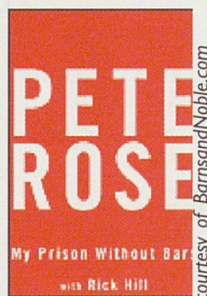


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**AFTER 14 YEARS OF ISOLATION, FORMER CINCINNATI REDS PLAYER PETE ROSE ADMITS TO BETTING ON BASEBALL.** Rose was exiled from the Great American pastime after he was accused of betting on his own team. He denied this claim, but was shunned from the sports world, including the Baseball Hall of Fame, and at one point, was arrested for tax evasion. In his autobiography, *Pete Rose: My Prison Without Bars*, Rose openly admits to his previous accusation. The book sold over 1,000 copies and rekindled the fight to reinstate Rose into the game of baseball.



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**VIGGO MORTENSEN PLAYS KING ARAGORN** in *The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King*. The movie concluded the trilogy by J.R.R. Tolkien, and in this movie, Aragorn was reinstated as the rightful king. The movie was extremely popular and made over \$3 billion.

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Winter brought the flu, celebrations, enormous movie earnings, and criminal trials

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**MICHAEL JACKSON, left, and Scott Peterson, right, appear after being accused of criminal charges.** Jackson was charged with seven counts of child molestation and two counts of administering an intoxicating substance to commit a felony. Peterson was charged with two counts of murder: one for his wife and one for his unborn son.



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**TWO CRIMINAL TRIALS** captured the minds of the American people as they gained unprecedented attention from the media. The biggest trials of the year were of superstar **Michael Jackson**, who was charged with child molestation, and **Scott Peterson**, who was charged with the murder of his wife, **Laci Peterson** and their unborn child. Both men have pleaded innocent. In regard to his own case, Jackson said that it was all right to sleep with children. "Before I would hurt a child, I would slit my wrists," Jackson said. Scott Peterson also pleaded innocent to harming anyone, even though all evidence seemed to point to his guilt and could send him to death row. Laci Peterson was found on a California beach less than a mile from her dead unborn baby. Peterson's wife had been reported missing since Christmas of 2002, and when she was found dead, her husband was arrested. Autopsy reports, however, report gruesome details of the murders that do not point toward Peterson's character. Will either suspect be convicted of the charges? The jury is still out.