



THE HERBAL BATH
SOAK WORKS
WONDERS FOR
WOLVERINE

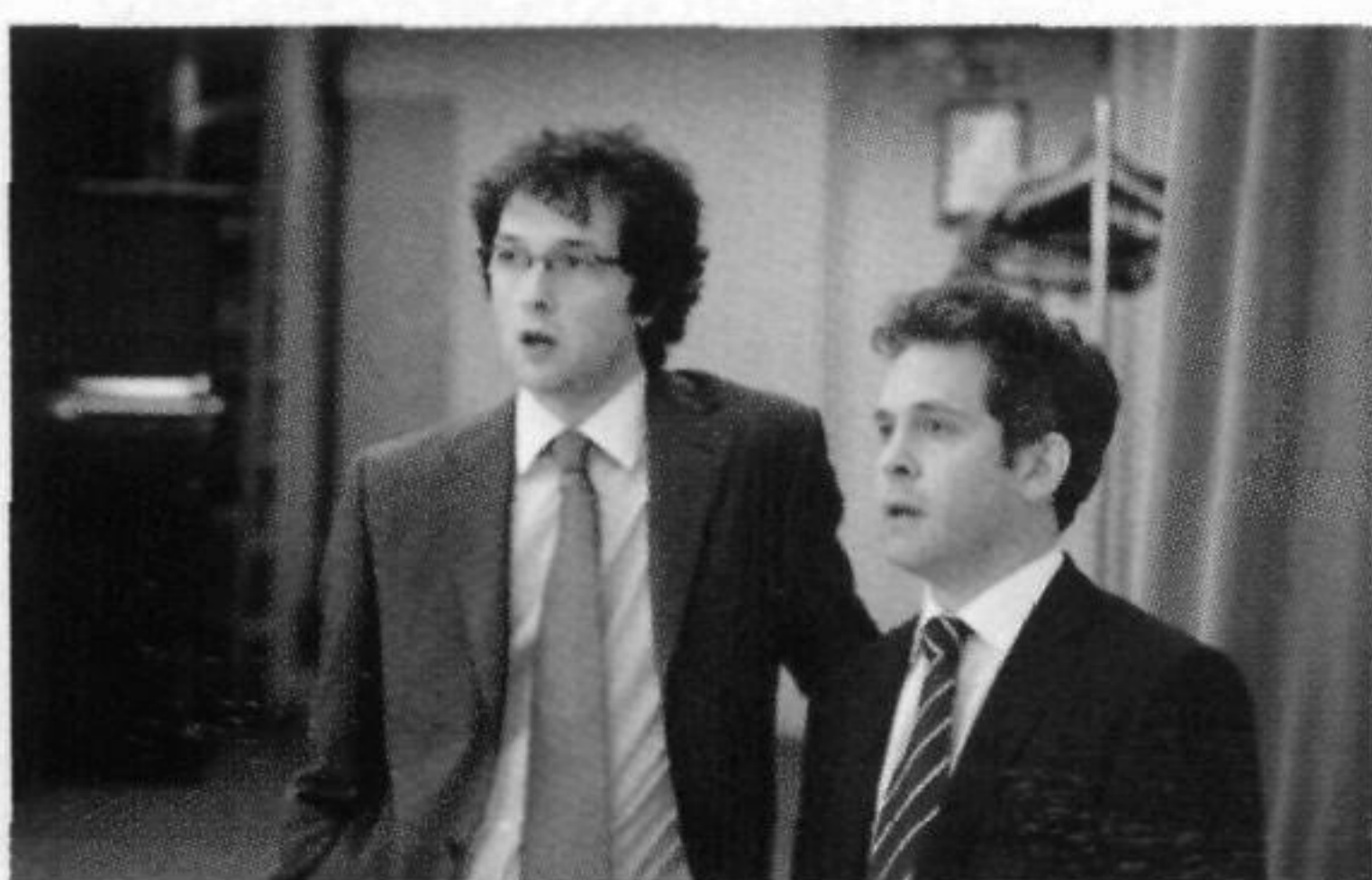
SCREEN

FILM

THREE TO WATCH

1 | State Of Play *Out on 24 April*
Banish thoughts of the BBC series on which it is based and Kevin Macdonald's thriller about corporate conspiracies and personal vendettas is terrifically enjoyable. Russell Crowe is a charismatically lardy journalist out to help a congressman and friend (Ben Affleck) whose involvement in a big business conspiracy starts to look distinctly life-threatening.

2 | In The Loop *Out on 17 April*
After describing an unspecified future war as "unforeseeable", a hapless MP (Tom Hollander) and his jumped-up aide (Chris Addison) find themselves buffeted between pro- and anti-war camps on both sides of the Atlantic, with Satanic spin doctor Malcolm Tucker (Peter Capaldi) close behind. Armando Iannucci's big-screen adaptation of his TV satire, *The Thick Of It*, is sexed-up comic brilliance.



