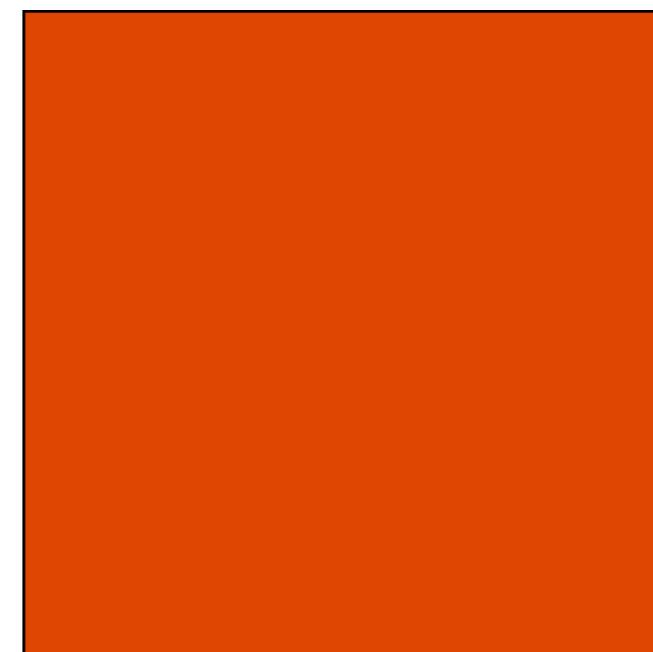


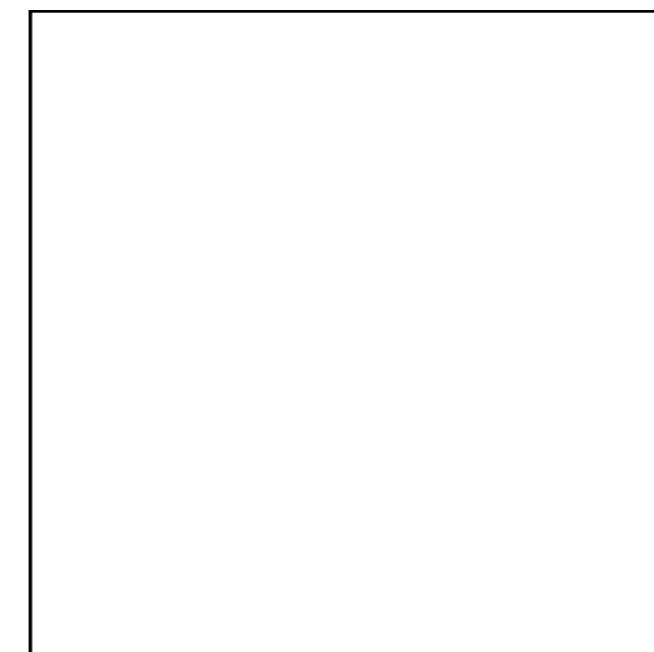
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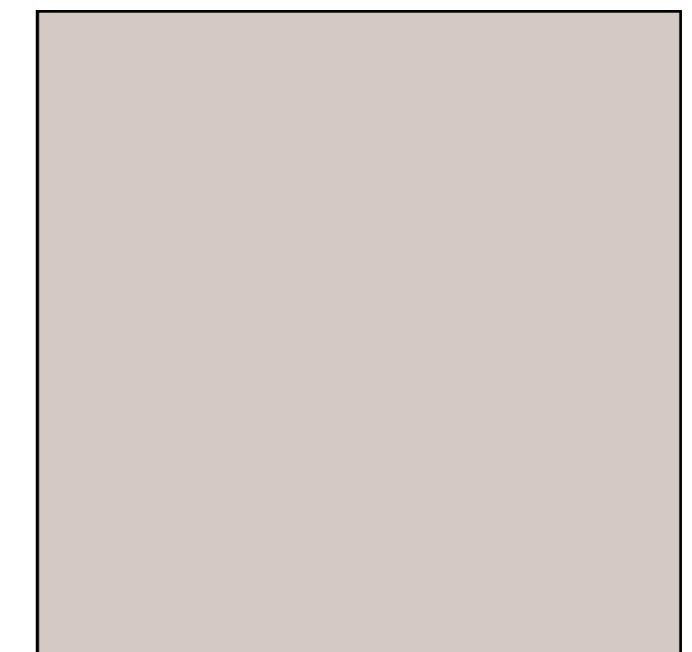
