

Future Rock Star? Stephanie Ach stands in front of Axl Rose's guitar at the Hard Rock Cafe.

Matt Phillips takes it all in.





Brittany Espen sits on the Alice in Wonderland's lap in the middle of Central Park. No we haven't gone down any rabbit holes.



Outside of the Today show, Baley Delancy and Brittany Trevino pose with a Teen Cosmo model. Look for him in next months spread.



Lacie Orians listens to the directions and imagines what it would be like to live like this every day.

Krysta Wright sports her New York hat and a wide grin.



Alyssa Simon and Brittany Trevino are all smiles about the trip.



Jonathon Routzon, how do you like the trip so far? That smile says it all!.

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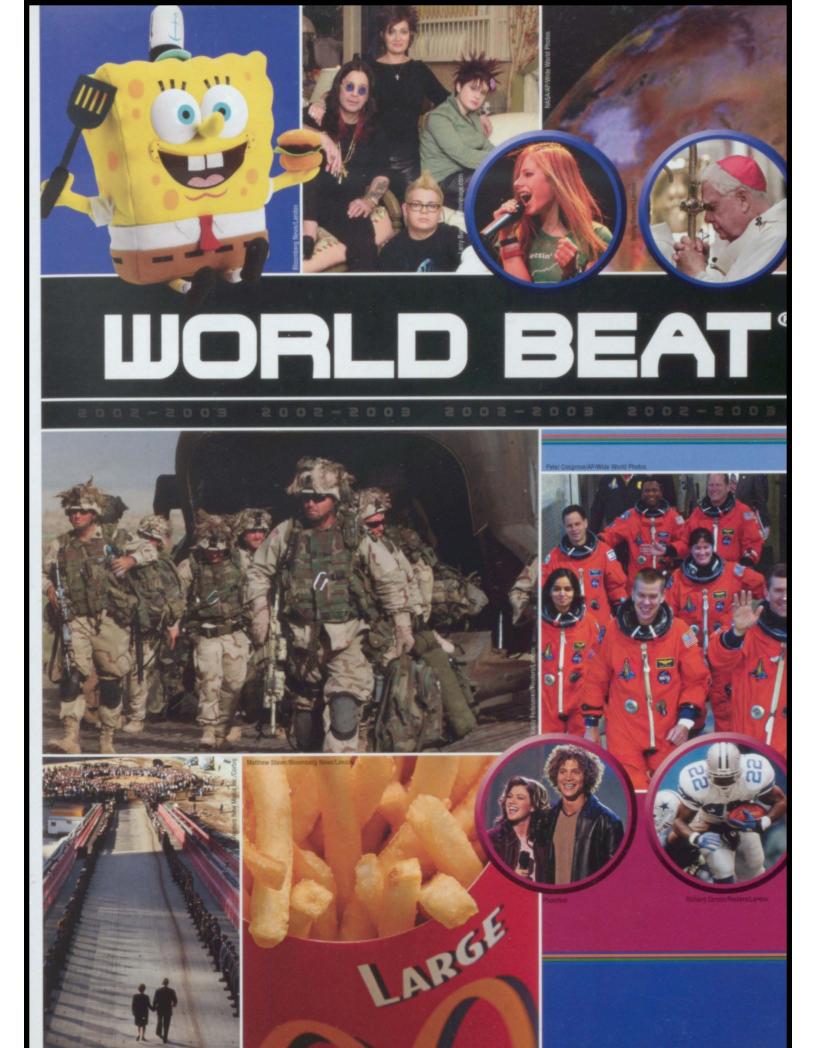
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- U2's humanitarian lead singer Bono visits Africa and tours Midwestern America to raise awareness and support for African AIDS epidemic relief.
- Nuclear crisis arises when North Korean leader Kim Jong II breaks a 1994 pledge with the United States not to build nuclear weapons.





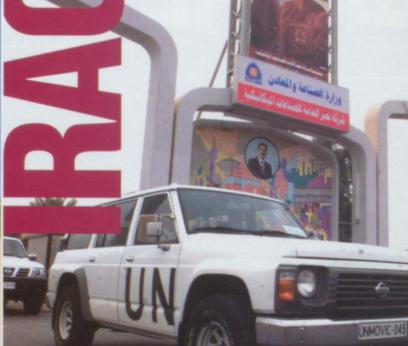
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> U.N. inspectors return to Iraq to investigate Saddam Hussein's alleged production of weapons of mass destruction.