3 | X-Men Origins: Wolverine

Out on 1 May

After the noble failure that was *Watchmen*, we've transferred our hopes for this year's comic-book-adaptation extraordinaire to the impressively pumped shoulders of Hugh Jackman and the first of the X-Men Origins series. You'll discover how Wolverine became the mutant he is: adamantium skeleton, megamuscles, killer manicure and all.

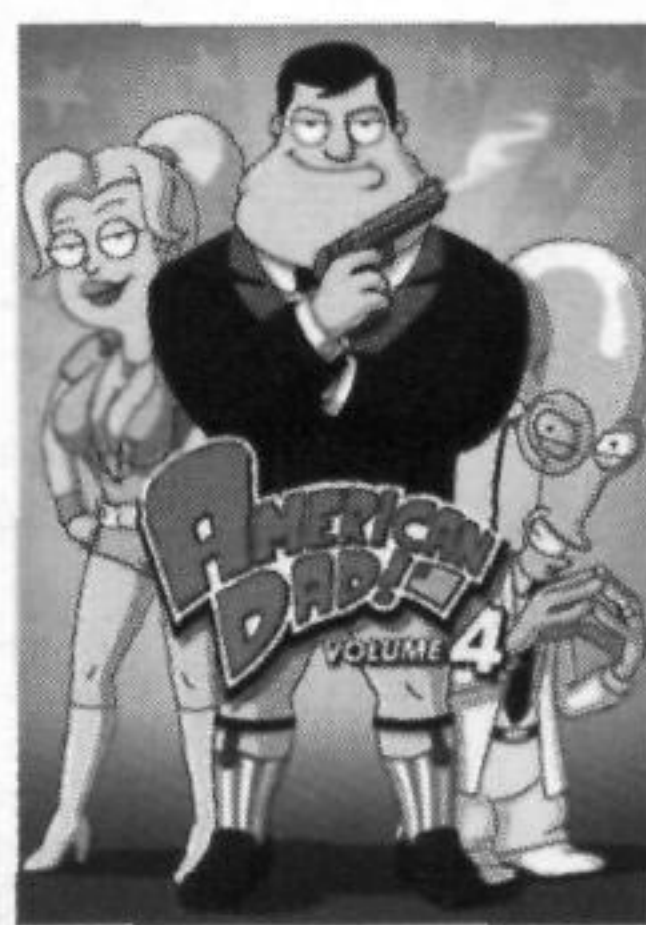
SCENE STEALER

JIM STURGESS

The 27-year-old Londoner, fast-emerging as *Esquire*'s hottest tip for the top, turns in another stand-out performance in *Fifty Dead Men Walking* (out on 10 April), playing Martin McGartland, a West Belfast wide boy caught in a deadly no-man's land between the IRA and the British intelligence officer (Ben Kingsley) who recruits him as an informant. Based on a true story, this is a gritty, well-paced insight into the Troubles.

DVDS

THREE TO BUY



1 | American Dad!

Volume 4 *Out on 20 April*

CIA man Stan and family — ditzy wife, lefty daughter, nerdy son, alien lodger, German goldfish — remind us what makes creator Seth Macfarlane, and 'Merica, great. God Bless.

2 | Gonzo: The Life And Work Of Dr Hunter S Thompson

Out on 13 April

Johnny Depp narrates Alex Gibney's characterful, in-depth documentary about the life of the legendary journalist and *Fear And Loathing In Las Vegas* author.

3 | Transporter 3

Out on 20 April

Jason's got a chase on — Statham delivers yet another high-energy stunt-fest as fearless "delivery man" Frank Martin.

SMART TALK

DIALOGUE TO DIE FOR

Werner Herzog Is there such a thing as insanity among penguins? I try to avoid a definition of insanity or derangement — I don't mean that a penguin might believe he or she is Lenin or Napoleon Bonaparte — but could they just go crazy because they've had enough of their colony? **Dr Ainley** [Pause] Um, well I've never seen a penguin bashing his head against a rock.

Director Werner Herzog baffles marine ecologist David Ainley in the delightfully eccentric documentary Encounters At The End Of The World, out on 24 April

VIDEO GAMES

ONE TO PLAY



Resident Evil 5

(Capcom, out now)

This may not induce the jitters of EA's terrifying *Dead Space*, but you'll still feel dread as you're ferried into a downtrodden African township to investigate an horrific zombie plague. Capcom has enhanced the trademark onslaught of machete-wielding undead by ensuring a scarcity of suitable weaponry and using the harsh environment to enhance gameplay.

INTERNET

WEBWATCH

The UK Film Council's new site, *FindAnyFilm.com*, is a searchable database that tells you how you can watch a movie, from cinema and TV schedules to where to buy it on DVD, Blu-ray or download. Sadly, at time of going to press, *Weekend At Bernie's 2* was still not available. **TYPE** "Stick fight" into YouTube. How to take a tough line.