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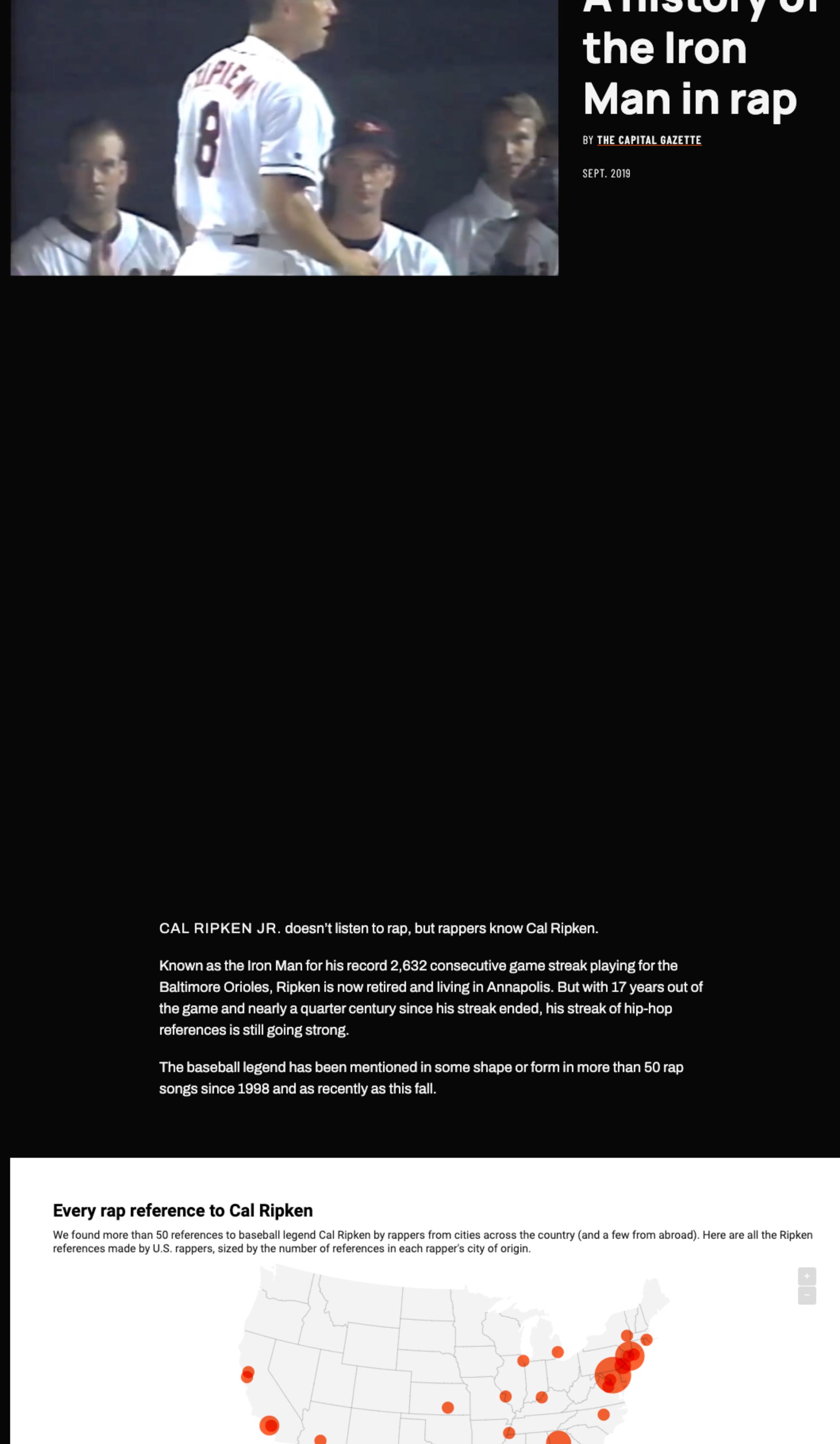
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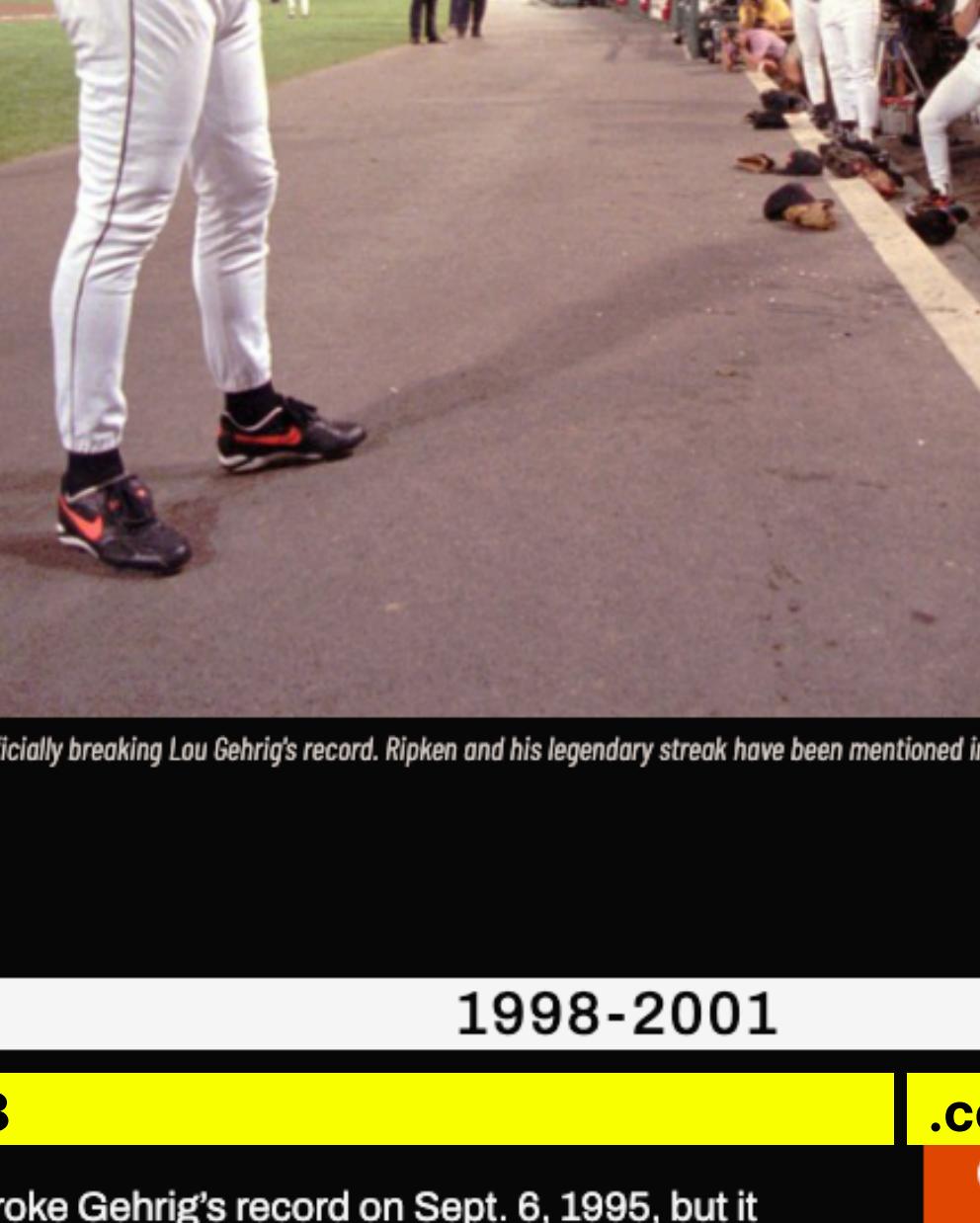
