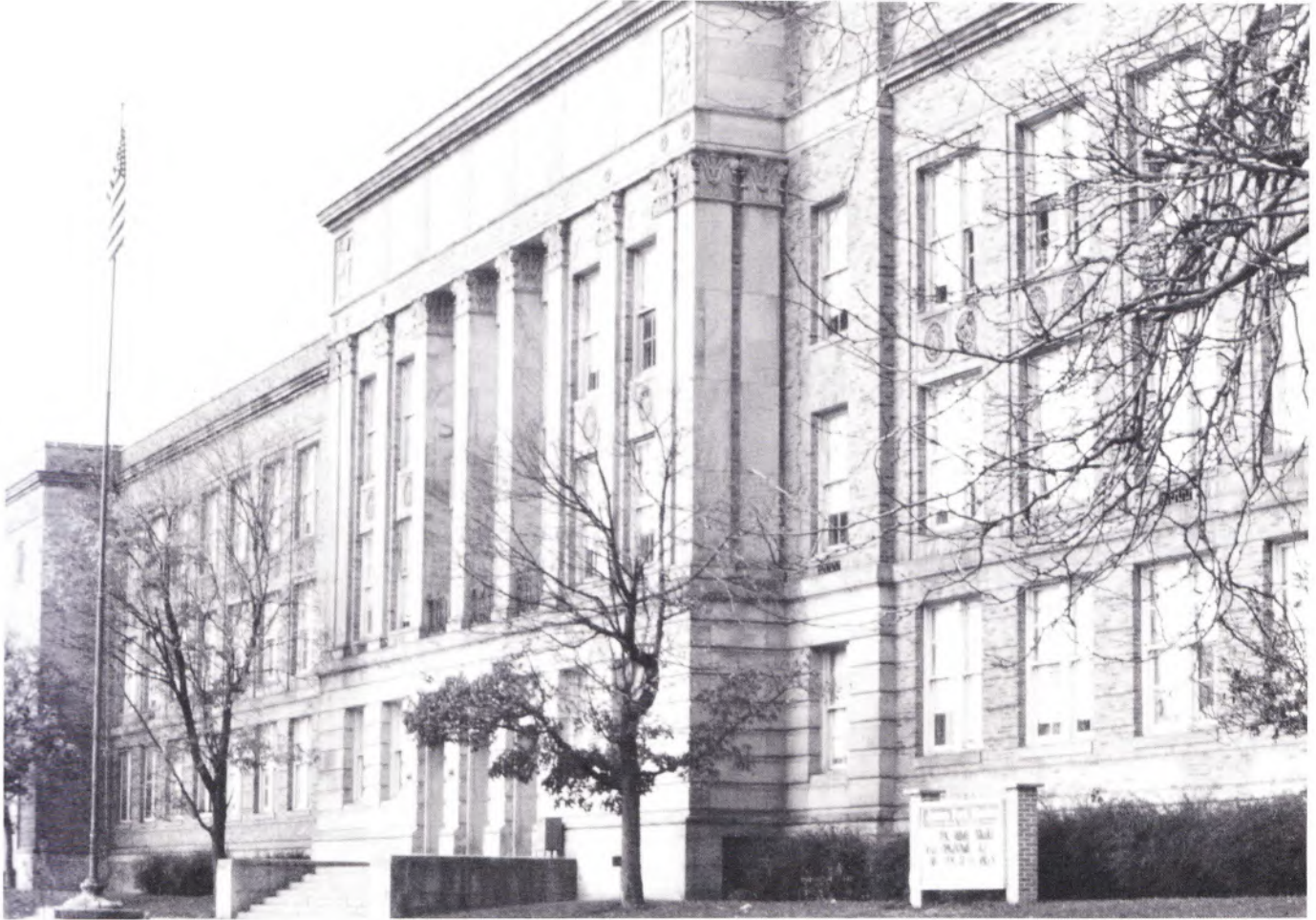


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# DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH



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This yearbook is dedicated to the voters of the City of Cleveland who demonstrated kindness and generosity by the passage of Issue 31. Because of voters' trust and generosity, the Yearbook Staff has chosen to dedicate the yearbook of 1977, "diamonds in the Rough" to these very kind citizens.

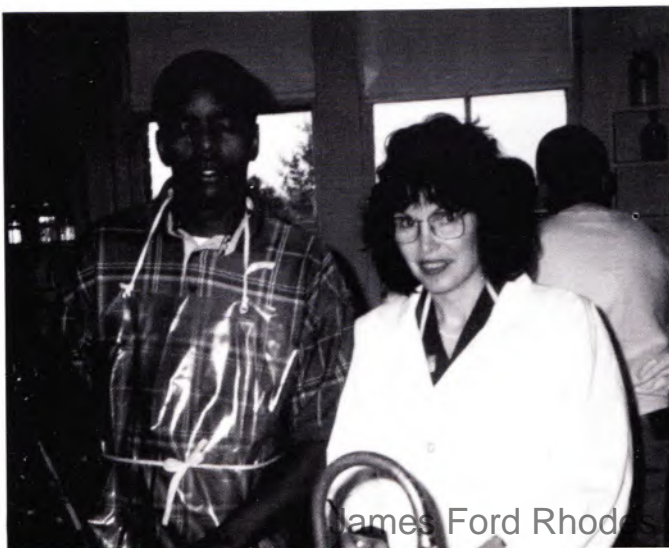
## THANK YOU VOTERS

# Attention Rhodes Scholars



Congratulations to each member of the class of 1997! This is a most extraordinary class for a variety of reasons. You have experience in a decade. With the merging of John Adams and James Ford Rhodes High Schools, there was a major adjustment for you to face, and you met the challenge. Finally, you made important decisions and a serious commitment to James Ford Rhodes by refurbishing the auditorium and becoming the first class to graduate from your own school since the 1960's. The James Ford Rhodes auditorium is your legacy, It speaks well for you and will speak for generations to come. Continue your hard work, effort and energy as you enter the adult world. Best wishes to each and everyone of you for success and happiness.

Love,  
Mrs. F.



# Assistant Principals



Mr. F.  
Nechvatal  
Deputy  
Principal

To the senior class, this thought from Johann Wolfgang VonGoethe:

It is the spirit which builds the body. As you go forth into your future I hope that you can find the "spirit" to build your body but also a better world for us all to live.

Mrs. M. Sherrell

Congratulations to the class of "97". Graduation is a joy to all but remember real joy comes not from ease or riches or from praise of people, but from doing something worthwhile. Today is the beginning of a lifetime.



Mr. C. Bozeman

A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in or the kind of car I drove but — the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child.



# Secretaries



Mrs. Miller  
Head clerk



Ms. Hemel



Mrs. Balough



Mrs. Banks

# A Work In Progress



Teamwork



Concentration



Enthusiasm



Dedication



Devotion



Students Rejuvenate The Auditorium

## Custodial Staff



Mr. Cheely, M. Bilek, Ms. Ventura, Ms. Allen, Mr. Hansen

## Cafeteria Staff



Mrs. Stazzone, Mrs. Pituch, Mrs. McDaniel



# Faculty

The Yearbook Staff would like to thank the wonderful faculty of James Ford Rhodes for assisting us in making this year so special. Your time, love, support, and most of all your understanding was greatly appreciated. Your contributions aided in making this year so memorable. You are incredible people and we will always remember you. Special thanks go out to Mr. Hansen, Mr. Cheely, Mr. Theus and Mr. Guzman for your expertise in the auditorium. Thanks to Mrs. Coleman and Mrs. Tompkins for all the time you devoted towards the yearbook. To all the senior homeroom teachers Mrs. Doering, Mrs. Ewings-Travis, Mrs. Gaston, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Dzuro, Mr. Mascio, Mr. Seedhouse, and Commander Payne thanks for all your help. To Mrs. Wren, Mrs. Freilino, the unit principals, and the entire faculty and staff of James Ford Rhodes thanks for all your guidance, and that special push only you can give.

Mr. Adams  
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Mr. Audia  
Ms. Balmes  
Mr. Berger



Ms. Booker  
Ms. Brandt  
Ms. Brook  
Mr. Bunn  
Ms. Burfitt

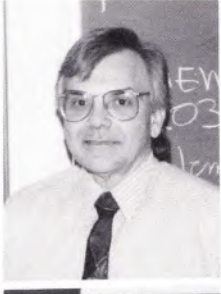


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Mr. Davis  
Ms. Dehart  
Ms. Doering



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- Ms. Freeman
- Ms. Maxwell
- Mr. Telischak
- Ms. Wasowski
- Mr. Witherite



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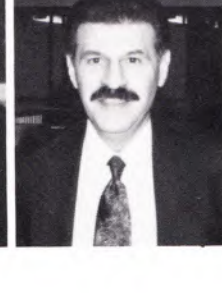
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 Mr. Spooner  
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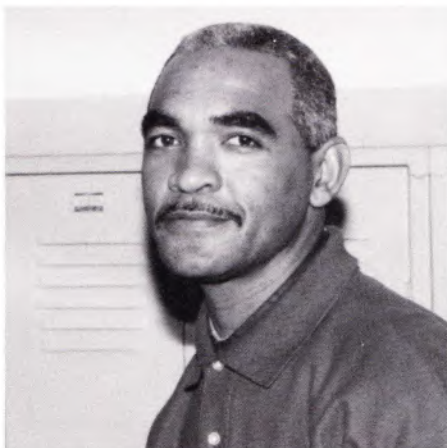
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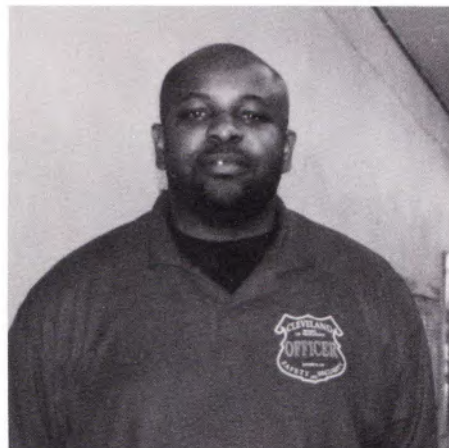
Mr. Jones



Mr. Maclin



Mr. McIntosh



Mr. Platts

# Homecoming



King — Freddie Esquilin  
Queen — Dawn Stoutamire



Always A Ball



We have dedicated this yearbook page to Ms. Moore because she is the main person who made it all happen. She helped us more than anyone else. Because of her many hours of hard work and dedication, and her love for us, her students, it became possible for us to walk across *our* stage in *our* auditorium at *our* school holding our heads proudly on commencement day. She stuck with us through thick and thin.



