

- Early tests indicate an experimental vaccine to be 100 percent effective against the human papilloma virus that causes cervical cancer.

- 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.



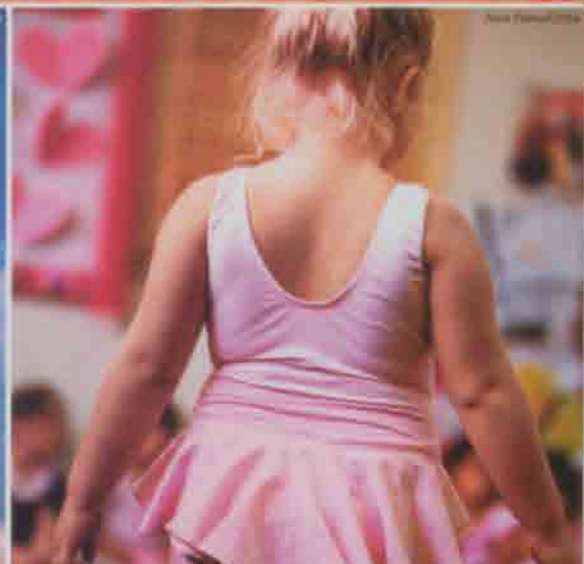
- The nation's largest outbreak of the West Nile Virus hits in summer 2002. The disease is spread by migrating birds and transmitted by mosquitoes.

- The gun turret of the historic Civil War ironclad USS Monitor is raised from the floor of the Atlantic Ocean.



- 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.



➤ The U.S. Education Department reports that average geography scores of the nation's fourth and eighth graders, while low, have improved from 1994.

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



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

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➤ 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 Laury/Cosmo/PhotoDisc



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



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



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➤ Knix 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.

Photo: Wally Pfister/Photo Bank



- The cold 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.

Photo: Steve Delaney



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



- European fashion hits the sidewalks and clubs of the United States with retro-style bowling shoes.

- Busy singles try out speed dating, which gives couples several minutes to talk one-on-one before moving to a new partner at the next table.

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SPEED DATING

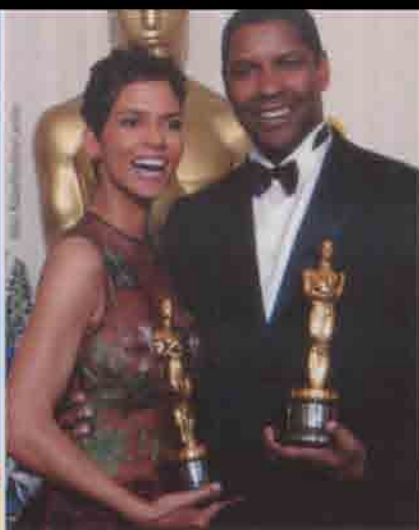
- The Mohawk makes a hair-raising comeback after being donned by everyone from U.S. World Cup star Clint Mathis to actor Ryan Phillippe.

- 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.

➤ *Spyder-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.



➤ 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 hitting the books and 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.

▼ Jennifer Aniston wins her first Emmy Award and a Golden Globe for her role as the new mother Rachel Green on NBC's popular comedy "Friends."

▼ 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.



◀ 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.

