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Week of February 15, 2000

President Clinton and key congressional Republicans agree to seek a major change in social Security laws that would allow Americans 65 and older to earn unlimited wages or salary without losing any federal retirement benefits.

The government announces the biggest-ever trade deficit - some \$270 billion last year.

The AFL-CIO, in a dramatic shift, urges amnesty for millions of undocumented workers and the repeal of a law that criminalizes hiring them.

A new case of "mad cow" disease is detected in France – the seventh since the beginning of the year.



A key physician at the FDA urges the drug Rezulin be withdrawn, saying "preventable liver failure" may occur if the diabetes pill remains on the market. Rezulin, which the FDA made one of the fastest-approved prescription drugs over the last decade, has generated \$1.8 billion in sales since March 1997. It's manufactured by Warner-Lambert Co.

George W. Bush romps to a decisive victory in the South Carolina presidential primary, blunting John McCain and firmly reestablishing his command of the race for the GOP nomination.

As Serbs sang nationalist songs and cheered on their side of the city of Kosovska Mitrovica, NATO troops battled a surging crowd of about 70 thousand ethnic Albanians with tear gas to prevent a potential blood bath.

Microsoft appeals to Congress to oppose a breakup of the company as talks to settle the government's landmark antitrust case against the software giant have failed so far to produce the agreement.

Microsoft unveils Windows 2000. The long-awaited program has been three years in the making and cost an estimated \$1 billion in development costs. The launch was timed to coincide with a three-day Windows 2000 conference in San Francisco.



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Best selling books –

Unwanted Company – Barbara Seranella

The Brethren – John Grisham

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets – J.K. Rowling

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone – J.K. Rowling

Disgrace – J.M. Coetzee

The Lion's Game – Nelson DeMille



Tuesdays with Morrie – Mitch Albom

The Rock Says – Joe Layden

A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius – Dave Eggers

Who moved My Cheese? – Spencer Johnson

Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis – Donald Spoto

Conversations With Wilder – Cameron Crowe

On Mexican Time – Tony Cohan



Music news - Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Cats," – Broadway's longest running play, will close on June 25 after a run of almost 20 years. By closing, it will have mounted some 7,397 performances attended by more than 10 million theatergoers. The total gross take will be over \$300 million.

Divorce – Diana Ross and husband Arne Naess. The couple married in 1986 and separated last April.

Two members of the BackStreet Boys say they're engaged. Kevin Richardson (28) and Brian Littrell (24) told MTV news during a tour stop in Albany, NY.

MTV making movies? Look for the premiere of "2Gether" this week.

Hollywood news – Julia Roberts announces she has signed a multiyear deal with a new company headed by former Disney film head Joe Roth.

Gregory Peck retires from stage – making his final appearance this week with "A Conversation With Mr. Gregory Peck" in Salem, Oregon.

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Television news – Dave Letterman (52) returns to his late-night talk show after quintuple bypass surgery. He brought his six doctors and two nurses onstage to thank them for saving his life. Also on the show – Regis Philbin, Foo Fighters and Robin Williams.

NBC renews “3rd Rock From The Sun” for a sixth season.

Against Dave Letterman’s return, Jay Leno featured Howard Stern on the Tonight Show.

Thursday night’s episode of “ER” on NBC drew 39.4 million viewers making it the most watched episode of entertainment programming since the Seinfeld finale several years ago.

ABC’s “Who Wants To Be A Millionaire” conquers the new Fox-TV knockoff “Who Wants To Be A Multi-Millionaire in the ratings.

Courtney Thorne-Smith is leaving Fox’s “Ally McBeal” at the end of the season to pursue he own sitcom.

Former “Roseanne” star John Goodman is getting his own Fox series. The so-far-untitled comedy will center on two mismatched single fathers who share a home together with their teenage kids.



Television ratings –

ER – 31.34

Do You Want To Be A Millionaire (Tues) – 30.73

Millionaire (Sun) – 30.44

Millionaire (Thur) – 27.97

Friends – 23.82

60 Minutes – 21.91

Frasier – 20.27

The Practice – 19.65

Sally Hemings Pt. 1 – 19.40

Touched By An Angel – 19.29

Law & Order – 18.38

The Simpsons – 18.37

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Malcolm In The Middle – 18.05

Mary & Rhoda – 17.75
Frasier (8:30/9:30) – 17.63
Dharma & Greg – 17.49
Jesse – 17.47
Everybody Loves Raymond – 16.15
The X-Files – 15.36
JAG – 15.23
Providence – 15.02
Dateline NBC (Tues) – 15.00
Ally McBeal – 14.70
Judging Amy – 14.58
Will & Grace (8:30/9:30) – 14.49



Wednesday Night Television –

CBS – City of Angels, Movie, Late Show

NBC – Twenty One, West Wing, Law & Order, Tonight Show

ABC – **Two Guys and a Girl**, Norm, Drew Carey, Spin City, 20/20, Nightline

PBS – Championship Ballroom Dancing, Great Performances, Charlie Rose

WB – Dawson's Creek, Raswell,

Fox – Beverly Hills 90201, JonBenet Ramsey Story

UPN – 7 Days, Star Trek:Voyager



Dawson's Creek – Joey gets everyone together in protest to save Principal Green's job.