It is because of her that we are where we are today. Even though Mrs. Coleman has insisted on calling you "ol reisin", and we have become addicted to doing so, in our hearts and minds you will always be one of the youngest people we know. Without your help we could not have come this far. We love you, Ms. Moore. Thank you so much for *all* that you have done for us. You made a difference in our lives. Even though we have graduated you will remain in our hearts and souls for the rest of our days. You most certainly are a diamond in the rough.



Your Friends,  
The Yearbook Staff





The Varsity Team warms up before a game.



The Junior Varsity Team gang up on a tackle.



In the last game of the season the Rams play great defense against Marshall.

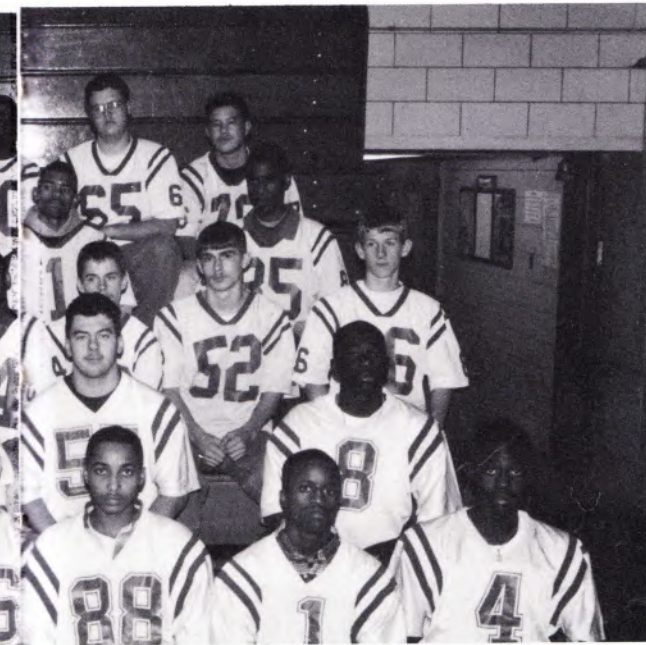


## **rhodes**

- Phil Smith (89)
- Tim Hawkins (24)
- Robby Prock (35)
- Shane Kalowicz (56)
- Autuon Luster (88)
- Kenny Jackson (1)
- Tahli Dixon (4)
- Dan Thomas (22)
- Derrick Collins (25)
- John King (6)
- Paul Stegal (57)
- Jason Dailey (8)
- Kenneth Davis (41)



The Junior Varsity Team goes over strategies before a game.



# football

- Greg Vanderlin (66)
- Anthony Wilson (44)
- Burges Layne (34)
- Chad Johnston (52)
- Robert Johnston (86)
- Leonard Robinson (13)
- Jameel Koonce (81)
- Stacy Ollison (1)
- Jermaine Wynn (85)
- Cameron Turner (30)
- Shaun Hooper (70)
- Jose Padilla (65)
- Eddie Lambert (76)



After a great catch by the injured Phil Smith, Tahli Dixon comes along to assist.



Seniors Dan Thomas and Tahli Dixon lead the team to practice.



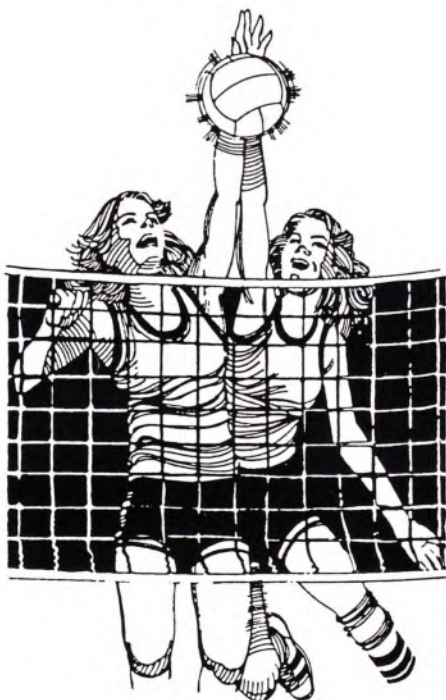
# Fall Sports

## Cross Country



Monique Allen; Raul Atanacio; John Butler; Alicia Cleveland; Le-Shaunte Edwards; Andrena Fort; Christina Gaston; Jeanette Hatcher; Sarah Jarob; Shannita Johnson; Willilam Jones; Kyle Karnbach; Misty King; Shannon Pell; Alexis Robinson; Fidel Sanchez; Ralph Satterwhite, Jr.; Flora Shearer; Stephan Sheha; Darlanus Smith.

## Volleyball



Jennifer Cairns; Jennifer Franklin; Lisa Jones; Natalie Meacher; Stacey Mosley; Renee Payne

Sherrie Arbogast; Adrienne Drago; Christina Gaston; Misty King; Camgo Nelson; Shawnta Parker; Danielle Robertson; Brandy Truxel; Katrice Walker.

The Cross Country team ran with high spirits  
The volleyball team spiked their way to more victories this year, with the record of 4-7



# OFF THE Wall



National Honor  
Society  
Kim Mechling  
Amanda King  
Della Wiley  
Viamaris Morales  
Dan Thomas  
Alesha Averyheart  
Jeanette Hatcher  
Tanya Lucik



Awlah Awadallah  
Shanita Ivy  
Jerry Leskiv  
Heather Schweiger  
Nicole Kawentel  
Michael Dychko  
Natalie Meacher  
Bryon Stacey

Student Council  
Cabinet  
Georgette  
Weatherspoon  
(President)  
Dawn Butler  
(Vice President)  
Jeanette Hatcher  
(Secretary)  
Ruth Davis  
(Treasurer)



Dawn Stoutamire  
(Sgt. at arms)  
Natasha Miller  
(Chairperson)  
Lawrence Payton  
(Chairperson)

Student Council  
Homeroom  
Representatives



Yearbook Staff  
Shanita Ivy  
Matthew Mills  
Cara Milcinovic  
Olivia Horn  
Awlah Awadallah  
Sara Koylor  
Viamaris Morales  
Vicky Horn  
Georgette  
Weatherspoon  
Phil Smith  
(Not Pictured)  
Dawn Butler



The James Ford  
Rhodes Band led by  
Mr. Audia



Also part of the  
Band  
Chaska Scealf  
Ashley Cruz



# Harvest Festival

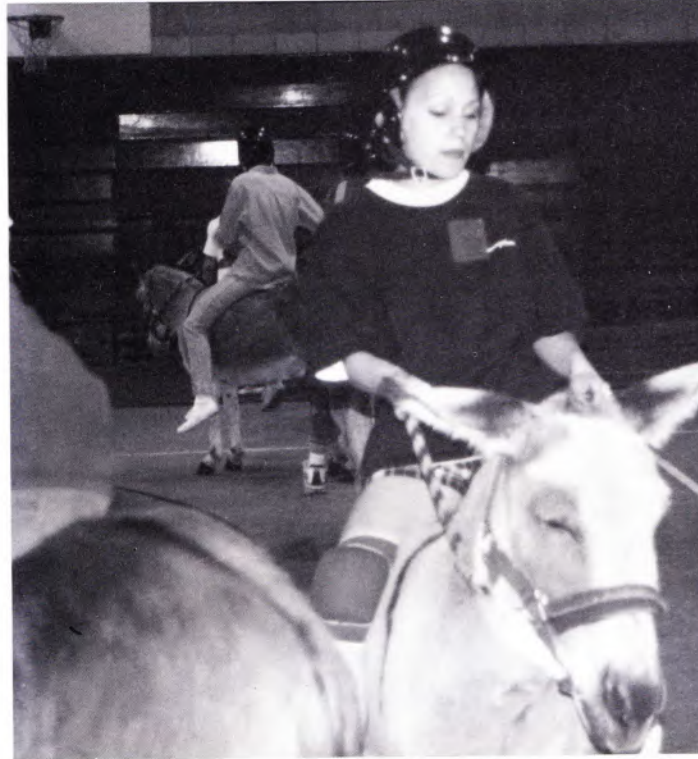
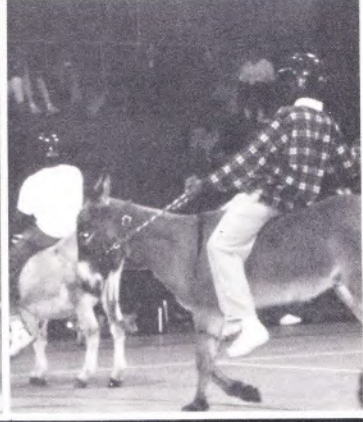
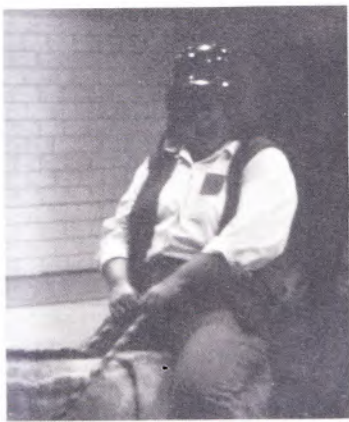


Mrs. Ferelino and Mrs. Wren dance to the Electric Slide at the Harvest Festival.

