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A GAS STATION GOES UP IN FLAMES. THE TENSE MOMENTS - CAUGHT ON HOME VIDEO. HOW A DRIVER'S CELL PHONE MIGHT HAVE SPARKED THE FLAMES. FEWER THAN 60-PERCENT OF FRESHMEN WILL FINISH COLLEGE. HOW YOUR CHOICE OF SCHOOL COULD PREDICT WHETHER TIME NOW IS, IT'S DEGREES. HERE'S A LIVE LOOK OUTSIDE AT, A TERRIFYING SCENE IN FLORIDA, AS A CAR BURST INTO FLAMES AT A GAS STATION. CHECK OUT THIS HOME VIDEO. THE CAR WAS ALMOST DESTROYED, THE ONLY THING LEFT UNDAMAGED WAS THE ENGINE. INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE STATIC ELECTRICITY FROM THE DRIVER REACHING FOR HIS CELL PHONE INSIDE THE CAR MIGHT HAVE SPARKED THE FIRE. THE DRIVER'S ARMS WERE BURNED, BUT HE HAS BEEN TREATED AND RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL. THE DRIVER'S ARMS WERE BURNED, BUT HE HAS BEEN TREATED AND RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL IN JUST A FEW HOURS, APPLE IS SET TO MAKE A BIG MUSIC RELATED ANNOUNCEMENT. AS USUAL, THE COMPANY HAS REMAINED TIGHT LIPPED, BUT ANALYSTS ARE BETTING THAT IT'LL BE A COMPLETELY NEW IPOD, AND MAYBE THE BEATLES ON ITUNES IT'S UNKNOWN WHETHER CEO STEVE JOBS WILL BE ON HAND TO MAKE HIS FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE SINCE HAVING A LIVER TRANSPLANT. SEATTLE RANKS FIFTH ON A NEW LIST OF BEST PLACES TO ATTEND COLLEGE. THE "AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH" COMPARED 360 METROPOLITAN AREAS ON THINGS LIKE ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT, QUALITY OF LIFE AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES. SEATTLE SCORES HIGH MARKS FOR THE NUMBER OF ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION, AND FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL ACTIVITY. NEW YORK CITY TOPS THE LIST. MANY STUDENTS ARE AIMING TOO LOW IN COLLEGE - WITH DRASTIC CONSEQUENCES. THAT'S THE CLAIM A BOOK OUT TODAY THAT SAYS STUDENTS OFTEN SETTLE FOR LESS SELECTIVE SCHOOLS BECAUSE THEY THINK THEY ARE EASIER. IN FACT -THEY ARE MORE LIKELY TO DROP OUT. IN HIS BOOK "CROSSING THE FINISH LINE" - A FORMER PRINCETON STUDENT SAYS "HARDER" SCHOOLS KEEP STUDENTS FOCUED AND MORE LIKELY TO GRADUATE. TIME NOW IS A MAN FIRES AT POLICE - AND BARRICADES HIMSELF IN A HOUSE FOR HOURS.