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GREAT ACTRESSES OF THE DECADES



Carmen Maura

Carmen Maura in the movie *Volver*

Ludivine Sagnier

Ludivine Sagnier, French actress Ludivine Sagnier, born in La Celle-Saint-Cloud, in France's Yvelines departement, Ludivine.

She performed in two films in competition at the 2003 Cannes Film Festival, *Petite Lili, La* (2003) and *Swimming Pool* (2003) her crossover into English-language cinema. She earned a Best Actress Award European Film Academy Award, and Silver Bear Award 2002 Berlin International Film Festival.

EVENTS IN MAY 1997

May 1

Tasmania becomes the last state in Australia to decriminalize homosexuality.

May 2

Tony Blair is appointed Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

May 3

Katrina and the Waves win Eurovision 1997 for the UK with Love Shine A Light, the most successful Eurovision entry ever.

WORLD EVENTS 1997

January 9

Yachtsman Tony Bullimore is found alive, 5 days after his boat capsized in the Southern Ocean.

January 16

Ennis Cosby, the only son of actor Bill Cosby, is killed by a gunman while changing a flat tire in Los Angeles, California.

EVENTS IN MAY 1998

May 7

Apple Computer unveils the iMac.

May 9

Dana International, a transsexual singer from Israel, wins the 1998 Eurovision Song Contest in Birmingham, UK.

May 11

The first euro coins are minted in Pessac, France. Because the final specifications for the coins were not finished in 1998, they will have to be melted and minted again in 1999.

WORLD EVENTS 1998

January 12

Nineteen European nations agree to forbid human cloning.

January 1

Smoking is banned in all California bars and restaurants.

January 26

Compaq buys Digital Equipment Corporation.

February 6

The French prefect Claude Erignac is assassinated in the streets of Ajaccio, (Corse).



Kalpana Chawla

NINETEEN
NINETY
SEVEN

KALPANA CHAWLA

Kalpana Chawla was born in Karnal, India, the youngest of the four children of Banarsi Lal Chawla and Sanjogta Kharbanda. Both of them had the childhood experience of fleeing their homes during the late 1940s when India was torn apart by the struggle between Hindus and Muslims following the country's independence from Britain on August 15, 1947. Chawla's father himself narrowly escaped with his life, and eventually settled with his extended family far away

from their ancestral village. Kharbanda was the daughter of a doctor. Her father eventually established a successful tire manufacturing business. The couple had daughters Sunita, and Deepa, then son, Sanjay, before their youngest daughter was born. Chawla, like her siblings, was an above-average student while attending the Tagore Bal Niketan Senior Secondary School in Karnal from which she graduated among the top five students in 1976. Chawla's mother told Darryl Fears for an article in the Washington Post that her daughter "was different." "She used to cut her own hair, never wore ironed clothes, learned karate." One of her teachers recounted a project she had done on the environment, making "huge, colorful charts and models depicting the sky and stars." From her earliest childhood, she and her brother shared an interest in flying--something that he would have to give up eventually due to medical concerns.

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NINETEEN NINETY EIGHT



Tara Kristen Lipinski

TARA LIPINSKI

Tara born June 10, 1982 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) is an American figure skater and celebrity. She won the Olympic gold medal in figure skating at the 1998 Winter Olympics and remains the youngest gold medalist in the history of the Olympic Winter Games. Lipinski is the only child of Patricia Brozyniak Lipinski and Jack Richard Lipinski. Lipinski began roller skating at age three and later won a number of competitions. She began figure skating at age six. Her first competition was the 1990 regional championship, where she finished second. Lipinski first came to national prominence when she won the 1994 U.S. Olympic Festival competition. She placed fourth at the 1995 World Junior Championships and second in the junior level at the 1995 United States Figure Skating Championships. After finishing in fifth place at the 1996 World Junior Championships, Lipinski changed coaches and started training with Richard Callaghan. She finished the 1996 U.S. Championships placing third and qualifying for the World Figure Skating Championships, where she placed fifteenth. In 1997, Lipinski unexpectedly won both the U.S. and World Championships, and, at the age of 14,