Mari Morales looks on while she serves punch at the Harvest Festival.



The Macarena is the newest dance in 1997.



The Broadcast Club  
 Sara Kaylor  
 Natalie Meacher  
 Amanda Krupman  
 Eric Shelton  
 Shanita Ivy  
 Jason DeJean  
 Mr. Davis —  
 Advisor



Special Olympics  
 Derrich Seals  
 Todd Hill  
 Andrew Zebrowski  
 Kevin Callahan  
 Kevin Mitchell  
 Mrs. Williams  
 TaLya Williams  
 Mrs. Stafford  
 Chris Gaston  
 Michale Bodell  
 Wilfred Kreischer  
 Jeffery Jackson  
 Mrs. Watts  
 Carol Williams  
 Tamara Singleton  
 Burnadette Peshek  
 Patria Townsend  
 Michale Arnoto



Rifle Team  
 LCDR. Payne  
 Charles Bunch  
 Crystal Shelton  
 Tavis Blyler  
 Christina Jones  
 Thage Singh  
 Nicole Taylor  
 Jennifer Cairns



# Freshmen

## The CLASS OF 2000



### While I lie Here Waiting

by Lynda Chalfant

In the infant world there are many things....  
unexplained.

Why do they cry?

There is a pensive quietness....

where they don't know what to do,  
where they don't know how to show you  
how they feel.

Their parents get drunk with fatigue,  
while they wait for a better time.

Waiting, staring through green glass,  
wondering, why do I lie here crying?

I'm scared,  
no one is around,  
I'm cold.

Why does it seem nobody cares?  
I'm supposed to be loved and cared for,  
But I just lie here waiting.



### The Death Walk

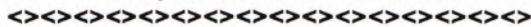
by Scott James

The executioner  
walked  
to the platform  
with a hanging face.

The wooded swamp was painted with a fog.

The prisoners lined up  
articulate as the bars of a gridiron.

All they saw were contrived illuminations  
As they looked DEATH in the face.



### My Views

by Tommy Klypchak

This country is full of continual change:  
We are sometimes covered with a painted fog  
of corruption and concealment.  
We are filled with a scissoring terror  
that one day we will be marched asleep  
And one day a politician's wealth  
Will become his people's anger!!!

### The Final Day

by Jennifer Eskut

As I look out of the farthest tower in the far off mist,  
I see a ship of slaves who fear to speak.

I can almost feel the chains that hold them  
as if I were there myself.

Their hearts are as fragile as the mended glass  
in a broken tower window.

Their children will bow down on conquered knees  
when the final day is over.



### Madness of a Lost Memory

by Joshua Peet

Hearing and seeing  
myself standing all alone  
with the torturous errands of life  
trying to reminisce on  
the madness of a lost memory

As the dew of the green grass is  
Straining my eyes

In the horizon of a new day  
I realize that I'm standing  
all alone

caught up, again,  
in the madness of  
another lost memory.



### Stuck

by Melissa VanNeil

I see...  
a noiseless spider...  
crawling in the willow dusk...  
gusty waves as shallow as a heart...  
shivering shadows with thick green lights all around

I feel like a froth-corrupted lung that can not breathe  
I try to scream, but no sound comes out...

I want to run but my feet will not move...  
I am stuck to the floor!



### In the Dream

by Jason Wise

My burning lips gave me  
an intolerable thirst.

Sleep overtook me.

I saw a faint gleam of light,  
Figures of friends stood beside me,  
thoughts of range went through my head

I was groping my way  
through a tunnel of darkness...  
over ripped/torn shadows of death

I sought the knife dropped in my path.....  
to end my suffering.





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# Sophomores

## Catacombs

by Torey Coward

I rapped to a metronome  
on a mad Monday evening  
I looked into the farthest tower  
using the continents of sunlight  
And I see you.....  
rather,  
the slightest shade of you,  
Stalking in my chamber.....

I see you leave  
but now I feel  
VIOLATED and  
SCARED!!

Why must we live our lives in catacombs?  
We were meant to be BROTHERS  
in the family of man.



## The Future I See

by Tammy Medley

The future I see is a nation  
that will be able to turn away from it all.  
The madness, the hate, the violence we  
create, and begin to watch the stats fall.

'Cause if we cease to ignore and begin  
to explore possibilities to solve our perplexities.  
We will have a whole world that begins  
to unfurl as one composed of great humanity.

I believe that we all can rise and not fall  
from the corruption that tends to exist.  
We can preach out our rights, walk away  
from fights, and use our minds instead of our fists.

And though all this may seem somewhat of a dream  
we can work at making it come true.  
Regardless of what we say, nothing matters anyway  
except the actions that affect me and you.

## From the Heart

by Jeffrey Parker

Sentimental as it may seem, friends come and go  
when this may occur one will never know,  
but when it does as it often seems  
a relationship sparks but what does this mean?

For you and I, it's all a dream come true  
but not knowing the real deal, how I feel about you,  
the feelings that I have go deep down inside.  
Let me share them with you, so swallow your pride.

Being there for you is all I seem to know,  
hoping thoughts of me follow wherever you go,  
making you feel special all through the day.  
Just to let you know I care; it's the only way.

Through thick and thin, through good days and bad  
there's never a day where I feel especially sad.  
Just knowing that I have you, a friend from the heart  
makes me feel complete from the moment I start.

Everyday together our friendship grows strong.  
Who would have guessed it would last this long!  
Do you hear what I'm saying? Do you feel the same?  
I want you to know that this is not a game/

I hope that you can trust me and feel as I feel.  
Believe in what I say, 'cause I'm kickin' it real.  
Have faith in our relationship  
and acknowledge it as true,  
that we belong together because I really love you.



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# Juniors

## The Painting by Latorian S. Young

The scenery was painted with a fog  
'Til the sun glistened through the willow dusk  
creating shivering shadows of foliage  
glazed with rain.  
Shimmering rays painted a pattern  
reviving neglected scenery - - - -  
like mended glass.  
It celebrated the blossom of a morning glory  
as the new day began.

## Trapped by Nicole Kawental

I am trapped.  
The room is my prison cell.  
Dark, quiet, hot  
I am tired.  
My eyes want to close, but I won't let them.  
Too scared, I suppose.  
An uncertain rustling, like mice,  
is heard outside the door.  
Please go away, I pray, as the noise slowly fades.  
The moon playfully contrives illuminations  
on the wall,  
but all I see are dark shadows that surround me  
I am hot,  
too hot,  
Like a lurid luster of fire.  
I wish this window would open.  
I stare out  
A narrow secret hidden in the blackest of nights  
I imagine myself free....  
Free to dance through continents of light,  
Free to soar through the sky like a bird,  
And free to leave this god-awful place.

Yes.....I am free.....

## 1997 by Christina Yotter

A brush with death at a frightening pace  
Pick your spot to run this race.  
Hold your breath while death quickly nears.  
Watch your back....  
Cuz' it acarries the face  
OF PEERS!!

## Breathless by Shane Karlowicz

The innocence I've invented with my silence,  
Errupts in terror, in the birth of deep violence.  
My misty panes, burgundy covered in blood  
I run through the forest covered with mud.  
I have villainous intentions  
'cause I run with a band of thieves.  
My life is a silent storm.  
I am screened in deep branches....  
Running breathless and ashamed...  
Heading down a narrow street sealed in intrigue.  
Above my head shine simple stars.  
Behind me sits an abandoned car....  
the door ajar....

Someone creeps up....  
I see my life begin to falsh...  
Scissoring terror takes over on my journey to Hell.

## Falling by Ronnie La Raurus Batey

I need to tell you something about myself  
before our relationship can go any futher.  
See, I'm the kind of person who feels very deeply  
and when I give my heart, I give it completely.  
I've never learned how to love just a little,  
so, as you can guess, I've been hurt....  
more than once....  
HOWEVER  
I feel a strange, wonderful closeness between us  
As if in this brief time I can already trust you  
wholeheartedly...  
And that is why I need to ask you  
one simple question...  
IF I FALL WILL YOU CATCH ME?



