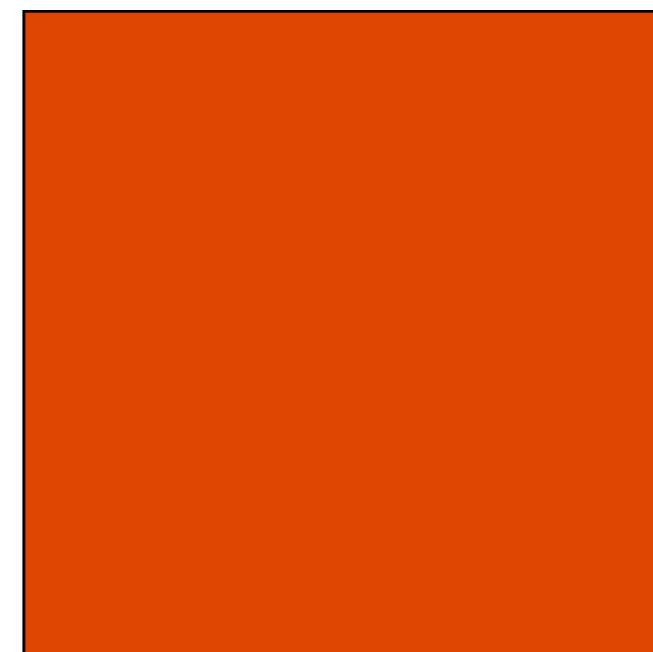


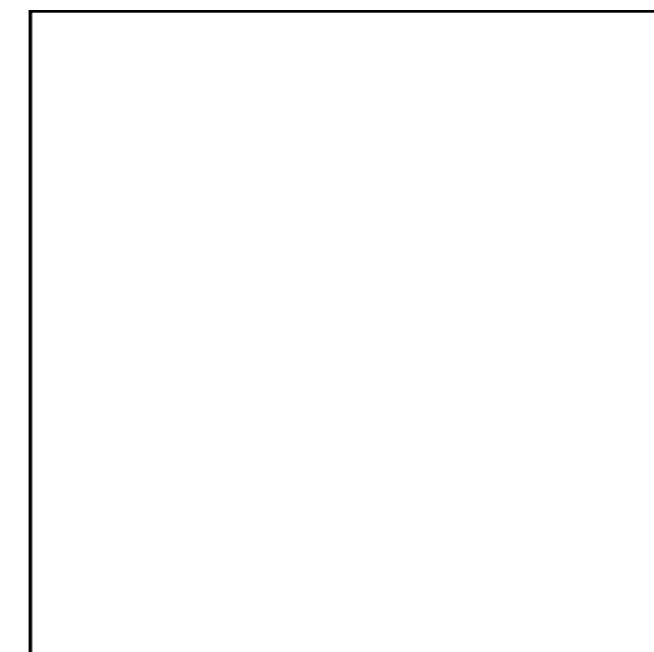
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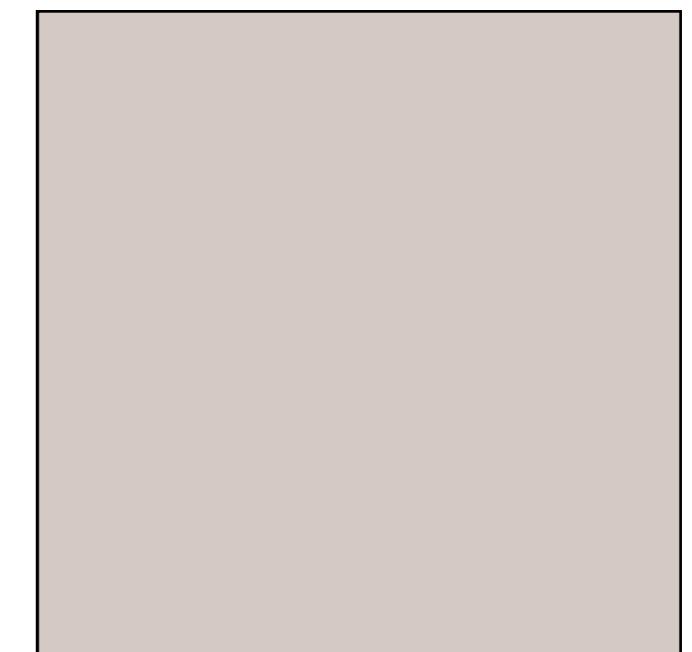