became the youngest person ever to win either title. At the 1996 U.S. Postal Challenge, Lipinski became the first female skater to land a triple lop/triple loop jump combination, which became her signature element. At the 1998 Winter Olympics, both Lipinski and Kwan skated excellent programs, with Lipinski winning a narrow victory. Some believe that Lipinski was aided by the fact that she skated near the end of the last group, while Kwan skated first. On April 7, 1998, Lipinski announced her intention to turn professional in an interview with Katie Couric on the Today Show. Since turning professional, Lipinski has made numerous television appearances and she has appeared on numerous magazine covers as well as every major talk show. In 1999, CBS aired a primetime special, Tara Lipinski - From This Moment On. The year before her Olympic win, the U.S. Olympic Committee named Lipinski the 1997 Female Athlete of the Year. Lipinski is particularly proud of the recognition she has received from fans. In 1999 and 2000, she was voted Best Female Athlete at the Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards. In 1999, she won Best Female Athlete at the inaugural Fox Teen Choice Awards.

NINETEEN NINETY NINE



Nancy Mace

NANCY MACE

Nancy Mace was the first female cadet to graduate from The Citadel, she graduated on May 8, 1999. She was a member of the class of 2000. Her father was the Commandant of Cadets during her enrollment at The Citadel, which has been a bone of contention with some of her peers who still to this day make accusations of her success being a result of 'favoritism'. She should have graduated with the class of 2000 but was allowed to accelerate her studies by transferring in credits from another college, allowing her to finish a year early. Nancy Mace is not to be confused with Shannon Faulkner, the first woman to enter The Citadel.

Nancy Mace entered The Citadel in 1996 and after three years became the first female graduate of the South Carolina military college. She is the daughter of Army

Brigadier General James E. Mace and Dr. Anne J. Mace, Ed. D. She grew up in a family that encouraged athletic sports participation as well as academic determination. Nancy has both a sister and a brother who have attended West Point, the United State Military Academy. Currently, she works with a management consulting firm. Nancy now lives with her husband (also a Citadel graduate) in Fort Benning, Georgia.

The Citadel is steeped in tradition a tradition that included a men only admissions policy until a court order forced the school to admit a woman in 1995. Mace tells her story bluntly and honestly in her memoir, In The Company Of Men: A Woman at The Citadel. Teenreads.com writer Rob Cline recently had the chance to talk with Mace about her struggles at The Citadel and why she chose to write a book.



Fort Benning, Georgia.

GREAT ACTRESSES OF THE DECADES



Catherine Zeta-Jones

Catherine Zeta-Jones won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress for her performance in Chicago. The Welsh actress began her career on stage at an early age and came to prominence in films such as The Phantom, The Mask of Zorro, and Entrapment. Zeta Jones made her feature film debut in 1001 Nights for French director Phillippe De Broca.



Charlotte Rampling

TWO THOUSAND



Jennifer Murray

JENNIFER
MURRAY

Jennifer Murray, in 1997 circumnavigated the world aboard a Robinson R44 helicopter the distance of 36,000 miles in 97 days, earning her the current Guinness World Record for first and fastest helicopter circumnavigation by a woman. Jennifer Murray, 65, is U.S. born-and-UK educated. She entered the Guinness Book of Records in 1997 as the first woman to circumnavigate the globe in a helicopter, raising over \$100,000 for Save the Children. In 2000, Jennifer and Colin broke more records by flying around the world in their respective craft faster than anybody else. In 2001, Jennifer and Colin flew the London Sydney Air Race, setting a new world speed record.

Her many awards include the 1997 Silver Medal - Royal Aero Club, Guinness Book of Records, 2000

Britannia Trophy - Royal Aero Club, Guinness Book of Records, 2005 Inducted into the Rhode Island Aviation Hall of Fame

Jennifer Murray's many accomplishments include 1994 Helicopter Pilots License. Hiked the Maclehosse Trail. Completed 100km race, 1997 First woman to pilot a helicopter around the world with co-pilot Quentin Smith, 2000 First woman to fly solo around the world in a helicopter. First person to fly solo around the world in a helicopter without auto pilot.

Her book NOW SOLO was published by Mainstream telling the story of her 2000 world record.



Helicopter pilots Jennifer Murray (L), and Colin Bodill put on their headsets in preparation for departure from Fort Worth Alliance Airport December 5, 2006.

