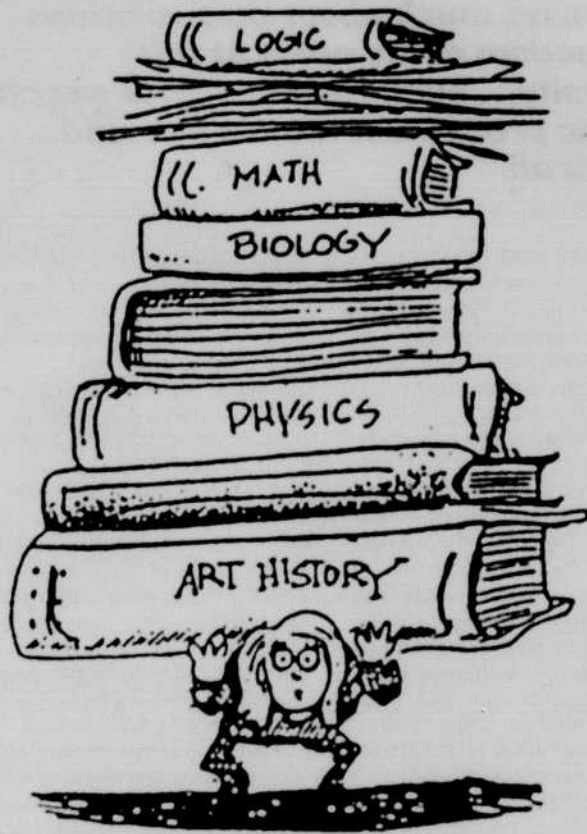


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consumers to make informed decisions in a growing, competitive marketplace."

Brudvik-Lindner said Sega has put ratings, assigned by a panel of educators and child psychologists, on new titles since August.

"We hope it serves as a model for an industry-wide rating system that gives parents the guidance they want or need about the age appropriateness and content of home video games," Brudvik-Lindner said.

Two games distributed by Sega and others have been singled out for attack by lawmakers for depictions of particularly gruesome violence.

In one of them, "Mortal Kombat," martial arts warriors kill their victims by ripping out their hearts, spinal columns and heads.

In another, "Night Trap," women are shown in live-action video as they're being stalked by bloodsucking villains. The creator of that game, Tom Zito of Digital Pictures Inc., said it has been misinterpreted by lawmakers who don't understand that it is a parody on low-budget horror movies of the 1950s.

Its villains are a vampire and his high-tech henchmen who have entered an old winery that has been converted to a hotel. There, they try to capture hotel guests and drain their blood. The player's job is to trap the black-suited ghouls by activating trap doors as they stalk their victims.

"Frankly, I don't want anyone under the age of 17 to buy it," Zito wrote in a *Washington Post* op-ed column defending his game from lawmakers' criticism.

Zito said he has sold 100,000 copies of the game in the United States without a single letter of complaint. "Almost all warranty

cards returned were from individuals between the ages of 18 and 25," he said.

"The senators seem to think video games are just for kids and that we at Digital Pictures want to contribute to the corruption of minors," he said. "But the Atari Generation has grown up."

Sens. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., and Herb Kohl, D-Wis., introduced legislation that would give the industry a year to come up with its own system before a federal one would go into effect. Hearings have been held but no votes have taken place.

Its thrust, however, is similar to the attack in both the House and Senate on TV violence. Nine bills are pending that would restrict dramatized murder and mayhem on television.

Lawmakers are basing their action against television on numerous studies indicating a link between behavior and TV watching.

Lieberman said children also must be protected from video games that "glorify violence and teach children to enjoy inflicting the most gruesome forms of cruelty imaginable."

Software association executive director Ken Wasch said the Winter Consumer Electronics Show in Nevada represented the first opportunity the industry had to gather as a group on a rating system.

"We have had to work very hard in a very short amount of time to bring many competitive companies to the same table," he said.

The Washington-based trade association represents 1,100 publishers of business, consumer and educational software. Its members include the leading producers of interactive computer entertainment products.

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