



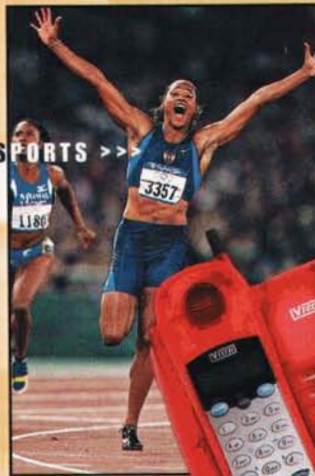
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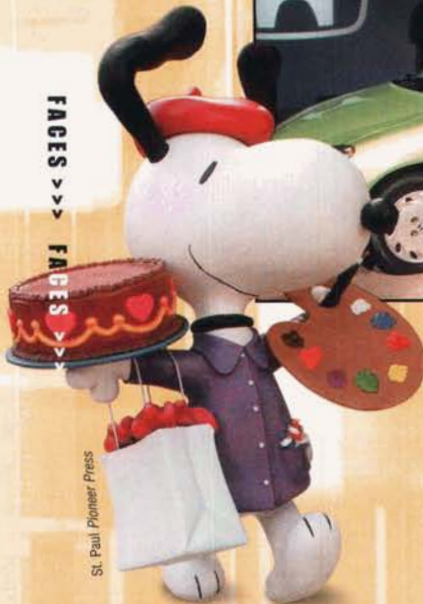
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▲ Gas prices soar across Europe. Heavy taxation policies in France and England cause massive protests and transportation blockades. Both governments eventually promise relief.

✓ The Millennium Bridge, a footbridge across the River Thames connecting London's St. Paul Cathedral with the Tate Modern Art Gallery, opens in June. It is the first bridge to be built over the Thames in 100 years.



▲ Former KGB agent Vladimir Putin is sworn into office as Russia's new president in May 2000, succeeding long-time leader Boris Yeltsin. Despite fears of an authoritarian style, Putin's public approval ratings remain high.



▲ Floods in Southeast Asia are caused by days of pounding rain. Millions are forced to leave their homes and more than a thousand people die in the region's worst flooding in decades.



▲ President Clinton travels to Southeast Asia in November to help mend relations between the United States and Vietnam. He is the first U.S. president to visit Vietnam since the end of the war in 1975.



▲ A cable car carrying skiers and snowboarders in Austria catches fire inside a tunnel, killing more than 150 people on board. It is the worst Alpine disaster in the country's history.



▲ Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic is ousted from office in October, ending 13 years of violent rule. Vojislav Kostunica becomes Yugoslavia's first democratically elected president.



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✓ Australian street artists called "Strange Fruit" perform gravity-defying feats around the world. The performers float above the audience on 15-foot fiberglass poles.

President Clinton makes a last-ditch effort to broker a Middle East peace deal before his term ends in January 2001 by drafting a plan for leaders of both Israel and Palestine to review. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian Yasser Arafat agree to review Clinton's proposal, but no deal is signed before month's end.

A Singapore Airlines jumbo jet crashes during takeoff in Taiwan, killing 81 of the 179 people on board. In a blinding rainstorm the pilot uses the wrong runway and collides with construction equipment.



▲ Canada mourns the death of former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, who served the country for nearly 16 years. Trudeau, who was 80, is remembered for his flamboyant style and his commitment to keeping Canada a single nation.



AP/Corbis

▲ Two hundred North and South Koreans separated from family members since the 1950-1953 Korean war reunite in August. The four-day visits are a goodwill gesture by both countries' leaders, who met for the first time in June.

▼ In August, the Russian nuclear submarine *Kursk* sinks to the bottom of the Barents Sea after an unexplained explosion. All 118 crew members are killed.



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AIDS reaches epidemic proportions in southern Africa. Leaders and citizens throughout the world conduct a massive educational campaign on World AIDS Day December 1 to teach people about the disease that is killing 6,000 sub-Saharan Africans each day.

Uganda is struck by an occurrence of the deadly Ebola virus that is linked to more than 100 deaths. The outbreak is traced to a Gulu woman who died in September and whose body infected other people during the ritual cleansing of the dead.



AP/Wide World Photos

▲ In January 2001, a 7.9 magnitude earthquake devastates Gujarat in western India. The huge quake causes an estimated \$5.5 billion in damages and kills more than 20,000 people.



Tyler Hicks/Liaison

▲ In August, Somalia elects its first president in nine years. President Abdiqasim Salad Hassan promises to bring peace and economic recovery to the African nation.



Wesley Bocco/Liaison

▲ Former Coca-Cola executive Vicente Fox, of the National Action Party, is elected president of Mexico in July, ending the Institutional Revolutionary Party's 71-year reign.



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▲ More than 150 world leaders meet at the U.N. Millennium Summit in September to discuss war, poverty, disease and other global problems. The meeting is the largest gathering of world leaders in history.



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▲ In July, an Air France Concorde supersonic jet catches fire and crashes outside Paris, killing 113 people. The crash is blamed on metal debris which punctured the tires and damaged the fuel tanks.

▼ The worst wave of Middle Eastern violence in years erupts between Israelis and Palestinians, leaving more than 350 dead. A visit by Israeli opposition leader Ariel Sharon to a Jerusalem holy site on September 28 is claimed to have sparked the fighting.



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Missoulian, Michael Gallacher/AP/Wide World Photos



▲ In the worst forest fire season in 50 years, more than 20,000 firefighters battle blazes in the western United States. More than 80 major wildfires burn across 13 states, forcing hundreds of people to leave their homes.