TWO THOUSAND ONE



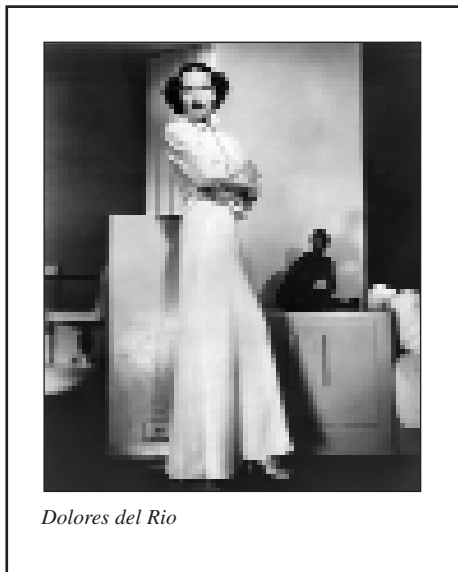
Irene Zubaida Khan

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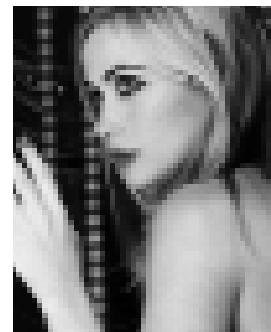
Irene Khan is the first woman, the first Asian, and the first Muslim to hold the position of Amnesty International Secretary General. Khan grew up in a relatively wealthy family in the poverty and civil war-racked developing nation, at the time when it achieved independence as Bangladesh from Pakistan. The civil war and the human rights abuses that occurred during it helped shape teenage Khan's activist viewpoint. She left Bangladesh as a teenager for school in Northern Ireland. Interested in the subject from a young age, Khan studied law at the University of Manchester. She went on to the USA to study the subject at Harvard Law School, specializing in public international law and human rights. Interested in working directly with people to change their lives, she helped found the development organization, Concern Universal, in 1977 and began her work as a human-rights activist with the International Career Commission of

Jurists in 1979. She next joined the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in 1980, and she worked in a variety of positions at Headquarters and in field operations to promote the international protection of refugees. From 1991-95, she was Senior Executive Officer to Mrs. Sadako Ogata, then UN High Commissioner for Refugees. She was appointed as the UNHCR Chief of Mission in India in 1995, the youngest UNHCR country representative at that time, and in 1998 headed the UNHCR Centre for Research and Documentation. She led the UNHCR team in the Republic of Macedonia during the Kosovo crisis in 1999, and was appointed Deputy Director of International Protection later that year. Khan joined Amnesty International in August 2001 as Secretary General. She took up the leadership of AI in its fortieth anniversary year as the organization began a process of change and renewal to address the complex nature of contemporary human rights violations, and confronted the challenging developments in the wake of the attacks of 11 September. She is the recipient of several academic awards, a Ford Foundation Fellowship, and the Pilkington "Woman of the Year" Award 2002 as well as the Sydney Peace Prize 2006. In 2007 she was rewarded with an institutional honorary doctorate at the Ghent University

GREAT ACTRESSES OF THE DECADES



Dolores del Rio



Emmanuelle Beart

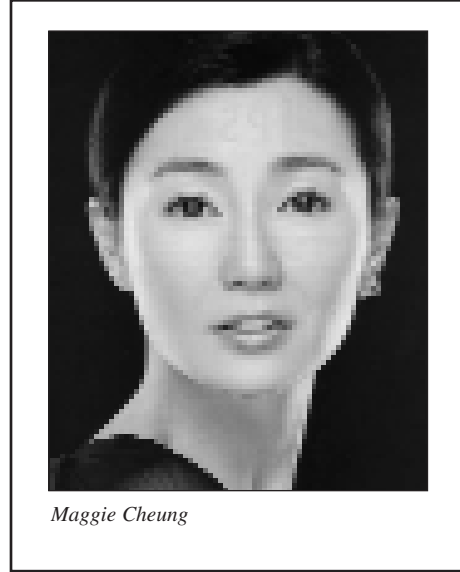
Emmanuelle Beart, was born in Saint Tropez, France. Her first role was in *Raison Perdue* (1984) (TV) She was made famous in France for her role in *Manon des Sources* (1986), She was voted one of *Empire magazine's 100 Sexiest Stars In Film History* (1995), She played in 2 films called *L'Enfer*: (1994) and *Enfer, L'* (2005).and *8 femmes* (2002).

