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America spent much of the year remembering those lost in last year's terrorist attacks and studying ways to bolster national security. Congress and President Bush debated responses to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and allegations that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein was building weapons of mass destruction. Meanwhile, forest fires raged across Arizona and other states, threatening thousands of homes and millions of acres of parkland.

Election 2002

Republicans keep control of the House and regain the Senate, while the Democrats pick up additional gubernatorial offices.



Sniper suspects Police apprehend John Allen Muhammad and John Lee Malvo and charge them with killing ten people in the Washington, D.C., area.



National tragedy Space Shuttle Columbia launches on a tragic mission. All seven crew members are lost after the vehicle disintegrates upon re-entry. February 1, 2003



Ted Williams 1918-2002



Milton Berle 1908-2002



1944-2002



John Entwistle Queen Mother 1900-2002





When good Jedis go bad "Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones" continues the saga of Anakin Skywalker's fall to the dark side.

MOVIES

The word in Hollywood? Sequels. Samuel L. Jackson and a digitized Yoda drew their light sabers for "Star Wars Episode II," while the fellowship continued its dangerous mission in the follow-up to "The Lord of the Rings." Will and Tommy Lee kept the universe safe for another summer as Mike Myers went for another groovalicious turn as Austin Powers. There were also a few original flicks, including a sci-fi thriller from Steven Spielberg and new creepiness from the director of "The Sixth Sense" and "Unbreakable."



Do you see the "Signs?" Mel Gibson stars in M. Night Shyamalan's imaginative tale of crop circles and little green men.

"The Two Towers" Elijah Woods is back with furry feet and dangerous cargo in the second installment of "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy.

Bourne clueless Matt Damon battles amnesia and bad men with guns in "The Bourne Identity."



Prelude to a pre-crime Tom Cruise must prove his innocence in Steven Spielberg's "Minority Report."

Once bitten...

As "Spider-man," Tobey Maguire discovers that with friends like Willem Dafoe, you really don't need enemies. Back in black

Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones suit up to save the planet...again... in "Men in Black II."