✓ The U.S. Senate passes the Permanent Normal Trade Relations bill in September to open up trade between the United States and China. The bill is expected to increase U.S. exports by \$13 billion annually.



Michael R. Brown/Clason

▲ Firestone initiates the largest tire recall in history after dozens of rollover accidents appear to be caused by faulty treads. At least 148 deaths in the United States are linked to the defective tires, although other problems with sport utility vehicles also are under investigation.



David Young-Wolff/PhotoEdit

▲ Summer air travelers wait out some of the worst flight delays on record. Bad weather and heavy air traffic cause delays that reach a peak in June, when only 66% of the flights arrive on time.



Joe Raedle/Newsweek/Clason

▲ Illegal downloading and missing computer tapes threaten the security of the Los Alamos nuclear weapons lab in New Mexico. Several workers at the lab are penalized for mishandling nuclear secrets.



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▲ The Women's Museum: An Institute for the Future opens in September in Dallas. The museum profiles 3,000 remarkable American women and features more than 20 interactive exhibits.



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▲ Many brands of taco shells and corn chips are pulled from store shelves and restaurants after a consumer group detects traces of genetically modified corn not approved for human consumption.



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✎ Convicted of monopoly practices in the software industry, Microsoft Corporation is ordered by a federal district judge in June to break into two separate companies. Company chairman Bill Gates files for an appeal.

A wave of Internet startup companies, once the darlings of the online economy, file for bankruptcy after falling short of stockholders' earnings expectations. The NASDAQ stock exchange, where most dot-coms are traded, loses 39% of its value for the year.

Millions of Californians go for hours without power in January 2001 as utility companies cut off electrical supply due to low reserves. The crisis, blamed on aging generating plants, deregulation, soaring wholesale prices and debt-ridden utilities, spurs other states to begin devising prevention plans.



Cynthia Johnson/Clason

▲ The Oklahoma City National Memorial is unveiled in April 2000. The memorial is built to honor the 168 people who died in the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

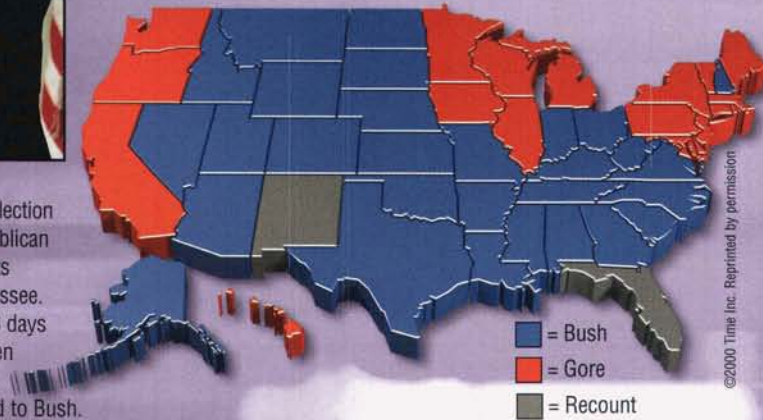


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▲ In the closest presidential election in more than 100 years, Republican George W. Bush of Texas beats Democrat Al Gore from Tennessee. The race isn't decided until 36 days after the popular election, when Florida's hotly contested 25 electoral votes are awarded to Bush.

▼ On December 4, 2000, the U.S. presidency remains in limbo as both Florida and New Mexico officials recount ballots to determine who will win their state's electoral votes. New Mexico goes to Gore. Ultimately, Bush wins Florida which gives him a narrow victory.



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On election night, several TV networks prematurely declare Al Gore the winner in Florida, only later to reverse themselves, twice. The fiasco confirms many Americans' distrust of polling and early "calling" of elections.

In one of his first duties as President-elect, George W. Bush nominates Colin Powell to be Secretary of State. The four-star Army General becomes the first African-American in history to serve in this role.



Reuters/Colin Braley/Archive Photos

▲ Chads, dimpled chads and butterfly ballots become common terms during the election as Florida officials assess voter intent. The confusion generates national discussion for uniform methods of voting.



Mark Wilson/Newsweek/Liaison Agency

▲ The U.S. Supreme Court casts the deciding vote in the nation's election. The court ends the Gore-Bush legal battles in Florida by stopping all recounting, an action that effectively gives Bush victory.



AP/Corbis

▲ In a fiery and highly publicized political battle, Hillary Rodham Clinton beats Republican Rick Lazio decisively to become senator from New York. She is the first first lady to be elected to public office.



Dean Curtis/Liaison Agency

▲ Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan is elected to the Senate days after he dies in a November plane crash. His widow, Jean Carnahan, agrees to serve as senator in his place.



Corbis/Sygma

▲ In October, the USS Cole is bombed while refueling in Yemen. A number of terrorist groups are suspected of the blast that kills 17 sailors and injures 39.

▼ The Federal Trade Commission charges the film, recording and video-game industries with marketing violent and adult-rated materials to teens. The entertainment giants are requested to stop the practice or face legal intervention.