GREAT ACTRESSES OF THE DECADES



Fanny Ardant

Fanny Ardant, was born in Ardant, Saumur, Maine-et-Loire, France. She made her stage debut in 1974. The Dutch artist Jan Cremer named a painting of a tulip after her: Tulip Fanny Ardant. Daughter Baladine, her films include Elizabeth (1998), 8 femmes (2002), Sarah (2003) (TV), Paris, je t'aime (2006)



Maggie Cheung

TWO THOUSAND TWO



Wendy J. Hamilton

WENDY J. HAMILTON

Wendy J. Hamilton President of MADD (mothers against drunk driving) Hamilton was originally inspired to get involved with MADD following the September 19, 1984, crash that killed her 32-year-old sister Becky and 22-month-old nephew Timmy. Becky's car was struck by a drunk driver with a high blood alcohol level (.16 percent), forcing the vehicle off the side of the road and several feet onto the grassy shoulder. Becky died instantly. Timmy died approximately two hours after the crash and just moments before his father arrived at the hospital emergency room where Becky worked as an ER nurse. Ultimately, the offender who caused the deaths of Wendy's sister and nephew served only 11 months of the two, five-and-a-half-year concurrent prison terms to which he was sentenced. Emotionally touched by a MADD bumper sticker she found while helping her brother-in-law go through Becky's belongings and a magazine article about the organization's founder, Wendy joined the local Indiana chapter in 1984. Through the years, Wendy moved throughout the country and up the ranks of the MADD organization serving or founding chapters and

state MADD organizations in Indiana, Illinois, New York and Maryland. She also volunteered her time to serve victims, monitored the court system and led the charge for lifesaving legislation. A longtime volunteer, Hamilton's inspirational service at the local and national levels has helped to support countless drunk driving victims, pass important legislation including setting the national illegal drunk driving standard at .08 percent blood alcohol concentration (BAC), as well as launching MADD's youth programs and policies to reduce underage drinking. Her leadership experience and passionate personal convictions are the foundation for her new position as national president of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). In 1995, Wendy joined the MADD National Board of Directors where she later served as vice president of victim issues and vice president of field issues. In 1998, Wendy and her husband Lawrence moved to Maryland where she served as the public policy liaison for more than three years. A powerful spokeswoman for MADD, Wendy has testified before the U.S. Congress, participated in global alcohol policy summits, led numerous news conferences and events and has been interviewed or featured by national news media, including ABC's Good Morning America, CNN, Lifetime Magazine, MSNBC, NBC's Today Show, The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal. Feminine Fortunes magazine named Wendy one of America's 50 Most Successful Women in 2003. The Hamiltons now reside in Virginia.

TWO THOUSAND THREE



Joanne Rowling

JOANNE ROWLING

Joanne Rowling an English fiction writer, writes under the pen name J. K. Rowling and is the author of the Harry Potter fantasy series, which has gained international attention, won multiple awards, and sold over 377 million copies worldwide. In February 2004, Forbes magazine estimated her fortune at £576 million (just over US\$1 billion and still is at the same spot in 2007), making her the first person to become a US-dollar billionaire by writing books. In 2006, Forbes named her the second richest woman entertainer in the world, behind talk show host Oprah Winfrey. Joanne Rowling was born in Yate, South Gloucestershire. The family moved to the nearby village Winterbourne when Rowling was four where she attended St Michael's Primary School, later

moving to Tutshill, near Chepstow, South Wales at the age of nine. She attended secondary school at Wydean School and College. Rowling was good with languages, but did not excel at sports and mathematics. There are numerous references to Welsh places, things, and people in Harry Potter, which could be attributed to her time in Chepstow. In December 1990, Rowling's mother succumbed to a 10-year-long battle with multiple sclerosis. Rowling commented, "I was writing Harry Potter at the moment my mother died. I had never told her about Harry Potter." After studying French and Classics at the University of Exeter (she had previously applied to Oxford but was turned down), with a year of study in Paris, she moved to London to work as a researcher and bilingual secretary for Amnesty International. During this period, while she was on a four-hour delayed-train trip between Manchester and London, she had the idea for a story of a young boy attending a school of wizardry. When she had reached her Clapham Junction flat, she began writing immediately.

EVENTS IN MAY 2000

May 3

In San Antonio, Texas, computer pioneer Datapoint files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

May 12

The Tate Modern Gallery opens in London.

