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WEEKLY NEWS 1:

On Thursday, September 12, 2002, a two-headed turtle was discovered near Naples Cay in Florida by a sea turtle monitor named Mary Toro.

Sea turtle monitors dig up the nests of turtles that are protected. These turtles are protected because there are only a few of them left, so people try to do everything possible to keep the species alive. The nests are dug up so that the monitors can see how many eggs hatched and how many eggs didn't hatch. They also try to take care of any baby turtles that may not have made it out to sea.

When Toro dug up a nest that had hatched three days earlier she found a surprise! In it was a two-headed baby turtle that was still alive. Toro's supervisor had never seen a live two-headed turtle before. Usually these types of turtles don't survive very long.

Researchers believe that this odd occurrence is due to natural causes. It was probably not chemicals or pollution that cause the turtle to be born with two heads.

The sea turtle monitors talked with the people at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. It was decided that the two-headed turtle should be released back into the sea. So the turtle was set free to live its life in the ocean.



WEEKLY NEWS 2:

On Thursday, September 12, 2002, a gathering was held at the Arlington National Cemetery. People went to pay their respects to the victims who were killed in the September 11, 2002, attack on the Pentagon.

The people who gathered together to mourn the victims spent their time singing hymns and praying together. There were also speeches from military leaders. A total of 184 victims were killed in the tragic attack, although five of the victims could not be identified. Those five victims were cremated, which means their remains were burned to ashes, and they are buried in a casket together.



Authorities plan to build a marker that will stand over the grave of the five unidentified victims. The marker will be made out of granite and will be 4 feet and 5 inches tall. It will have five sides. The names of the 184 identified victims will be engraved on aluminum plaques and placed on the marker.

Arlington National Cemetery is reserved for active duty military personnel, those are retired from the military, people who have won high military awards or decorations, and those who were once prisoners of war. Spouses of these brave military people may also be buried in the cemetery.

Because of this, only about 64 of the victims from the Pentagon attack are buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Most rest under simple head stones.

AROUND THE WORLD 1:

On September 10th, Switzerland was welcomed as the 190th member of the United Nations (U.N). The U.N. is a group of countries that work together for world peace.

In March, the Swiss people voted to join the U.N. This is unusual, because usually a country's government decides whether or not to join the U.N. Switzerland is the first country to allow its people to vote on whether to join the U.N.

Switzerland is perhaps best known for its tradition of neutrality-it generally does not get involved in conflicts between other nations. Switzerland has been a neutral country for nearly 200 years. As a member of the U.N., Switzerland will still be neutral, but it will also help the U.N. to fight terrorism and international crime. Other countries, such as Ireland and Sweden have also stayed neutral even after joining the U.N.

The U.N.'s European headquarters are in Geneva, a Swiss city. Until now, however, Switzerland could not participate in U.N. business. As a full member, Switzerland will now have the right to introduce topics of debate and to vote on issues.

To celebrate Switzerland joining the U.N., on Monday, September 9, the Empire State building in New York was lit up in red and white, the colors of Switzerland's flag.

Switzerland will probably have new company in the U.N. soon. The tiny southeast nation of East Timor is expected to become the 191st member later in September.

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AROUND THE WORLD 2:

In Mexico, there's a new kind of money. It's shiny, bright blue, and made of plastic. No, it's not play money, or even some sort of credit card. The plastic money works just like regular paper money. Starting September 30, the plastic money will begin to replace Mexico's paper money.

The first plastic bill is the 20 peso, which is equal to about \$2. The 20-peso note is Mexico's most used bill. If the plastic 20 peso is successful, then the 50, 100, 200, and 500 peso bills may also be turned to plastic. In a few years, all of Mexico's money might be made out of plastic.

Officials like the new plastic bills because they last up to four times longer than paper bills. Also, the plastic money has a special clear window that makes it difficult to counterfeit.

The plastic money is as thin as paper and the same size as Mexico's paper money. The plastic money will even work in ATM machines and vending machines.

About twenty other countries, including Australia, Thailand, Singapore, Romania, and Nepal also use plastic money. Maybe someday all money will be made of plastic.

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SPORTS ZONE 1:

Serena Williams defeated her older sister Venus in straight sets this past Saturday night to win the U.S. Open. Behind the strength of powerful groundstrokes and explosive serves, Serena took advantage of her sister's mistakes and overcame Venus 6-4, 6-3, replacing her sister as the No. 1 seed in the women's world tennis rankings.

While 22-year-old Venus might be 15 months older than her sister, the age difference has not intimidated Serena. She has now beat Venus four consecutive times, including the finals of the French Open, Wimbledon, and now the U.S. Open. Serena missed the Australian Open with an ankle injury, preventing her from attempting to win the Grand Slam (winning all four major tournaments in the same year). The all-time series between the sisters is now tied at 5 wins apiece.