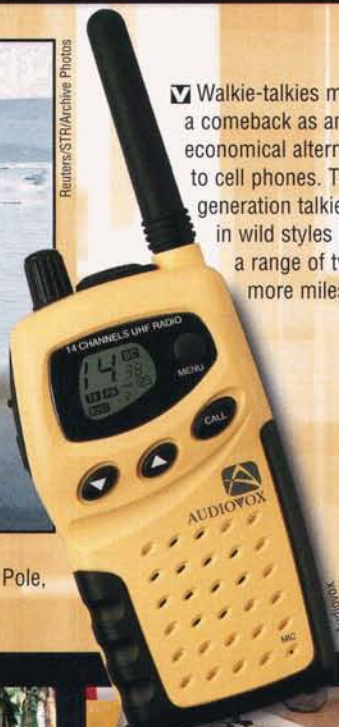


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▲ In August, a mile-wide patch of open water is spotted at the North Pole, dramatizing concerns about global warming.



✓ Walkie-talkies make a comeback as an economical alternative to cell phones. The new generation talkies come in wild styles and have a range of two or more miles.



NASA/AP/Wide World Photos

▲ New photos of fiery streams of gas that can reach 300,000 miles high may explain why the sun's atmosphere is hotter than its surface.



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▲ In July, Stephen King shakes up the publishing world by releasing one of the first online books, *The Plant*. More than 150,000 copies are downloaded the first week at \$1 per chapter.



NYT Pictures

▲ In a Guatemalan jungle, archeologists uncover remains of an ancient Mayan palace. Bigger than two football fields, the palace is one of the largest ever discovered.



Mark Lemmihan/AP/Wide World Photos

▲ Internet appliances that provide surfing and e-mailing capabilities make their way to homes and schools. The devices offer less expensive Internet access to consumers without home computers.



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▲ In 2000, more than 200 animal species join the Iberian Lynx on the World Conservation Union's List of Threatened Species. Their addition brings the world total to 11,046 plants and animals having threatened status.



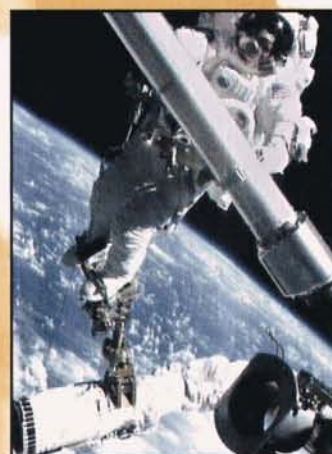
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☑ Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) capable of calendar scheduling, note taking, e-mailing, phoning and Web browsing go mainstream in 2000. Competition among manufacturers heats up with Microsoft, BlackBerry, Palm and other brands vying for shares of the teen and business markets.

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Paleontologists identify a new species of dinosaur from fossils found in northern Italy. The 26-foot-long, meat-eating *Saltriosaur* is one of the world's oldest dinosaurs, dating back 200 million years.

Scientists are forced to rethink the traditional definitions of a star and planet when 18 massive planet-like bodies that don't revolve around a sun are discovered in the Sigma Orionis cluster.

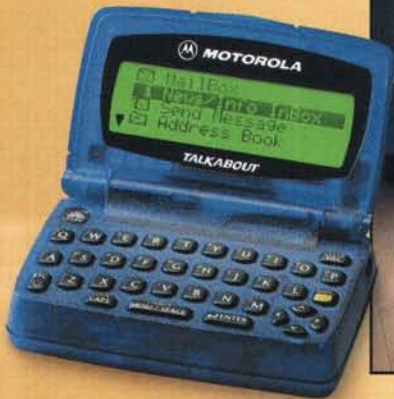


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▲ Final touches are made to the International Space Station for its first residents. American astronaut Bill Shepherd and two Russian cosmonauts live on the space station for four months starting in November.



✔ Wireless devices that send real-time personal messages between users become the latest communication craze. The "instant messages" can be typed, written or spoken, depending on the brand, and devices cost less than \$100.



✔ In 2000, both Honda and Toyota launch gas-electric hybrid cars. Operated by a battery-powered electric motor and a gas-run engine, the hybrids get up to 70 miles per gallon on the highway and release minimal emissions.



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New Internet domain names are created to lessen the load on the old .com standard. The new names, slated for use in mid-2001, include .info for general use, .biz for businesses, .name for individuals and .pro for professionals.

Scientists complete a rough "map" of the genetic code that makes a person human. The map will aid in the detection and prevention of cancer and other illnesses.

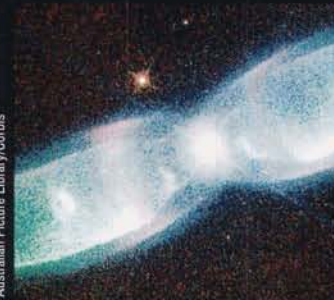


▲ PlanetPortal unveils the WebRemote, a remote built for use with the Internet. Users can surf their favorite sites at the touch of a button instead of keying addresses or scrolling a list of bookmarked pages.



▲ Scientists discover an ancient standing lizard fossil in a German quarry, suggesting that dinosaurs may not have been the first creatures to walk upright.

Australian Picture Library/Corbis



▲ The Hubble Space Telescope shows never-before-seen details of a "cosmic butterfly," material ejected by a star in the later stages of its life.

NASA



▲ Computer scientists at Brandeis University make a robot that can design and build other robots with minimal help from humans.

Brandeis University

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▲ Amtrak introduces the nation's first high-speed train in November. The "Acela Express" travels up to 150 miles per hour and runs between Washington, D.C., New York and Boston, with other routes planned for coming years.

✔ Apple Computer unveils its new G4 Cube computer in July. The 8-inch crystalline cube is commended for its small size, high speed, low noise level, touch-sensitive power activation and padless optical mouse.

