Game graphics grab

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The most frightening thing that has come out this year was not a film or even a book. It was a video game.

Resident Evil 4 joined other games on the shelves earlier this year and is definitely one of the scariest.

The game's rich storyline, amazing graphics and one-of-a-kind playing style make it not only one of the best games of the year but also one of the most original.

The game follows the storyline of the previous installments, putting the player in the shoes of the star of Resident Evil 2, Leon S. Kennedy.

Leon is given the mission of rescuing the president's kidnapped daughter from a remote village in Europe. As he gets there, he soon realizes things are not as they seem, and completing his mission will be more difficult than he once thought.

Before long the player is face to face with an enemy unlike the mindless zombies that gamers have fought in the past.

These new enemies are just one of the many things that make this version of the game stand out from the rest.

The game is in a widescreen format, so if one doesn't have that capability, he or she will see black bars across the top and bottom of the screen.

This switch is necessary when play starts because of the game's unique presentation. The camera is set behind the character, following him fairly closely.
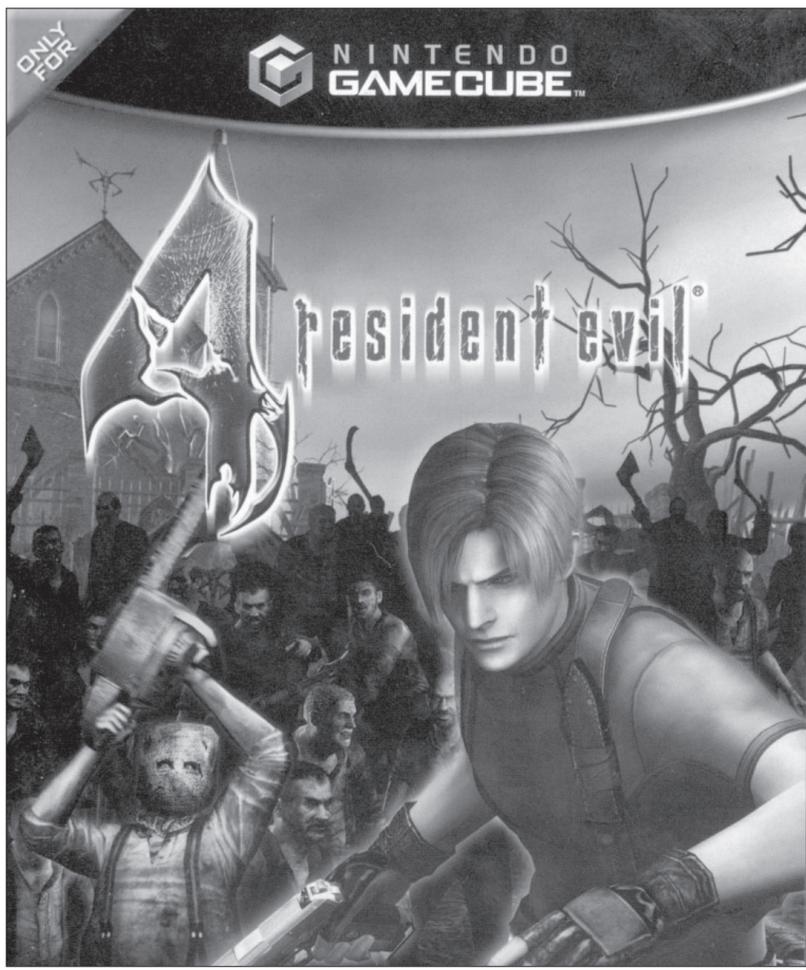
However, when the player raises his or her weapon, the camera zooms in to just over the character's shoulder, coming close to turning the game into a first-person point of view.

The two camera views work very well together, creating a game that really doesn't fit into the category of first or third person, but a combination of the two.

The best part about the game mode, however, is how well it sets the scene and the mood. The game seems to tell a story while it's played.

As the player goes along, the lighting of the stage and the music put the player in the game.

Moving through a stage, enemies don't just walk up to the player and wait to be killed: They jump out of windows, crash through doors and even sneak up from behind to keep the player on his or her toes.

Incredibly detailed maps help make the game even more realistic. Moving from a small village to a creepy lake to an ancient castle, the game never gets boring and keeps players guessing what they will run across next.