- A Halloween earthquake in San Giuiliano di Puglia, Italy, topples an elementary school, killing dozens of children.
- China's one-child-per-family policy creates an imbalanced boy-to-girl ratio that will result in tens of millions of men finding themselves single in the year 2020.

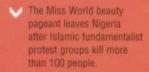




In October, a Moscow theater siege by Chechen rebels ends in a Russian special forces raid that kills the captors and at least 129 hostages.

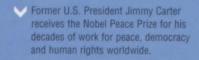
▲ Thousands die as storms and floods cause billions of dollars in damage in China and many countries across Europe.

Pope John Paul II travels to Toronto's Downsview Park in July to lead the World Youth Day vigil.



- In Venezuela, an opposition strike demanding President Hugo Chavez's resignation paralyzes the country's oil as Chavez supporters retaliate.
- The oil tanker Prestige spills more than 5 million gallons of oil off the northwestern coast of Spain before splitting in two and sinking.

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Over 100 people, mostly foreign tourists, are killed in an October terrorist bombing of two nightclubs in Bali, Indonesia.



➤ Once presumed dead, Al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden returns to Middle Eastern air waves with recorded anti-American threats.

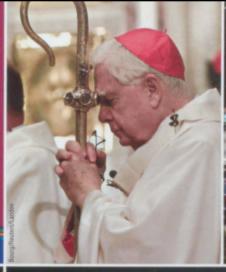


▲ In an effort to eliminate Al-Qaeda, the United States continues its war on terrorism by maintaining a steady military presence in Afghanistan.



Emergency workers in the United States and overseas receive smallpox vaccinations as a preventative measure against bioterrorism.

- After being subpoenaed to testify before a Massachusetts grand jury about sex abuse among Catholic priests, embattled Boston Cardinal Bernard Law resigns.
- More than 25 states implement the Amber Alert System, which posts information about abducted children on TV and interstate signs, leading to the recovery of dozens of children nationwide.





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executives make off with

scandals that send shock

waves through global markets.

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- > For weeks in October, alleged snipers John Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo terrorize Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia, randomly killing 10 people and injuring three others.
- ✓ The space shuttle Columbia breaks apart on reentry into the Earth's atmosphere, killing all seven astronauts aboard.



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- President George W. Bush

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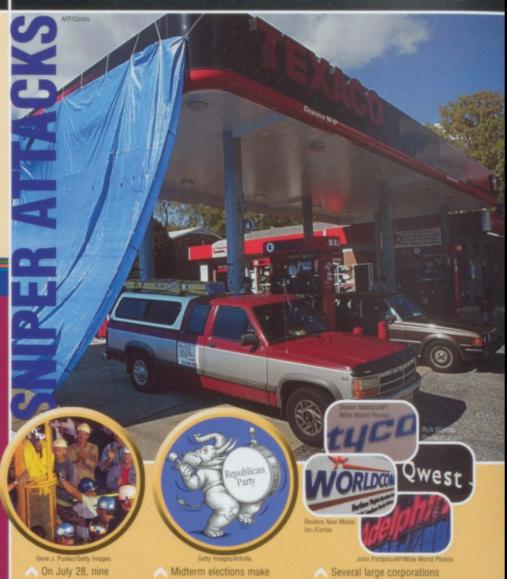
Pennsylvania coal miners

are rescued after being

trapped for three days in

a mineshaft flooded with

over 70 million gallons



Midterm elections make history as Republicans, the

party controlling the White

House, gain congressional

seats rather than losing them.

- In October, Minnesota Senator Paul Wellstone dies in a plane crash along with his wife, daughter and five other victims.
- Sparked by summer drought, wildfires—including one set accidentally by a forlorn forest ranger—tear across the western United States.
- A weakened economy repeatedly drives down interest rates and delivers retailers their worst holiday shopping season in decades.
- President Bush signs the Homeland Security Act, officially creating a Department of Homeland Security dedicated to preventing terrorist attacks.

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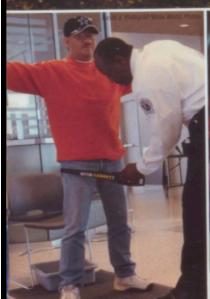
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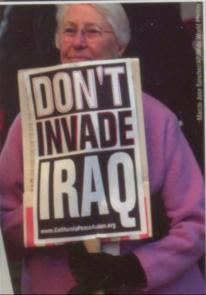
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▲ Throughout 2002, Americans search for ways to recover and rebuild from September 11. On the one-year anniversary, survivors, families and friends gather at all three sites to commemorate the lives lost.