West Wing – Sam and Toby secretly spring the president's primary Supreme Court choice, who has been jailed for drunk driving

Drew Carey – Kate gets jealous when Drew hires an ex-girlfriend.

Beverly Hills 90210 – Noah and Dylan recover after their kidnapping.

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Top movies –

Scream 3

The Beach
Snow Day
The Tigger Movie
The Hurricane
The Green Mile
Next Friday
Stuart Little
Galaxy Quest
Eye of the Beholder.



Top Jazz albums –

When I Look In Your Eyes – Diana Krall
Jazz for a Rainy Afternoon – Various artists
Duke Elegant – Dr. John
The Melody At Night With You – Keith Jarrett
Come By Me – Harry Connick Jr.
Love Songs – Miles Davis

Top hits this week in 2000 –

Thank God I Found You – Mariah Carey Featuring Joe & 98 Degrees
I Knew I Loved You – Savage Garden
What A Girl Wants – **Christina Aguilera**
Get It On Tonight – Montell Jordan
Smooth - Santana Featuring Rob Thomas
All The Small Things – Blink-182
Hot Boyz – Missy Misdemeanor Elliott Featuring Nas, Eve & Q-Tip
Maria Maria – Santana Featuring The Product
Bring It All To Me – Blaque
That's The Way It Is – Celine Dion
Back At One – Brian McNight
Clue (Da Ba Dee) – Eiffel 65
Bye Bye Bye – N'Sync



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Take A Picture – Filter
Say My Name – Destiny's Child
I Need To Know – Marc Anthony
Amazed – **Lonestar**
It Feels So Good – Sonique
Breathe – Faith Hill
Then The Morning Comes – Smash Mouth

Top MTV hits –

Bye Bye Bye – 'N Sync
What A Girl Wants – Christina Aguilera
Show Me The Meaning – Backstreet Boys
Forgot About Dre – Dr. Dre
From the Bottom Of – Britany Spears
Back At One – Brian McKnight



Top Rap this week in 2000 –

Hot Boyz – Missy Misdemeanor
G'D Up – Snoop Doog Presents Tha Eastsidaz
Left/Right – **Drama**
You Can Do It – Ice Cube Featuring Mack 10 & Ms Toi
Best Friend – Puff Daddy Featuring Mario Winans & Hezekiah Walker
4,5,6 – Sole Featuring JT Money & Kandi
Down Bottom/Spit These Bars – Drag-On & Juvenile
Got Your Money – Ol Dirty Bastard Featuring Kelis
I Want It All – Warren G Featuring Mack 10
Bounce – Miralce
That's What I'm Looking For – Da Brat
Step To This – Master P Featuring D.I.G.



Top Country –

Cowboy Take Me Away – Dixie Chicks
My Best Friend – Tim McGraw
Back At One – Mark Wills
Smile – Lonestar
Breathe – Faith Hill

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What Do You Say – Reba
The Best Day – George Straight

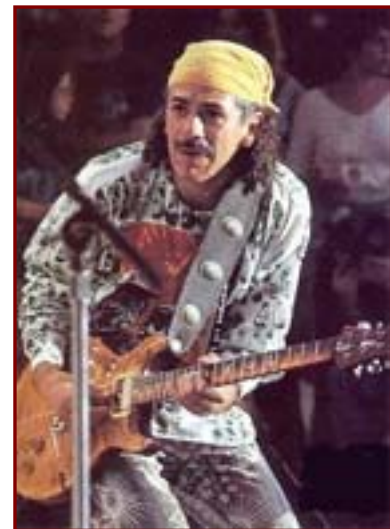
Top hits in Britain –

Rise – Gabrielle
Adelante – Sah!
Sweet Love – Fierce
Born To Make You Happy – Britney Spears
The Great Beyond – R.E.M.
Hammer To The Heart – Tamperer
Featuring Maya
Glorious – Andreas Johnson
U Know What's Up – Donell Jones
Aisha – Death in Vegas
A Little Bit of Luck – DJ Luck & Mc Neat
Girl on TV – LFO
Breathe and Stop – Q-Tip



Top albums this week in 2000 –

VooDoo – D'Angelo
Supernatural – **Santana**
Dr. Dre – 2001
All The Way... A Decade of Song – Celine Dion
Christina Aguilera
Europop – Eiffel 65
... And Then There Was X – DMX
Snoop Dogg Presents Tha Eastsidaz –
Now 3 – Various Artists
Devil Without A Cause – Kid Rock
Millennium – Backstreet Boys
Unleash The Dragon – Sisqo
We Are The Streets – The Lox
Fly – Dixie Chicks



Top Modern Rock –

Otherside – Red Hot Chil Peppers
All The Small Things – Blin-182
Take A Picture – Filter
Re-Arranged – Limp Bizkit

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Ex-Girlfriend – No Doubt
Letting The Cables Sleep – Bush
Little Black Backpack – Stroke 9
Never Let You Go – Third Eye Blind
The Everlasting Gaze – The Smashing Pumpkins
Learn To Fly – Foo Fighters
Maybe Someday – Cure
Guerrilla Radio – Rage Against The Machine
Falling Away From Me – Korn
Everything You Want – Vertical Horizon