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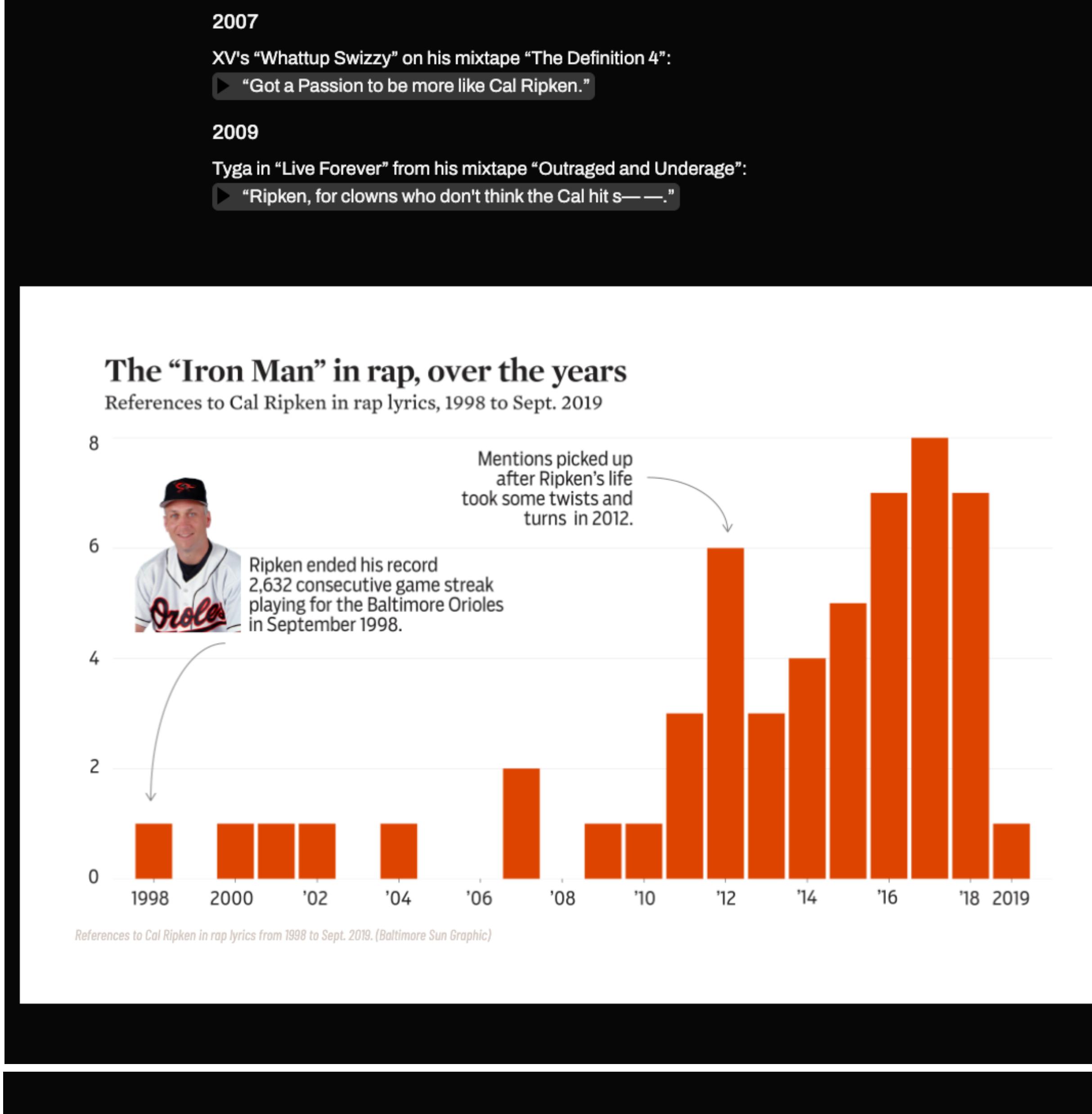
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Ant is one of the most recent rappers to feature Cal in his lyrics and the artwork for his single. Below, check out his song and the rest of Cal Ripken's rap history.

