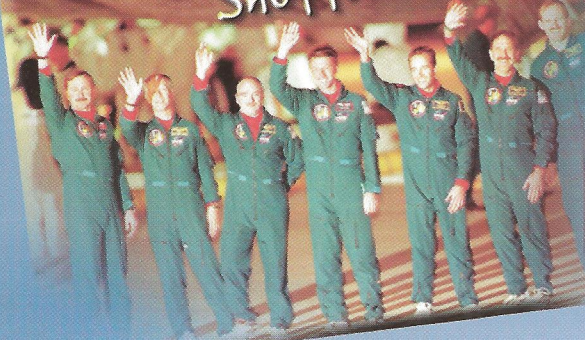
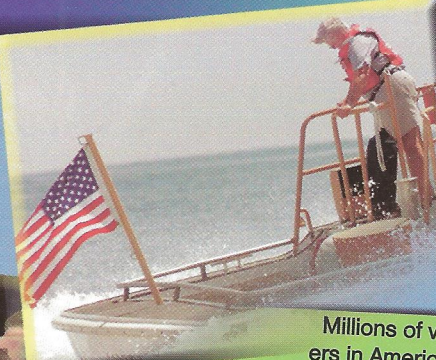


Shuttle Crew



The crew of the space shuttle Discovery, stand under the shuttle at Kennedy Space Center, Fla., Monday, Dec. 27, 1999. The crew landed at the facility following a second repair mission to the Hubble Space Telescope. The successful mission lasted 8 days.



Millions of viewers in America and across the world watched and waited as the U.S. Coast Guard searched for the downed plane of John F. Kennedy, Jr. His body, along with that of his wife Caroline and his sister-in-law Lauren Bissett, was recovered. Their ashes were committed to sea off of Martha's Vineyard, July 22

New Coins



The U.S. Mint introduced 5 new quarters as part of their 50 State Quarters Program, a 10-year initiative commemorating each of the states. In 1999, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, New Jersey and Pennsylvania were honored. The new Dollar Coin was also introduced for circulation in 2000. The gold coin features Sacajawea who led Lewis & Clark on their famous westward expedition.

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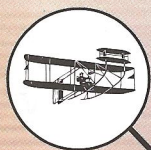
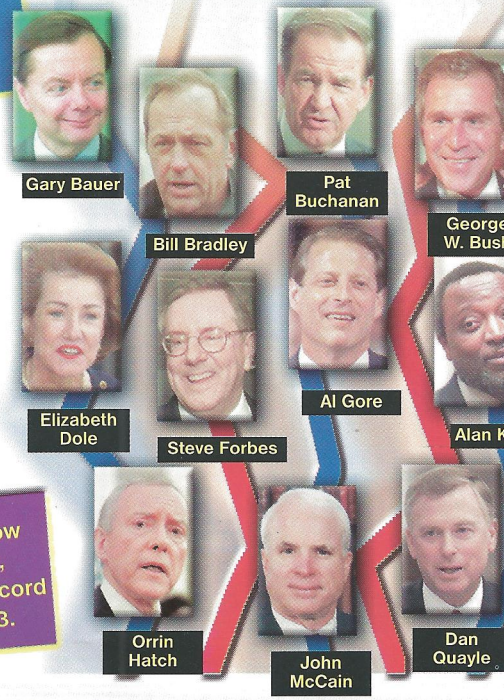
In December, the World Trade Organization met in Seattle, Washington. Protests caused the conference schedule to be revised due to security issues. A positive result of the conference was the signing of an international treaty by President Clinton banning the most flagrant forms of child labor.



The Dow Futures Pit Board shows the Dow closing over the 10,000 mark on Monday, March 29. The Dow ended the year with a record high 11,405.76 on Thursday, December 23.

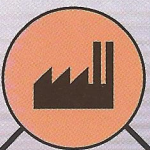
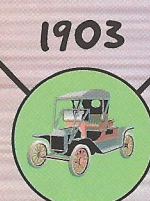
RACE FOR 2000

Who was your pick for the first president of the 21st Century?



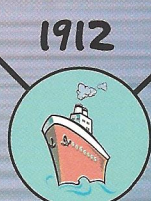
1903
The Wright brothers, Orville & Wilbur, fly the first powered airplane

Henry Ford establishes the Ford Motor company in Detroit. The invention of the automobile revolutionized the steel, rubber and oil industries, altering the face of America



1909
Plastic is invented

The Titanic sinks while crossing the icy Atlantic ocean after striking an iceberg; 1,517 perish.



1914
Panama canal opens allowing sea passage between North and South America. Cost: \$352 million

WWI begins when Germany declares war against Russia. Cost: 9 million people die from August 1, 1914 to November 11, 1918.

