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There are countless explanations for the volatility of the 'Balkan Powderkeg'. Historians variously blame disputes over resources, ancient hatreds or meddling by Great Powers intent on keeping the region unstable. But geography is also a powerful clue: Lying south of the Danube

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The Ottoman Empire

1693: The Turkish army ranges north to besiege Vienna. Their Balkan subjects consider the regime oppressive and cruel.

RIGHT: Đurđević Stupovi Monastery built by Serbia's first royal family, the Nemanja Dynasty.



The Ottoman Empire

1743: Dimitrije Obradović, the man who would start Serbia's cultural revolution, is born.

After a brief stint in a monastery, he travels to Western Europe. Shocked that Serbs had no secular modern literature, he writes the grammars and dictionaries that will make a modern Serbian language possible.

RIGHT: Orthodox cross.



1804: The Serbian population of the Belgrade region, with sporadic Russian support, starts an insurrection against their Turkish masters that lasts until 1815, the year Napoleon is defeated at Waterloo. With Napoleon out of the way, the Turks worry that Russia might again intervene and make Serbia autonomous.

1917: George
1904: Serbia
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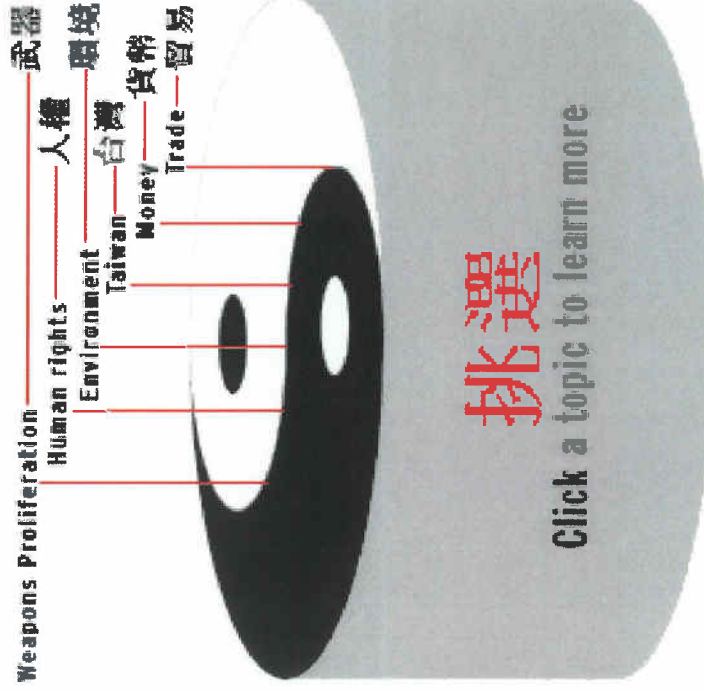
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If you think monitoring your children's TV time is difficult, you ain't seen nothing yet. The Internet presents a host of new problems and opportunities for parents and kids. There are, however, a number of software tools for monitoring and limiting your children's Internet use.

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Crayon Crawler gives kid surfers access only to approved sites and programs. Parents enjoy total control, but kids miss out on the Internet's most exciting feature: the ability to surf a universe of sites.

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Clinton Talks Tough in China,
Activists Hope He Acts Tough

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Dissidents: China still officially holds around 2,000 prisoners of conscience in jails and labor camps. Human rights groups believe 6,000 or more are now held, and

By Jørgen Wouters
ABCNEWS.com

June 29 — President Clinton managed to save some face with critics of his China trip by bluntly criticizing his hosts in Beijing, but human-rights advocates are waiting to see whether

"The jury is out on whether the president will come back from China with any real commitments to

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The Clinton administration is not under-estimating the danger. **China has paid little heed to air and water quality** and the cost in terms of public health, according to the World Bank, is approaching \$54 billion a year.

Click a topic to learn more about the complexities of some of the key issues on the agenda during President Clinton's trip to China. (Graphic: Mark Bloch/ ABCNEWS.com)

By Terence Nelan
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June 25 —President Clinton wants to deal directly with China, claiming that reaching an understanding with the rising Asian power is integral to U.S. policy.