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- Federal employees from the Transportation Security Administration begin screening all checked baggage and random passengers at airports.
- The possibility of the United States waging war against Iraq meets disapproval both at home and abroad.
- The U.S. Senate passes a resolution condemning a Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in schools is unconstitutional.



- Patients in Florida are the first to receive the VeriChip, a computer chip bearing personal medical data that is injected into the forearm.
- Microsoft's Tablet PC enables users to write directly on the screen rather than typing on a keyboard.





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The Journal of the American Medical Association reports that children who grow up with pets have a reduced risk of developing common allergies.

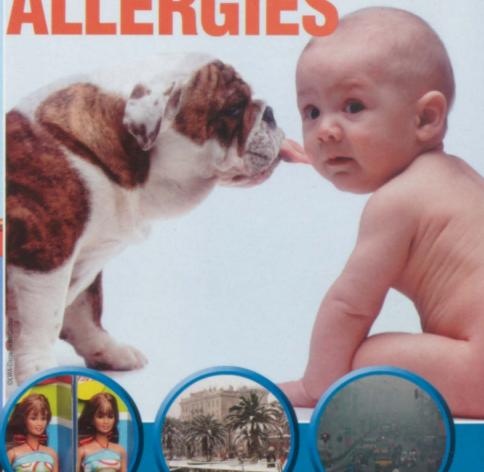


- Maria de Jesus and Maria Teresa Quiej-Alvarez, 1-year-old Guatemalan twins born joined at the head, are successfully separated after over 22 hours of surgery.
- Just before burning up in Jupiter's atmosphere, the Galileo spacecraft captures the closest shots ever taken of Jupiter's moon lo.

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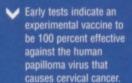




▲ Both Italian doctor Severino Antinori and Raelian scientists at Clonaid, who believe aliens created humans, claim to have produced the first cloned human. Neither claim is proven genetically. Bozo Vukicevic/AP/Wide World Photos

♠ El Niño causes snow and ice storms up and down the East Coast, rainstorms in California and a devastating December tornado in Mississippi. Arman/AP/Wide World Photo

A blanket of pollution over South Asia, dubbed the "Asian Brown Cloud," threatens the lives of millions worldwide with respiratory disease.



- University of Arkansas
 researchers discover that
 microorganisms grow in
 conditions similar to those on
 Mars, suggesting the planet once
 hosted or currently hosts life.
- For \$300 to \$1,000 per injection, people craving eternal youth attend BOTOX parties to inject the FDA-approved paralytic toxin into their skin to relax their muscle tissue.
- General Motors introduces the Hy-wire a car powered by hydrogen and oxygen that emits heat and water rather than harmful exhaust.

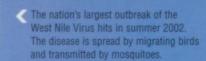


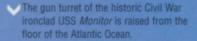


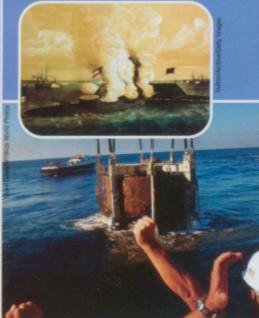








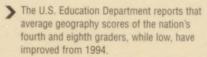








- President Bush orders construction of a system that would defend the United States from ballistic missile attacks by 2004.
- The newly discovered hunger hormone ghrelin is found to play a role in obesity by regulating what you eat and how much weight you gain.



➤ Ellula introduces HotAir Speakers, a set of battery-powered, inflatable speakers that are small enough to fit in your pocket when deflated.





LIFESTYLE

Nickelodeon's "SpongeBob Squarepants" ignites imaginations across the nation and appears on store shelves on everything from slippers to suspenders.



- McDonald's unveils new lower-fat french fries due to the new Healthy Eating Pyramid and in response to many former patrons suing for making them overweight.
- 1970s peasant shirts are alive and well on runways and in school halls.

David Dyson/Camera Press/Retna





The Institute of Medicine announces that maintaining health now requires one hour of exercise daily, doubling the previous recommendation.



Jewelry designers Le Ann Carlson and Denise Gaskill add style to safety with Lauren's Hope for a Cure medical ID bracelets.

Kmart Corporation

Kmart rejuvenates the Joe Boxer brand with ads featuring the dancing Joe Boxer guy, Vaughn Lowery.