Melina Aguilo



Nicole Aiken



Ulas Aldridge



Eric Allen



Mike Bodell



Joseph Baughs



Shauntee Beavers



Justin Belcher



Adrian Blanchard



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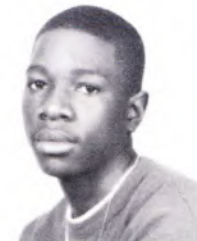
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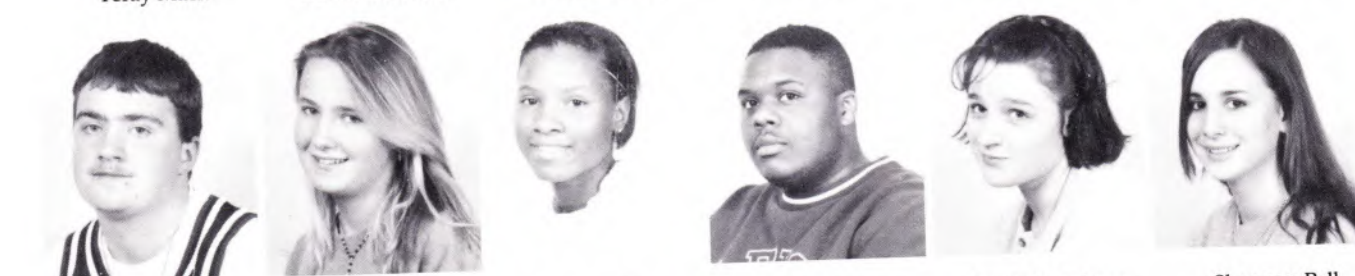
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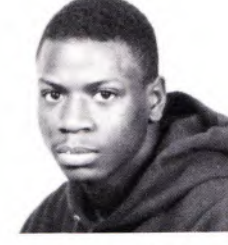
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Jimmie White

# Winter Sports

## Boys Basketball Team



The Teams waits as Joshua Gunnoe attempts to make a shot.

Rhodes hopes Hay's shot does not make it in.



# Winter Sports

## Girls Basketball



The Girls plan their winning strategy.



Who will make the winning points.

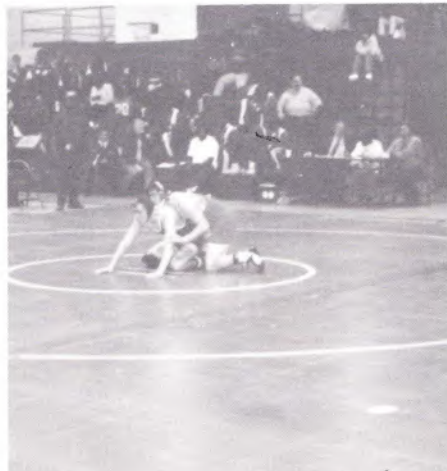
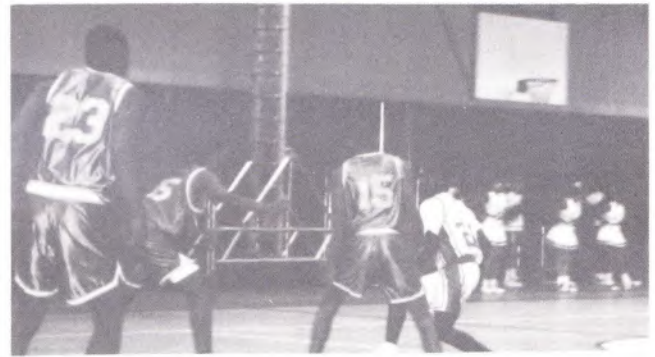


# Winter Sports



Misty King, John King, Paul Titschinger, Tim Hawkins and Greg Vanderlin are all part of our new wrestling team.





Catcher Rich Forgus stops to pose for a picture.



Pitcher Phil Smith tries to strike the opposing batter out.



Phil Smith prepares to throw his third strike.



Mike Sayre turns for a picture.



Mike Sayre waits for the right time to steal second base.



Third baseman Robby Prock suns himself while waiting for the game.





The Rhodes Baseball team eagerly awaits for their grand slam opportunity.



Jeff Morris watches his teammates hit a triple.

First Row: Phil Smith, Mike Sayre, Eric Shelton Second Row: Alberto Guzman, Robby Prock, Raul Antanacio, Bryan Stacey Third Row: Jeff Morris, Charles Seigler, Fred Kinsey, Julio Martinez Fourth Row: Dan Tome, Shawn Knipp, Edwin Martinez, Aaron Smith



# Softball



Row 1 Olivia Newton, Jennifer Cairns  
 Row 2 Tiffany Smith, Lara Murphy, Misty King, Elizabeth Sanchez, Tabe-tha Krueger, Stacey Mosley  
 Row 3 Coach Hemel, Shawnta Parker, Yalanda Edmonds, Jennifer Franklyn, Jeanette Hatcher, Toni Mosely, Tammy Medley, Heidi Rothenburger, Jamie Rhodes, Coach Wolansky



Back Row  
 Batey, A  
 Brown,  
 Allen, Ar  
 Pell  
 Front Row  
 Gaston, A  
 Not Pict  
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# Boys Track



On floor — LeShunte Edwards,  
Berges Latne, Daniel Thomas.

Standing — Marcus McDougall,  
Thomas Dobson, Erick Burrage,  
Carlos Kidd, Fidel Sanchez, Der-  
rick Burrage, Multammad Saafia,  
Jacob France, Tim Hawkins

# Girls Track



Back Row: Coach Owens, Ronnie  
Batey, Adrenna Fort, Akisha  
Brown, Chanel Hill, Monique  
Allen, Amanda Perkins, Shannon  
Pell

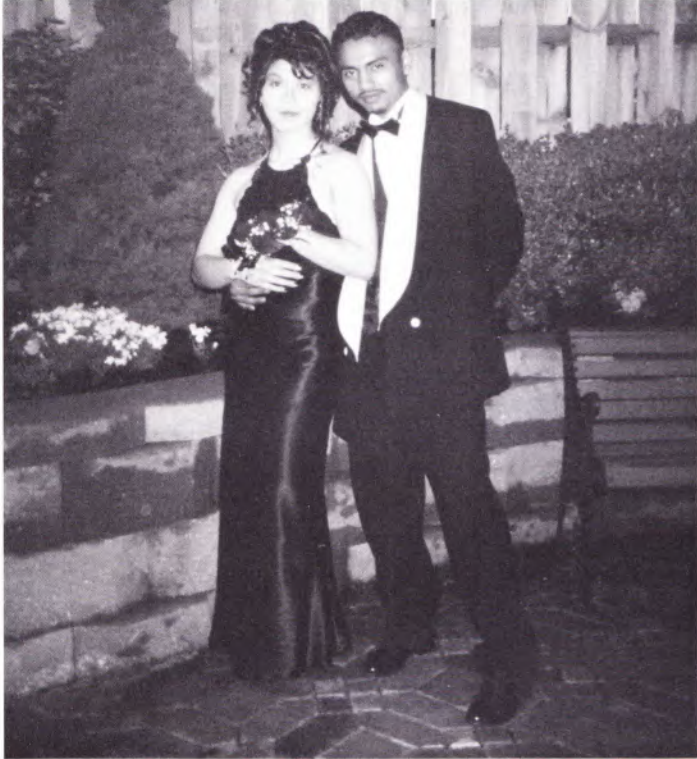
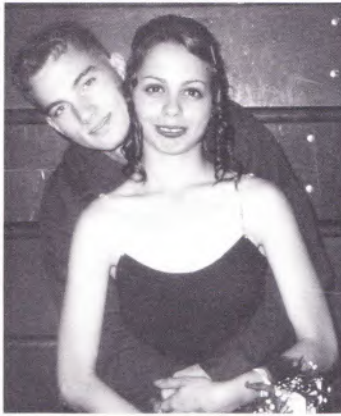
Front Row: Monia Blue, Christina  
Gaston, Antoinette Norman  
Not Pictured: Wakeelah Bost,  
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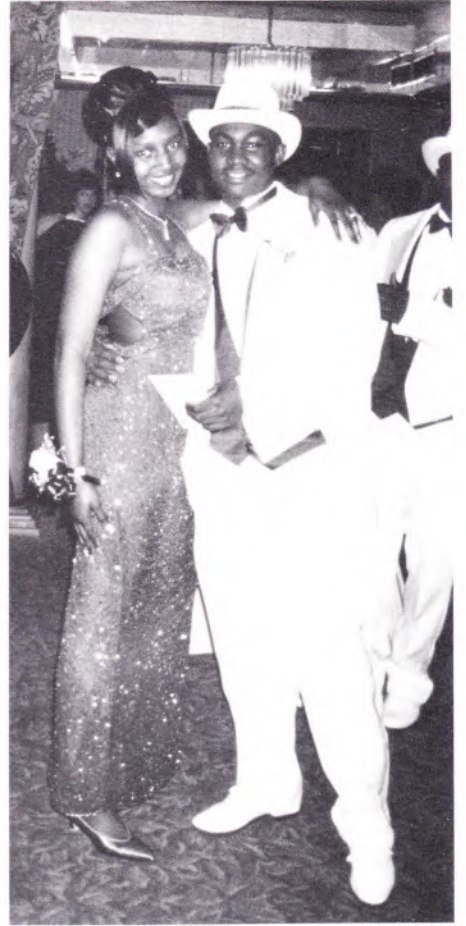
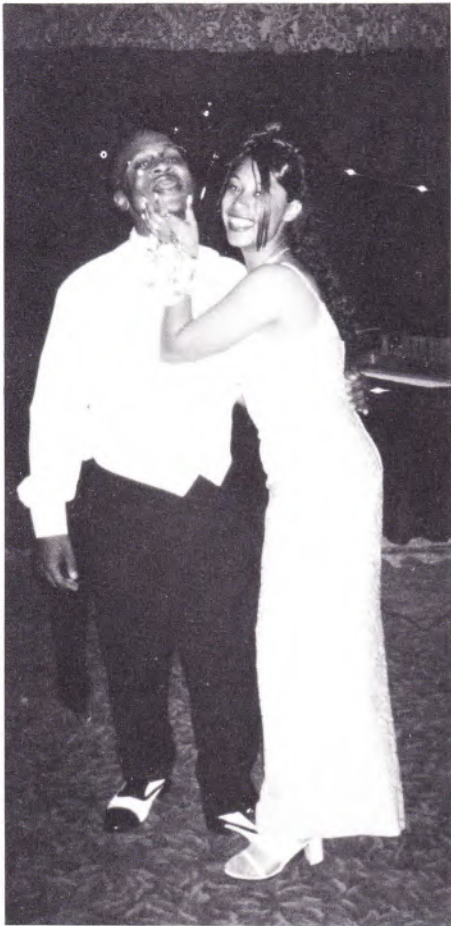
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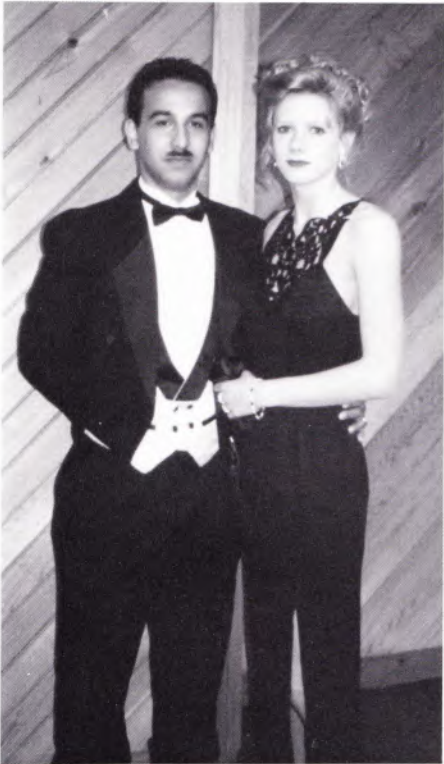