The action in the game is what carries it and makes it addictive.

Gone are the days of conserving ammo and trying to run away from enemies. Here players often are cornered and forced to shoot their way out, rather than run.

Guns can be purchased in the game, which is another welcome addition, and ammo is dropped by enemies and can be found regularly.

Enemies react very realistically to gunfire: A shot to the knees will cause a running enemy to fall, and shots to the arms will make them drop their weapons.

As the player progresses, the game seems to progress with him or her. Enemies become smarter and gain new abilities such as the use of chainsaws.

Boss' battles have even become tougher, requiring the player to push buttons to react during cut scenes to avoid instant death.

From lake monsters to flying creatures to giant beasts: By the end of the game, the player learns to expect anything.

Goodies await the player if he or she finishes the game, and how he or she finishes determines what he or she receives, which warrants the game being played multiple times.
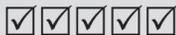
The game doesn't take a tremendous amount of time to finish, about 20 to 30 hours, but it is still long enough to be worth buying.

If people need a game to play on the weekends or something to scare them on a cold fall night, this game is for them.

Its amazing visual method of keeping the player involved makes it more intense and terrifying than any movies one might see: Any fans of horror should save up movie ticket money, do themselves a favor and pick up a copy of Resident Evil 4.
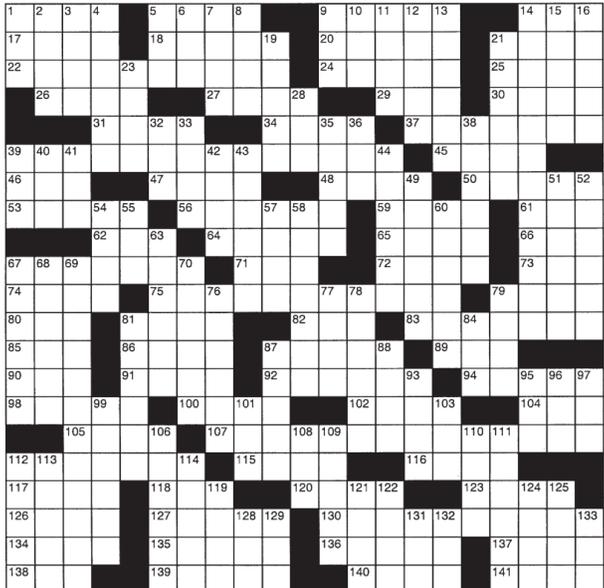

Resident Evil 4 is a Nintendo GameCube game created in widescreen format with two camera angles.

Game Review
"Resident Evil 4"
System: GameCube
Rating: Mature
Company: Capcom

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AROUND THE 'VILLE

Campus

Mormon Movie
The Truman Latter Day Saints Student Association is presenting "The Best Two Years," a commercial comedy about Mormon missionaries, at 8 p.m. tonight in Violette Hall 1000. A question and answer session with student members of the Church of Latter Day Saints will follow the film.

Pool Playing
The Student Union, LOBSTER and Student Senate will sponsor a pool tournament Wednesday in the SUB Game Room. Sign-ups are at 9:30 p.m., and tournament play begins at 10 p.m. Prizes will be awarded.

Bingo
The Student Activities Board is hosting Bingo at 7 p.m. Monday in the SUB Down Under. Prizes include gift certificates for massages, Il Spazio and Truman apparel. Free refreshments will be provided.

Lecture Recital
The Clarinet Soloists of the John Philip Sousa Band will perform a lecture recital presented by clarinetist Jesse Krebs at 7 p.m. Monday in Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. Krebs is assisted by pianist Nancy Hueber and flutist Julianna Moore.

Book Fair
The Child Development Center is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday in the Violette Hall second-floor lounge. Contact Katy Korte at 785-4473.

Red Cross Blood Drive
Alpha Phi Omega is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday on the third floor of the Student Union Building. Appointments are unnecessary. Door prizes will be available.

Local

Veterans Day
The annual Veterans Day program will take place at 11 a.m. Friday at Relger Armory on Elson Street. Admission is free.

