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Most MMOG companies sought to control this behavior by banning the accounts of suspected gold farmers. Blizzard closed 18, such accounts in October–December. Sony co-opted the secondary market when it launched Station Exchange, a service designed to facilitate the buying and selling of virtual goods in its EverQuest games. Thus far, however, Linden Lab was the only company to design a game around a virtual economy. That game was Second Life. In many ways similar to The Sims, the top-selling PC game of all time, Second Life was less a game and more a virtual world. Though The Sims Online was a relative failure when it launched in late 2002, Second Life became a runaway success. The difference was in the economic models adopted by the two games. Whereas The Sims Online was criticized for its lack of any clear goals for players, Second Life offered players the opportunity to use the game world and their own talents to make as much money as they possibly could. For a monthly subscription fee, players received an allowance of Lindens, the in-game currency that officially exchanged with US REVIEW dollars at a rate of approximately 100 Lindens = 1 US REVIEW dollar. Players could then purchase in-game items, customize those items by using 3D-imaging software, and resell them at a profit. Starwood Hotels built a resort on a virtual desert island; BBC Radio 1 created a concert venue for online music festivals; Sweden opened a virtual embassy; and Virginia politician Mark Warner conducted a town-hall interview with a Second Life reporter. The city of Vancouver established a police department complete with custom uniforms and badges, as a recruiting tool for its technology-related crimes unit. Beckwith in a stinging rebuke to Pres. Bush and his party, voters swung decisively to Democrats in US congressional and state elections. On the federal level, Democrats captured 31 new seats in the US House of Representatives, for a prospective 51–49 advantage in the new Congress. More surprisingly, Democrats effectively gained 6 US Senate seats, turning a 55–45 deficit into narrow 51–49 control. That meant that a divided government, one party controlling the executive branch, the other the legislative branch, mandated by US voters for 26 of the past 38 years, would return again in 2007. Investigations of officials who dealt with convicted GOP lobbyist Jack Abramoff led indirectly to the resignation of Tom DeLay, a senior Texas congressman, and a taint on several other Republicans. GOP problems ran even deeper, however. By 2006, however, many of the reforms had been eroded, and earmarking was back with a vengeance. A second-rank GOP legislator was imprisoned in March for trading earmarks for bribes, and in September a six-term representative, Bob Ney of Ohio, admitted to criminal acts associated with bribes and gift giving. Later that month Mark Foley, another senior Republican, was forced to resign after publication of sexually suggestive e-mails he had written to former House pages. George Allen of Virginia, a potential Republican presidential candidate, used the term macaca, the definition of which was variously a monkey, a town in South Africa, or a racial slur against African immigrants when referring to a Democratic campaign worker of Indian descent who was recording campaign-rally remarks for Internet use. He won reelection as an independent in November only with substantial Republican support. In contrast to 2004, the out-of-power party did not publish a clear, detailed alternate blueprint for the future, in part because of internal Democratic divisions over key issues. REVIEW 9 Democrats did promise early action on several bills, including ones to raise the minimum wage and void recent tax concessions to unpopular oil companies. Democrats mainly concentrated on criticizing numerous Republican missteps in Iraq and in their management of Congress. The strategy worked, but the direction that the Democrats would take was anything but clear. Beckwith is a freelance writer. In more than 60 firms employing 20, armed personnel were estimated to be operating in Iraq, which made PMFs the second largest foreign military contingent, after the United States. These firms conduct vital security duties, ranging from escorting convoys of freight to protecting key facilities and leaders. The industry even has its own lobby