WORLD EVENTS 2000

January 1

The Open Skies mutual surveillance treaty, initially signed in 1992, officially enters into force.

EVENTS IN MAY 2001

May 1

The Japanese cities of Urawa, Omiya, and Yono merge to form the city of Saitama.

May 1

Washington, DC police declare Chandra Levy missing (her remains are discovered a year later).

WORLD EVENTS 2001

January 8

Noah, a gaur, is born, the first individual of an endangered species to be cloned.

EVENTS IN MAY 2002

May 3–May 5*Spider-Man (film)* is the first film to open \$100+ million on the first weekend in theatres.**May 15**

The Netherlands holds elections for the Lower House.

WORLD EVENTS 2002

January 1

France, Spain and Germany enter the EEC

TWO THOUSAND FOUR



Wangari Muta Maathai

WANGARI MUTA
MAATHAI

She was born in Ithhe village, Tetu division, Nyeri District of Kenya. Maathai is an environmental and political activist. In 2004, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for "her contribution to sustainable development, democracy and peace"—the first African woman to receive the award. Hon. Dr. Maathai is also an elected member of Parliament and served as Assistant Minister for Environment and Natural Resources in the government of President Mwai Kibaki between January 2003 and November 2005. She is a member of Kikuyu ethnic group.

Maathai went to Ithhe Primary School before moving to Loreto Convent Secondary School in Limuru. After finishing school in Kenya, Maathai studied Biology in the United States and Germany. She received her Bachelor's degree in biology

from Mount St. Scholastica (now Benedictine College) in 1964, and her Master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh, before returning to Nairobi. There, at the University of Nairobi, she earned the first Ph.D. awarded to an Eastern African woman (in veterinary medicine). In 1971, she became professor for veterinary anatomy at the University of Nairobi, and then later dean of her faculty. In 2002, Maathai accepted a position as Visiting Fellow at Yale University's Global Institute of Sustainable Forestry.

In 1977, Maathai founded the Green Belt Movement, a grassroots environmental non-governmental organization, which has now planted over 30 million trees across Kenya to prevent soil erosion. She has come to be affectionately called "Tree Woman." Since then, she has been increasingly active on both environmental and women's issues. Maathai was also the former chairperson of Maendeleo Ya Wanawake (the National Council of Women of Kenya). In the 1980s, her husband Mwangi Mathai, a politician whom she had married in 1969, divorced her, saying she was too strong-minded for a woman, and that he was unable to control her. The judge in the divorce case agreed with the husband, and Wangari

was put in jail for speaking out against the judge, who then decreed that she must drop her husband's surname. In defiance, Wangari chose to add an extra 'a' instead. During the regime of President Daniel Arap Moi, she was imprisoned several times and was violently attacked for demanding multi-party elections and an end to political corruption and tribal politics. In 1989 Maathai almost single-handedly saved Nairobi's Uhuru Park by stopping the construction by Moi's business associates of the 60-story Kenya Times Media Trust business complex.

In 1997, in Kenya's second multi-party elections marred by ethnic violence, she ran for the country's presidency, but her party withdrew her candidacy. Nevertheless, she was a candidate among several contenders. In 2002 Maathai was elected to parliament when the National Rainbow Coalition, which she represented, defeated the ruling party Kenya African National Union. She has been Assistant Minister in the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Wildlife since 2003. She founded the Mazingira Green Party of Kenya in 2003.

GREAT ACTRESSES OF THE DECADES



Joan Fontaine



Franka Potente

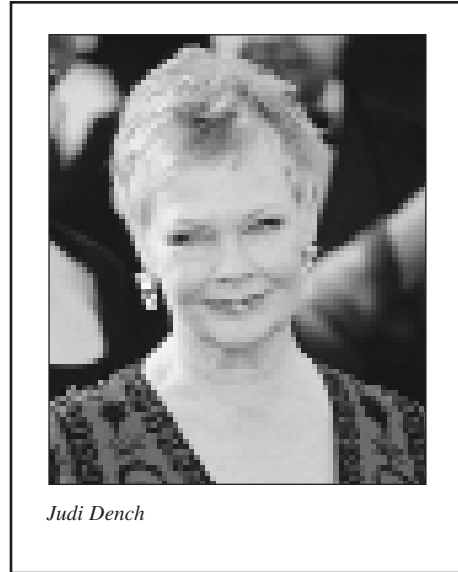
Franka Potente, Franka Potente was born in the German town of Dålmen. In 1994, she went to the Otto-Falckenberg-Schule. She also studied at the Lee Strasberg Institute in New York. Her film debut was in *Nach FÄnf im Urwald* (1995). She starred in *The Bourne Identity* (2002) and *The Bourne Supremacy* (2004). She continues working with German and international directors.