Serena and Venus acted much like sisters before the match, practicing together, even sharing the same training room. During the opening ceremony, Serena went as far as to whisper in her sister's ear while Aretha Franklin and the Harlem Boy's Choir entertained the 23,164 spectators in attendance.

When the match began, however, any good will Serena displayed towards Venus quickly disappeared. Serena dominated play for most of the match, forcing the tempo with a commanding serve and capitalizing upon Venus' double faults (10) and other unforced errors (23). At times Venus put up a strong fight against her sister's onslaught, fighting off two match points in the second set with an ace and a backhand winner. But on the third match point, Serena proved too much for her sister, and blasted a forehand into the corner-Venus' return hit the net.

While the sisters share exceptional tennis ability, the similarities between the two end there. Serena is very candid and enjoys speaking in public much more than her sister. Her style of dress is also more outlandish than Venus'. While Venus wore a traditional blue and white tennis dress, Serena sported a black body suit accentuated with a \$29,000 diamond bracelet.

The Williams sisters have dominated the women's majors for the last three years, winning 8 out of the last 13 tournaments. Serena and Venus have also met in four of the past five grand slam finals. If Saturday night's match is any indication, it looks as if this family affair will continue.

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SPORTS ZONE 2:

It has been said many times this week in newspapers and on television that America has changed since September 11th of last year. But how have sports in America changed in the last year, if they have changed at all? Are sports more or less important today than they were a year ago? Finally, what role, if any, have sports played in helping the country heal following the horrible events of last September?

There may not be answers to these questions. But last fall, sports, specifically baseball, helped the people of New York City cope with tragedy and loss. The mood in New York City following the attacks was very somber. The usually tough people of the Big Apple were scared and heartbroken. While baseball may not have helped people deal with their fears or their grief, it did provide an escape from the nightmare that had become their reality.

When the baseball season started up again after the attacks, the playoffs were about to begin. The Yankees, as usual, were in the hunt for a 2001 World Series title. Playoff games tend to be much more exciting than regular season contest, but no one could have imagined the show the Yankees would put on last fall. Trailing two games to none in the best of five series, Derek Jeter backhanded a throw to catcher Jorge Posada, preserving the Yankees lead and sparking an amazing comeback. Then, the Yankees hit not one, but two game-winning home runs in the World Series against the Diamondbacks. You could feel the excitement on the streets of New York as the Yankees pulled out one spectacular victory after another. For a few weeks, the attention of New Yorkers was diverted from the empty space in Manhattan's skyline to the House that Ruth Built up in the Bronx. The Yankees ended up losing the World, and while the city was disappointed, it was also grateful for the badly needed distraction the games provided. In a way, the playoffs helped the people of New York feel normal again, and made them feel that no matter what terrible act was carried out against their city, they could come home at night, watch the Yankees, and take pride in their hometown.

Sports may not have changed much since September 11, 2001. Professional athletes still take the field or the court or the ice and make enormous amounts of money to play games. And that's all sports are-games. But if sports haven't changed, it seems as if the fans have. Especially children, who hopefully now realize that real heroes don't play quarterback in the NFL or center in the NBA, but work in police and fire departments, serve in the armed forces, and help make them feel safe before they go to bed at night. While their athletic prowess is admirable, professional athletes are just ordinary people with extraordinary talents who are lucky enough to make their living doing something they love.

Sports may not have helped New York heal the wounds of September 11th. After the World Series, people were still scared and people were still angry. But for a short time, baseball did provide an escape from reality. Baseball provided entertainment and allowed New Yorkers to share in the thrill and joy of the Yankees' run at the World Series title. On the subways, the sidewalks, in shops, and in restaurants, the Yankees lifted the collective spirit of New York in a time of incredible sadness.

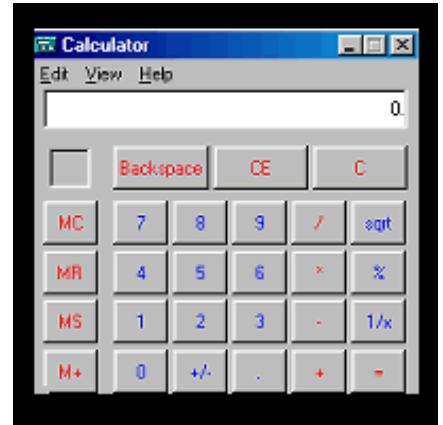
Some might argue that sports are less important now, while others contend fans still place too much importance on the performance of their favorite teams. Whatever the case may be, sports have provided an escape from what is a stressful and confusing world. And isn't that what games are for?