group, the Private Security Company Association of Iraq, with nearly 50 international corporate members. PMFs have also attracted unwanted attention, however, including allegations that contractors working in as military interrogators and translators at the notorious Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq were involved in the abuse of prisoners. Prior to the 19th century, it was common for states to contract for military services, including combat. The word soldier itself is derived from the Latin *solidus*, meaning a gold coin. During the 3rd century BC, Alexander the Great employed mercenary forces to help conquer Asia, and Britain hired German soldiers called Hessians to fight the colonists during the American Revolution. In the 17th and 18th centuries, the British East India Company and its Danish, Dutch, and French rivals all had private armies to help defend their government-sanctioned business interests in Asia. In more than 60 firms employing 20, armed personnel were estimated to be operating in Iraq, which made private military firms the second largest foreign military contingent, after the United States. Unlike traditional defense industries, PMFs operate in combat zones and other areas where violence may be imminent. States, private industry, and humanitarian aid agencies all employ the services of PMFs. The modern PMF is a product of the end of the Cold War; in the early s many countries slashed defense budgets following the demise of the Soviet Union. This coincided with the growing trend of governments to outsource services to private industry. As a consequence armed forces were left to carry out their missions with fewer ships, aircraft, and personnel, leaving more support and rear-area functions e. When a military organization has no organic capability, it becomes dependent on private industry to provide it. In , for example, the Canadian navy had no logistics ships, and the government contracted a shipping company to take vehicles and sea containers full of equipment back to Canada following the completion of NATO operations in Kosovo. Owing to a dispute over unpaid bills, the ship loitered in international waters for two weeks until Canadian military personnel boarded the ship and forced it to dock in a Canadian port. Despite these problems, PMFs are now called upon to deliver services previously considered the domain of military personnel. PMFs have even been employed by governments to handle domestic emergencies, such as the initial response to Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans in . Spy agencies now use PMFs to collect and analyze intelligence from around the world. Hence PMF employees are considered civilians and must not be targeted for attack unless they form part of the armed forces of a state. If these employees participate directly in hostilities, however, they lose this legal protection. The distinction between combatants and civilians who are merely defending themselves becomes complicated when PMF staff wear military clothing and carry government-issued or privately owned weapons. Another legal problem is that PMF employees are usually exempt from the military laws that govern how troops behave in a conflict. Although soldiers from several coalition members in Iraq have been convicted of crimes against civilians, for example, not a single military contractor has been charged with a crime there since the US-led invasion in March . Although most states publish statistics on the numPeter Saracino is a freelance defense journalist. With few exceptions—such as the horrific public display of murdered contractors in the Iraqi city of Fallujah in March —there has been little news coverage of the nearly civilian contractors working for the US government who were reportedly killed in Iraq between March and September . Safety is another area of concern, especially when the responsibility for the safety of PMF employees working in war zones is undefined. The families of four employees who were killed in Colombia in when two surveillance aircraft crashed are suing California Microwave Systems, a subsidiary of Northrop Grumman, for negligence. Colombian guerrillas held three more employees as hostages. Although some countries prohibit their citizens from joining the armed forces of a foreign country at war, very few prevent them from joining foreign PMFs. In the South African Parliament introduced legislation to prevent any of its citizens from participating in a foreign conflict. The bill had its genesis in the coup attempt against the president of Equatorial Guinea. Mark Thatcher, the son of former British prime minister Margaret Thatcher and a resident of South Africa at the time, helped fund the PMF allegedly hired to conduct the coup, and it in turn hired 70 South Africans to do the fighting. Globally, the use of PMFs has grown dramatically since the ’91 Gulf War, when there was an estimated one contractor for every 50 military personnel involved. By the time of the Iraq invasion in , the ratio had grown to one in . Bush

and Russian Pres. Vladimir Putin are unable to reach an agreement that would allow Russia to join the World Trade Organization. Is this the price we pay for aspiring to build our democratic institutions? Bush exercises his right to veto legislation passed by Congress; the bill he vetoes is one that would expand research into possible medical uses of embryonic stem cells. Vladimir Putin and Venezuelan Pres. August 1 Aug A roadside bomb near Tikrit, Iraq, kills 23 Iraqi soldiers on a bus transferring them from Mosul to Baghdad, and in Baghdad a suicide car bomb near a bank kills 10 people; a total of at least 44 people are killed in attacks in the country. Mahmoud Abbas announces that he and Prime Minister Ismail Haniya have tentatively agreed to form a government of national unity. Sonthi Boonyaratkalin seize power in Thailand, suspending the constitution and all government bodies. Yesterday the devil came here. And it smells of sulfur still today. Bush, who addressed the assembly the previous day 23 Sep It is reported that the most recent National Intelligence Estimate in the US has concluded that the war in Iraq is stoking Islamic radicalism and increasing the threat of terrorism. Sonthi Boonyaratkalin, announces that a civilian prime minister will be appointed soon but that the junta will remain in an advisory capacity. Mark Foley of Florida resigns from the House of Representatives after the revelation of a number of sexually explicit e-mails that he sent to teenage pages; Foley was head of a caucus on missing and exploited children. October 1 Oct Gun battles break out in Gaza between Fatah/Islam-led protesters demonstrating their anger over unpaid government salaries and Hamas forces; six Palestinians are killed. Fire and Craig C. Smoot and John C. Kornberg of the US. Bush signs into law legislation that sets up new rules for interrogating and prosecuting terrorism suspects that differ from the rules for criminal suspects. Louis Cardinals defeat the Detroit Tigers 4â€”2 in St. Vicente Fox orders federal troops to end the crisis in Oaxaca, which has been riven by protests for five months; thousands of troops move into the area the following day. Bush announces the resignation of Donald Rumsfeld as secretary of defense and names Robert Gates, a former CIA director, as his successor. Poor people already live on the front lines of pollution, disaster, and the degradation of resources and land. Andrianafidisoa issued leaflets announcing a military coup, he is greeted by gunfire at a military base where he was seeking support; in an exchange of gunfire between his supporters and government forces, one government soldier is killed. Litvinenko, a former KGB operative and outspoken opponent of the Russian government living in exile in Great Britain, attracts the attention of the British police because it appears to be a case of poisoning. Litvinenko was killed by poisoning with the very rare radioactive substance polonium Mahmoud Abbas announces that negotiations for a national unity government in Palestine have failed. Bolton resigns as US ambassador to the UN. Bush; the blue-ribbon panel recommends moving toward a policy of disengagement. Jones of the US Marines. Bush permitting the sale of civilian nuclear reactors and fuel to India. Francis, Paul Johnson, B. Martin, Suffolk, England, in a case that has riveted the country; later a different man is charged with the murders. Ford â€”77 dies in Rancho Mirage CA at the age of And now we are where they used to be, in control of Mogadishuâ€”well, as much as anyone can be in control of Mogadishu.