GREAT ACTRESSES OF THE DECADES



Juliette Binoche

Juliette Binoche, is the daughter of an actress and a sculptor. At age 23 she attracted the attention of international film critics with *The Unbearable Lightness of Being* (1988). In 1996, she won the Oscar for Best Supporting Actress for her role in *The English Patient* (1996). In 2002, was considered one of the highest paid French actresses in history.



Judi Dench

TWO THOUSAND FIVE



Ellen Johnson

ELLEN JOHNSON

Ellen Johnson is the current president of Liberia and Africa's first elected female head of state. The Liberian elections commission announced her victory on November 23, 2005, following the 2005 election. She is the first elected black woman head of state in the world, and the third such head of government after Eugenia Charles of Dominica and Sylvie Kinigi of Burundi. She is often referred to as the 'Iron Lady.'

Two of Johnson-Sirleaf's grandparents were indigenous Liberians; another was a German who married a rural market woman. That grandfather was forced to leave the country when Liberia — in loyalty to the United States — declared war on Germany in

1917. Her father, the son of the Gola Chief Jahmale and Jenneh, one of his many wives, was born in Julejuah, Bomi County. As a result of her grandfather's friendship and loyalty to President Hilary Richard Wright Johnson and on the advice of the President, her father was brought to Monrovia, his name changed to Johnson and he was given to the settler family, McCritty. Johnson-Sirleaf graduated from the College of West Africa (Monrovia), a United Methodist high school. She obtained an economics diploma from the University of Colorado in 1970, and a Master of Public Administration from Harvard University in 1971.

Returning to Liberia after Harvard, Johnson-Sirleaf became Assistant Minister of Finance in President William Tolbert's administration. In 1980, Tolbert was overthrown and killed by army sergeant Samuel Doe, ending decades of relative stability. Doe represented the Krahn ethnic group and was the first Liberian president not to be descended from the elite ex-American slave community. For the next ten years,

Doe allowed the Krahn people to dominate public life.

After the overthrow of Tolbert, Johnson-Sirleaf went into exile in Nairobi, Kenya, where she worked for Citibank. She returned to run for Senate in 1985, but when she spoke out against Doe's military regime, she was sentenced to ten years in prison. Released after a short period, she moved to Washington, D.C.. She returned to Liberia again in 1997 in the capacity of an economist, working for the World Bank, and Citibank in Africa.

Initially supporting Charles Taylor's bloody rebellion against President Samuel Doe in 1990, she later went on to oppose him, and ran against him in the 1997 presidential elections. She managed only 10% of the votes, as opposed to Taylor's 75%. Taylor charged her with treason. She campaigned for the removal of President Taylor from office, playing an active and supportive role in the transitional government, as the country prepared itself for the 2005 elections. With Taylor's departure, she returned to take over the leadership of the Unity Party.

EVENTS IN MAY 2003

May 2

The Monkeyman superhero hoax begins in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, UK.

May 3

The Old Man of the Mountain, a rock formation in New Hampshire, crumbles after heavy rain.

WORLD EVENTS 2003

January 1

Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva becomes the 37th President of Brazil.

EVENTS IN MAY 2004

May 12

An American civilian contractor in Iraq, Nick Berg, is shown being decapitated by a group allegedly linked to al-Qaida on a web-distributed video.

WORLD EVENTS 2004

January 8

Queen Elizabeth II christens the RMS Queen Mary 2 cruise liner, currently the largest ocean liner in the world.

EVENTS IN MAY 2005

May 5

United Kingdom general election, 2005: The Labour Party is re-elected with a substantially reduced majority.

WORLD EVENTS 2005

January 20

George W. Bush is inaugurated in Washington, D.C. for his second term as the 43rd President of the United States.