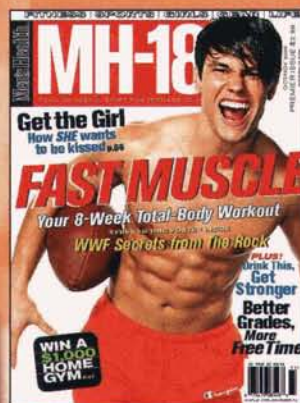


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▲ A new Web site, Customatix.com, lets users design their own sneakers. Starting from scratch or selecting a prefab model, users can pick everything from the colors and styling to the fabric and personalized logo at a cost of \$80 to \$95 a pair.

▼ New prepaid credit cards and online credit lines are the latest high-tech means for parents to control their teens' spending. Depending on the account, parents determine the spending limit or the online stores where the money can be spent and receive monthly statements of purchases made.



▲ *MH-18*, billed as the first national lifestyle magazine for guys 13 to 18, hits newsstands in August. The *Men's Health* offshoot covers sports, fitness, school, relationships and issues teenage boys face growing up.



▲ American Heritage, among other publishers, releases new dictionaries, capturing the language of our computer-savvy culture. "Dot-com," "netiquette" and "cybersurfing" are among the new entries.



▲ Pleather, a synthetic fabric that looks like leather, comes in an array of colors and prints and is popularized by celebrities like singer Christina Aguilera.

▼ Techno pants, as functional as last year's cargoes but with cleaner lines and nylon fabric, are popular with teens. They come in a variety of colors and feature zippered legs and pockets, toggles and nylon drawstrings.



▲ Laser eye surgery becomes an increasingly accepted alternative to eyeglasses and contact lenses as the technology continues to improve.

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◀ The popularity of Apple Computer's translucent berry-colored iMac sparks a wave of similarly colored cell phones, CD players, cameras, irons and other household appliances.

For the first time, females outnumber males in Internet use in the United States, representing 50.4% of the online population in 2000. Teenage girls are the fastest growing user segment.

Designer faceplates become a popular way to personalize cell phones. The decorative attachments come in a variety of designs and colors to match the user's mood or outfit.



▲ Wordstretch bracelets become a trendy accessory in Hollywood and around the nation. The multi-colored elastic bands come inscribed with "Call me," "Money is overrated," "Snap out of it" and other simple messages designed to spark conversation.

Photo courtesy of Wordstretch



David Young-Wolff/PhotoEdit



▲ High-tech, fold-up metal versions of the old scooter are one of the year's hottest modes of transportation but also a leading cause of injury.

✔ Message T-shirts become fashion statements among teen girls. "Foxy Lady," "Princess" and "Monkey Around" are just a few of the tongue-in-cheek logos that appear on the popular shirts.



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By the end of 2000, an estimated 75% of U.S. universities offer courses online and more than 5.8 million students have logged on.

With the 2000 unemployment rate at a low of 4%, college students working as summer interns command wages up to \$20 an hour, along with compensation packages, from high-tech and Internet companies.



▲ Companies like Estee Lauder, Origins, Hermes and Blistex begin to market products in portable single-use packets. Products include nail polish remover, scented wipes, hair conditioners and moisturizers.



▲ Stick-on crystals and gems become popular fashion accessories for teen girls, accenting the face, neck and shoulders.



▲ Mail-order clothing pioneer Lands' End introduces "scan wear." The technology captures customers' body measurements, and allows users to virtually "try on" clothing when ordering via the Internet.



▲ "Personal TVs" by TiVo and ReplayTV allow users to control live TV by pausing or rewinding and to record their favorite shows without having to set a VCR timer or purchase videotapes.



▲ Chrysler rolls out its 1930s retro car, the PT Cruiser, in spring 2000. The five-door "personal transportation" wagon is a hot seller, beating the popular Volkswagen New Beetle by two to one in the first month. It also wins *Motor Trend* magazine's 2001 Car of the Year.

✔ Teens involved in anti-smoking organizations such as The Truth and Target Market strike back at Big Tobacco for marketing to youth, by launching their own in-your-face advertising campaigns targeting cigarette makers. The print and broadcast ads are sponsored by funds won from tobacco suit settlements.



Chris Hondress/Newsmakers/Liaison

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Target Market



▲ The Millennium Force, the world's tallest and fastest roller coaster, opens in May 2000 at the Cedar Point amusement park in Sandusky, Ohio. The ride has a 300-foot drop and travels up to 92 miles per hour.

Paul M. Walsh/AP/Wide World Photos

▼ A new computer video game called "The Sims," which simulates the life of a suburban family, develops a fanatical following with teens. Players create the characters and guide them through building a house, furnishing it, finding a career and running a family in their pursuit of happiness.



Maxis/Electronic Arts



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▲ Jim Carrey stirs up trouble in the town of Whoville in an adaptation of the Dr. Seuss classic, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. *The Grinch*, which opens in November, is the highest grossing film of 2000.



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▲ *Meet the Parents*, starring Robert De Niro and Ben Stiller, opens in October. The movie wins Favorite Comedy Motion Picture at the People's Choice Awards, and De Niro earns a Golden Globe nomination.

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Big Brother

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▲ In July, CBS launches "Big Brother," a reality-based show in which 10 people share living quarters for three months until all but one are voted out. Viewers can monitor contestants 24/7 on the show's Web site.



