiasts only dream of. The stick-handling, passing and shooting accuracy has improved like never before. It's a good thing too, because on the other side of the play when you go head-to-head with your PS3, the AI has stepped up their game. So be prepared for a good fight. As the saying goes, "When Hell freezes over... I'll play hockey." Now, thanks to EA Sports, you won't have to wait that long to get a good game in.

Starting in October, each Friday at 9pm EST, look for *SKUNK* to virtually lace em' up as we go online with PS3 EA's *NHL 08*. Search for **SKUNK Magazine League** and come play along.

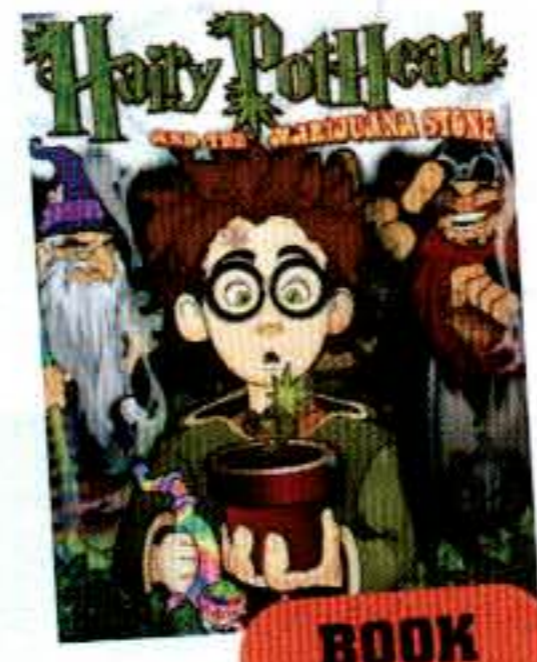


DVD

Ghost Overture

Drag City Incorporated

Now I'm no artsy-fartsy type of fellow. As the song says, it's got to be rock and roll music if you want to dance with me. Just the same, every now and then I like to step outside the R&R box and enjoy something I would normally step over. *Ghost Overture: Live in Nippon Yusen Soko* is a piece of work I'm glad to have crossed the street to listen to. If you think the improvised, experimental sound is well worth a listen, you'd best sit back and buckle in when you watch the accompanying DVD performance. Kicking it off in total darkness, the music toys with your senses and plays with your emotions as the brilliant light show slowly draws you in, enhancing the totally original event. The music stirs well with the lights and ripple through you, creating an eerie adventure. *Ghost* turns out to be a haunting psychedelic ride, one which we all should experience.



BOOK

Hairy Pothead and the Marijuana Stone

By Dana Larsen

Federal NDP candidate, *Pot Puzzle Fun Book* author, seed bank proprietor and former *Cannabis Culture* editor-in-chief Dana Larsen is disturbing the shit once again—in a sweet, humorous & hempy way, of course. While it might attract the ire of a certain billionaire British single-mom, *Hairy Pothead and the Marijuana Stone* is sure to attract the ganja giggles of all weedy readers. It's apparent Dana has nothing but respect for the much-spoofed novels; this conglomerate of all seven books may be utterly pot-punny, but it's very well written. You needn't have read the originals to enjoy this richly illustrated, Xmas stocking-friendly, magazine-style publication. Whether *muggles* means an un-magical someone, or something magical to smoke to you, you'll have a blast hoisting hoolie with *Hairy*.



DVD

The Pink Floyd and Syd Barrett Story

(Deluxe Edition)

MVD Visual

One of the greatest rock bands ever assembled, the specter of founding member, "King Bee" Syd Barrett, hangs over Pink Floyd to this day. If you're a fan, you're probably aware of the tributes to Syd's descent into psychosis, such classics as "Shine On You Crazy Diamond" and the *Dark Side of the Moon* and *The Wall* albums. This engaging and thorough documentary delves deeper into the lives of the legends (both Syd and the rest of the band) than any other doc to date. There's plenty of well-known footage (I've seen sections of these interviews on VH1) coupled with some rare gems like an early, live performance at London's UFO Club. The extra disc is for those who couldn't get enough of the documentary: these are the full interviews with friends and managers along with individual band members that were edited down on the other disc.