But as Clinton's historic visit to China begins today, critics of his

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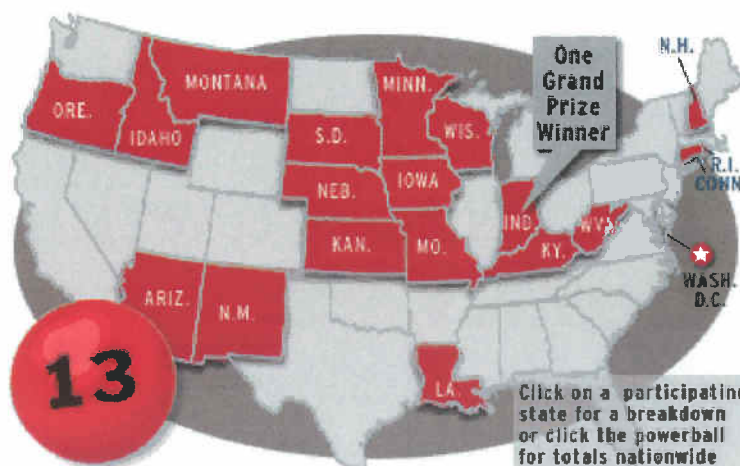
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July 30 —It's not quite the \$295.7 million suitcase of cash so many Americans dreamed of, but \$6.7 million isn't bad.

That's the estimated payout that 13 lucky machine shop workers from Ohio will each receive after the gigantic Powerball jackpot is divvied up and Uncle Sam gets his share.

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Pieces of the crashed jetliner recovered near Peggys Cove are being taken to a hangar at Shearwater Air Force Base. So far, there is not nearly enough material to attempt a reconstruction. (Mark Bloch/ABCNEWS.com)

By Buck Wolf
ABCNEWS.com

PEGGY'S COVE, Nova Scotia, Sept. 4 — In better days, the white refrigerated trailer at the mouth of St. Margarets Bay might haul beer.

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A Busy Schedule for the Pontiff

The Papal Itinerary in Cuba

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8 a.m. Pope sees Protestants, Jews and other religious leaders in ecumenical meeting at the Apostolic Nunciatura of Havana.

9:30 a.m. Holy Mass in the Plaza de la Revolución José Martí of Havana. Homily by the Pope. Recital of the Angelus Domini in the same plaza. Speech by the Pope. [More](#)



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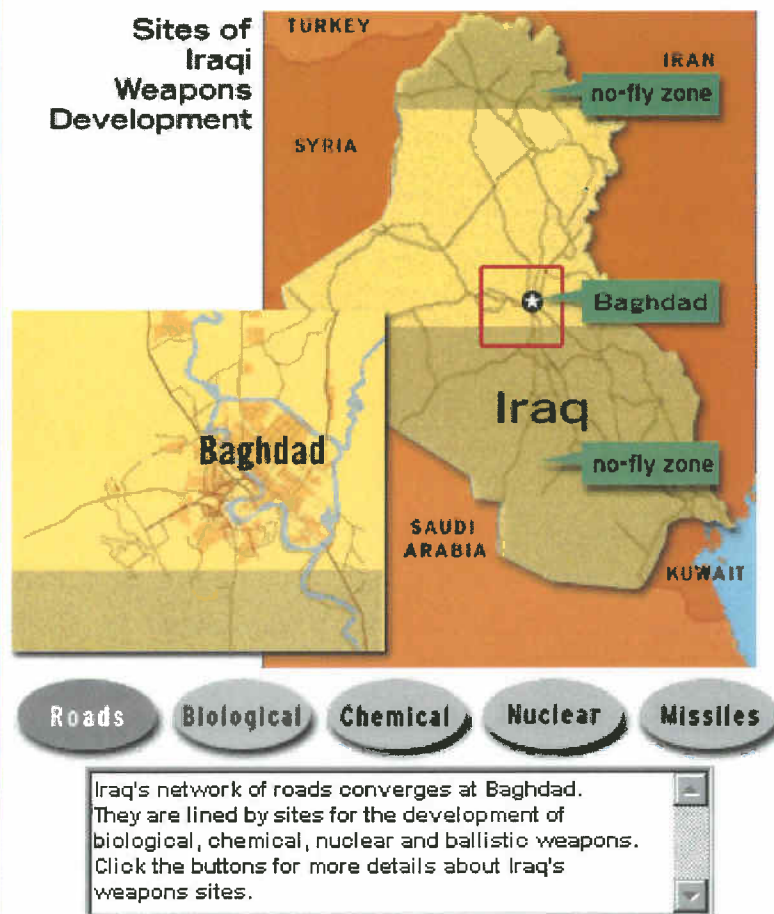


