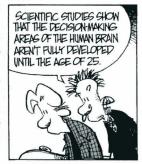


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"I thought it was cool to play someone who was not only gay but a proud gay man." —Former professional wrestler Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson (THE RUN-DOWN, THE SCORPION KING) on his recent role as a homosexual bodyguard in BE COOL, the sequel to the hit film GET SHORTY (Entertainment Weekly, 2/25/05)









"When I worked with my dancers, we wore short dresses, but we were covered, and we cared about our moves. Now, it's spread-eagle right out in front. ... It's not about putting out a great song that will actually inspire people; it's about who's very hot and very new and who will go the furthest." —Rock 'n' roll hall-of-famer and 65-year-old grandmother Tina Turner, criticizing the "shallow voyeurism encouraged in contemporary culture" (USA Today, 2/1/05)

"The Big Guy speaks through me a lot when I write, and I have a song for 50 Cent I wrote in the Holy Land. I feel like it's a personal letter to 50 from God, so I'm going to give it to him personally and see what his reaction is. If it's a positive reaction and he's willing to talk to me, then I'm not gonna release it. But if the reaction is not

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positive, I'm going to share it with the world. It's not a mean song, but it is like a loving father disciplining his son and telling him how it is. ... It's from the Big Guy. Even 50 respects the Big Guy." -Former Korn guitarist and new believer Brian "Head" Welch, describing a song that may appear on his upcoming solo album (mtv.com, 3/14/05)

"The teenage brain is different from the adult brain. The impulse-control center—the part of the brain that enables us to think ahead, consider consequences, manage urges—that's the part of the brain right behind our forehead, called the prefrontal cortex. That's under construction during the teenage years. In fact, the wiring of that is not completed until the early twenties." —Child psychologist Dr. David Walsh, who has co-authored a study connecting violent video games to physical aggression (CBS' 60 Minutes, 3/6/05)

"Christians ought to be the most sexually fulfilled people on earth. We have unwittingly programmed ourselves to expect sex to be like what we've seen in the movies, and when it doesn't measure up it becomes one of the primary sources of conflict for couples." —Counselor and sex therapist Christopher McCluskey in his book WHEN TWO BECOME ONE: ENHANCING SEXUAL INTIMACY IN MARRIAGE.

"Players that are guilty of taking steroids are not only cheaters—you are cowards." —Harsh words aimed at professional athletes during the March 17 congressional hearing on steroid use in Major League Baseball. They came from Donald Hooton, whose 17-year-old son, a steroid user, committed suicide while suffering depression. Medical experts testified that, in addition to depression, potential side effects from "juicing" include heart disease, cancer and sterility.