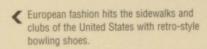
- Everyone from hot young movie stars to aging rock stars sports the newest fashion trend, turquoise jewelry.
- The cola war puts new flavors to the test, including Dr. Pepper Red Fusion, Pepsi Blue and Vanilla Coke.
- Krispy Kreme lovers start a new tradition by celebrating their vows with doughnut wedding cakes.

Courtesy Krispy Kreme

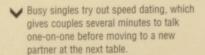








Several companies introduce flavored water enhanced with vitamins and other nutrients.



Mark Gormus/Richmond Times-Dispatch/AP/Wide World Photos



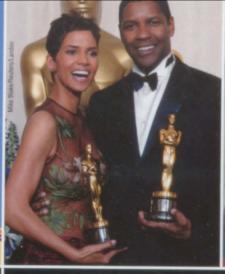


- The Mohawk makes a hair-raising comeback after being donned by everyone from U.S. World Cup star Clint Mathis to actor Ryan Phillippe.
- Digital innovations include camera phones — cell phones that can transmit still and video images through mobile phone lines.





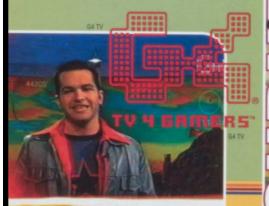
- At the 2002 Academy Awards, Halle Berry and Denzel Washington win Best Actress and Best Actor Oscars. Berry is the first female African-American to win the award.
- > Spider-Man, starring Tobey Maguire and Kirsten Dunst, spins a \$114 million opening weekend box-office record.





ENTERTAINMENT

With over 6 million viewers, "The Osbournes" is the biggest hit in MTV's 21-year history.



BILL SINDELAR

- Avid gamers tune in to G4, the first cable TV channel dedicated solely to video games.
- Viewers return week after week for a bit of innocent American nostalgia on NBC's hit drama "American Dreams."







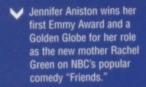
Ron, Harry and Hermione are back to battling evil forces in Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets.



"The Bachelor" and "The Bachelorette" keep millions tuned in to ABC to see who will receive an on-air marriage proposal.



→ PBS's "Sesame Street" introduces the Muppet Kami, an HIV-infected orphan, in an effort to educate young people worldwide about AIDS.



- Virtual unknowns Nia Vardalos and John Corbett steal America's hearts in the year's surprise smash hit My Big Fat Greek Wedding.
- Peter Jackson receives a Golden Globe Best Director nomination for The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers, the year's most anticipated sequel.







Cynical Simon Cowell and company stir up big ratings for Fox's "American Idol" and big record sales for winner Kelly Clarkson, a waitress from Texas.

Phototes



- After a two-year hiatus, Leonardo DiCaprio returns to the big screen with two holiday blockbusters, Gangs of New York and Catch Me If You Can.
- Chicago, a film adaptation of the hit Broadway musical, wins three Golden Globes, including Best Picture: Musical or Comedy, and receives 13 Oscar nominations.











- HBO Films' comedy Real Women Have Curves promotes positive self-image with the dazzling debut of Latin-American actress America Ferrera.
- CBS scores a ratings doubleheader with a pair of forensic investigation dramas, "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" and "CSI Miami."

- Newcomer Norah Jones takes home five Grammys, including Album of the Year, for *Come Away With Me*:
- Multi-talented Eminem raps up five Grammy nominations for *The* Eminem Show and big box-office success in 8 Mile.





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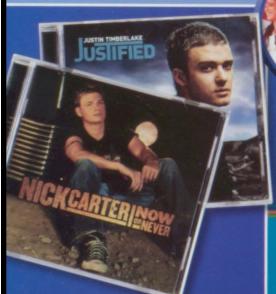
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Rocker Avril Lavigne and other "anti-Britneys," such as Vanessa Carlton and Michelle Branch, represent the new face of women in music.

Deffrey Mayer 2002 © Weezer, Muppets™ & ©Henson 2002



- Weezer teams up with the Muppets in the video for "Keep Fishin'," the second single from their hit album Maladroit.
- Pop takes a new direction when former boy band favorites Nick Carter and Justin Timberlake break out with solo albums and tours.