Concerts

Rock Concert
The Women's Resource Center is sponsoring Rocking Out for Women featuring HappyAss, The Dance Commanders and Grass Withers at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Kirksville Community Center and Infoshop. All songs or performers will emphasize women.

Redwing
Redwing will perform at 10 p.m. Friday at Il Spazio. Admission is free.

Free Show
Special Ed will perform at 9 p.m. Saturday at Coyote's. Admission is free and open to those 21 years and older.

Super Crossword — PRESIDENTIAL TRIVIA

ACROSS
1 Ruth's husband
9 Approximately
9 Analyze a sentence
14 Postal abbr.
17 Tennis pro Nastase
18 Sri —
20 Humpback's home
21 Geometric figure
22 President who was a male model
24 Electrical inventor
25 Shortly
26 European capital
27 Part of Indonesia
29 Flat hat
30 It's good in a pinch
31 Adequate
34 "Picnic" playwright
37 '68 Tom Jones hit
39 President whose first language wasn't English
45 Alight
46 Cut — limb
47 Debut recording
48 Shake — (hurry)
50 Trunk
53 Black and white delight
56 Petrarch product
59 Cleanse
61 Musical sensitivity
62 Inventor Whitney
64 Climb
65 Art deco designer
66 Writer Rand
67 Bug barriers
71 Vein contents
72 TV's "— Search"
73 Actress Scala
74 Couple
75 First president born in a hospital
79 Gasp
80 Business abbr.
81 Crooner Vallee
82 Adjust an ascot
83 Settle a score
85 Super Bowl sound
86 "Mila 18" author
87 Biblical city
89 Aachen article
90 Drillers' org.
91 Conveyed
92 Machine tool
94 Annual award
98 Coniferous tree
100 "Bhagavad —"
102 Aphrodite's son
104 Mellow
105 Comic Carey
107 President on July 4th
112 Apple variety
115 Smile
116 "Entre —"
117 In the thick of
118 Insert
119 Insert dialogue
120 "Shane" star
123 Binchy's "— Road"
126 Prepare to fly
127 Sheer fear
130 President who was a fighter pilot
134 Jogger's gait
135 Rent
136 Tropical tree
137 Singer Brickell
138 Offense
139 A la King?
140 Soho streetcar
141 "— on Me" ('72 hit)
DOWN
1 Giant
2 Bread spread
3 Pretension
4 Fanatic
5 Word with hat or hand
6 Brit. fliers
7 Social climber
9 Ample abdomen
10 "Stroker —" ('83 film)
11 Take five
12 Tuna concoction
13 Pottery protection
14 President who worked as a lifeguard
15 — Gay"
16 Fractional amount
19 Improvise
21 Vegas place
23 Valhalla villain
28 Shiba — (Japanese dog)
32 Link letters?
33 Monsieur Montand
35 Prepare the Parmesan
36 Sushi candidate
38 Foam
39 Lave the linoleum
40 Santa —, CA
41 Hightailed it
42 Grandpa McCoy
43 Sarge, e.g.
44 Most recent
49 Elastic band
51 Adage
52 Elaborate
54 Forest beauty
56 Kensington quaff
57 Not any
58 College member
60 Rubbernecked
63 Harm
67 Pasta shape
68 London's location
69 President portrayed in an opera
70 It's on the house
76 Occult
77 —-de-camp
78 Start again
79 Uruguayan currency
81 Running plays
84 Delivery truck
87 Trite
88 Artist Chagall
93 High time?
95 Spoiled
96 Quiche ingredient
97 Poe's "Annabel —"
99 Recognition
101 Zipper part
103 Jack of "Barney Miller"
106 Act like a duck
108 Kilmer or Bisoglio
109 Persona
110 Serenade accompaniment
111 Actress Sanford
112 The Rolling Stones' Charlie
113 Japanese porcelain
114 Blender setting
119 Grumpy guy
121 Obligation
122 "Stage —" ('37 film)
124 Impolite
125 Kuwait's continent
128 "— live and breathe!"
129 Singer Joey
131 Genetic letters
132 Room for improvement?
133 Female fowl

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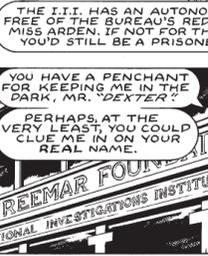
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