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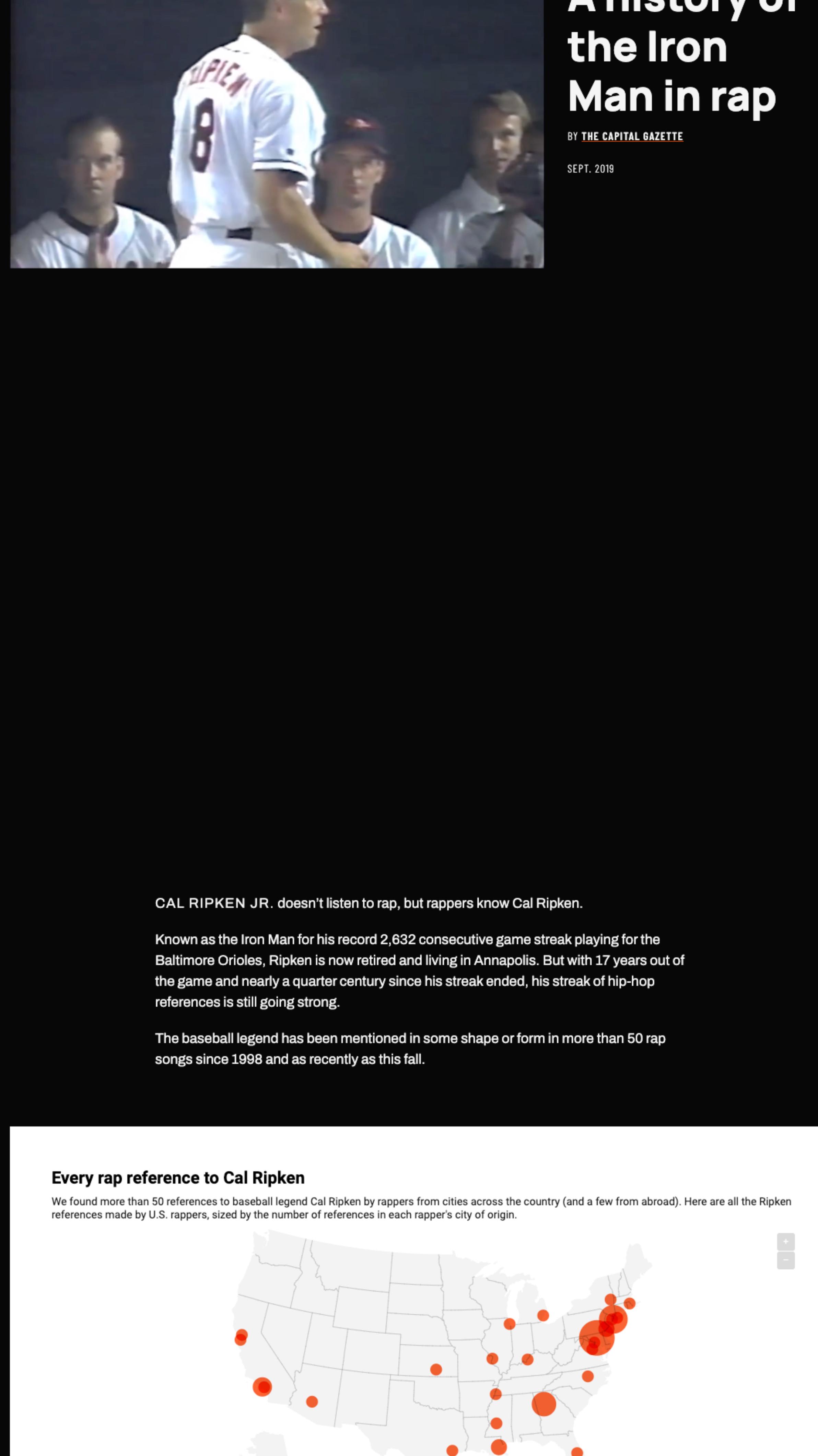
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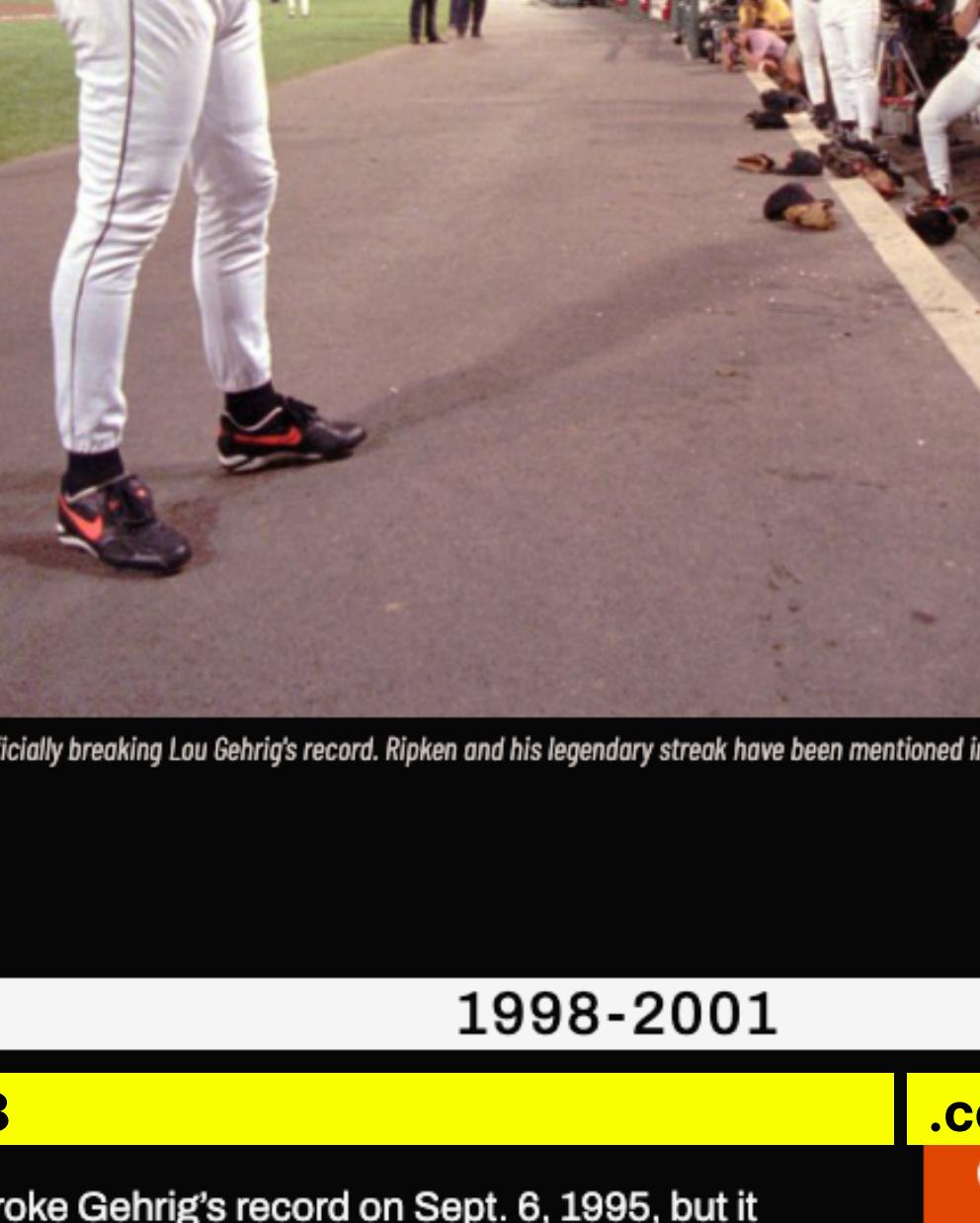