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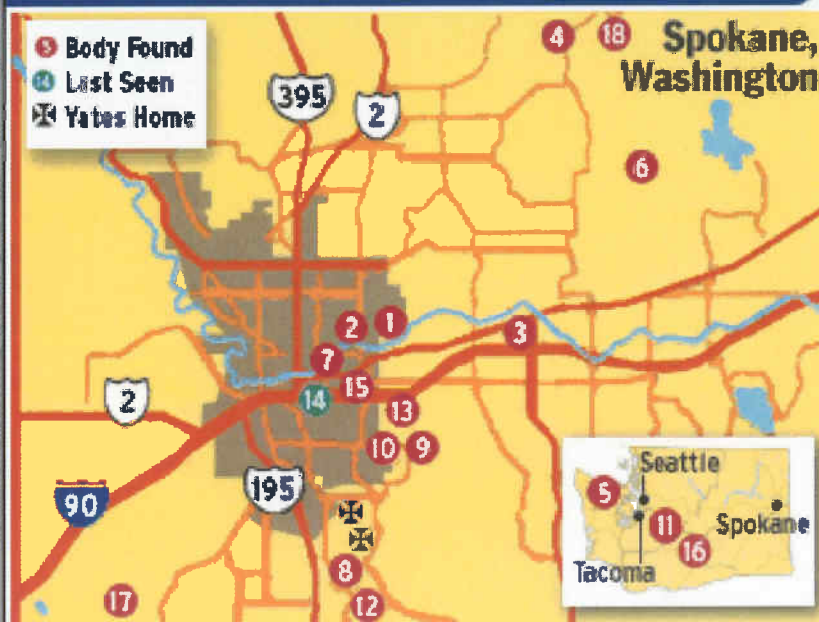
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Spokane Serial Killer



Washington state prosecutors suspect Robert Yates Jr. is responsible for the slayings of as many as 18 women. The first body was found Feb. 22, 1990, and the killings continued for a decade. All victims were shot in the head. Many had a history of drug abuse and prostitution. **Click on the locations for details** on Yates and the slain women.



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Serbian History

Although Kosovo is not now populated by many Serbs, it is home to over 1,000 historic Serbian Orthodox monasteries and the Polje battlefield, where a Serb army was defeated by Turks in 1389. (ABCNEWS.com)



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State of the World's Children

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Many children around the world continue to live in poverty, surrounded by warfare and disease. While countries have made improvements in the eradication of some illnesses during the past 10 years, the spread of AIDS and armed conflicts around the globe still threaten children's lives. (Source: Unicef Maps: Magellan Geographix/ABCNEWS.com)

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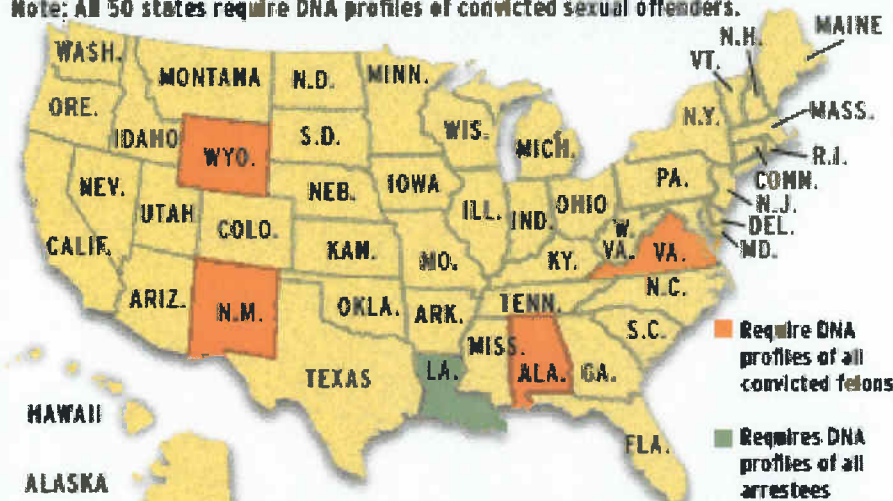


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DNA Profiling in U.S.

Note: All 50 states require DNA profiles of convicted sexual offenders.



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Click on a state to see which of nine crimes merit profiling in its DNA data base.