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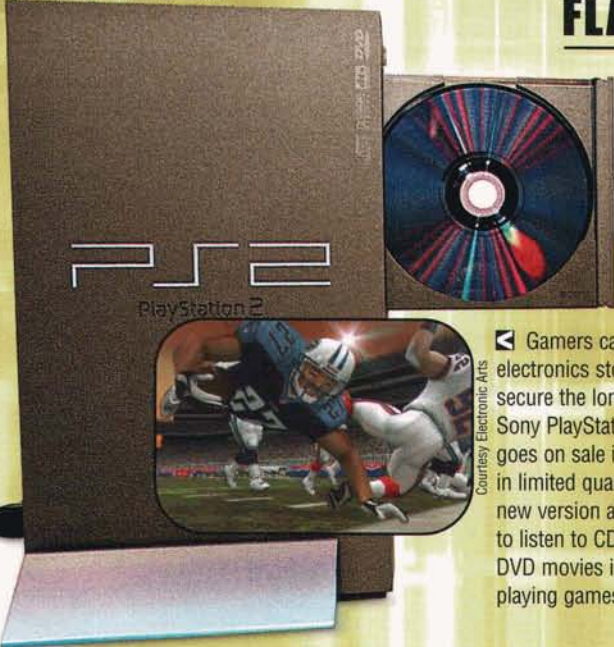
▲ UPN's weekly series "WWF Smackdown!" starring professional wrestler The Rock is the network's most-watched show in 2000, with 7.3 million viewers.



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▲ In December, *Cast Away* is released, starring Tom Hanks as a crash victim stranded on a desert island for four years. For his nearly one-man performance Hanks wins Best Actor at the Golden Globes.

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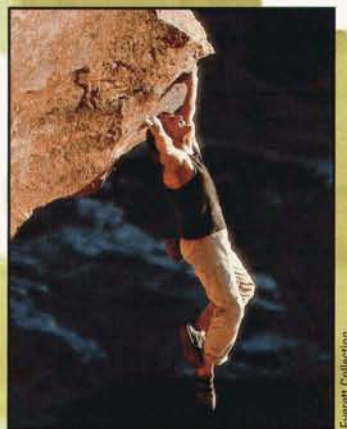
Courtesy Electronic Arts

▼ Gamers camp outside electronics stores to secure the long-awaited Sony PlayStation 2, which goes on sale in October in limited quantities. The new version allows users to listen to CDs and watch DVD movies in addition to playing games.

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The first big hit in 2001 is *Save the Last Dance*, which opens in January. The teen romance, starring Julia Stiles and Sean Patrick Thomas, earns close to \$50 million in its first two weeks.

Pay It Forward, a movie based on the idea of performing random acts of kindness, opens in October starring Haley Joel Osment, Kevin Spacey and Helen Hunt.



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▲ Tom Cruise reprises his role as Ethan Hunt in the action sequel *Mission: Impossible 2*. The May release is summer's biggest box-office draw and 2000's second-highest grossing film, earning more than \$215 million.



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▲ NBC's White House drama "The West Wing," starring Martin Sheen, Allison Janney and Richard Schiff, sets a record for receiving the most Emmys in a single season with nine wins, including Outstanding Drama Series.

▼ Popular television series prompt the introduction of board game versions. "Survivor" and "Who Wants To Be a Millionaire" lead the list of new releases.



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In November, illusionist David Blaine is encased in ice for 62 hours in New York's Times Square, assisted only with air and water tubes and a catheter. Blaine, who was seeking notoriety over national TV, survives the stunt but requires hospitalization.

Russell Crowe becomes a household name with the release of *Gladiator*. The epic film wins a Golden Globe Award for Best Drama as well as an acting nod for Crowe.



Bill Rellera/NBC/Liaison

▲ NBC's "Will & Grace" is one of television's 10 most watched shows in 2000. Actors Sean Hayes and Megan Mullally win Emmys for their roles as Jack and Karen.



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▲ *Scary Movie*, the Wayans brothers' spoof on horror movies, is among the year's 10 highest grossing films. The July release earns more than \$157 million and is voted the Teen Choice Awards Movie of the Summer.



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▲ Fox's "Dark Angel" is voted Favorite New Television Dramatic Series at the 2001 People's Choice Awards. The series, set in the year 2019, explores the life of a genetically enhanced heroine named Max.

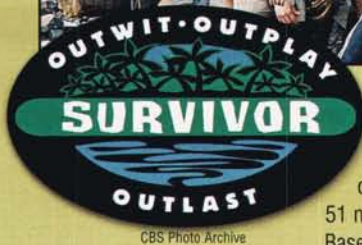


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▲ In July, Wolverine, Cyclops, Storm and other super-powerful comic book characters are brought to life in *X-Men*. The movie grosses over \$157 million, one of the year's 10 biggest box-office draws.



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▲ The year's hottest TV show is CBS's "Survivor," in which 16 contestants compete for a million dollars by surviving on a tropical island for 39 days. More than 51 million viewers tune in for the final episode. Based on its success, CBS launches a second "Survivor" series in January 2001 set in the Australian Outback.

▼ *Charlie's Angels*, based on the popular '70s TV series, is one of the top 20 box-office draws in 2000. The movie, starring director Drew Barrymore, Cameron Diaz and Lucy Liu, earns \$40 million its opening week in November and grosses more than \$123 million during its run.