King And Queen  
Daniel Thomas And  
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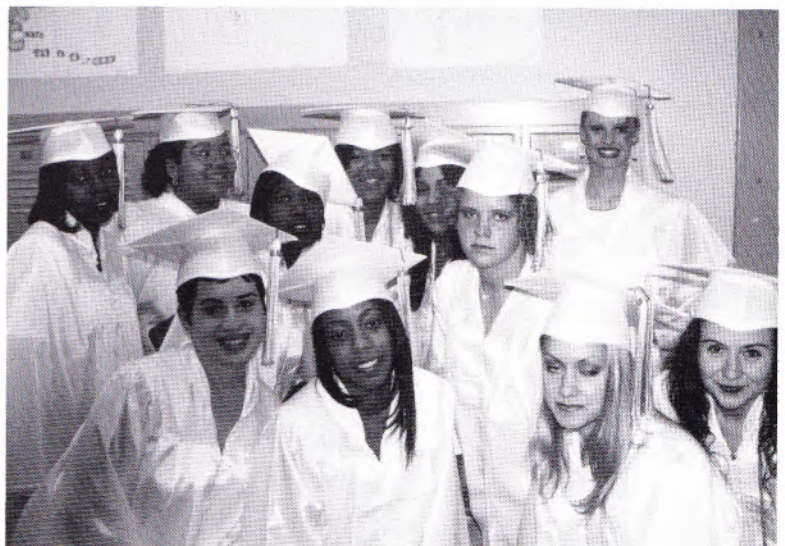


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# Graduation



# June 4th 1997





# Class of 1997

## Graduation Thoughts by Awlth Awadallah

A farewell to fellow students and faculty,  
a time for saying goodbye to old friends.  
Coming closer to an opportunity  
and welcoming new trends.  
Leaving our favorite people  
and some of our favorite places,  
Keeping our favorite memories of the past  
and allowing the joys to last.  
We will cherish our yesterdays.....  
and envision our tomorrows---  
but we will **live** our todays.

## Gilded Weed by Amanda Krupman

Black hand  
on my thigh--he plants a  
lilac tree--  
and it  
lives  
As heat rises  
the fragrance  
lifts and applauds.  
A rash forms  
where he  
dove in and swam  
and never yet has come up.  
He and his palate  
rescuing drab canvas  
with his  
sensitive perception  
of existence  
and its fragility  
have a jailer's sense  
of forever.  
Strong arms swiping complexion  
on walls  
stuck in the atelier  
of his mind  
oblivious to anything  
that isn't his vision.  
I am blooming now  
growing through  
the paint he applies  
to my cold insides.  
He uses  
warm oil paints--  
as an antifreeze.  
Loving the artist  
who moves inside  
me--  
the painter with  
the green thumb  
(and blue pinky, and some white on his forearm  
who smells the scent of the  
lilacs  
and never,  
ever,  
plucks one.



## Death by Stacey Mosley

Tomorrow is coming; I feel it near  
It's coming for me, or so I hear.  
No-1 can help me, 'cause no-1 can see  
That death is coming, but only for me.

I don't know why; I can't explain it.  
My whole life has just been tainted.  
I don't know and I don't care.  
Life's a game and nothing is fair.

All my troubles are driving me crazy.  
My life is a blurr, all grey and hazy  
No-1 can help me, 'cause no-1 can see  
That death is coming, but only for me.

It's getting dark' it's turning black.  
I start to shak' it's air I lack.  
I see a light sh'ing high  
It must be---life's passed me by.