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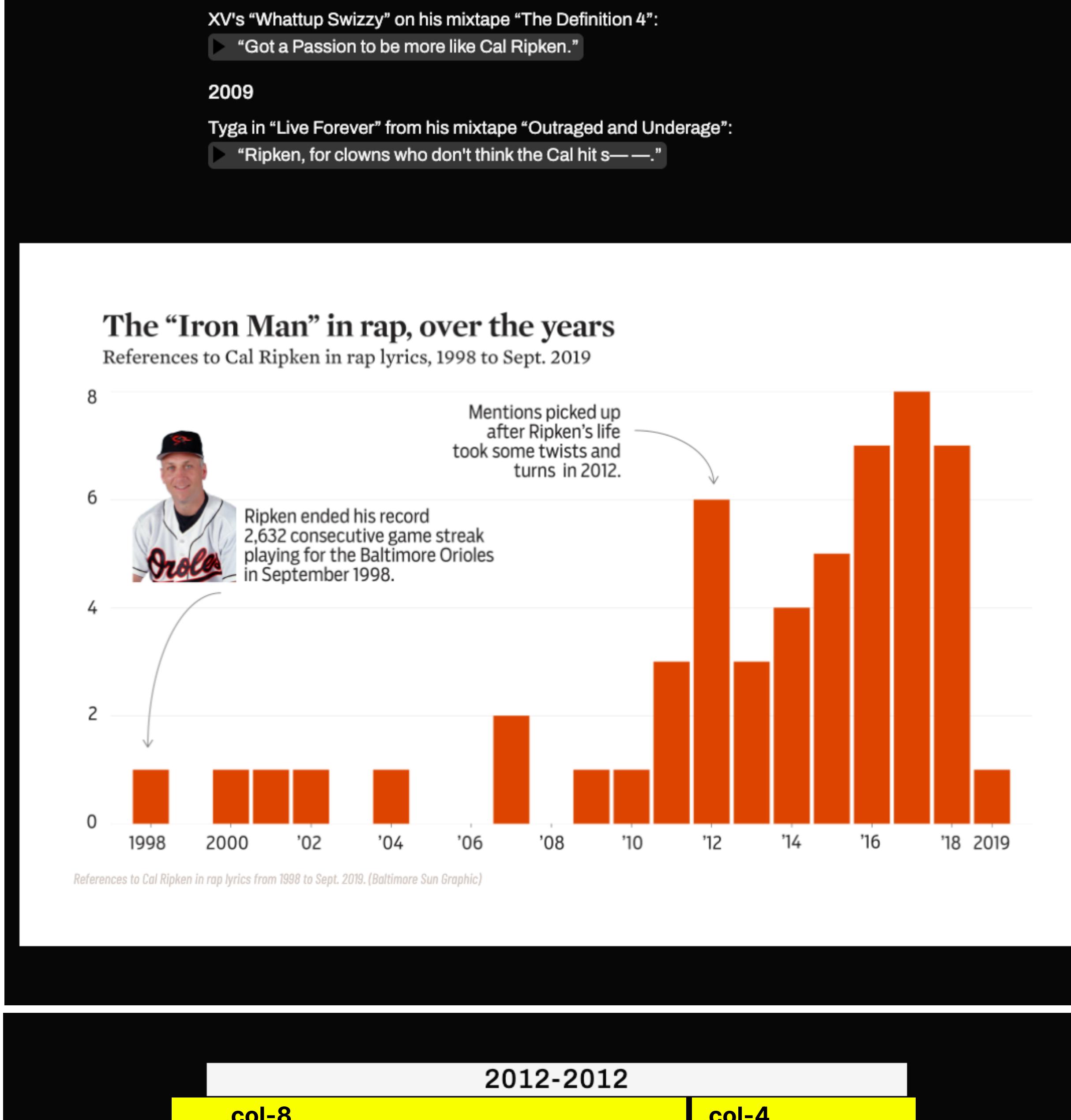
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Ant is one of the most recent rappers to feature Cal in his lyrics and the artwork for his single. Below, check out his song and the rest of Cal Ripken's rap history.

