

# Episode 191

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This week, a moderately famous Youtuber made waves with a plan to sue game developers for shutting down games. Ross Scott wants to fight the You Will Own Nothing future and he's starting with The Crew. He's taking a big step to securing consumer rights and we can't wait to see how it goes.

Soon, even factory workers will be able to work from home using virtual reality and robots. iCub has developed a remote control robot that lets anyone take control of a small humanoid and explore the world. Domo arigato, Mr Roboto.

The Oscar nominations are back, and there's almost as much drama as a Will Smith slap.

## Topics

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### **The Lawsuit Fighting for the Future of Games**

- [YouTuber plans lawsuit against Ubisoft for 'The Crew' server closure](#)
- [Dead Game News: The Crew](#)

### **iCuB3 the next frontier**

- [iCub3 avatar system: Enabling remote fully immersive embodiment of humanoid robots](#)

### **Oscar Nominations 2024 highlights and snubs**

- [Oscar Nominations 2024: 'Oppenheimer' Dominates With 13 Nods, 'Poor Things' Follows With 11](#)
- [The most shocking snubs and surprises of the 2024 Oscar nominations](#)

## Other topics discussed

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Freeman's Mind (a [machinima](#) series created by Ross Scott using the [Source remake](#) of the 1998 video game [Half-Life](#). It follows the protagonist of the game, [Gordon Freeman](#), also voiced by Scott, who acts as a combination of narrator and running commentary, often criticizing and satirizing the game world's conventions in a style similar to that in [Mystery Science Theater 3000](#).)

- [Freeman's Mind - Wikipedia](#)

The Crew (an [online-only racing video game](#) co-developed by [Ubisoft Ivory Tower](#) and [Ubisoft Reflections](#) and published by [Ubisoft](#). The game was released for [PlayStation 4](#), [Windows](#), and [Xbox One](#), with an [Xbox 360](#) port developed by [Asobo Studio](#) in December 2014, and for [Amazon Luna](#) in November 2020. It features a [persistent open world](#) environment for free-roaming across a scaled-down recreation of the [Contiguous United States](#) and includes both [role-playing](#) and [large-scale multiplayer](#) elements.)

- [The Crew \(video game\) - Wikipedia](#)

[Batman: Arkham Trilogy's Robert Pattinson Batsuit Exclusivity is a Smart Move](#)

Ubisoft (French [video game publisher](#) headquartered in [Saint-Mandé](#) with development studios across the world. Its video game franchises include [Assassin's Creed](#), [Far Cry](#), [For Honor](#), [Just Dance](#), [Prince of Persia](#), [Rabbids](#), [Rayman](#), [Tom Clancy's](#), and [Watch Dogs](#).)

- [Ubisoft - Wikipedia](#)

[Microsoft Layoffs Include Xbox Physical Retail Teams](#)

Ubisoft Lawsuits

- [Ubisoft - Wikipedia](#)

Lift Off (an Australian [children's television](#) series that was developed and produced by [Patricia Edgar](#) and broadcast on [ABC Television](#) from 1992 until the series ended in 1995. Each episode featured a live action storyline about a group of young children, and the problems they encountered with growing up, their parents, and various other social issues.

- [Lift Off \(Australian TV series\) - Wikipedia](#)

Ghost in the Shell (a [Japanese cyberpunk](#) media franchise based on the [seinen manga](#) series [of the same name](#) written and illustrated by [Masamune Shirow](#). The manga, first serialized in 1989 under the subtitle of *The Ghost in the Shell*, and later published as its own [tankōbon](#) volumes by [Kodansha](#), told the story of the fictional counter-cyberterrorist organization [Public Security Section 9](#), led by protagonist Major [Motoko Kusanagi](#), and is set in mid-21st century Japan.)

- [Ghost in the Shell - Wikipedia](#)

Transhumanism (a philosophical and intellectual movement which advocates the enhancement of the [human condition](#) by developing and making widely available sophisticated [technologies](#) that can greatly enhance [longevity](#), [cognition](#), and [well-being](#).)