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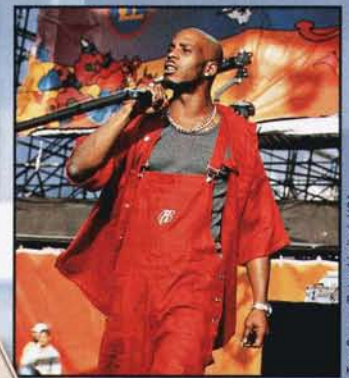
▲ In response to the growing interest in Latin music, CBS airs the "1st Annual Latin Grammy Awards" in September. The show is the first primetime Spanish language telecast on American TV and draws 7.5 million viewers.

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✔ A new board game called "Hip-Hop Hall of Fame" capitalizes on the popularity of the music genre. Players make their way around an album-like board by answering questions about Hip-Hop performers, songs, culture and history.



Alex Cao/AP/Wide World Photos



Tara Canova/Rena Limited, USA

▲ Hip-Hop remains one of the year's dominant sounds, with acts such as DMX, Jay-Z and Ludacris all making *Billboard's* Top 40 with new songs and selling more than a million copies of their latest CDs.



▲ 'N Sync's *No Strings Attached* becomes the top-selling album of 2000 with 10 million units sold. The lead single "Bye Bye Bye" wins three MTV awards and receives a Grammy nomination for Record of the Year.



Mark Allan/Globe Photos

▲ Pop star Björk wins MTV's Breakthrough Video Award for "All Is Full of Love." The Icelandic newcomer is also nominated for a Golden Globe and a Grammy for her music in *Dancer In the Dark*.



Mark Lennihan/AP/Wide World Photos

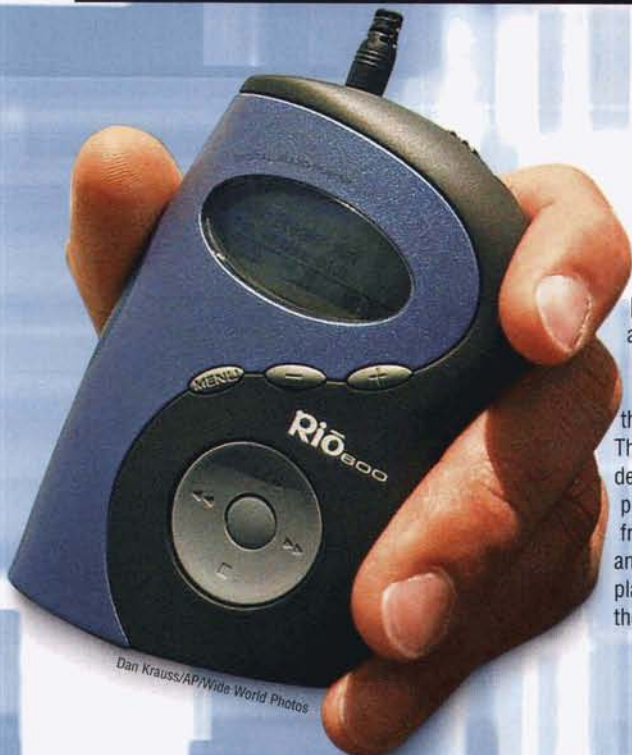
▲ Macy Gray wins MTV's Best New Artist in a Video award for her hit single "I Try." Gray is also nominated for three Grammys.



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▲ Lee Ann Womack wins the Country Music Association's award for Best Single with "I Hope You Dance." Womack also receives several Grammy nominations.

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Dan Krauss/AP/Wide World Photos

✔ New brands and styles of portable MP3 players inundate the market in 2000. The new-generation devices store and play digital music from the Internet and feature more playing time than their predecessors.

Madonna scores a record-setting 12th No. 1 single with the release of "Music." In December, she weds director Guy Ritchie in a Scottish castle.

Irish artist Samantha Mumba makes the music charts in 2001 with her hit song "Gotta Tell You." The 17-year-old joins fellow countrymen U2 and The Corrs on the American airwaves.



Christopher Lee/Hulton/Reena Ltd., USA

▲ Creed, with lead singer Scott Stapp, proves to be one of 2000's hottest rock bands, with their singles "Higher" and "With Arms Wide Open" hitting the top 5 on *Billboard's* Hot 100 singles list. The group wins American Music Association's Favorite Alternative Artist and Favorite Pop/Rock Album.



Opening week sales records are shattered in 2000 with benchmarks set for the number of albums sold. Britney Spears' *Oops...I Did it Again*, Eminem's *The Marshall Mathers LP*, Limp Bizkit's *Chocolate Starfish and the Hot Dog Flavored Water* and Backstreet Boys' *Black & Blue* all break the million-unit mark.

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The Beatles begin 2001 atop the *Billboard* album chart with the album *1*. The CD sells more than 5 million copies over the holiday season.

Sisqo, a member of the R&B band Dru Hill, goes solo in 2000. The singer tops the singles chart with "Incomplete" and "Thong Song" and takes home awards from *Billboard* and the American Music Association.



Napster loses several court battles with the recording industry over copyright infringement. The popular online music sharing service, with over 60 million users, faces shut-down unless it can create a new business formula that satisfies the major recording labels.



Chip Wass



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MTV's "Total Request Live," which allows viewers to vote for their favorite music videos, continues to gain popularity. Host Carson Daly becomes one of the year's best-known faces.

Destiny's Child achieves three back-to-back No. 1 singles in 2000, making the band *Billboard's* Top Pop Artist of 2000. The group is nominated for five Grammys, four for the single "Say My Name."

Faith Hill and Tim McGraw perform to sellout crowds on their Soul 2 Soul tour. Hill and McGraw win the Country Music Association's Female and Male Vocalist of the Year, making them the first couple to win in the same year.