Alabama

1 Yes	2 Yes	3 Yes
4 Yes	5 Yes	6 Yes
7 No	8 Yes	9 Yes

SOURCE: FBI Laboratory Division, June 1998

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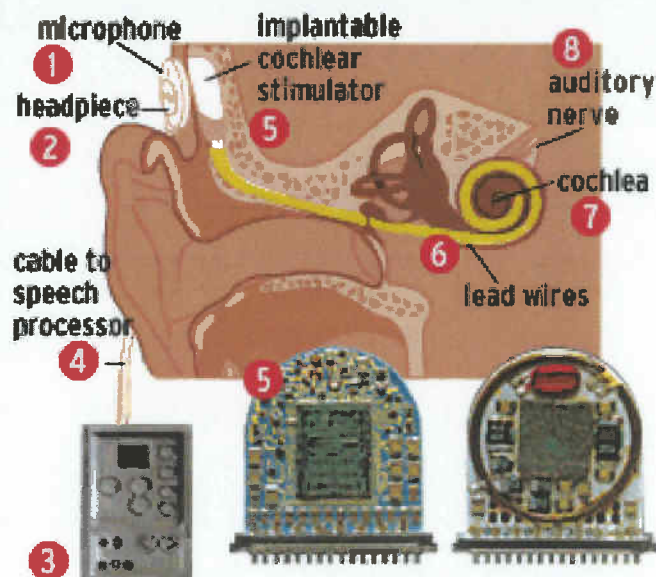
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Over the past two decades, microprocessors have been implanted in many patients around the world to stimulate working nerve cells that allow people to hear, move their limbs and even walk. **Click the red numbers to learn how an implantable cochlear stimulator can make it possible for a deaf person to hear.**

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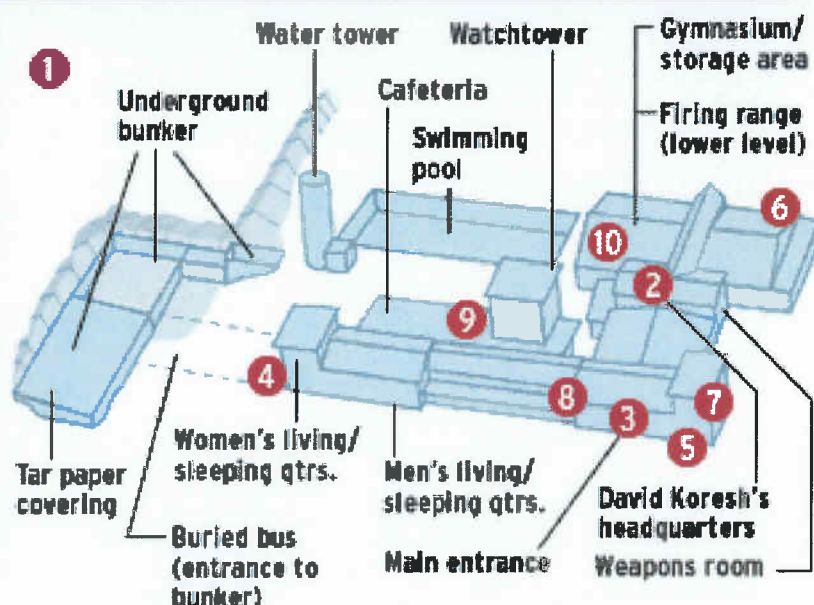
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April 19 Tragedy in Waco



More than 80 people died on April 19, 1993, in a fire at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas. An independent counsel is investigating whether the blaze was started by federal agents at the scene or by sect members. **Click the numbers for a chronology of that day.** (Source: ABCNEWS; PBS *Frontline* analysis; Justice Department reports.)

