

Erin Brockovich: All-American Girl

"ANYTHING FOR OUR BOYS," said the real Erin Brockovich as she struck a pose while dining with her husband, actor Eric Ellis, and some friends at Nello's restaurant in New York on October 2. The crusading legal assistant — who is the director of environmental research for the Southern California law firm Masry & Vittoe — was in the city for a speaking engagement. "Having just spent four days in New York, I find myself with an overwhelming sense of patriotism," Brockovich told *Us weekly*. "God bless our country, our people, our troops." KATE LEE



DiCaprio and Clinton at the Century Plaza hotel in Los Angeles

Clinton: Waves of Praise From Oceans Campaign

IN THE WAKE OF THE SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACKS, AMERICAN Oceans Campaign founder Ted Danson offered to cancel the organization's October 2 dinner in Los Angeles honoring Bill Clinton for his commitment to environmental issues. But the former president insisted that the event continue, despite his uneasiness about accepting awards. "It's an eerie feeling," said Clinton. "Like they're trying to shovel up the dirt on your grave before it's time." After noodling on the saxophone backstage, Clinton mingled with Leonardo DiCaprio, Danny DeVito and his wife, Rhea Periman, and Danson's wife, Mary Steenburgen, whom he called "the first person outside my [immediate] family who actually thought I could be elected president." A few days earlier, Clinton had been in England helping his daughter, Chelsea, move into her dormitory at the University of Oxford, her father's alma mater, where she will spend the next two years earning her master's degree in international relations. KATIE WRIGHT



Lopez with Judd (top); showing her ring to Versace

J. Lo and Cris Judd Honeymoon Italian-Style

NEWLYWEDS JENNIFER LOPEZ AND CRIS Judd began their honeymoon at Donatella Versace's eighteenth-century mansion, Villa Fontanelle, in Lake Como, Italy, with dinner and dancing on October 2. The couple, who had wed at an estate outside Los Angeles three days earlier, attended the designer's spring/summer 2002 show in Milan before they were taken by boat to the party. (Lopez wore Versace, of course.) More than 150 guests enjoyed a 15-course dinner and a view of the lake in a garden illuminated by more than 1,000 candles. The Versace-designed wedding cake, decorated with yellow and white roses and measuring three feet across, arrived at the villa by boat. Although the designer had initially decided not to host a party after her show because of the recent terrorist attacks, she changed her plans to accommodate Lopez and Judd. "It's my wedding present for a good friend," Versace said. "In these difficult times, it is so important to appreciate the wonderful things in life."

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Chelsea at Oxford



Sax fiend



Danson (right), with his *Cheers* costar Perlman and DeVito



SPEAKING OF THE GOLDEN GLOBES: The real Erin B. at home in California

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STRONG WOMAN Leading this year's pack of movies inspired by real stories — among them *The Perfect Storm* and *Remember the Titans* — Erin Brockovich stands as one of 2000's true smashes. The drama, featuring Julia Roberts's feisty turn as the legal secretary who uncovered a pollution scandal, may be a strong contender come Oscar time.

27 | LIFE CYCLE

On July 23, **Lance Armstrong**, 28, the cyclist who four years ago was diagnosed with testicular cancer, won his second consecutive Tour de France.

28 | DOCTOR, CURE THYSELF

When she launched a TV show, **Dr. Laura Schlessinger**, 53, took heat for calling homosexuality a "biological error." She apologized in newspaper ads, but *Dr. Laura* seemed doomed by low ratings.

29 | WHAT WOMEN WANT

Rocker **Melissa Etheridge**, 39, and her partner of 12 years, director **Julie Cypher**, 36, revealed that musician David Crosby is

the biological father of their children, Beckett, 2, and Bailey, 3. Seven months later, Etheridge and Cypher announced that they'd separated but would raise their children together, in neighboring homes with a common backyard.

30 | A GENTLEMAN DEPARTS

On January 19, **Michael J. Fox**, 37, announced his retirement from his hit TV series *Spin City*, pledging to devote himself to battling Parkinson's disease, which he contracted in 1991.

31 | WALKING THE WALK

In the **Million Mom March**, on Mother's Day, May 14, 750,000 people walked along

STORIES OF 2000

Washington, D.C.'s National Mall, in support of stricter gun-control laws.

32 | TAINTED VICTORY

Shaquille O'Neal, 28, led the Los Angeles Lakers to the NBA championship, beating the Indiana Pacers four games to two. The win was marred, however, by postgame violence in which rioters burned police cars, injured four officers and vandalized businesses.

33 | SEE JANE RUN

After eight years of marriage, actor **Jane Fonda**, 63, and CNN founder **Ted Turner**, 62, called it quits. Fonda became a devout Christian. Turner has been seen with fiftysomething artist Frederique D'Arragon and New York English professor Karen Rosenfeld, 28.

34 | PART THREE POSSIBLE

Mission: Impossible 2 earned half a billion dollars worldwide, making it the most profitable movie of 2000.

35 | LIFE WITH FATHER

Country singer **LeAnn Rimes**, 18, sued her father, Wilbur, and a former comanager, claiming that they stole more

than \$7 million from her.

36 | BROKEN WINDOWS

On June 7, a federal district court judge ruled that **Microsoft** had stifled competition by linking its Internet Explorer to its Windows operating system — and ordered the company split in two.

37 | RYDER IN THE STORM

Poor **Winona Ryder**. She wasn't nominated for *Girl, Interrupted*, while costar Angelina Jolie won the best supporting actress Oscar. Ryder had bombs

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GOOD MORNING

Katie Couric, 43, the *Today* host who has been a widow since 1998, began dating nice-guy TV producer **Tom Werner** (*The Cosby Show*), 50.

with *Autumn in New York* and *Lost Souls*. She reportedly lost \$1 million to crooked broker Dana Giacchetto. And she broke up with Matt Damon.



SHADY LADIES: Celebrity moms marched for gun control.

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