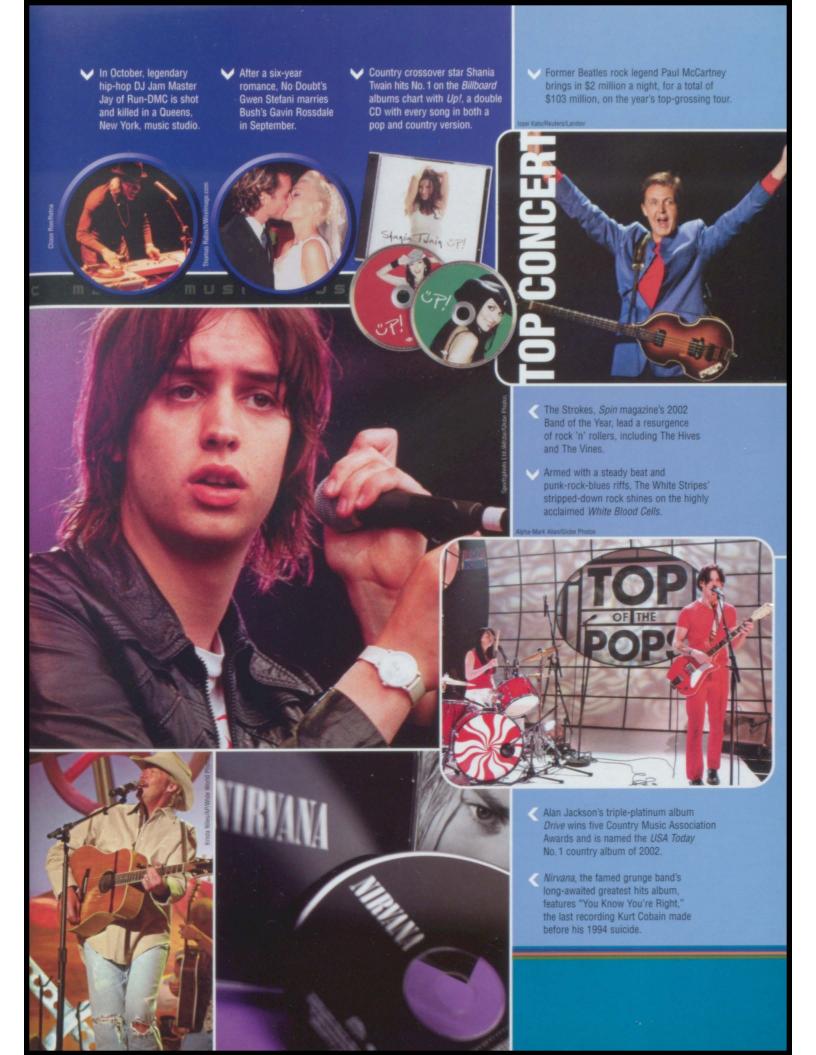


J. Pat Carter/AP/Wide World Photo

Spanish trio Las Ketchup lands a summer hit with the catchy "Asereje" aka "The Ketchup Song (Hey Hah)." Hermann J. Knippertz/AP/Wide World Photos

R&B newcomer Ashanti becomes the first artist since the Beatles to have three singles from a debut album in Billboard's Top 10 at the same time. Chris Pizzello AP/Wide World Photos

In April 2002, Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes, 30, of R&B band TLC, dies in a car crash on a Honduran highway.



- Dallas Cowboy running back Emmitt Smith breaks Walter Payton's 16,727-yard mark to become the NFL's all-time leading rusher.
- The Detroit Red Wings capture the 2002 NHL Stanley Cup over the Cinderella Carolina Hurricanes. It's a record ninth cup for retiring coach Scotty Bowman.





Despite an injured toe,

May 2002.

Shaquille O'Neal powers the

unstoppable Los Angeles

Lakers to a third straight

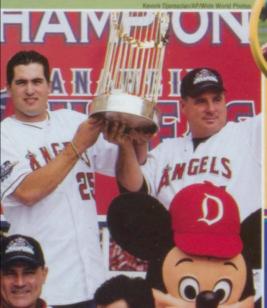
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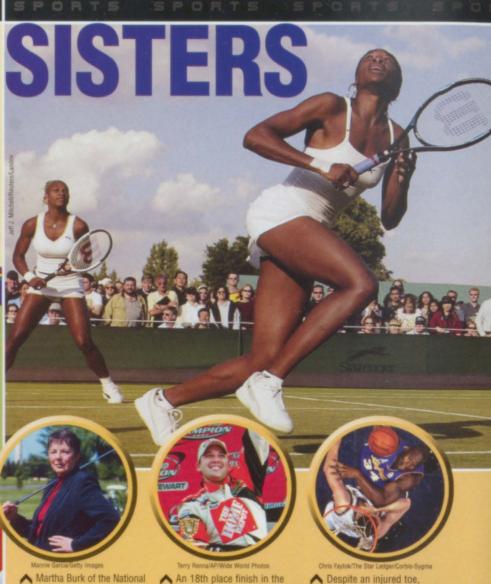
SPORTS

> Serena and Venus Williams continue to dominate women's tennis, becoming the first sisters to be ranked No. 1 and No. 2 in the world.



