

THE LINUX KILLER • BUILDING AN EARTHQUAKE LAB 2.1 MILES UNDERGROUND

WIRED

JULY 2004 NEW & IMPROVED

HUMAN BEING 2.0

THE RACE TO MAKE
ANDROIDS THAT WALK,
TALK, AND FEEL JUST
LIKE THE REST OF US

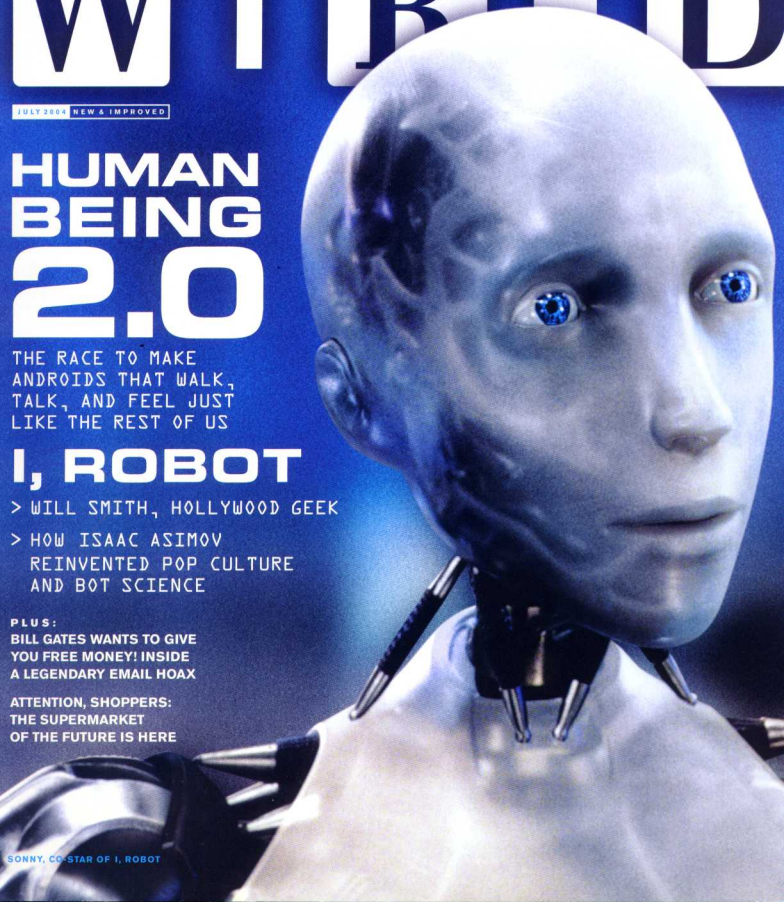
I, ROBOT

- > WILL SMITH, HOLLYWOOD GEEK
- > HOW ISAAC ASIMOV
REINVENTED POP CULTURE
AND BOT SCIENCE

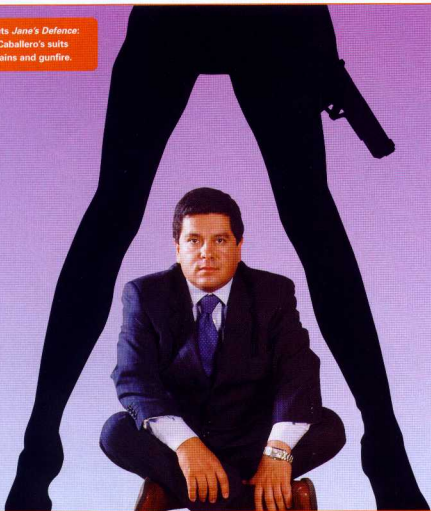
PLUS:
BILL GATES WANTS TO GIVE
YOU FREE MONEY! INSIDE
A LEGENDARY EMAIL HOAX

ATTENTION, SHOPPERS:
THE SUPERMARKET
OF THE FUTURE IS HERE

SONNY, CO-STAR OF I, ROBOT



GO meets Jane's Defence: Miguel Caballero's suits resist stains and gunfire.



MEN'S FASHION

Stopping Bullets With Style

The right suit can make a guy feel invincible — especially if it's bulletproof. Colombian fashion designer Miguel Caballero specializes in Euro-style men's ready-to-wear that's light, elegant, and can stop a 9-millimeter slug. "Colombia is an ideal place for this business," Caballero says. "First, because of the high quality of its leather, and second, because of its high index of violence."

The failsafe fashionista has spun paranoia and vanity into a \$3 million-a-year international business. The clothes look nothing like body armor: The trench coat, for example, is a beltless, full-length number with a slim line, made of gabardine and Kevlar.

"I don't use Kevlar alone any longer, because it is heavy and rather uncomfortable," Caballero says. "We've just created a hybrid fiber, a mix

of Aramid, nylon, and polyethylene. It's more resistant to heat, weighs only about 6 ounces a yard, and is several times more flexible and soft than Kevlar."

Caballero makes denim and suede jackets, sport coats, and a line of armored T-shirts popular in Spain. He says he has hundreds of fans throughout Europe, Asia, and Latin America. Colombian president Álvaro Uribe Vélez and Bogotá mayor Lucho Garzón have suited up in his clothes. And South Korea's former prime minister Lee Hoi-Chang and Guatemala's former president Ramiro de León Carpio each paid \$900 for a trench coat.

Caballero explains: "People abroad think that if our bulletproof clothes work here in Colombia, they'll work anywhere."

— Angela Posada-Swafford

jargon watch

Atkins Porn

The online fetish du jour: showing nude or scantily clad women cavorting with meat products.

MoSoSo

Acronym for mobile social software, a Friendster-like service for cell phones. Coined after the launch of Dodgeball.com, the first MoSoSo provider.

Motomen

Motorbike couriers in Cambodia who ride from one off-the-grid, remote village to another, using wireless laptops to deliver and pick up email and other content.

P and E Down

Short for pride and ego down. The military intelligence term for humiliating, degrading, and wearing down a detainee's self-image in the hopes of extracting information during interrogation.

Voice-Lift

Cosmetic surgery performed on the vocal chords to make the patient's voice sound more youthful.

— Gareth Branwyn

(jargon@wiredmag.com)

Thanks to contributors Cory Doctorow and Paul McFedries