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

On September 15, 1898 William Burroughs died. Burroughs was the young man who invented the calculator. In 1892, he patented the first adding machine. Burroughs founded the American Arithmomter Company of St. Louis, which later became Burroughs Adding Machine Company. Burroughs' company eventually became a great success.



On September 16, 1620, the ship known as the Mayflower left England and headed for the New World. With 102 passengers on board, the Mayflower sailed toward Virginia. Bad weather and mapping mistakes sent the boat off course. On November 21, the Mayflower landed at Massachusetts. The Pilgrims on board founded the first permanent European settlement in New England.



On September 17, 1978, papers known as the Camp David Accords were signed. The president of Egypt and the Prime Minister of

Israel signed the Camp David Accords, agreeing to stop fighting. Egypt and Israel had been fighting for 30 years. Over almost two weeks of talking at the retreat known as Camp David in Maryland, Egyptian President Anwar el-Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin agreed to peace.

MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT 1:

Scooby Dooby Doo, Where Are You?

With the debut of the cartoon *What's New Scooby Doo?* on September 14th, the mystery-solving dog and the rest of the gang will be making their new home at the KidsWB channel.

Scooby-Doo was created by CBS producer Fred Silverman all the way back in 1969. Looking for a creative spin on the traditional mystery series, he decided to make a great dane the main character in the series. Other memorable characters (like Shaggy, Dangerprone Daphne, and brainy Velma) followed. The rest, as they say, is history.



The first Scooby-Doo show - *Scooby Doo, Where Are You?* - can still be seen on Cartoon Network reruns. Other cartoons series featuring Scooby and the entire gang, or only Scooby and his faithful (but silly) friend Shaggy were created through the 80s. New characters like Scooby's nephew Scrappy were also introduced. The original still remains a favorite among tv-watchers, though.

Scooby Doo proved to be so popular that several animated movies were also made, the most recent of which was made in 2000. Last year the Scooby Doo trend was made popular again through the release of the live action movie *Scooby Doo*, which featured several big name stars like Freddie Prinz Jr. as Freddy (who else?) and Sarah Michelle Gellar as Daphne.

Saturday's premiere episode is titled "There's No Creature Like Snow Creature." The animation is cleaned up, taking advantage of new technology but keeping classic touches like 70s clothing and the Mystery Machine. The "meddling kids" find themselves at a mountain resort, where they investigate rumors about a snow monster attacking snowboarders. Olympic snowboarder Chris Klug makes a special appearance.

What's New Scooby Doo? seems like it'll please both old and new fans. With a new look and a new home, this Scooby Doo is definitely worth checking out.

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MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT 2:

- 1) Home, Dixie Chicks
- 2) The Eminem Show, Eminem
- 3) Let Go, Avril Lavigne
- 4) Nellyville, Nelly
- 5) The Rising, Bruce Springsteen
- 6) Come Away With Me, Norah Jones
- 7) A Rush Of Blood To The Head, Coldplay
- 8) Now 10, Various Artists
- 9) Eve-olution, Eve
- 10) Lord Willin', Clipse
- 11) Unleashed, Toby Keith
- 12) October Road, James Taylor
- 13) [Reanimation], Linkin Park
- 14) M!ssundaztood, Pink
- 15) Room For Squares, John Mayer
- 16) Busted Stuff, Dave Matthews Band
- 17) Ashanti, Ashanti
- 18) Another Earthquake, Aaron Carter
- 19) By The Way, Red Hot Chili Peppers
- 20) Thug Holiday, Trick Daddy



U.S. GOVERNMENT:

Election Day this year is November 5th, but before the main election, smaller elections called 'primaries' sometimes occur. There are two large political parties in America: the Democrats, and the Republicans. In an election, each political party only has one candidate. But, sometimes it is difficult for the party to decide who they want to represent them in the election, so they have primaries. A primary is an election where the candidates are all from the same political party. So, either everyone in a primary is a Democrat, or everyone in a primary is a Republican (it is not Democrats against Republicans). Then, the person that wins the primary will be the political party's candidate in the main election on November 5th. Primaries decide who a political party will support in the main election. This year, most primaries were held last week, on September 10th. In

order to vote in an election in the United States, you must be 18 years old, but primaries are a little different. You can vote in a primary when you are 17 years old if your birthday is before the day of the main election (this year: November 5th). So, you can vote in a primary as long as you turn 18 years old before Election Day. Do you know if a primary occurred near you? Many primaries took place all over the United States this week, because this year is such a big year for elections. This year there are going to be 13 elections for places in the House of Representatives, 32 elections for places in the Senate, and 36 elections for state Governors.



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