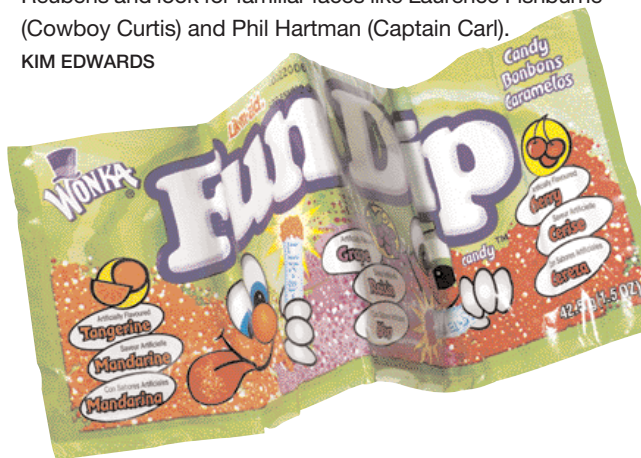




THAT'S SO NOW! revenge of the nerds

The trend Adults craving childish memorabilia, such as Care Bears, Fun Dip and Nerds. **Why now?** Why not? Who doesn't want to ditch their troubles and indulge in a little childish play? Whether it's a date at Chuck E. Cheese's or the carnival, social observers say we're revisiting that carefree time in our lives before we were bothered with bills and responsibilities or bombarded with news accounts of natural disasters, terrorism and crime. So break out your original Jem and the Holograms dolls and relive the mid-'80s MTV rock-band glamour. **Watch for** The kid's classic *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, which will soon get another movie treatment, this time by acclaimed director Tim Burton, with Johnny Depp (as Willy Wonka), Helena Bonham Carter and Christopher Lee. **Rent or buy** *Pee-wee's Playhouse*, which recently came out on DVD. "Get wacky" with the controversial yet entertaining Paul Reubens and look for familiar faces like Laurence Fishburne (Cowboy Curtis) and Phil Hartman (Captain Carl).

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top **3** movies



● In *Rumour Has It*, Jennifer Aniston plays a woman who develops an identity crisis on the eve of her wedding. Influenced by her kooky grandmother—who may have inspired the movie character of Mrs. Robinson in *The Graduate*—Aniston launches into an affair with a scheming older seducer, played by Kevin Costner.



● Canadian-born Paul Haggis is looking for a one-two punch. His screenplay for Clint Eastwood's *Million Dollar Baby* was a knockout. Now the native of London, Ont., steps into the ring as the director of *Crash*, a gripping tale about strangers in L.A. thrown together through seemingly random car accidents.



● In *The Family Man*, Nicolas Cage was a guy coming to terms with fatherhood. In *The Weather Man*, he plays a TV meteorologist whose career is soaring while his personal life is coming apart. With his sad-sack eyes, Cage conveys the bewilderment of a man trying to build a connection with his children. EGGLE PROCUA

GEOFFREY ROSS (CANDY); LOREY SEBASTIAN/LIONS GATE (CRASH); MELINDA SUE GORDON/PARAMOUNT (THE WEATHER MAN)