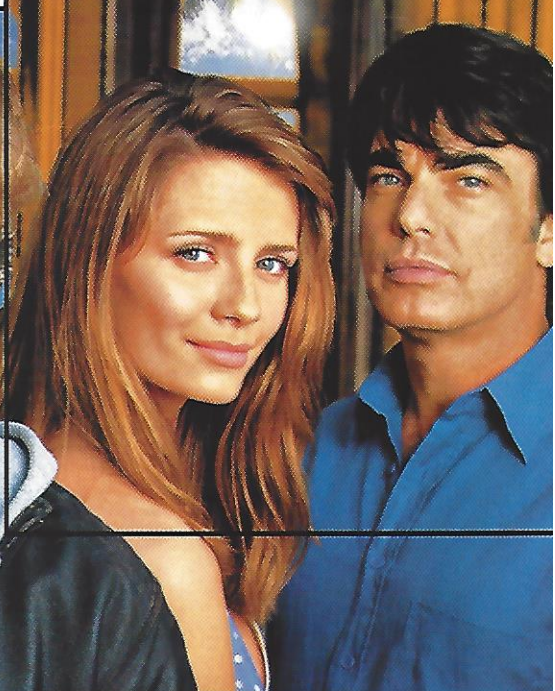
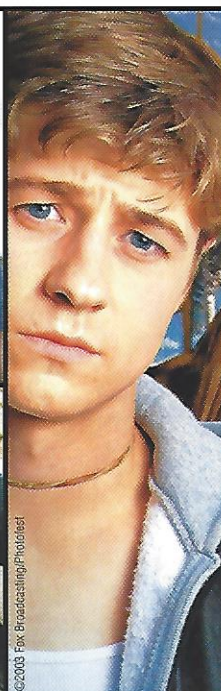
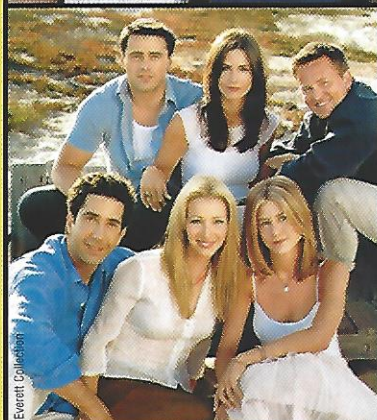
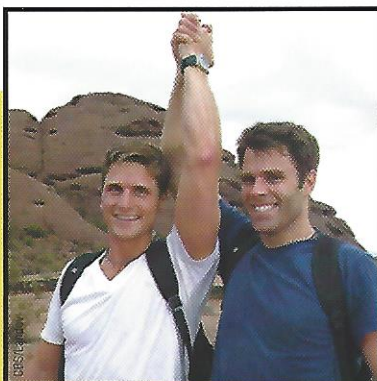


→ The pulse-pounding CBS hit "The Amazing Race" wins the inaugural Emmy Award for Best Reality Program.

→ America bids farewell to the cast of "Friends" after the NBC sitcom's 10th and final season.



Fox uses its tried-and-true teen soap formula to come up with the biggest television hit of the year for teens, "The O.C."

↓ In February 2004, CBS airs "Survivor: All-Stars," starring past "Survivor" winners and contestants.

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← Jessica Simpson, star of MTV's "Newlyweds" with husband Nick Lachey, makes entertainment headlines for mistaking Chicken of the Sea tuna for chicken.



↑ Famous for "Three's Company" and star of ABC's "Eight Simple Rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter," actor John Ritter dies suddenly from heart failure in September.

← "Alias" star Jennifer Garner earns high viewer ratings for ABC TV and lights up the big screen in 13 Going on 30.



Shows such as TLC's "Trading Spaces" and Bravo's "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" create a new niche for the home improvement TV genre.

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