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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—."

2012-2012

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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 girls like we Cal Ripken / Then we chop em down to o's / Out the x10 what's poppin' b——."

2013-2015

.col-8 References in these years are slim, but come from a few big names like TYGA, YOUNG JEEZY AND LIL WAYNE.

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CARDI B's "Drip."

.col-8 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.

.col-4 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 Harry, 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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► I was moving birds like a Oriole fitted. I'm
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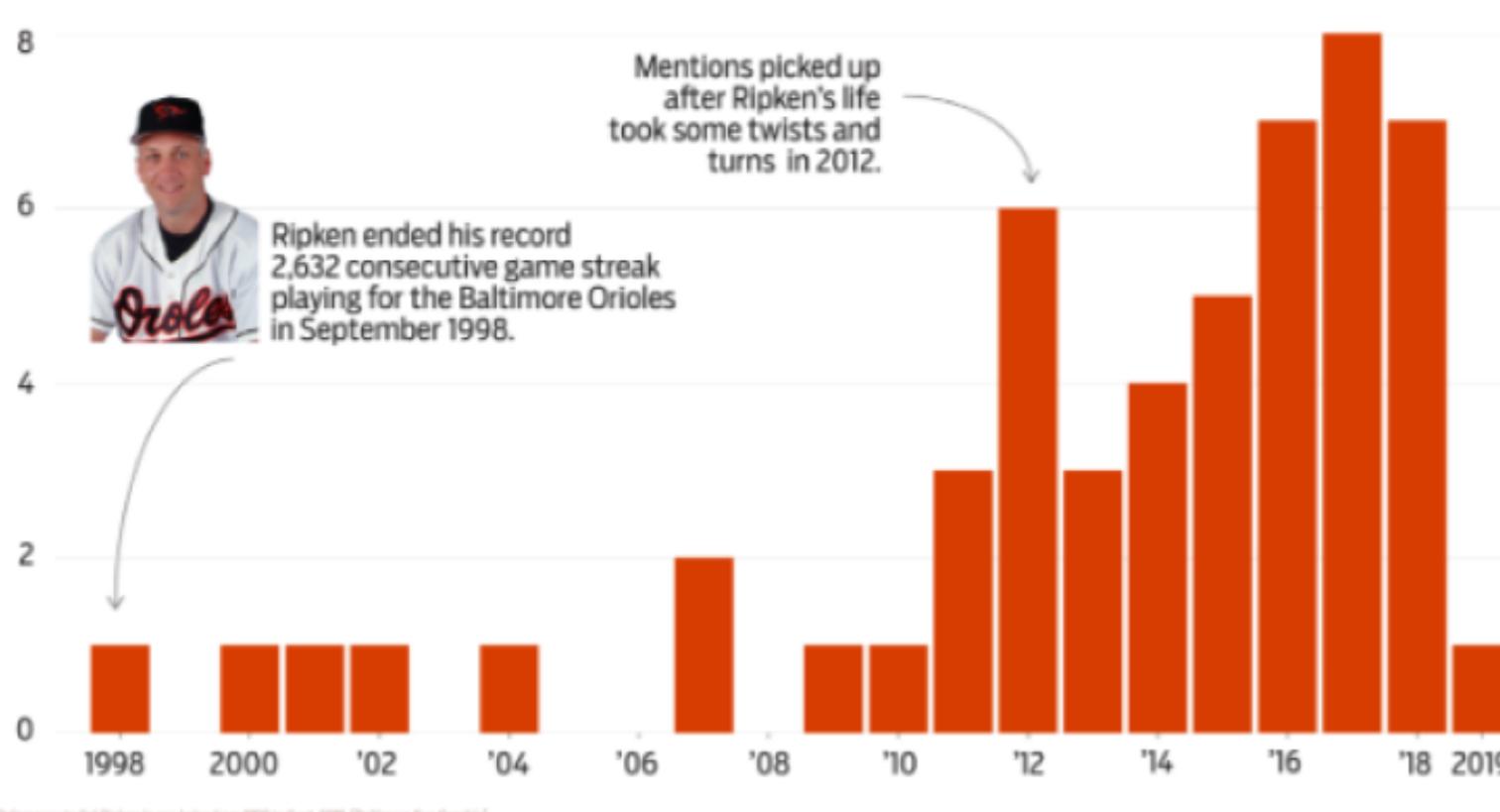
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