

◀ On October 17, the U.S. population passes the 300 million mark according to the Census Bureau's official Population Clock.

National growth

(PRODUCT) RED

(RED) brands in 2006

American Express

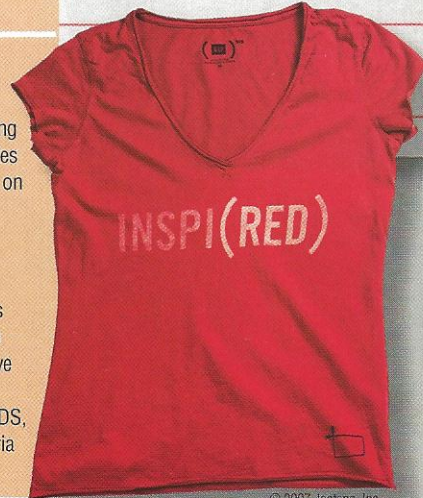
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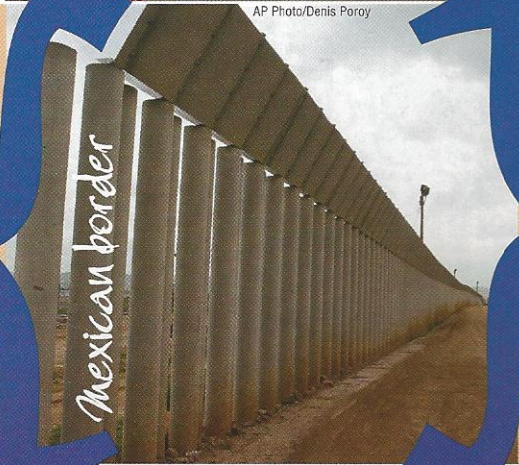
Motorola



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◀ In an effort to curb illegal immigration, the Senate passes legislation authorizing the construction of 700 miles of double-layered fencing on the U.S.-Mexico border.

▶ Bobby Shriver and U2's Bono launch the stylish (PRODUCT) RED initiative to raise money for The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in Africa.



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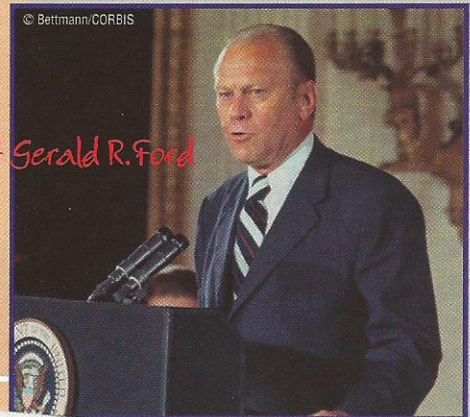


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◀ Spinach tainted with E. coli bacteria kills one consumer and sickens almost 100 more in 19 states, leading to calls for improved food safety practices.

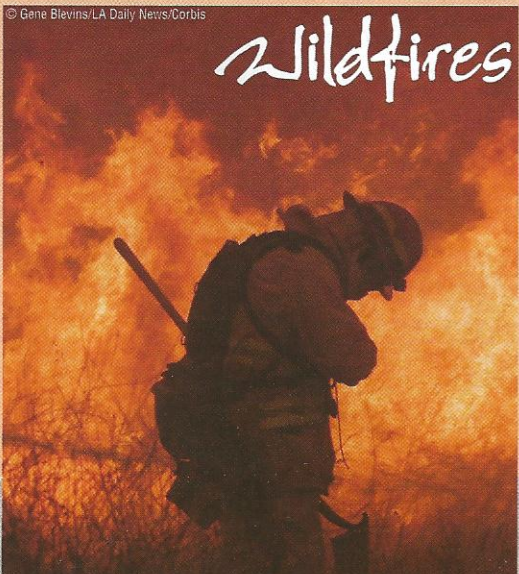
President Gerald R. Ford

▶ Gerald R. Ford, 38th president of the United States, dies at age 93. Ford was appointed vice president by Richard Nixon in 1973 and succeeded to the presidency after Nixon's resignation.

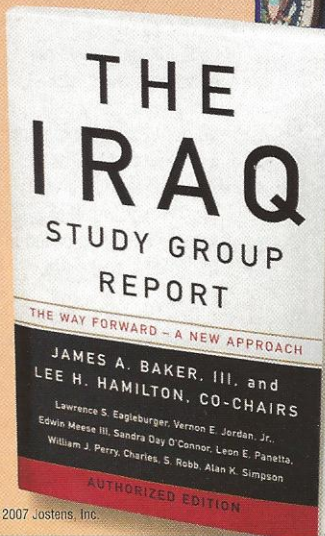


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▶ More than 95,000 fires during the 2006 wildfire season claim more than 9.5 million acres in the United States.



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◀ The Iraq Study Group, a bipartisan panel appointed by Congress, releases a sharply critical report that calls for a new approach in Iraq.

Iraq report