

MR POPHistory

Week of September 1, 2001



In Washington, Mexican President **Vicente Fox** insists that his nation and the U.S. must reach agreement on immigration reform by the end of this year. He said that legalizing the status of illegal Mexican workers could be achieved.

Congress returns from summer break and one of its agendas is funding stem cell research. President Bush has said the federal government will fund research on some 64 sets of human embryo cells and the Senate is set to hold the first of at least three hearings to investigate whether all 64 sets are viable and useful to researchers.

Iraq accuses five U.N. officials of spying for the United States and orders them expelled from the country. The U.N. states that Iraq failed to substantiate its claim that the officials of the humanitarian "oil-for-food" program were "jeopardizing the security and the integrity of Iraq."

The Justice Department abandons its 16-month effort to split Microsoft Corp. Instead, it will seek a quick resolution to the antitrust battle.

A 10-year-old boy dies after suffering a 17-inch gash from a shark bite. It's the first fatal shark attack in the U.S. this year.

Republican Mayor **Rudolph Giuliani** of New York, separated from his wife, Donna, is taking residence with an old friend and his gay partner.

The White House website finally gets an overhaul. For months, thousands of documents that former President Clinton had placed on the site, have been taken off. The site sports a less formal design featuring pastel colors, multimedia components and improved access for disable users



Kmart Cop. Has removed from its stores its dare to compare price promotions after target Corp. filed a lawsuit accusing its rival of lying to consumers with the advertising. Target had said the signs often cited outdated or inaccurate prices from Kmart competitors in making the comparisons.

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Technology –

Walt Disney and News Corp partner in something called Movies.com – which will make movies available through high-speed Internet connections or cable TV video-on-demand services.

Hewlett-Packard says it will buy Compaq Computer Corp. for 425 billion in stock.

Seen in our milky way - For the first time, astronomers have observed a black hole.

Entertainment news –



Passing – **Troy Donahue** (65) – pop icon of the late 1950's and early 1960's. Of a heart attack.

Marry – Geena Davis (45) and surgeon Reza Jarrahy.

Music news –

“Lady Marmalade” is named best video at the 18th annual MTV Video Music Awards. The video features Christina Aguilera, Lil' Kim, Mya, Pink and Missy “Misdemeanor” Elliott. 'N Sync got best group video, best dance video and best pop video. Presenters were Jimmy Fallon, Macy Gray,

Will Ferrell, Jewel, Nelly, Shaquille O'Neal and Mark Wahlberg.

R&B singer **Aaliyah**, was memorialized by Janet Jackson and others at the MTV Awards show. The album Aaliyah” which was released in mid-July – and had sold fewer than 500,000 copies before her Aug. 25 death, sold some 306,000 last week.



Courtney Love, LeAnn Rimes , Don Henley and others descend on Capital Hill to address legislators, saying a state law governing their contracts with record companies locks them into “indentured servitude.” Ms. Rimes said that she probably would be locked in her contract, signed when she was 12 until she is 35. The artists contend they are unfairly exempted from a Labor Code section that protects entertainers from being tied to one company for more than seven years.

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Snoop Dogg and Ja Rule are charged with using indecent language during performances at the recent Sumfest music festival in the resort town of Montego Bay, Jamaica.

Passing – Ethel Scull (79) – who along with her ex-husband Robert, were known as the mom and pop of pop art.

Television news –

Ratings race – ABC wins its fourth-straight week in prime time, thanks in large part to “Who Wants To Be A Millionaire.”

Production of “Becker,” the CBS sitcom starring Ted Danson as a grouchy doctor, is back after settlement of a salary dispute by five of the show’s supporting actors. Paramount said cast members Terry Farrell, Alex Desert, Shawnee Smith and Saverio Guerra had skipped work for two days. They contend paramount reneged on a written agreement last year to negotiate a pay increase going into the show’s fourth year.



“What If You Could Hear From A Lost Loved One, Just One More Time? Crossing over with **John Edward.**’

Paul Zahn is fired by Fox News and receives a job offer from CNN. Will she take it?

Top TV –

Who Wants To Be A Millionaire (Tues) – 13.63

Everybody Loves Raymond – 13.13

Law & Order – 12.37

Who Wants To Be A Millionaire – 12.22

NFL Pre-season football

Friends – 10.96

Yes, Dear – 10.79

Dateline NBC (Tue.) – 10.75

Who Wants To Be A Millionaire – (Fri)
– 10.74

20/20 – 10.35

Friends – 10.30

Big Brother II – 10.26

Weakest Link – 10/25

CSI – 10.15

Miracle in the Woods – 10.07

The West Wing – 10.06

King of Queens – 9.84



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Will & Grace – 9.78
Big Brother II Tue.) – 9.75
Millionaire (Sun.) – 9.61
Primetime Thursday – 9.60
Dateline NBC (Mon.) – 9.58
Becker – 9.36

Top movies this week –

Jeepers Creepers
Rush Hour 2
American Pie 2
The Others
Rat Race
The Princess Diaries
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Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back
Summer Catch

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