Life was fun' it's over for me.  
It's time to go' it's meant to be.  
No-1 can help me, 'cause no-1 can see  
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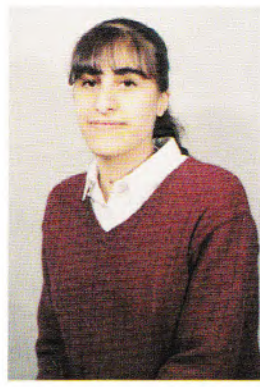
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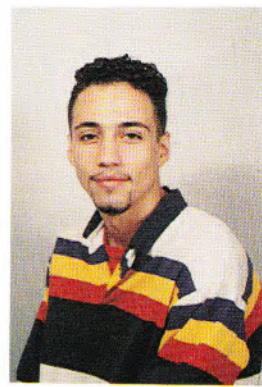
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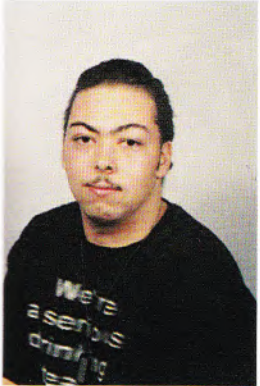
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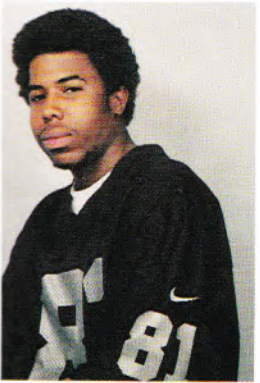
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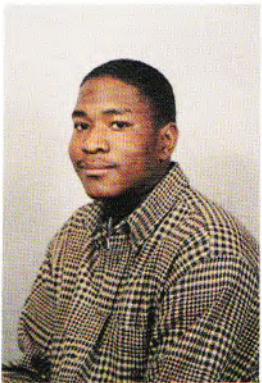
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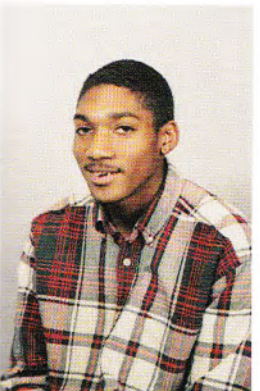
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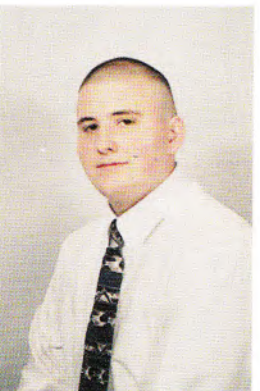
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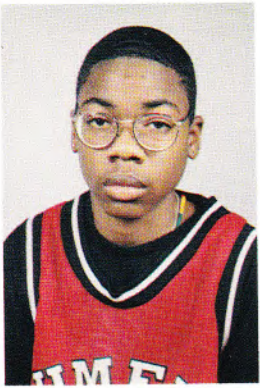
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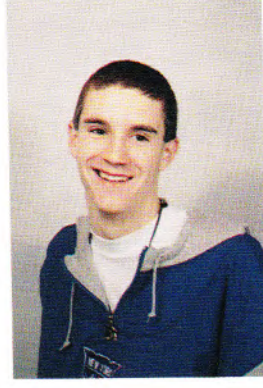
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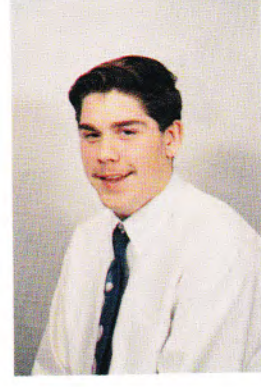
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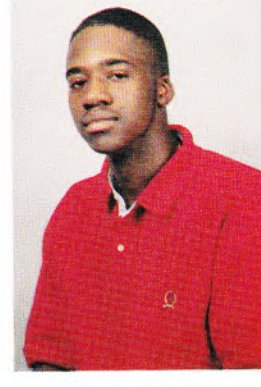
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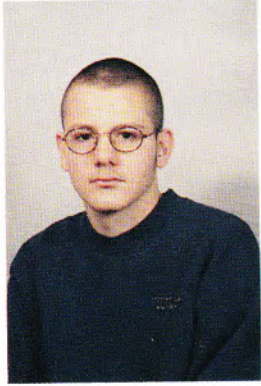
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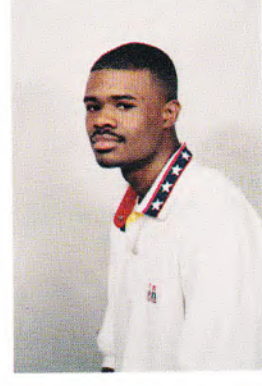
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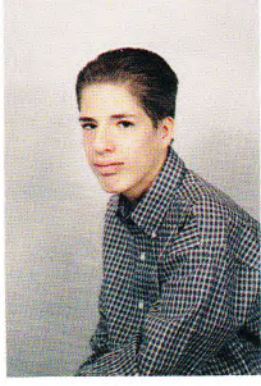
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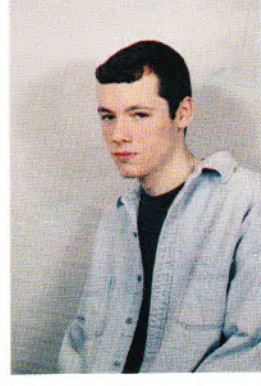
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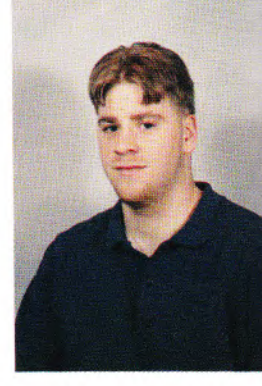
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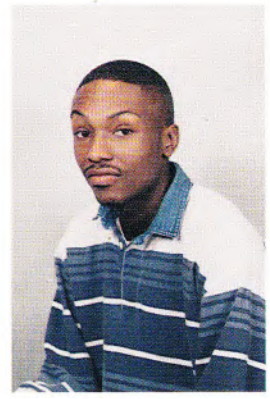
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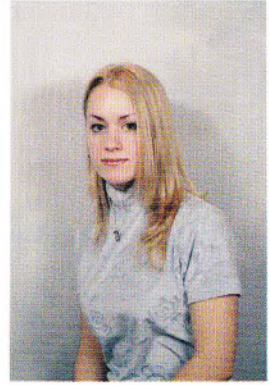
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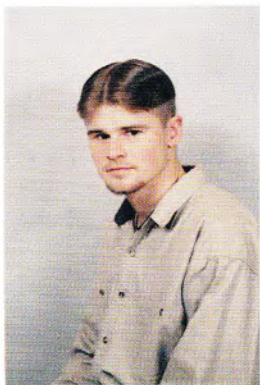
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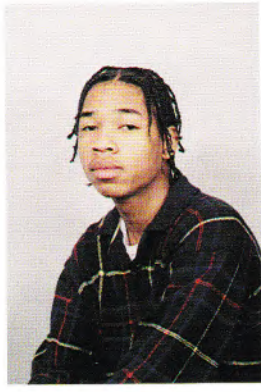
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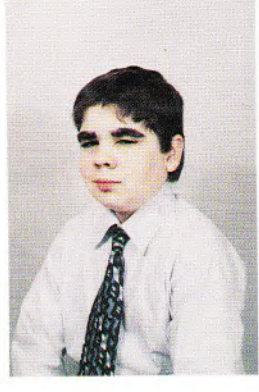
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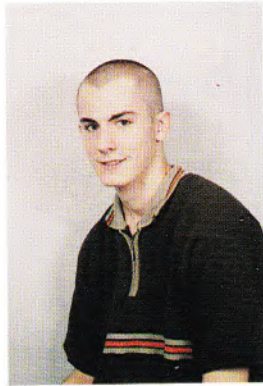
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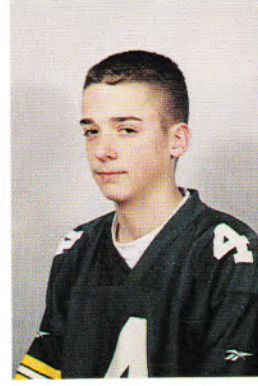
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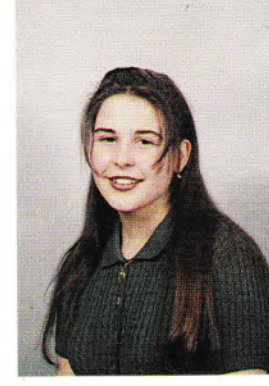
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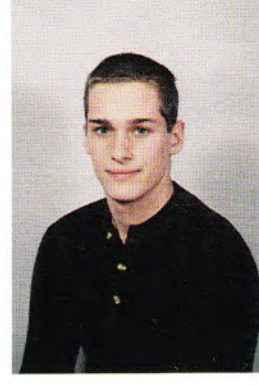
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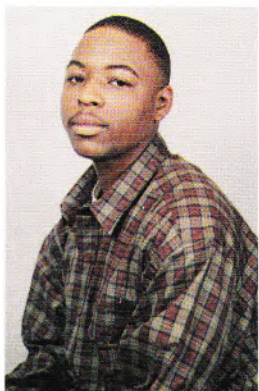
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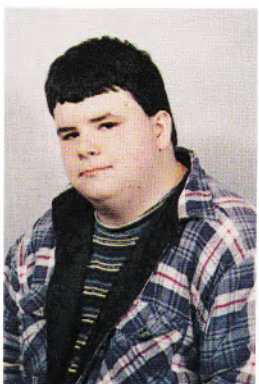
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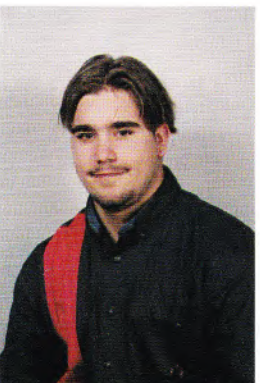
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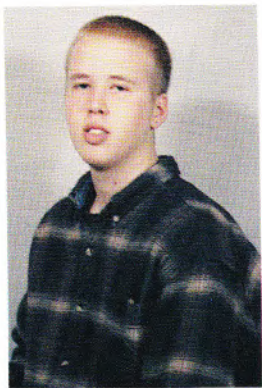
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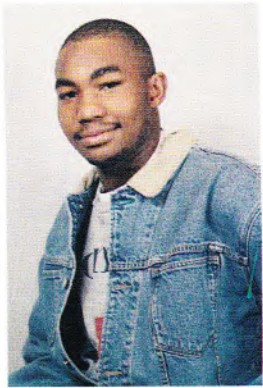
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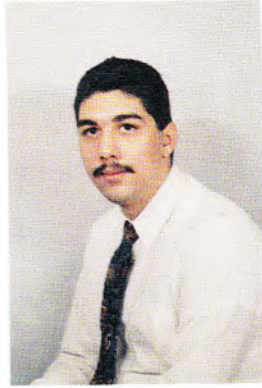
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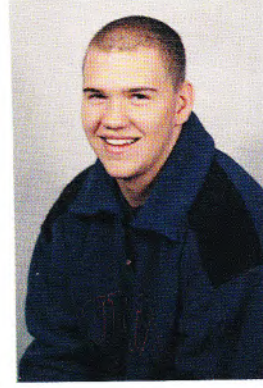
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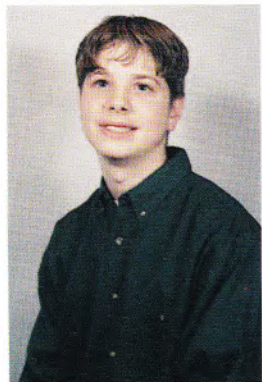
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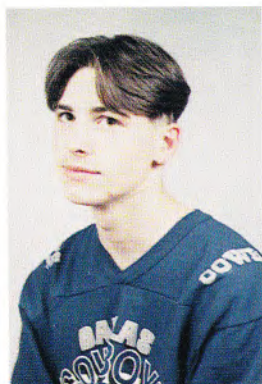
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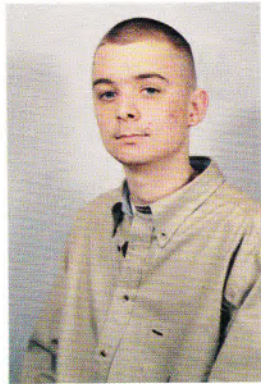
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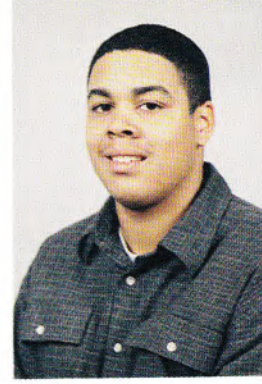
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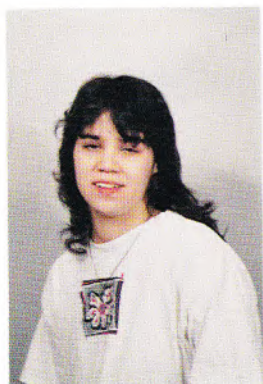
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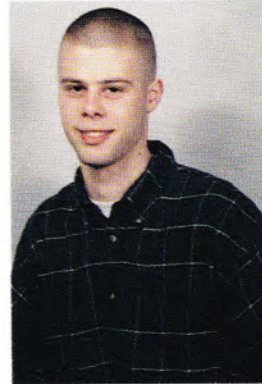
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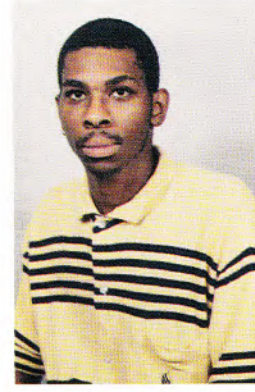
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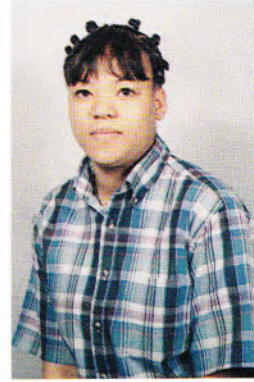
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Verna Thrana