Pink is one of the year's top new artists. Her debut album, *Can't Take Me Home*, sells 2 million copies, and two of her songs are Top 10 hits.

Ben Vanhouten/AP/Wide World Photos



Rock music dominates the music charts and award shows in 2000. Groups including matchbox twenty, Vertical Horizon and 3 Doors Down top both the rock and pop singles charts with their respective singles "Bent," "Everything You Want," and "Kryptonite."



Baha Men's hit song "Who Let the Dogs Out" reaches anthem status at sports stadiums across the country. The song also wins a Grammy nomination for Best Dance Recording.



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▲ The New York Yankees defeat the New York Mets four games to one in the first "Subway Series" since 1956. It is the Yankees' third straight World Series win and their 26th overall.

✓ American Marion Jones, 24, becomes the first woman to win five track and field medals in a single Olympic Games at the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney. Jones wins the 100- and 200-meter sprints and the 4x400 relay, and finishes third in both the 4x100 relay and long jump.

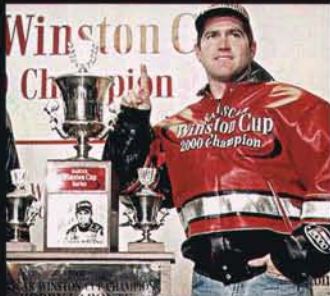


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▲ Tiger Woods, 24, wins three of golf's four major tournaments to become the youngest player to win a career grand slam. Woods also breaks the earnings record for a single year with winnings of more than \$9 million.



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▲ Bobby Labonte wins the 2000 NASCAR Winston Cup, his first after eight years on the circuit. Labonte and his brother Terry, winner of two previous Winston Cups, are the first brothers to win titles.



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▲ The Houston Comets beat the New York Liberty to win the 2000 WNBA championship. The win is Houston's fourth in a row, and star Cynthia Cooper is named the finals MVP.



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▲ In the 2001 Orange Bowl, the underdog Oklahoma Sooners defeat the Florida State Seminoles 13-2 to win the National Championship. It is Oklahoma's first title in 15 years.



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▲ Australian Karrie Webb is named the LPGA's Player of the Year for the second time in a row. Webb wins seven titles in 2000, including the U.S. Women's Open in July, and sets an earnings record of \$1.8 million.

✓ Venus Williams dominates women's tennis. The 20-year-old has a 35-match winning streak, which includes the titles at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open as well as an Olympic gold medal.

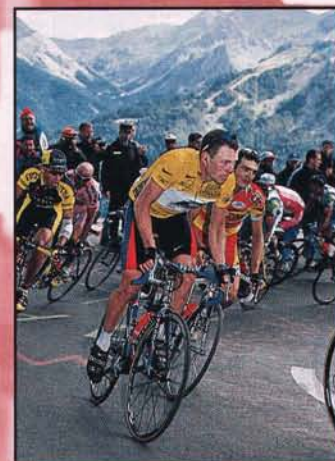


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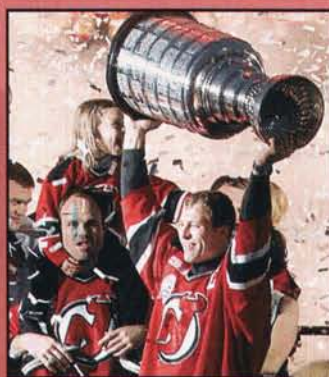
With a win against the University of Dayton in September, Yale becomes the first college team to win 800 football games.

In January 2001, after a three-year hiatus, legendary Mario Lemieux returns to play for the Pittsburgh Penguins, the hockey team he now part-owns. Lemieux becomes the first owner/player in the history of the NHL.



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▲ Cyclist Lance Armstrong wins his second consecutive Tour de France in July. Armstrong, a cancer survivor, also writes his autobiography *It's Not About the Bike: My Journey Back to Life*.

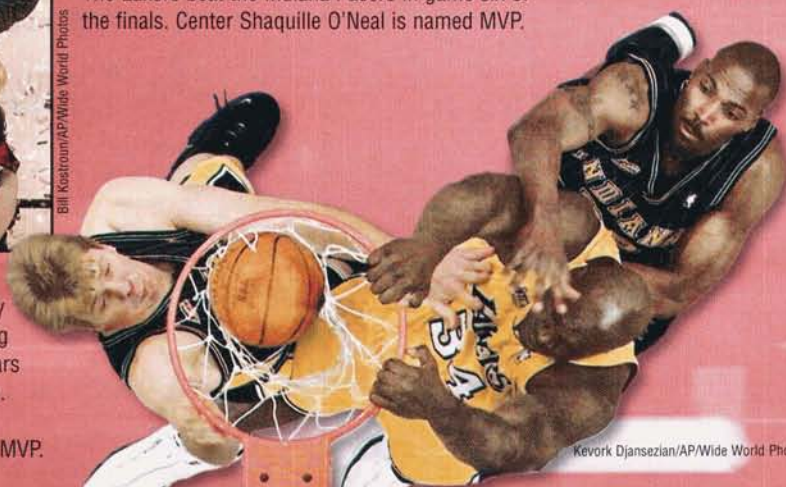


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✓ The Los Angeles Lakers win the NBA championship, the franchise's first in 12 years. The Lakers beat the Indiana Pacers in game six of the finals. Center Shaquille O'Neal is named MVP.

