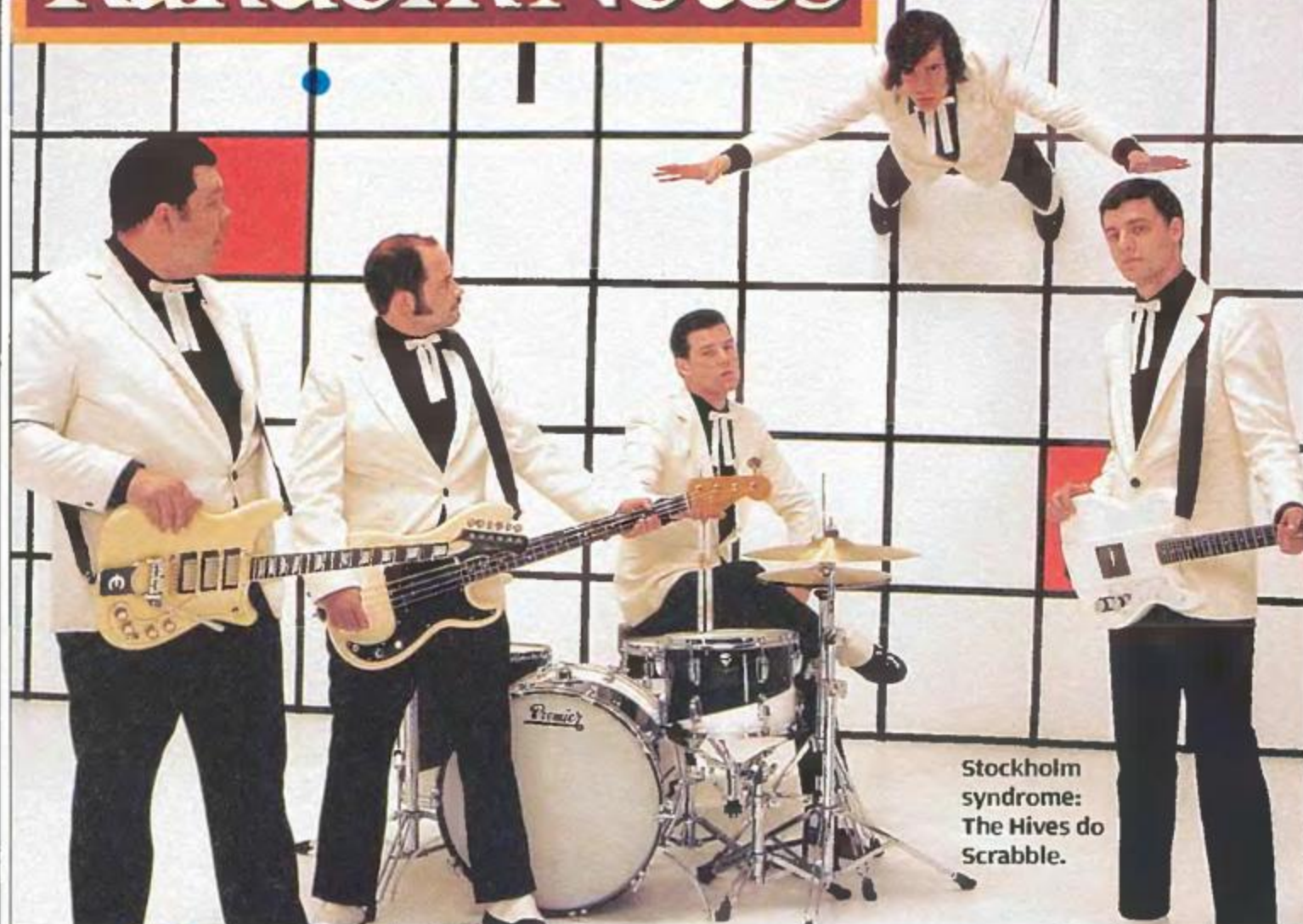


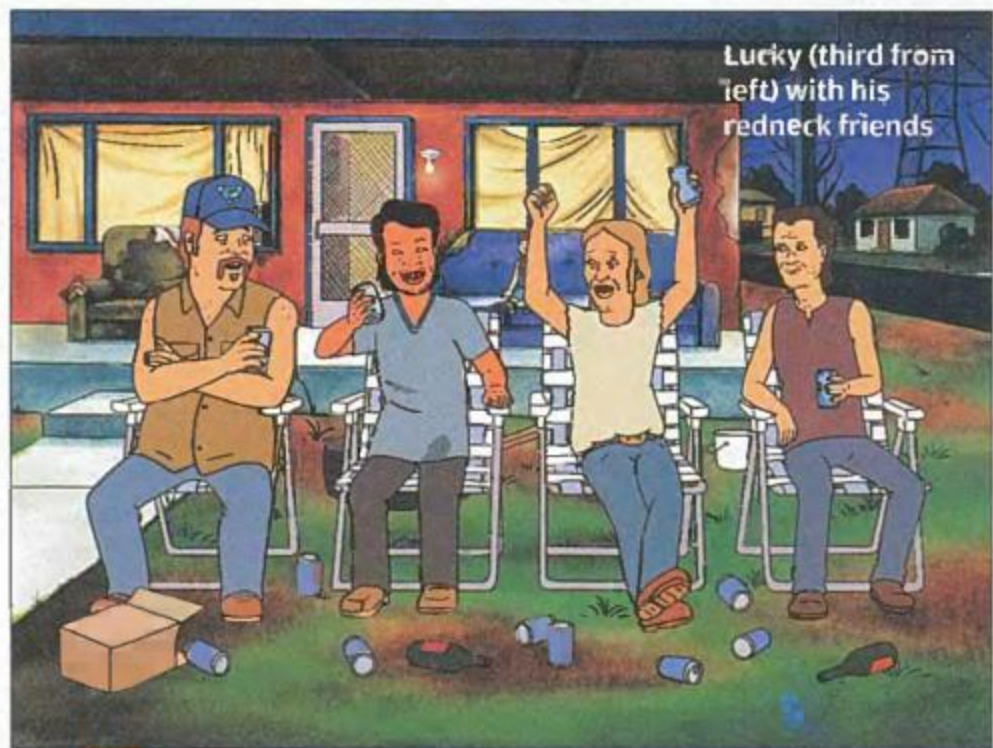
Random Notes



Stockholm syndrome: The Hives do Scrabble.

The Hives' Swede Summer

OK, that new **Hives** video, "Walk Idiot Walk," is giving us hallucinations. What are those guys doing up on a giant Scrabble board? "We play Scrabble in the band," says lead singer **Pelle Almqvist**. "It's impossible to be drunk and smashing things up twenty-four hours a day. Scrabble is more fun, usually." What a downer! The Swedish garage rockers' second album, *Tyrannosaurus Hives*, drops this summer, followed by a massive world tour. But did all those upside-down moves make him queasy? "A little bit," Almqvist admits manfully. "You don't really think about it, but walking on walls is a huge strain on your abs. I was sentenced to a lifetime of sit-ups."



Lucky (third from left) with his redneck friends

You Got Lucky, Babe

While he takes the year off to write and return to the studio, **Tom Petty** is moonlighting — he's taped four episodes for the next season of *King of the Hill*, which begins in September. Petty voices a character named Lucky, who earned his nickname when he won a \$53,000 settlement — enough to retire on — after slipping on urine in a Wal-Mart. "Lucky is sort of a philosophical idiot," says Petty, who summons voices from his Florida childhood to get into character. "He used to work at a corn-chip factory, and there's an episode coming up about how Lucky won't eat a corn chip from a bag, because once you've had one right off the line, there's no going back." Also, "Lucky has now become Luanne's love interest," says Petty. "And Luanne is hot!"

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THE QUESTION IS

What's your favorite Olympic moment?

Dave Navarro "I'm not really an Olympics fan, but my bedroom has been the home to the L.A. Olympics for me and Carmen for quite some time. We take the gold every time."