CHICAGO



◀ 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*



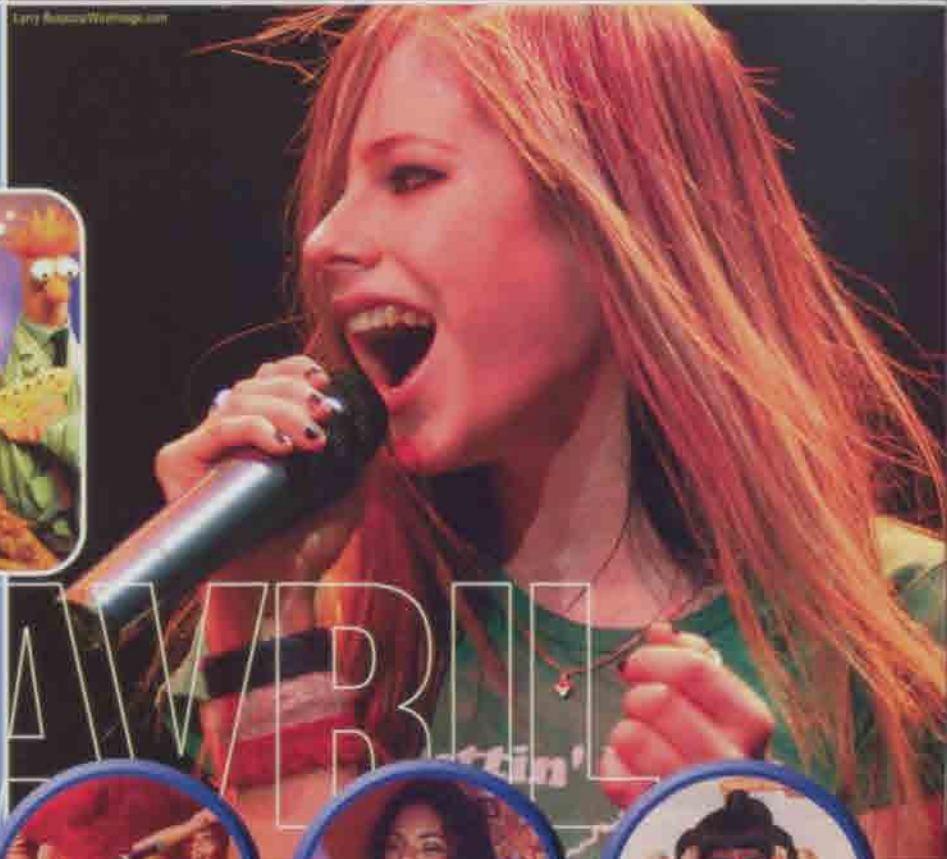
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➤ Rocker Avril Lavigne and other "anti-Britneys," such as Vanessa Carlton and Michelle Branch, represent the new face of women in music.

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➤ 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.



1. For Carter/WireImage.com

➤ Spanish trio Las Ketchup lands a summer hit with the catchy "Asereje" aka "The Ketchup Song (Hey Hah)."



2. For Carter/WireImage.com

➤ 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.



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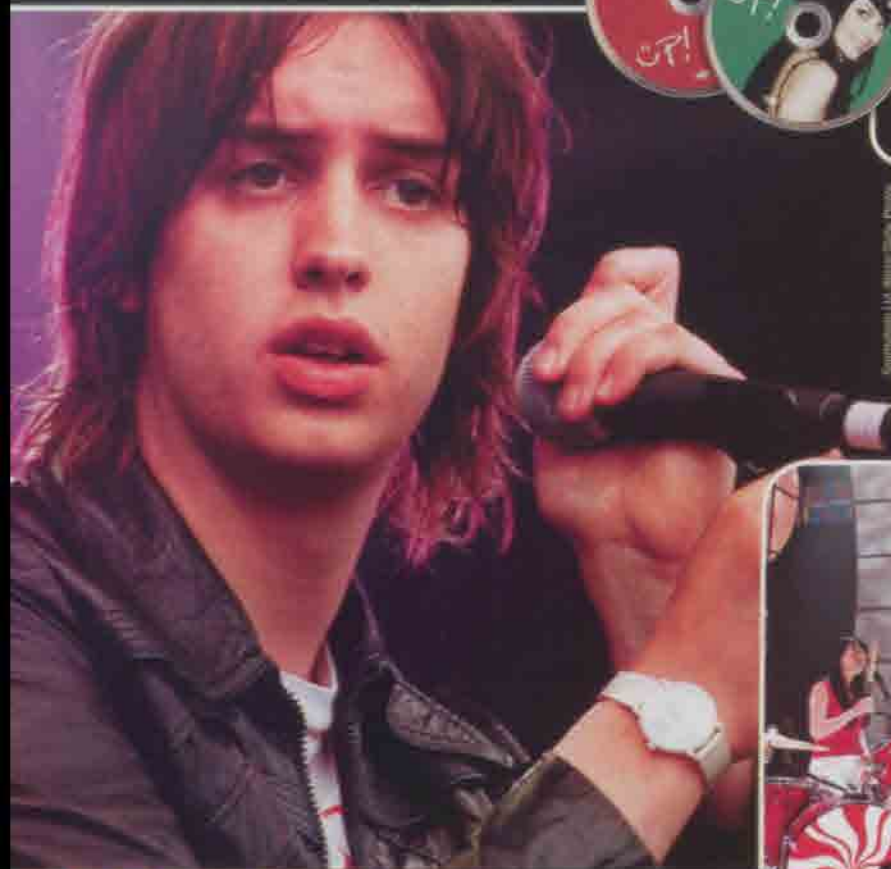
➤ In April 2002, Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes, 30, of R&B band TLC, dies in a car crash on a Honduran highway.