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Lisa Weaver

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Bryant Wiley

Della Wiley

Artivia Williams

Clarence Williams

Deloras Wilson



Gary Wilson

Tara Woody

Ronald Worley



## Best Dressed

Nashay Crosby and Lashaunte Edwards



## Best Friends

Daniel Thomas and Tahli Dixon  
Taquita McKnight and Alesha Averyheart



## Cutest Couple

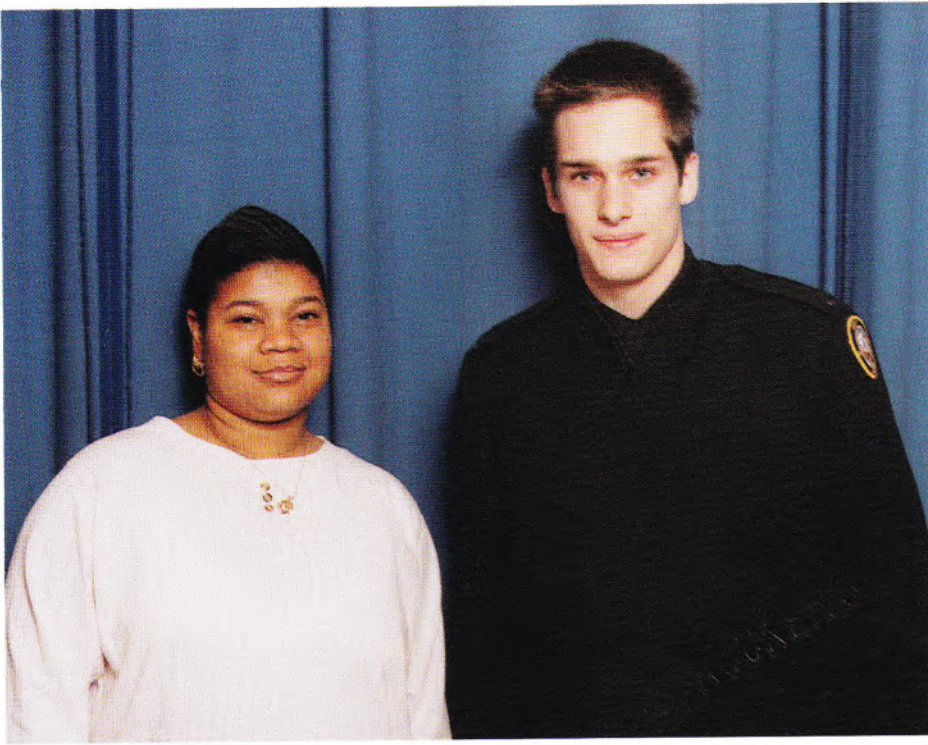
Victoria Horn and Robby Prock



## Class Clown

Delores Wilson and Kenneth Jackson





Mr. And Mrs. Know It All

Kyle Kornbach And Ruth Davis

Most Attractive

Nashay Crosby And Sean Jackson



## Biggest Flirt

Kenneth Jackson And Dawn Stoutamire



## Prettiest Hair

Nashay Crosby And Tahli Dixon



## Most Studious

Viamaris Morales and Thomas Hovis



## Most Bashful

Natasha Miller and Alan Dickson



## Prettiest Eyes

Natasha Miller and Clarence Williams



## Prettiest Smile

Sha Settles and Sean Jackson



## Most Popular

Henry Colbert And Nashay Crosby



## Most Talkative

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# Most Athletic

Renee Payne And Daniel Thomas



# School Spirit

Phillip Smith And Michelle Hamm

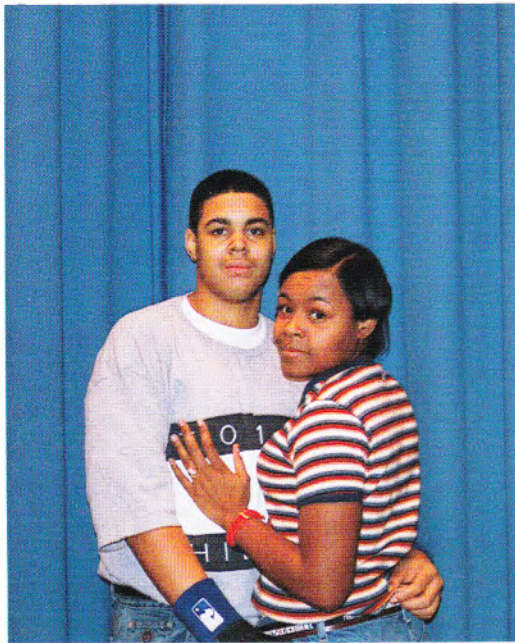


# Best Personality

Shanita Ivy And Gary Cunningham (not pictured)

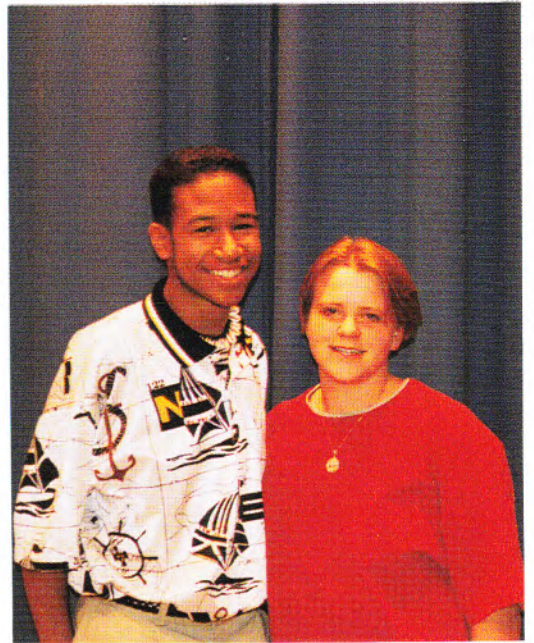






Friendliest

Philip Smith and Michelle Hamm



Most Talented

Lawrence Payten and Stacey Mosley



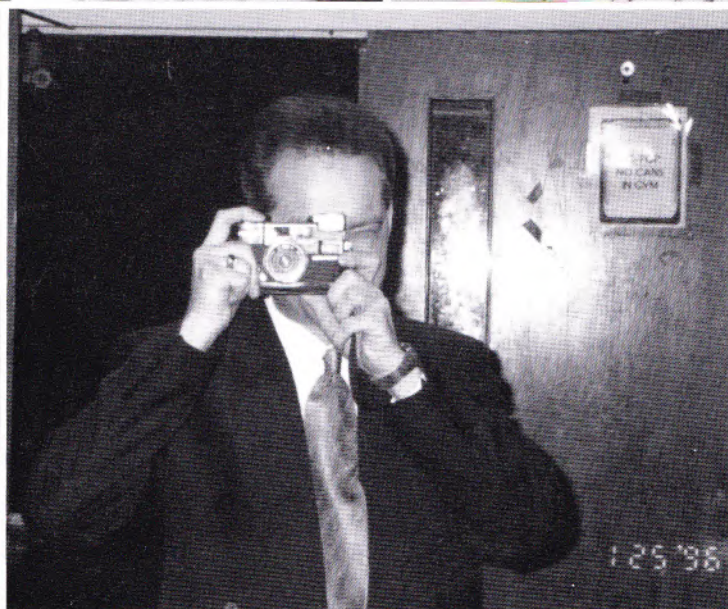
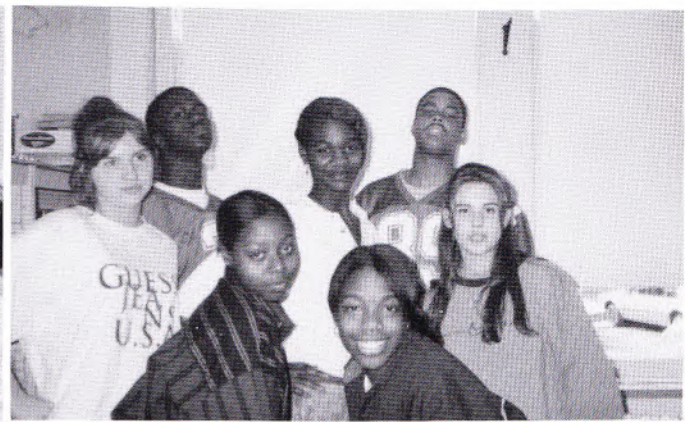
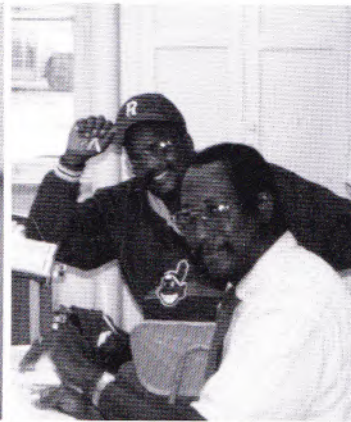
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Michael Jodon and Gelena Muse