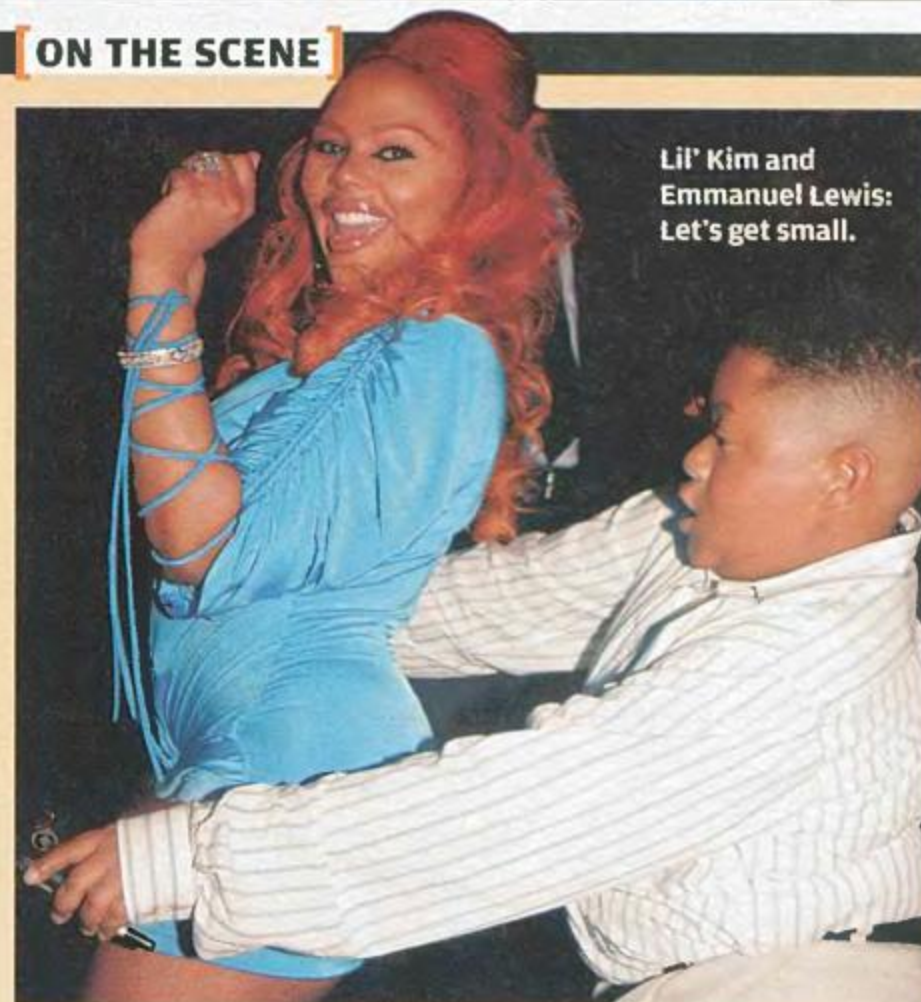


DJ Nu-Mark of Jurassic 5 "In 2000, when Rulon Gardner won for Greco-Roman wrestling. It was like the *Rocky IV* of the sport — crazy!"

Lil Jon "I like the female volleyball tournament. I just like to see the women bouncing around playing with the ball."

Sonny Sandoval of P.O.D. "Cassius Clay, when he fought Zbigniew Pietrzykowski in Rome in 1960. It was the beginning of his fight to the top."

ON THE SCENE



Lil' Kim and Emmanuel Lewis: Let's get small.

● Pint-size hip-hop sexpot Lil' Kim and even-pinter-size former sitcom star Emmanuel Lewis getting freaky on the dance floor at State Nightclub in Miami.

● Whitney Houston, Bobby Brown, 50 Cent, Kelly Osbourne, Ashanti, Mark McGrath and Lindsay Lohan checking out Carmen Electra and the Pussycat Dolls at the Argyle Hotel in L.A.

● Jay-Z, Beyoncé, Antonio "LA" Reid, Russell Simmons and

Natalie Portman partying at the Marquee in New York at P. Diddy and designer Zac Posen's bash. Earlier, His Diddiness won Menswear Designer of the Year at the Council of Fashion Designers of America Awards.

● Scarlett Johansson and First Niece Lauren Bush getting down to Big Boi and Sleepy Brown at Calvin Klein's launch party for his Eternity Moment perfume at the Hotel Gansevoort in New York.

High Road

Aerosmith are back on the road, with a set featuring a runway through the crowd. **Steven Tyler** is getting up close and personal with his people. "It's like bizarro world out there," he says. "We can go out and smell the pot and sweat. It smells like **Bob Marley's** back yard." How does he handle it? "I just breathe real deep."



Tyler: Another hit of fresh air



Dip It!

"Pop, pop, pop that thing!" That's just one of the commands in **Christina Milian's** new club hit, "Dip It Low," her guide to... well, let's let her explain: "I'm Cuban," says Milian, who just released her debut, *It's About Time*. "So I got that Latina fire in my blood. I love men, and the song's about keeping your man happy. Guys have come up to me and said, 'My girl heard your song and has been doing the wildest and craziest things.' I love it!" And guess what, dawgs? She's single! Milian says, "Hopefully, I'll take these notes from my own song and use them in the future." ¡Caliente!