**1998-2001****.col-8**

Ripken broke Gehrig's record on Sept. 6, 1995, but it wasn't until 1998 when he had already surpassed the record by 502 games, that he decided to end the streak. It was also this year that rap legends began to use the newly certified baseball legend in their lyrics.

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**.col-4**

Goin' hard to the extreme, why would you go half-assed?  
► Call me the Cal Ripken of the industry.

Phife Dawg in "Lemme Find Out" from "Verbalization: DA LP" (2000)

**2002-2009****.col-4**

In the years after Ripken retired, he only got a few more mentions. But JAY-Z's name drop, including one for Orioles gear designer Mitchell and Ness, on "The Blueprint 2" is one of the catchiest and most popular of all.

**Other mentions****2007**

XV's "Wattup Swizz" on his mixtape "The Definition 4":

► "Got a passion to be more like Cal Ripken."

**2009**

Tyga in "Live Forever" from his mixtape "Outraged and Underage":

► "Ripken, for clowns who don't think the Cal hit s---."

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As Ripken was long retired and his life took some twists and turns — in 2012 his mother was kidnapped and returned safely after 12 hours and his son was drafted by the Orioles — his name began picking up speed.

White college rappers HOODIE ALLEN and MIKE STUD contrast with harder artists like PROBLEM and PUSHATA for a bizarre mark on a bizarre era for Ripken.

**Other mentions****2011**

Hoodie Allen in "Flipping Out" from "Leap Year":

► "I never take a day from work, I'm more like Cal E. Ripken."

Rone in a Grind Time Now rap battle:

► "I hit a home run with your Barbie and let the Cal rip Ken."

**2012**

Problem in his single "T.O." and his hit song "Like Whaaat":

► "Get a weight lift, rappin' Cal like Ripken I'm fire right now."

Baltimore rapper King Los in "Mercy (freestyle)":

► "Come chop it up with Los we get them birds like we Cal Ripken / Then we chop em down to o's / Out the x10 what's poppin' b---".

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Hall of Fame with the O's, Cal Ripken

Pusha T in "Train the Truth: So Far to Go" in "Undisputed" (2011)

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References in these years are slim, but come from a few big names like TYGA, YOUNG JEEZY AND LIL WAYNE: They're mixed between referring to oneself as Ripken to mean legendary and selling drugs, a play on Ripken's 3rd base position known as the "hot corner".

In fall 2014, late Baltimore rapper LOR SCOTTA recorded a "sports remix" of his local hit "Bird Flu" for Baltimore radio station 92Q to celebrate the city's sports teams.

Switching out the hook of the original, an ode to drug-dealing, from "We're sellin' crackin', coke and smack" to "We rock purple orange and black," Scotta even checks Ripken twice in the family-friendly version of the song.

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I was born in '93  
Cal Ripken was the man  
...  
I got hits, a lotta hits just like Cal Rip

Baltimore rapper Lor Scotta in "Bird Flu (Sports remix)" for 92Q (2014)

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With two decades past since Ripken broke Gehrig's record, Ripken's name started trending again. Baseball fans celebrated their excitement over the anniversary with #My131 on Twitter and Instagram, while Ripken's name got tossed around mostly by underground rappers.

RIFF RAFF is the only rapper to put another athlete above Ripken in the same line, likely as a nod to the Houston Oilers, RIFF RAFF's hometown NFL team.

**Other mentions****2015**

Baltimore rapper Speed on the Beat raps over the campy 1980s Orioles run-out song "Orioles Magic (Feel It Happen)" in "Oriole Magic" from his album "Baltimore Commercial Break: From Juke Joint to Greatness":

► "Used to be Ben McDonald — a touted rookie with the fire stuff / But I didn't know how to harness it, so I had to go and pack it up / Now a couple years later, I'm Cal Ripken."

Ripken was the first (and until this year, only) player the Orioles selected with the first overall pick of the Major League Baseball draft, but his baseball career never quite matched up with the high expectations of that selection.

**2016**

Baltimore rapper Tate Kobang in "Drip from my walk (freestyle)" from "Lord of Da Trenches":

► "I play with them O's like Cal Ripken."

**.col-4**

Rap game Cal Ripken, no, wait, Ernest Givins

RIFF RAFF on "OO GET IT" from his album "Halloween" (2016)

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As Ripken's streak nears a quarter of a century of fame, his name is still in the game from Baltimore rappers to the Billboard charts. Takeoff mentions another baseball hall of famer, Ken Griffey Jr., one of the most popular songs to reference Ripken to date, CARDI B's "Drip."

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D.C.-born rapper KILLA CALIS' album "Killa Cal Ripken" marks a decade-long streak of rap references. Both the album's intro track and album art play off of the baseball player's name.

With songs like "Drip" still on the radio and Ripken still holding the streak for most consecutive games, he's bound to keep showing up in some hits.