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The racing world is stunned when NASCAR legend Dale Earnhardt Sr., a seven-time Winston Cup champion, is killed on the last lap of the Daytona 500 in February 2001. NASCAR does not retire numbers, but car owner Richard Childress said he will never again race Earnhardt's black No. 3 car.



Kevork Djansezian/AP/Wide World Photos

Xtreme Football debuts in February 2001. The game combines conventional football rules with some of the mayhem of professional wrestling. Eight teams play in the league's first season.

▲ In June, the New Jersey Devils win their second Stanley Cup in six seasons by defeating defending champion Dallas Stars four games to two in the finals. Scott Stevens wins the Conn Smythe Trophy for postseason MVP.



Sports Illustrated

▲ Laura Wilkinson overcomes three broken toes to win the women's 10-meter platform diving competition. Wilkinson is the first American woman to earn the gold in this Olympic event since 1964.



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▲ In a huge upset, American Greco-Roman wrestler Rulon Gardner defeats Russian legend Alexander Karelin for the gold in the super heavyweight class. The loss is Karelin's first in 13 years.



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▲ American swimmer Misty Hyman beats out heavily favored Susie O'Neill of Australia to win the 200-meter butterfly. Hyman's winning time of 2:05.88 is an Olympic record.



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▲ American runner Michael Johnson makes history by winning the 400-meter run for an unprecedented second time in a row at the Olympics. Alvin Harrison, also from the United States, wins the silver medal.



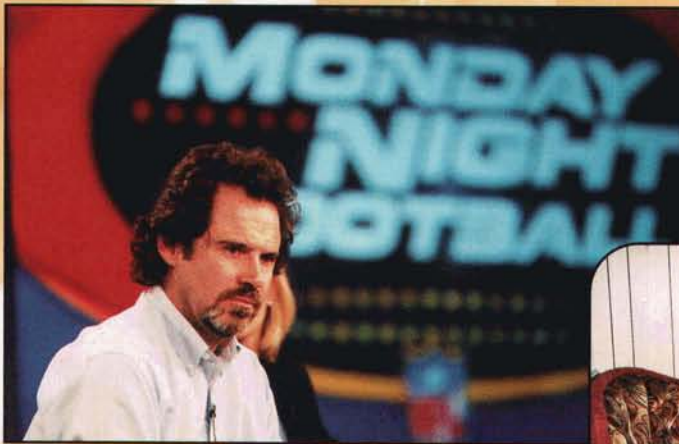
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▲ Cathy Freeman carries the Olympic torch at the opening ceremonies of the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney. Freeman goes on to win the 400-meter dash, becoming the first Aboriginal Australian to earn an individual Olympic gold medal.

✓ The Baltimore Ravens beat the New York Giants 34-7 in Super Bowl XXXV for their first NFL title. Ray Lewis of Baltimore's highly touted defense is named MVP of the game.



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▲ Comedian Dennis Miller debuts as co-announcer on ABC's "Monday Night Football." Miller's offbeat humor gets a mixed reaction from fans, and the series earns some of the lowest ratings in its 31-year history.

▼ Paula Prince of Port Richey, Florida, wins the sixth annual Ugly Couch Contest, sponsored by a slipcover manufacturer, with her vintage '70s entry. Prince and two other contest finalists appear on ABC's "Live! With Regis" in October.



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▲ Fred Rogers, host of the children's PBS show "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," announces he will tie his tennis shoes for the last time, when his final new episode airs in August 2001. Rogers will continue to work on Web sites, books and special museum projects.



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▲ To observe society and learn about himself, New Jersey native Brett Banfe, 18, takes a one-year vow of silence. He communicates by e-mail, facial expressions and business cards.



Andy Lyons/Allsport

▲ Runner Marla Runyan, who is legally blind, becomes the first U.S. Paralympian to compete in the Olympics. Runyan places 8th in the 1,500-meter run at the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney, Australia.



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▲ England celebrates the 100th birthday of the Queen Mum, mother of Queen Elizabeth, in August. The beloved Mum becomes the oldest living royal in the history of the British Monarchy.



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▲ In October, Slovenian climber Davo Karnicar becomes the first person to ski down Mount Everest. Karnicar's two-mile descent down the world's highest mountain takes five hours.

▶ In honor of the late cartoonist Charles M. Schulz, 101 fiberglass Snoopy statues — each in a theme wardrobe — are displayed in Schulz's hometown of St. Paul. Several are auctioned off in October to raise money for aspiring cartoonists.

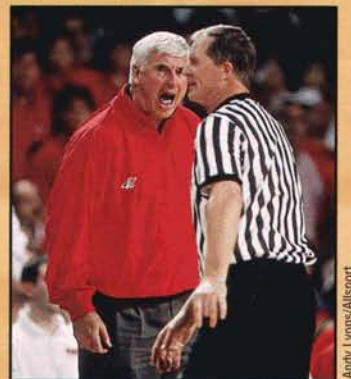


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Video gamer Josh Griffith, 17, starts a business filling in for other gamers involved in an online roleplaying game called "Asheron's Call." Players are required to put in hours of game time to keep their online characters powerful. Busy executives pay Griffith up to \$40 an hour to play for them.

After a record 3,545 wins and \$81 million in earnings during her 19-year career, jockey Julie Krone becomes the first woman inducted into the National Racing Hall of Fame.



Andy Lyons/Allsport

▲ Controversial Indiana University basketball coach Bob Knight is fired in September after allegedly violating a University-imposed code of conduct. During his 29 years at Indiana, Knight was often criticized for temper outbursts. His dismissal provokes student protest demonstrations.

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