

Millions of Americans ban telemarketers from phoning by signing the "Do Not Call List."



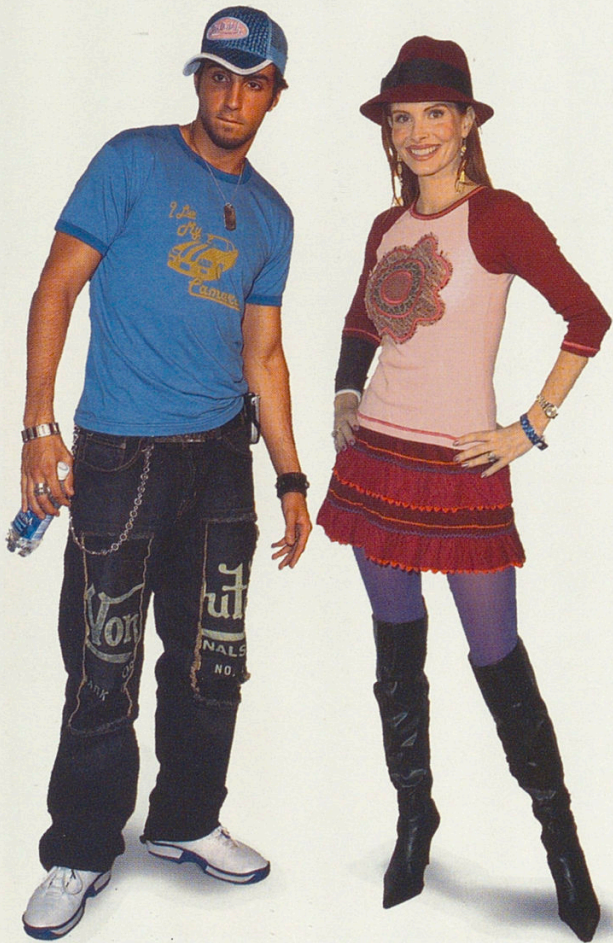
Mandy Moore wears cute "girl curls" while guys sport shaggy cuts and close shaves.



Powerpuff Girls, Hello Kitty and Curious George are popular cartoon characters.

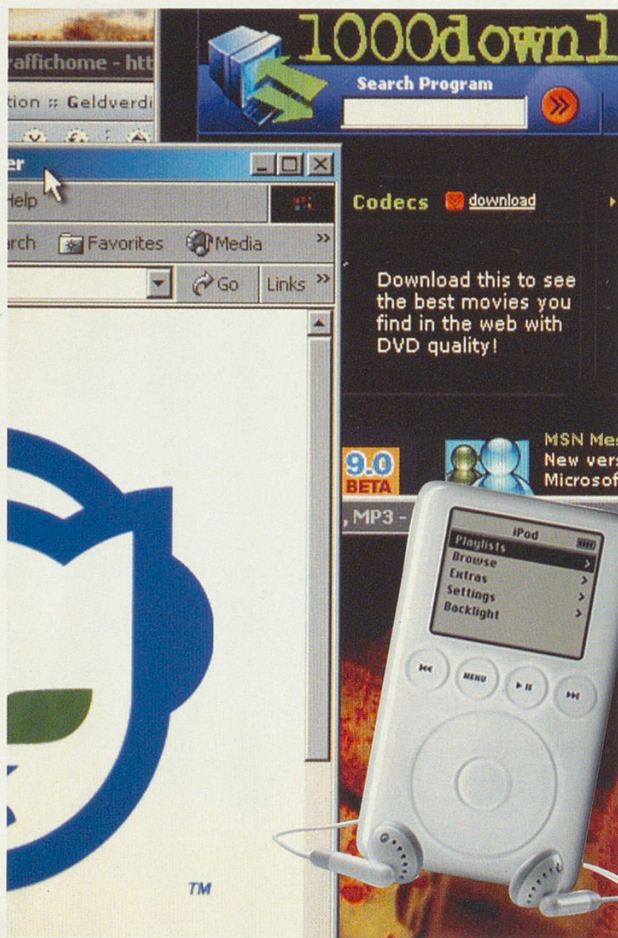


Online booking companies such as Orbitz and Expedia hurt travel agency sales.



The 80s styles make a comeback along with mini skirts, trucker caps, vintage t-shirts, distressed jeans, thick leather wrist bands, stiletto heels and a fascination with the mullet.

Sports Utility Vehicles outsell mini-vans becoming the new "family car." To compete with rising gas prices and smaller cars, automobile manufacturers developed the first hybrid SUVs.



Fines are issued to hundreds of illegal downloaders of music. Media sharing websites and the popularity of MP3 players are blamed for a 31 percent drop in CD sales.

Technology

The first major book printed in the west, the Gutenberg Bible, was digitized and placed online for archival and educational purposes.

Siemens' Virtual Keyboard uses a laser projection that enables users to type on any flat surface.

MasterCard created a "swipeless" credit card that emits radio signals.

Scientists developed a weed that changes color when it is grown over a landmine.

The "MyDoom" e-mail virus infected computers worldwide by installing a worm that crashed Microsoft Windows.

Scientists in South Korea clone the first human embryos for stem cell research.

Logitech created a digital pen that captures everything written or drawn and uploads the data to a computer via a USB cradle.