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On the cover: The Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial during the restoration of the monument (from the holdings of the National Park Service).

In preparation for the bicentennial of the Nation's Capital and the new millennium, the National Park Service embarked on a mission to repair the external damage to the monument caused by weather and time and renovate various systems of the interior of the monument. The monument, which opened to the public in 1888, was erected in honor of the Nation's first President, George Washington, and is the tallest freestanding masonry structure in the world. The restoration project includes repairing the stonework, cleaning the facade, modernizing the heating and cooling systems, improving the elevator, and updating the facilities and refurbishing the exhibits on the observation level. To beautify the monument during its restoration while creating a safe workplace for restoration workers, National Park Service constructors erected scaffolding that, in the words of designer Michael Graves, "echoes the obelisk's beauty even while covering its exterior." For more information on the Washington Monument and its restoration, scheduled for completion in 2000, visit the National Park Service Internet site at www.nps.gov/wamo.

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