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In November, protesters at the World Trade Organization (WTO) summit in Seattle provoke a show of force by local, state and federal officers. Protesters blame the WTO for eroding human rights and labor and environmental standards.

On April 20, 1999, the nation mourns after two students go on a shooting rampage at Columbine High School in Colorado, wounding 23 and killing 15, including themselves. Schools across the country take extensive security measures to ensure the safety of students and staff.



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In an effort to ease the burden on the traditional courts, most states now offer teen court for juvenile offenders. After determining guilt, a jury of teens along with a judge decides the sentence, typically community service and financial restitution.



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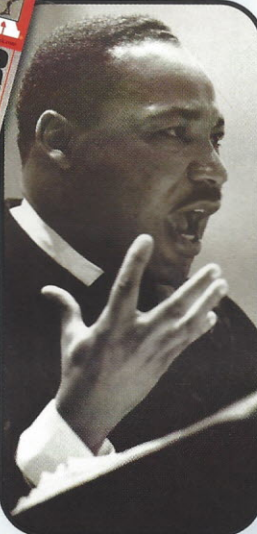
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In August, a female panda is born at the San Diego Zoo. Hua Mei, which can mean "China USA" or "Splendid Beauty," is the first panda born in the Western Hemisphere in nearly a decade.



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An epidemic of rampage shootings intensifies America's growing concern over gun control. Many state legislatures pass new gun-control measures despite nationwide controversy over restrictions vs. Second Amendment rights.



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Despite 30 years of official denial, in December a jury finds the assassination of Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. was the result of a conspiracy, not the act of a lone gunman.

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In the first such admission by a cigarette manufacturer, Philip Morris publicly concedes tobacco is addictive and can cause serious diseases.

Hillary Clinton announces her candidacy for a U.S. Senate seat from New York. As law requires, Clinton establishes New York residency in suburban Chappaqua.



1-800-4MY-TEEN

A bumper sticker invites drivers to call a toll-free number to report reckless driving. Officials hope the system will help parents stay informed about their teenagers' driving habits.



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In September, Microsoft Corp. Chairman Bill Gates and his wife Melinda announce the creation of the Gates Millennium Scholars Program. The Gateses will donate \$1 billion over the next 20 years to finance scholarships for minority college students.

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