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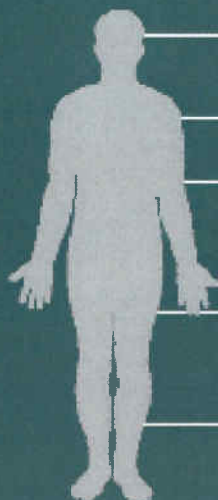
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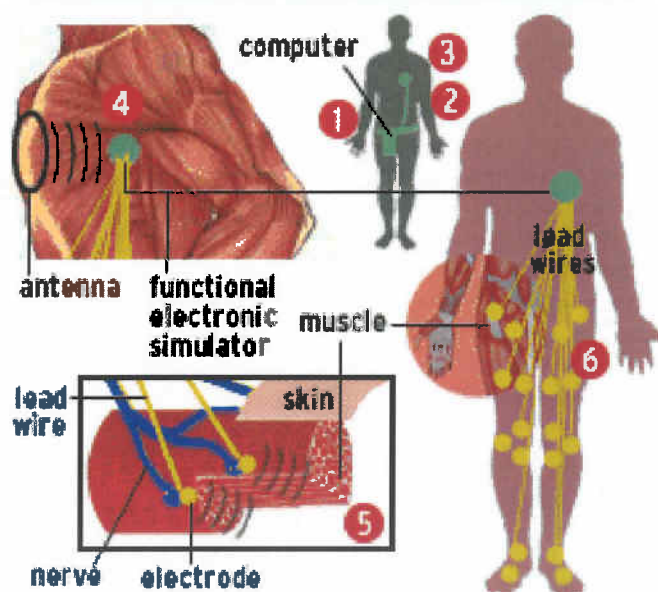
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Bionic Muscles



Electronic devices to aid physically impaired people to overcome disabilities such as deafness and paralysis have been in use for decades. For paralysis patients, external units applied to the leg muscles to stimulate nerve cells beneath the skin to propel the legs have been around for several decades. Over the past 10 years, implanted devices have been used to facilitate mobility and comfort. **Click the red numbers to see how implanted chips can help paraplegics walk.**

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**What is the deal?**

In June, domestic airlines experienced the greatest number of flight delays ever recorded — more than 48,000 for the month. And the problem doesn't seem to be going away. What are some of the reasons more and more planes sit on the ground, and passenger ire goes sky high?

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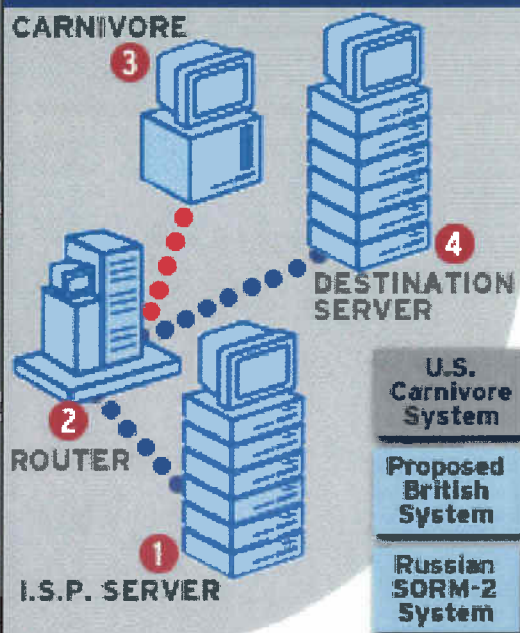
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U.S. Carnivore System

Carnivore, the FBI's high-tech snooping system, is stirring up controversy. Designed to fight cyber crime and other illegal activities with an online component, the system has privacy advocates and technology experts concerned over the fact that law enforcement authorities will have access to personal information like never before. And the United States isn't the only country looking into its citizens' Internet activity. **Click the numbers to see how Carnivore can snoop around cyberspace. Click the blue boxes to see the Russian and proposed British systems.**

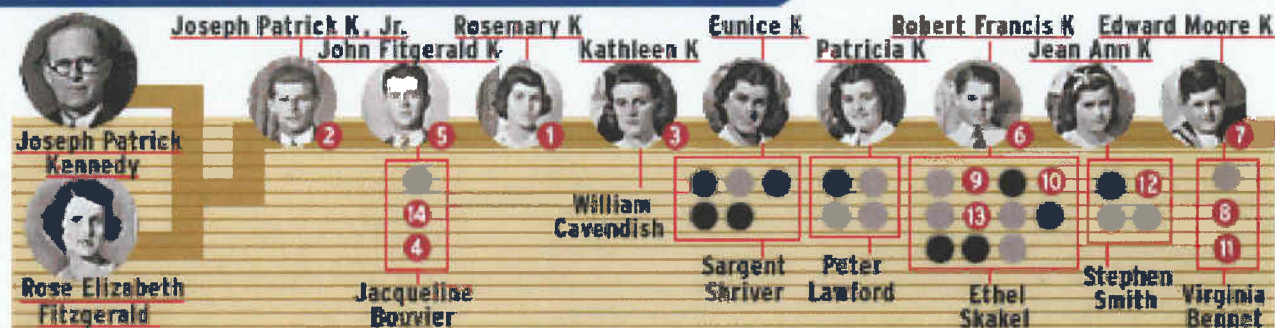
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Kennedy Family Tree