▼ In October, legendary hip-hop DJ Jam Master Jay of Run-DMC is shot and killed in a Queens, New York, music studio.

▼ After a six-year romance, No Doubt's Gwen Stefani marries Bush's Gavin Rossdale in September.

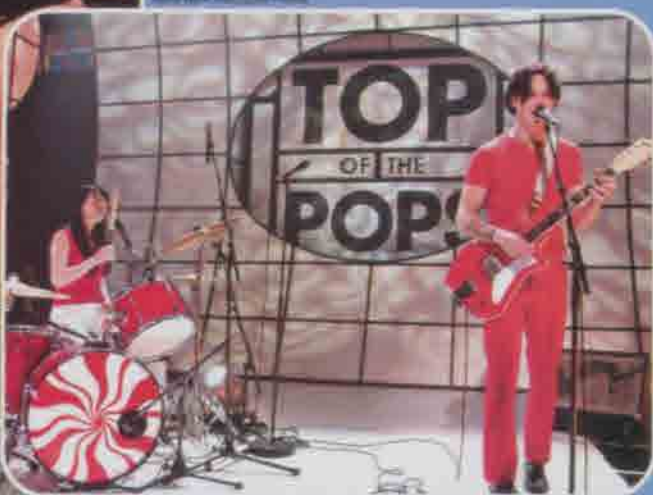
▼ Country crossover star Shania Twain hits No. 1 on the *Billboard* albums chart with *Up!*, a double CD with every song in both a pop and country version.

▼ Former Beatles rock legend Paul McCartney brings in \$2 million a night, for a total of \$103 million, on the year's top-grossing tour.



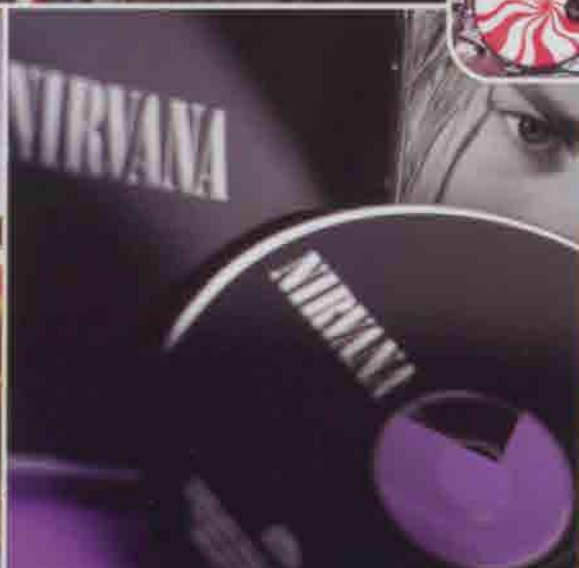
◀ The Strokes, *Son* magazine's 2002 Band of the Year, lead a resurgence of rock 'n' rollers, including The Hives and The Vines.