"[Ripken] didn't miss no games and he balled the f--- out," said the DMV area rapper, born Calvin Henry, an episode of the Beats 1 show *Endless & Lethal*.

"I took that whole vibe and tried to do that for this album," he said.

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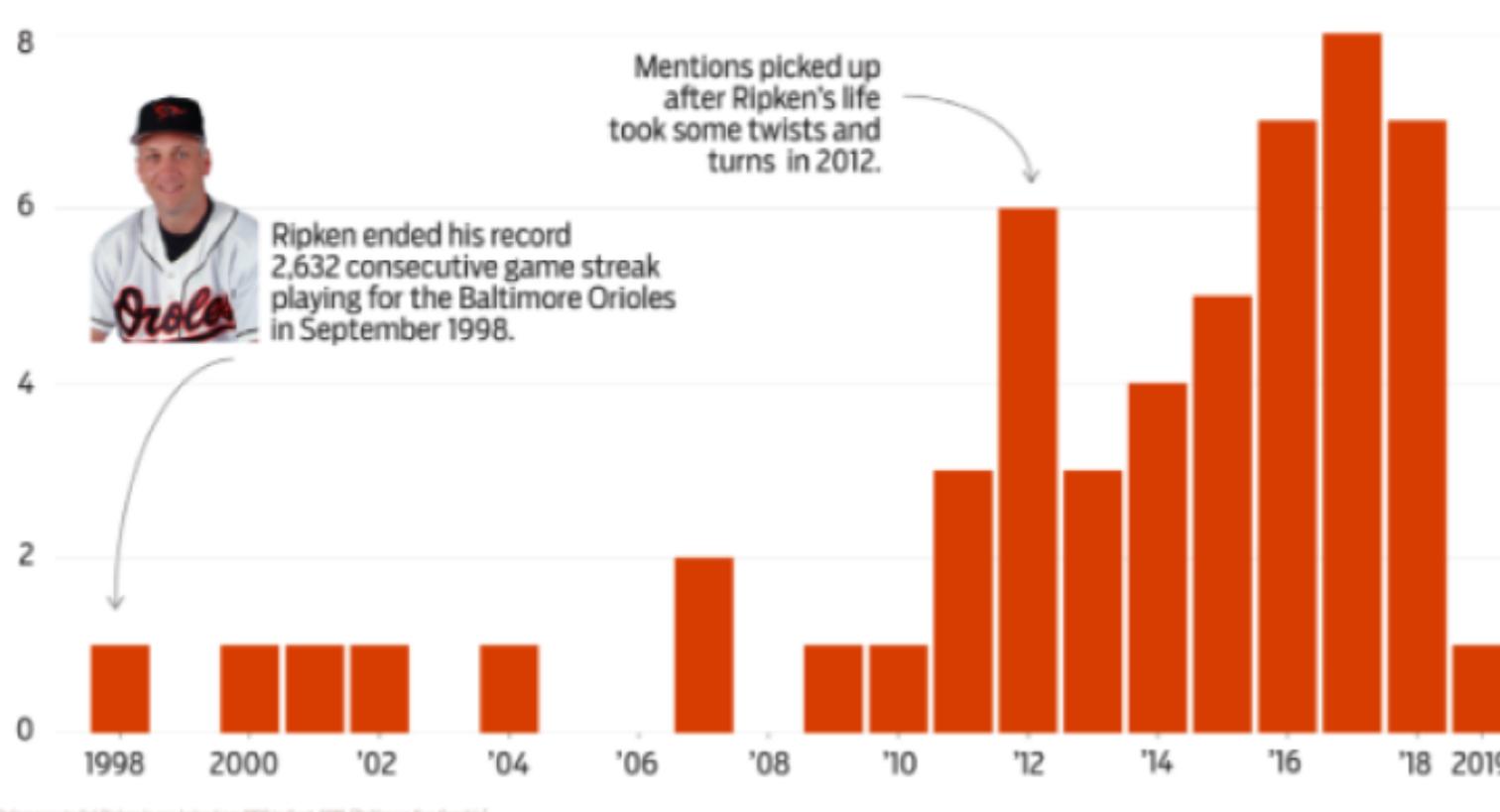
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