● Male ● Female

● "Tragedy"

The ancestors of America's premier political dynasty came to Boston from Ireland, where potato blight was destroying crops and causing widespread famine. As Irish immigrants and Roman Catholics, the Kennedys were snubbed by Boston's "Brahmin" bluebloods. But it wasn't long before Joe Kennedy had acquired enough money and power to turn the tables. **Click on the photos, circles and names above for more.**



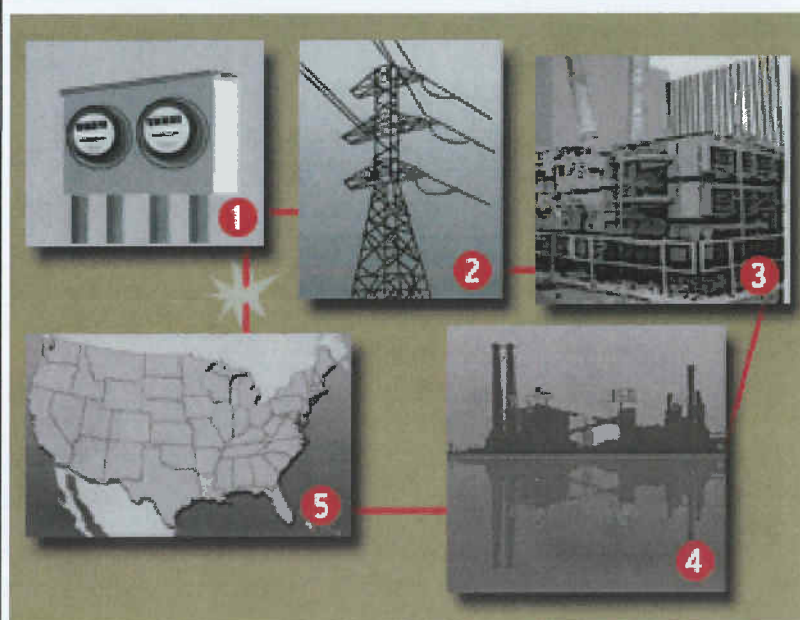
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How Blackouts Happen

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When power companies run out of generating capacity in their local areas, they can order power from other nearby states. But they can only buy as much power as the wires and transformers joining their systems can handle — which may not be enough. One of the two transformers on the New York-New Jersey border is broken, weakening New York's ability to draw power from its neighbor.

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High-Tech Big Brother



The U.S. isn't the only country locking into its citizens' Internet activities. Around the world, new systems designed to fight cyber crime and other illegal activities with an online component have privacy advocates and technology experts concerned -- the worry is that governments will have unprecedented access to people's private matters. **Click the three icons** to learn about the law in each of five different countries, the pros and cons each system and some interesting news items related to the new technology.



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Scandal Who's Who



An international financial scandal has touched off investigations from New York to Switzerland and Moscow. **Click the names and symbols** to learn more about who's who, where they worked and how they're all linked. (Graphic: Mark Bloch/ABCNEWS.com)

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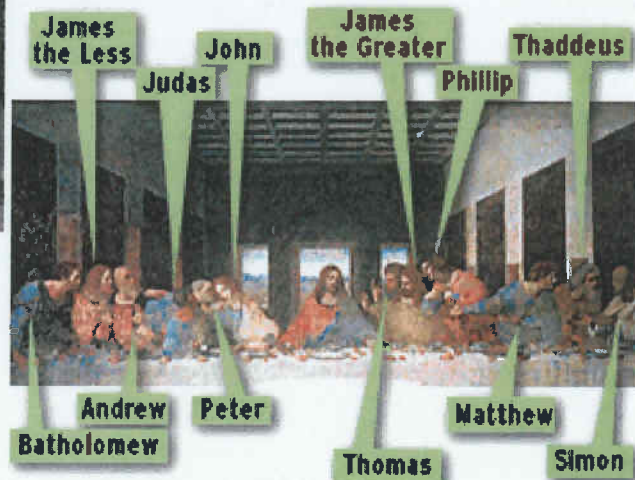
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The Last Supper



Much of what is known about who and what is represented in the painting is from numerous preparatory studies by Leonardo that survive from a labeled version of the work at Ponte Capriasca and from labeled copies by other artists. Scholars disagree on the identities of the 12 figures around Christ depicted in the painting.



