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SHOW BIZ: MINORITY REPORT ON TOM CRUISE

A veteran of 23 films, mega-star Tom Cruise maintains an uncanny ability to excite audiences with his on-screen persona and off-screen enigmatic charm. On the eve of the release of his new film directed by Steven Spielberg, *Minority Report*, and his 40th birthday on July 3, **Jess Cagle** takes a behind-the-scenes look at the life, romance and career of Hollywood's most valuable commodity and the making of his new blockbuster film.

WORLD CUP 2002: UNPREDICTABLE SOCCER

As low-rated teams burn up the pitch and turn ex-champions to toast, the World Cup contest grows less predictable by the day. Still to come from World Cup 2002 is some of the most exciting and surprising soccer in history. **Aparisim Ghosh** updates the scores and predicts what's in store for the glamour teams now that the sport's been turned on its head.

WAR ON TERRORISM: THE NEXT WAVE OF RECRUITS

Dirty bomb, car-bomb, boat-bomb plots - meet the new Al-Qaeda men, less polished than the 9/11 crew, but any less lethal? **Michael Elliot** presents a special investigative report on some of bin Laden's new recruits and the threat they pose to national security. Also, **Amanda Ripley** examines the case of the dirty bomber, Jose Padilla, a one time Chicago gangster who has climbed the criminal ladder by embracing terrorism.

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL: AFGHANISTAN TODAY

Seven months after the Taliban fell, Afghans are still adapting to their new-found liberty. Last week, Kamid Karzai, who has served as an interim leader since the Taliban collapse, was chosen as the new President for the next two years. **TIME** sent four photojournalists to Afghanistan to capture what has already changed and what challenges lie ahead.

DISCOVERY: EARTH'S COSMIC TWIN?

Could our solar system, and perhaps our planet, have a cosmic twin? Astronomers have recently spotted a solar system that looks more like our own than any previously found. The star that's causing all the buzz, known as 55 Cancri, is similar in size and age to our sun, located just 41 light-years away. **Jeffrey Kluger** reports.

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