- [Transhumanism - Wikipedia](#)

[Oscars Snubs and Surprises: Greta Gerwig Shut Out for Directing 'Barbie.' Margot Robbie and Charles Melton Out of Acting Races](#)

[John Williams breaks own Oscars record as the oldest person to ever be nominated with Indiana Jones nod](#)

Barbie director and actress snubs

- [96th Academy Awards - Wikipedia](#)

95th Academy Awards (the number of best movie nominations are 10)

- [95th Academy Awards - Wikipedia](#)

## Shout Outs

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**25<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the launch of the Clementine which was launched in 1994 - [Clementine \(spacecraft\) - Wikipedia](#)**

Clementine (officially called the Deep Space Program Science Experiment (DSPSE)) was a joint space project between the [Ballistic Missile Defense Organization](#) (previously the [Strategic Defense Initiative Organization](#)) and [NASA](#), launched on January 25, 1994. Its objective was to

test sensors and spacecraft components in long-term exposure to space and to make scientific observations of both the [Moon](#) and the [near-Earth asteroid 1620 Geographos](#).

On January 25, 1994, *Clementine* was launched from Space Launch Complex 4 West at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, using a Titan II launch vehicle. The mission had two phases. After two Earth flybys, lunar insertion was achieved approximately one month after launch. Lunar mapping took place over approximately two months, in two parts. The first part consisted of a five-hour elliptical polar orbit with a periapsis of about 400 km at 13 degrees south latitude and an apoapsis of 8,300 km. Each orbit consisted of an 80-minute lunar mapping phase near periapsis and 139 minutes of downlink at apoapsis.

The engineering model of the Clementine spacecraft hangs in the [National Air and Space Museum](#) in [Washington, D.C.](#)

**29<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dr Strangelove - [Dr. Strangelove - Wikipedia](#)**

*Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb*, known simply and more commonly as *Dr. Strangelove*, is a 1964 political satire black comedy film directed, co-written, and produced by Stanley Kubrick and starring Peter Sellers in three roles, including the title character. The film also stars George C. Scott, Sterling Hayden, Keenan Wynn, Slim Pickens, and Tracy Reed. The film, which satirizes the Cold War fears of a nuclear conflict between the Soviet Union and the United States, is loosely based on the thriller novel *Red Alert* (1958) by Peter George, who also co-wrote the screenplay with Kubrick and Terry Southern.

The story concerns an unhinged United States Air Force general who orders a pre-emptive nuclear attack on the Soviet Union. It separately follows the President of the United States, his advisors, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and a Royal Air Force exchange officer as they attempt to prevent the crew of a B-52 (following orders from the general) from bombing the Soviet Union and starting a nuclear war.

The film is often considered one of the best comedies ever made and [one of the greatest films of all time](#). In 1998, the [American Film Institute](#) ranked it twenty-sixth in [its list of the best American movies](#) (in the 2007 edition, the film ranked thirty-ninth), and in 2000, it was listed as number three on [its list of the funniest American films](#). In 1989, the United States [Library of Congress](#) included *Dr. Strangelove* as one of the first 25 films selected for preservation in the [National Film Registry](#) for being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant".<sup>[7][8]</sup> The film received four [Academy Award](#) nominations, including [Best Picture](#), [Best Director](#), [Best Adapted Screenplay](#), and [Best Actor](#) for Sellers. The film was also nominated for seven [BAFTA Film Awards](#), winning [Best Film From Any Source](#), [Best British Film](#), and [Best Art Direction \(Black and White\)](#), and it also won the [Hugo Award for Best Dramatic Presentation](#).

## Wacky movie

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25<sup>th</sup> January 1985 – The Terminator lands in Ireland

- [The Terminator - Wikipedia](#)
- [The Terminator \(1984\) - IMDb](#)

On this day in 1985 (in Ireland), **The Terminator** came back through time to save the future ... or so it tried.

*"A human soldier is sent from 2029 to 1984 to stop an almost indestructible cyborg killing machine, sent from the same year, which has been programmed to execute a young woman whose unborn son is the key to humanity's future salvation."*

The Academy of Science Fiction, Fantasy, and Horror Films was smitten, giving the feature an incredible three Saturn Awards ('Best Make-up,' 'Best Writing,' and 'Best Science Fiction Film') while having to settle for nominations only in four other categories ('Best Music,' 'Best Director,' 'Best Actress,' and 'Best Actor').

## Intro

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Artist – Goblins from Mars

Song Title – Super Mario - Overworld Theme (GFM Trap Remix)

Song Link - [Super Mario - Overworld Theme \(GFM Trap Remix\)](#)

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