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The Last Supper



Andrew sits beside his brother Peter, whom he resembles. The dish in front of them is filled with fish, calling attention to their trade as fishermen. Critics, who have long argued over the value of the restorations, concede this latest brings out detail of food on the banquet table not seen for centuries.





Asthma

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THE CONDITION

For the nearly 15 million Americans who suffer from asthma, simply taking a breath can be a struggle. Imagine running around the block, then pinching your nose shut and trying to breathe through a straw. That's what an asthma attack is like.

Asthma is a chronic respiratory disease in which the airways become inflamed when exposed to various triggers. These triggers are often particles in the air, like dust or smoke. Other factors, such as seasonal changes, can also irritate the bronchial muscles. People with asthma are taught to identify and avoid their triggers.

One-third of sufferers are under 18. Childhood asthma causes an estimated 10.1 million missed school days each year in the United States. It's the most common chronic illness among children. Each year, asthma kills more than 5,000 Americans, increasing 45 percent between 1985 and 1995. Blacks are nearly three times as likely as whites to die from asthma.



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Concorde Engine

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The Concorde is equipped with four Rolls-Royce/SNECMA Olympus 593 engines, each capable of producing 38,000 pounds of thrust on an afterburner. The afterburners, or "reheats," add additional fuel toward the back of the engines for added acceleration, enabling the aircraft to reach a cruising speed of twice the speed of sound at an altitude of 50,000 to 60,000 feet. Use the navigation (far left) to see what happens next.

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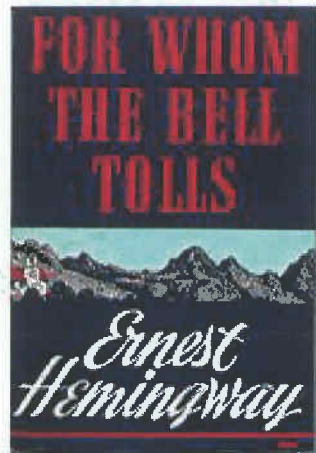
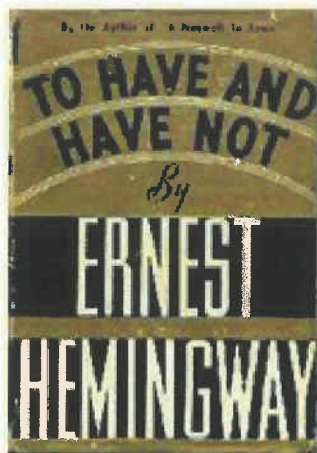
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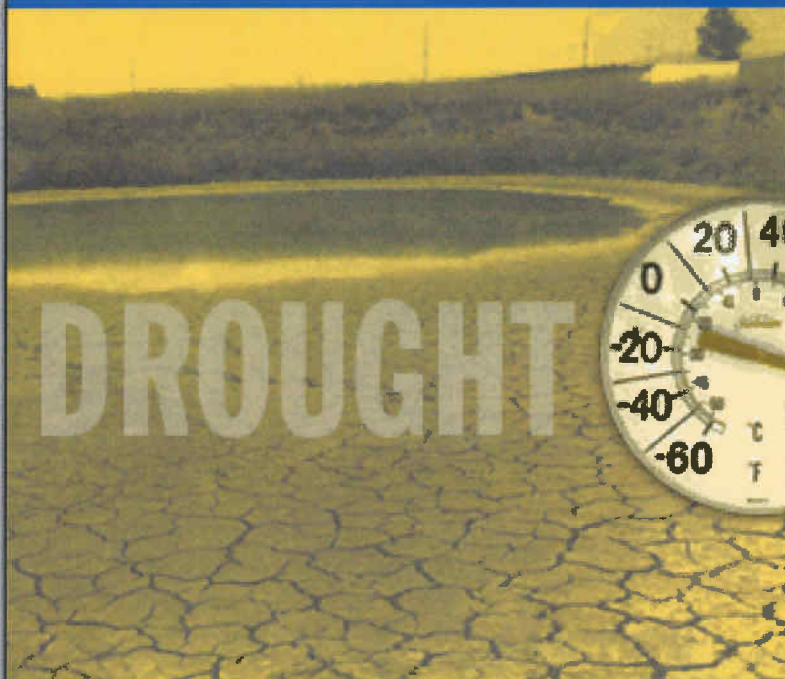
Author Ernest "Papa" Hemingway, who was born 100 years ago July 21, lived big, traveled far and left a long trail of books behind him. **Mouse over the numbers below** to see a life transformed into the written word. Then **click on them** for biographical photos and details.