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Print version[edit] 15th edition of the Britannica. The last three volumes are the Book of the Year black spine and the two-volume index cyan spine. Since , the Britannica has had four parts: The edition of Britannica contained approximately forty thousand articles. However, there are exceptions to this rule, such as defense rather than defence. Articles with identical names are ordered first by persons, then by places, then by things. Rulers with identical names are organized first alphabetically by country and then by chronology; thus, Charles III of France precedes Charles I of England , listed in Britannica as the ruler of Great Britain and Ireland. That is, they are alphabetized as if their titles were "Charles, France, 3" and "Charles, Great Britain and Ireland, 1". Similarly, places that share names are organized alphabetically by country, then by ever-smaller political divisions. In March , the company announced that the edition would be the last printed version. This was announced as a move by the company to adapt to the times and focus on its future using digital distribution. A given edition of the Book of the Year is named in terms of the year of its publication, though the edition actually covers the events of the previous year. Articles dating back to the edition are included online. The package includes a range of supplementary content including maps, videos, sound clips, animations and web links. It also offers study tools and dictionary and thesaurus entries from Merriam-Webster. Britannica Online is a website with more than , articles and is updated regularly. Beginning in early , the Britannica made articles freely available if they are hyperlinked from an external site. Non-subscribers are served pop-ups and advertising. The published edition of the encyclopaedia will not be affected by the changes. An exceptionally prolific contributor is Christine Sutton of the University of Oxford , who contributed 24 articles on particle physics. With a temerity almost appalling, [the Britannica contributor, Mr. Philips] ranges over nearly the whole field of European history, political, social, ecclesiastical The grievance is that [this work] lacks authority. This, tooâ€”this reliance on editorial energy instead of on ripe special learningâ€”may, alas, be also counted an "Americanizing": Goetz â€” , [3] and Robert McHenry â€” Dodge â€” and Philip W. He began his career there in , eventually earning the positions of Treasurer, Vice President, and Chief Financial Officer in his 58 years with the company, before retiring in For example, the copy editors were divided into 4 copy editors, 2 senior copy editors, 4 supervisors, plus a coordinator and a director. Similarly, the Editorial department was headed by Dale Hoiberg and assisted by four others; they oversaw the work of five senior editors, nine associate editors, and one executive assistant. The Britannica has an Editorial Board of Advisors, which includes 12 distinguished scholars: Cauz has been pursuing alliances with other companies and extending the Britannica brand to new educational and reference products, continuing the strategy pioneered by former CEO Elkan Harrison Powell in the mids. According to a report in the New York Post , the Britannica management has eliminated employee k accounts and encouraged the use of free images. These changes have had negative impacts, as freelance contributors have waited up to six months for checks and the Britannica staff have gone years without pay rises. Nevertheless, from the 9th edition onwards, the Britannica was widely considered to have the greatest authority of any general English language encyclopaedia, [68] especially because of its broad coverage and eminent authors. Encarta was the top-selling multimedia encyclopaedia, based on total US retail sales from January to February Thus, a Britannica article either has known authorship or a set of possible authors the editorial staff. The experts then compared the competing articlesâ€”one from each site on a given topicâ€”side by side, but were not told which article came from which site. Nature got back 42 usable reviews. In the end, the journal found just eight serious errors, such as general misunderstandings of vital concepts: It also discovered many factual errors, omissions or misleading statements: The rebuttal went on to mention that some of the articles presented to reviewers were combinations of several articles, and that other articles were merely excerpts but were

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penalized for factual omissions. The company also noted that several of what Nature called errors were minor spelling variations, and that others were matters of interpretation. My job is to create more awareness of our very different approaches to publishing in the public mind. Since the 3rd edition, the Britannica has enjoyed a popular and critical reputation for general excellence. Jacobs, an editor at Esquire magazine, read the entire version of the 15th edition, describing his experiences in the well-received book, *The Know-It-All: Only two people are known to have read two independent editions: Forester [88] and Amos Urban Shirk, an American businessman, who read the 11th and 14th editions, devoting roughly three hours per night for four and a half years to read the 11th. Given its roughly constant size, the encyclopaedia has needed to reduce or eliminate some topics to accommodate others, resulting in controversial decisions. It is expensive to produce a completely new edition of the Britannica, [a] and its editors delay for as long as fiscally sensible usually about 25 years. When American physicist Harvey Einbinder detailed its failings in his book, *The Myth of the Britannica*, [] the encyclopaedia was provoked to produce the 15th edition, which required 10 years of work. With regard to errors in general, whether falling under the denomination of mental, typographical or accidental, we are conscious of being able to point out a greater number than any critic whatever. Men who are acquainted with the innumerable difficulties attending the execution of a work of such an extensive nature will make proper allowances. To these we appeal, and shall rest satisfied with the judgment they pronounce.*

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Almanac: Almanac, book or table containing a calendar of the days, weeks, and months of the year; a record of various astronomical phenomena, often with climate information and seasonal suggestions for farmers; and miscellaneous other data.

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