- The college football season is marred by violent confrontations involving fans, students and even coaches.
- MVP Troy Glaus leads the scrappy Anaheim Angels to the 2002 World Series win over Barry Bonds and the San Francisco Giants, four games to three.





NASCAR season finale at

is enough to earn Tony

Stewart his first Winston

Cup Series championship.

Homestead-Miami Speedway

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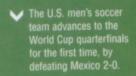
Organizations battles with

Augusta National chairman

issue of female membership at

the famous Georgia golf club.

William Johnson over the



- ✓ The U.S. Postal Service team propels Sports Illustrated magazine's Sportsman of the Year Lance Armstrong to his fourth consecutive Tour de France victory.
- The top-rated defense of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers shuts down the No. 1 offense of the Oakland Raiders to win Super Bowl XXXVII 48-21.





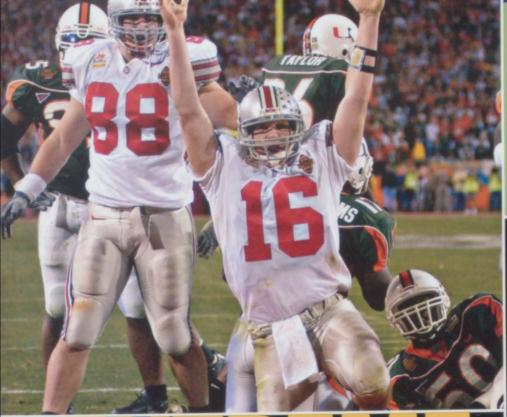


✓ LPGA pro Annika Sorenstam, after a

2003 PGA Tour.

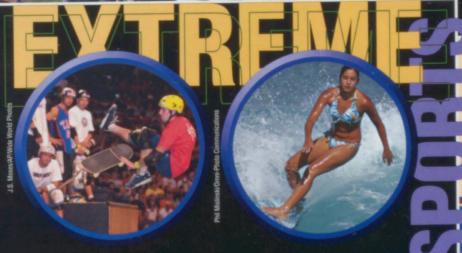
record-setting 13-win 2002 season worldwide, accepts an invitation to play the Colonial tournament on the men's

- to win the BCS National Championship. The 31-24 victory is the school's first national football title since 1968.
- The new sport of SlamBall takes basketball to the extreme on a specially designed court with four trampolines in front of each hoop.

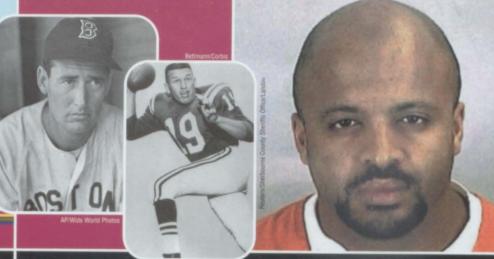




- Skateboarding reaches new popularity heights thanks to the high visibility of the X Games and the "Tony Hawk's Pro Skater" video game series.
- Surfing welcomes a tidal wave of women to the sport after receiving a Hollywood endorsement in the popular summer flick Blue Crush.



- The sports world loses two legendsbaseball's "Splendid Splinter" Ted Williams and Johnny Unitas, one of football's greatest quarterbacks.
- Zacarais Moussaoui, widely believed to be the 20th hijacker, goes on trial for his involvement in the September 11 terrorist attacks.



FACES

Martha Stewart faces charges of illegal stock trading after former Imclone president Sam Waksal allegedly tips her off regarding the company's demise.



- In show business since they were 9 months old, Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen, 16, have amassed a \$76 million fortune through their Dualstar Entertainment Group.
- Veteran actor Richard Harris, known for his role as Hogwarts wise headmaster Albus Dumbledore, dies of Hodgkin's disease at age 72.





Mentally challenged Ohio high school senior Jake Porter-who suited up for every practice and game for four years but never playedscores his first touchdown.

California's Linda and Loretta Sanchez make history as the first sisters ever elected to Congress.

Mississippi Senator Trent Lott is widely criticized for apparent racist remarks he made at Senator Strom Thurmond's 100th birthday party. In December, Lott resigns as majority leader.