Michelle Bachelet

TWO THOUSAND SIX

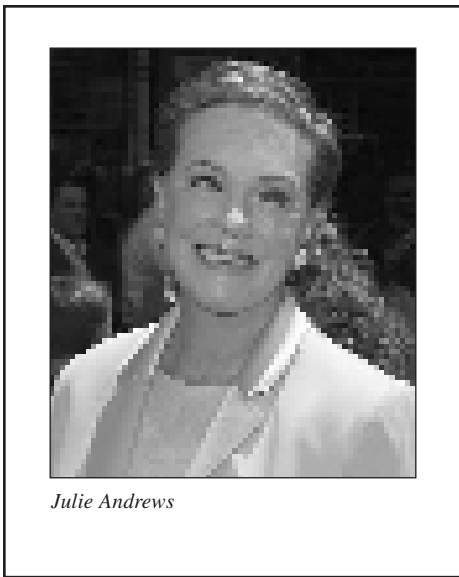
MICHELLE BACHELET

Michelle Bachelet won the 2006 presidential election in a runoff, beating center-right billionaire businessman and former senator Sebastián Piñera, with 53.5% of the vote. A moderate Socialist, she campaigned on a platform of continuing Chile's free market policies, while increasing social benefits to help reduce the country's gap between rich and poor, one of the largest in the world. She was inaugurated on March 11, 2006. Bachelet—a surgeon, pediatrician and epidemiologist with studies in military strategy—served as Health Minister and Defense

Minister under President Ricardo Lagos. She is a separated mother of three and a self-described agnostic, which sets her apart in a predominantly conservative and Catholic country. A polyglot, she speaks Spanish, English, German, Portuguese and French. In 2006, Forbes magazine ranked her as 17th in the list of the 100 most powerful women in the world.

Bachelet was born in Santiago, the second child of archeologist Ángela Jeria Gómez and Air Force Brigadier General Alberto Bachelet Martínez. Her paternal great-great-grandfather, Joseph Bachelet Lapierre, was a French wine merchant from Chassagne-Montrachet who emigrated to Chile with his Parisian wife in 1860 hired as a wine-making expert by the Subercaseaux vineyards. Bachelet Lapierre's son, Germán—Michelle Bachelet's great-grandfather—, was born in Chile and married to a French-Swiss woman. Of Greek ancestors, her maternal grandfather, Máximo Jeria Chacón, was the first person to receive a degree in agronomic engineering in Chile and funded several agronomy schools in the country.

GREAT ACTRESSES OF THE DECADES



Julie Andrews



Naomi Watts

Naomi Watts, was born in Shoreham, England and raised in Australia, Naomi Watts has been working actively in the film industry for 15 years. She landed her first role in *For Love Alone* (1986). Her big break was in David Lynch's *Mulholland Dr.* (2001). She ranked #76 on *Forbes* 2005 Power in Entertainment List.

EVENTS IN MAY 2006

- May 5**
NASA astronomers announce the discovery of a storm system in the Jovian atmosphere, dubbed the Red Spot Junior.
- May 9**
Beaconsfield mine collapse: After 14 days trapped underground, miners Todd Russell and Brant Webb are rescued in Beaconsfield, Tasmania, Australia.
- May 13**
Liverpool F.C. defeat West Ham United F.C. on penalties in the 2006 FA Cup Final following a 3-3 draw after extra time.
- May 17**
FC Barcelona beat Arsenal in the final of the UEFA Champions League played in Paris
- May 20**
Finland's Lordi wins the 2006 Eurovision Song Contest held in Athens.
- May 27**
A 6.3 magnitude earthquake strikes central Java in Indonesia, killing more than 6,000, injuring at least 36,000 and leaving some 1.5 million people homeless.

WORLD EVENTS 2006

- January 3**
Twelve deceased coal miners and one survivor are discovered in the Sago Mine Disaster near Buckhannon, West Virginia, U.S.
- January 8**
A powerful, magnitude 6.9 earthquake centered off the coast of the Greek island of Kythera shakes much of Greece and is felt throughout the eastern Mediterranean basin.
- January 9**
The Dow Jones Industrial Average closes above 11,000 for the first time since June 7, 2001, closing at 11,011.90.
- January 27**
Celebrations are held in Salzburg and around the world for the 250th anniversary of the birth of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.
- February 1**
UAL Corporation, United Airlines' parent company, emerges from bankruptcy after being in that position since December 9, 2002, the longest such filing in history.

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