Key West

A father again, Hemingway moved in 1929 to Key West, where he enjoyed great success with *A Farewell to Arms*. He also published *To Have and Have Not* and *For Whom the Bell Tolls*, tales of the Spanish Civil War. (Mark Elias/AP Photo)





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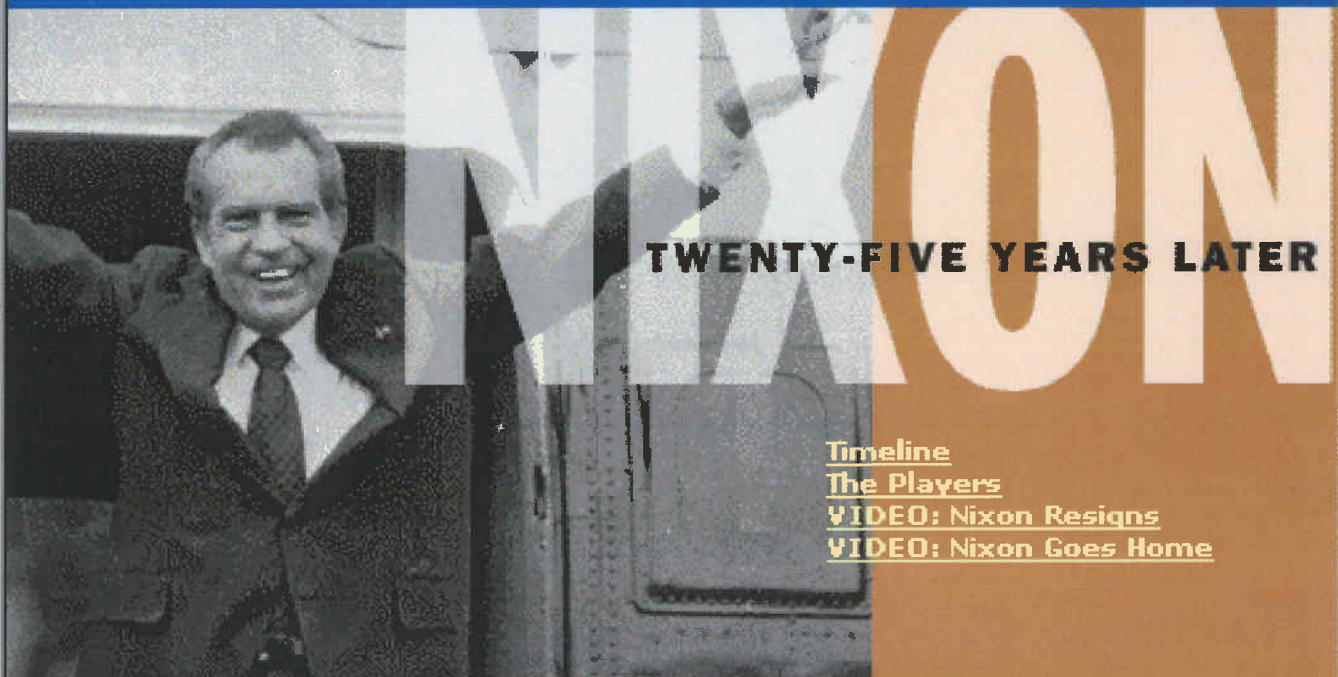
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Redesign Should Curb Counterfeiting

\$20 Gets New Look



Color-shifting ink: A numeral on the lower right corner on the front of the note looks green when viewed straight on and black when viewed at an angle.

By Andy Field
ABCNEWS.com

“As we raise the hurdle even higher for criminals, we ensure that our currency remains

May 20 —Andrew Jackson is getting a face-lift. His image rests on America’s most popular paper—the \$20 bill. But like the \$100 bill’s Ben Franklin and the \$50 bill’s Ulysses S. Grant, Jackson’s getting a new look because criminals got too good at counterfeiting the old one.

“We use it for restaurants and gas each day and it’s also the most frequently counterfeited,” said Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin.

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