

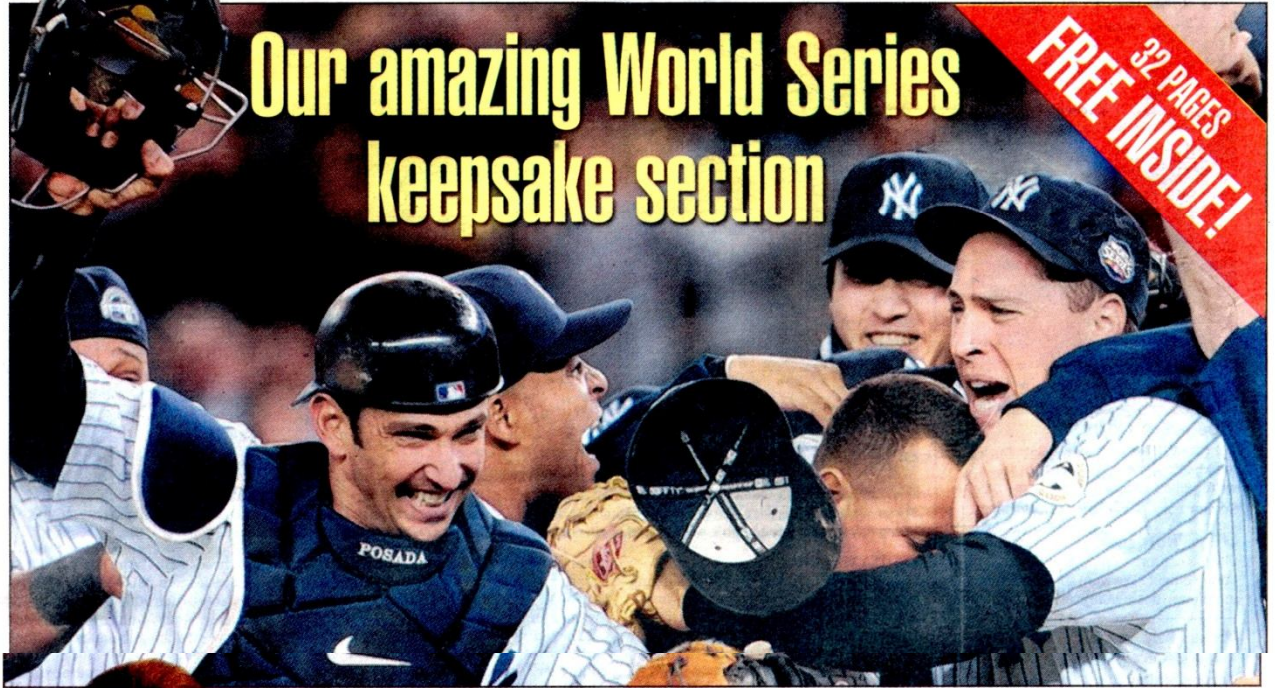
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iPhone apps

Rock Band's high-profile release last month made it the best-selling app on iTunes — but these games are tops on our list:

GRAB IT: Fieldrunners (\$2.99): For casual gamers, the iPhone's a champ — and Fieldrunners is hands-down the most addicting game on the platform. A cartoony tower-defense puzzler with three levels — Grasslands, Crossroads and Drylands — plus six types of towers, it'll keep you strategizing for hours. It's perfect for long train rides, afternoon meetings and championship-level procrastination.

Star Defense (99 cents): This app launches tower defense into deep space, with strong graphics and smart use of the iPhone's multitouch capabilities, allowing you to spin and zoom around 3-D worlds. Fend off alien attacks as you advance from planet to planet and send the Internet.

Flight Control (99 cents): This one challenges players to land 10 types of aircraft at one of four airfields, drawing their landing patterns as they make their final descent. Sounds simple, but making sure they hit the runway — and not each other — is a lot harder than you might think.

Spider: The Secret of Bryce Manor (\$2.99): An innovative and elegant puzzle game that exercises your spidey sense. Swipe the screen to spin webs and catch bugs as you make your way through an abandoned mansion. Completing the last level on Adventure mode was bittersweet, but the game features three other modes that add replay value.

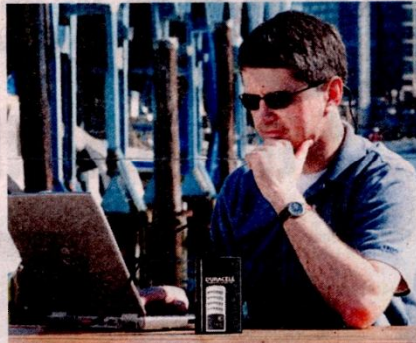
SKIP IT: Resident Evil Degeneration (\$4.99) and Resident Evil 4 (\$6.99): We loved Resident Evil 4 on the Wii, mostly because it made use of the console's ability to point (and shoot) directly at zombies. The iPhone has the same capabilities, so why does Capcom force you to aim your gun using a clunky virtual control pad in the corner? The graphics are great, the series is great — and the game would be great, if we could just flick zombies away with our finger!

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