▼ Armed with a steady beat and punk-rock-blues riffs, The White Stripes' stripped-down rock shines on the highly acclaimed *White Blood Cells*.



◀ Alan Jackson's triple-platinum album *Drive* wins five Country Music Association Awards and is named the *USA Today* No. 1 country album of 2002.

◀ *Nirvana*, the famed grunge band's long-awaited greatest hits album, features "You Know You're Right," the last recording Kurt Cobain made before his 1994 suicide.



➤ 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.



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.

Scott Ockenfels/Wide World Photos

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SISTERS



➤ 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.

Michael Ondaatje/Outline



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➤ Martha Burk of the National Council of Women's Organizations battles with Augusta National chairman William Johnson over the issue of female membership at the famous Georgia golf club.



Steve Kramell/Wide World Photos

➤ An 18th place finish in the NASCAR season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway is enough to earn Tony Stewart his first Winston Cup Series championship.



Chris Payne/The Star, London/Ondaatje Images

➤ Despite an injured toe, Shaquille O'Neal powers the unstoppable Los Angeles Lakers to a third straight NBA championship title in May 2002.

- ▼ The U.S. men's soccer team advances to the World Cup quarterfinals for the first time, by defeating Mexico 2-0.

- ▼ 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 record-setting 13-win 2002 season worldwide, accepts an invitation to play the Colonial tournament on the men's 2003 PGA Tour.



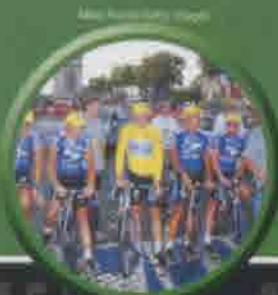
- ◀ The Ohio State Buckeyes beat the heavily favored Miami Hurricanes in double overtime to win the BCS National Championship. The 31-24 victory is the school's first national football title since 1968.

- ▼ The new sport of SlamBall takes basketball to the extreme on a specially designed court with four trampolines in front of each hoop.

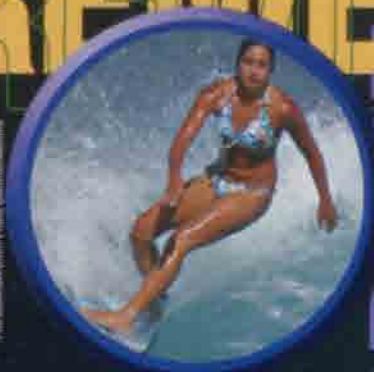
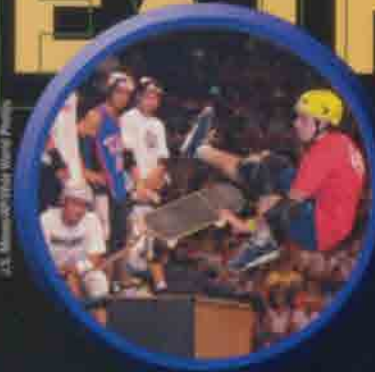


- ◀ Skateboarding reaches new popularity heights thanks to the high visibility of the X Games and the "Tony Hawk's Pro Skater" video game series.

- ◀ Surfing welcomes a tidal wave of women to the sport after receiving a Hollywood endorsement in the popular summer flick *Blue Crush*.



EXTREME SPORTS



▶ The sports world loses two legends—baseball's "Splendid Splinter" Ted Williams and Johnny Unitas, one of football's greatest quarterbacks.

▶ Zacarias Moussaoui, widely believed to be the 20th hijacker, goes on trial for his involvement in the September 11 terrorist attacks.



All-time World Photos



FACES

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

Associated Press/Outline/Corbis



▶ 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.

Outright



Outright/ABC/Entertainment Weekly

▶ Mentally challenged Ohio high school senior Jake Pinder—who suited up for every practice and game for four years but never played—scores his first touchdown.



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



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▶ 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.