Tallest

Khalilah Boyd and Marco Bedingfield





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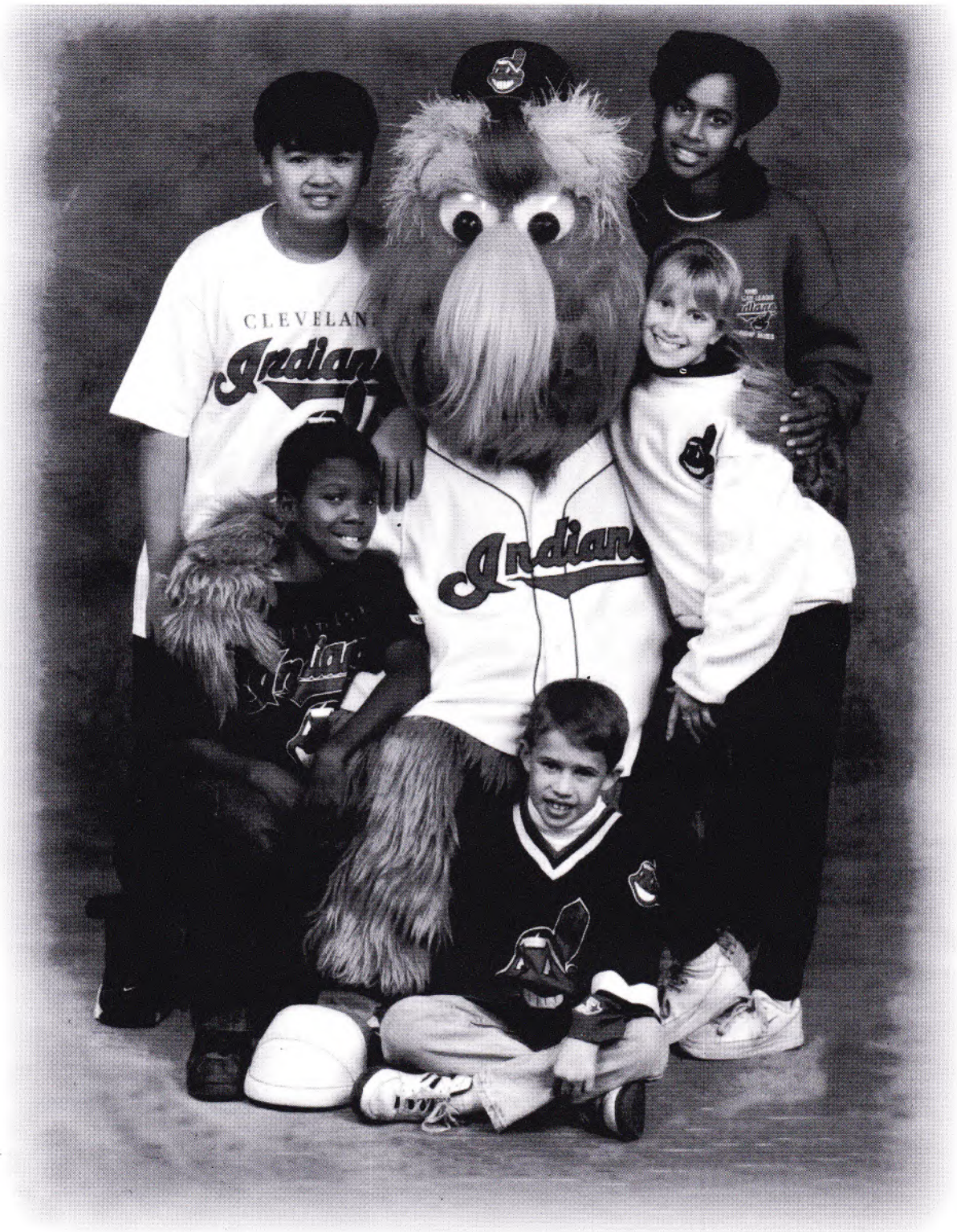
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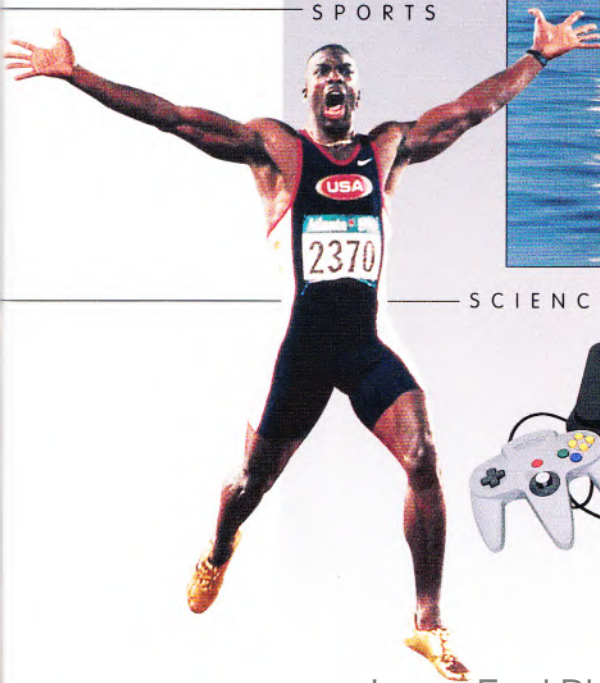
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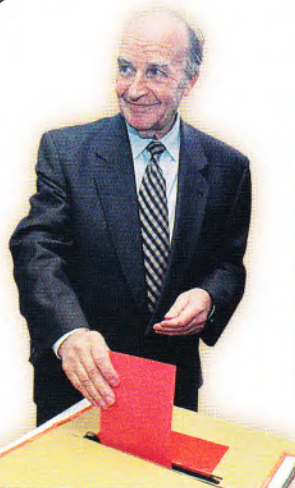
## flash

In November, a hijacked Ethiopian airliner crashes after running out of fuel. The crash occurs near a resort beach in the Comoros Islands in the Indian Ocean. At least 123 of the 175 people on board die, including the hijackers.

After 36 years, Central America's longest civil war ends when Indian rebels and military leftists sign a truce in Guatemala.

British Telecommunications agrees to purchase MCI Communications for up to \$21 billion in November. The deal is the biggest foreign purchase of a U.S. company ever concluded.

A U.N.-negotiated treaty banning chemical weapons worldwide is set to take effect in the spring. The treaty prohibits the development, production, stockpiling or use of chemical weapons, and calls for the destruction of existing supplies. The treaty is signed by 160 nations, including the U.S.



AP/Wide World

Alija Izetbegovic, leader of Bosnia's Muslim Party of Democratic Action, is elected chairman of the country's new three-person presidency in September. The election is held in accordance with provisions of the U.S.-brokered Dayton peace agreement.

AP/Wide World



The Miss World beauty pageant, held in Bangalore, India in November, raises a storm of protests, some violent, including one by a group threatening to stage a mass suicide during the pageant's telecast. A new Miss World is crowned without incident.



Reuters/Archive Photos



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King Hussein of Jordan (right) visits the West Bank of the Jordan River in October to show support for the Palestinian-Israeli peace talks and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. It is Hussein's first visit since Jordan lost the territory to Israel in the 1967 Arab-Israeli War.

Demonstrators gather in Toronto, Canada on October 25 to protest cutbacks in social services by the Ontario government. Thousands of people march through the city during "Metro Days of Action," organized by labor and social activists.



AP/Wide World



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Russian President Boris Yeltsin wins reelection in July, despite persistent health problems. After successful heart surgery in November he returns to work.

A pipe bomb explodes in Centennial Olympic Park after the first day of competition at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta. Flags fly at half-mast to mourn the 1 person killed and more than 100 injured.

Pope John Paul II undergoes surgery for an inflamed appendix in October. His chief surgeon, Dr. Francesco Crucitti, announces that the 78-year-old leader of the Roman Catholic Church is free from "previously undiscovered serious ailments."



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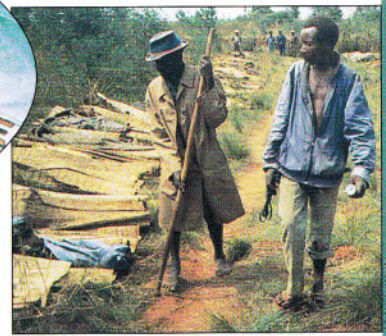
In a group so large it could be tracked by satellite, hundreds of thousands of refugees abandon camps in Zaire in November and begin a journey home to Rwanda, which they had fled to escape a civil war. Closing of the camps forces the refugees to flee.



Mass graves containing the bodies of Muslims, allegedly murdered by Serbs in 1992 during the Bosnian civil war, are excavated in Bosnia-Herzegovina throughout the year as a shaky peace negotiated in 1995 continues.



Routiers/Archive Photos



More than 300 Tutsi refugees in the African country of Burundi are slain by Hutus, a rival ethnic group. The covered bodies, mostly women and children, illustrate the ferocity of the conflict.



Agence France-Presse

On July 17, Trans World Airlines Flight 800 explodes 13,700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean, killing all 230 passengers and crew members. The Boeing 747-100 was en route to Paris from New York. The cause of the explosion remains a mystery.

Anti-American Saudi terrorists are blamed for a truck bomb that kills 19 U.S. service people on June 25 in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Mourners grieve at a memorial service held in Khobar, Saudi Arabia.



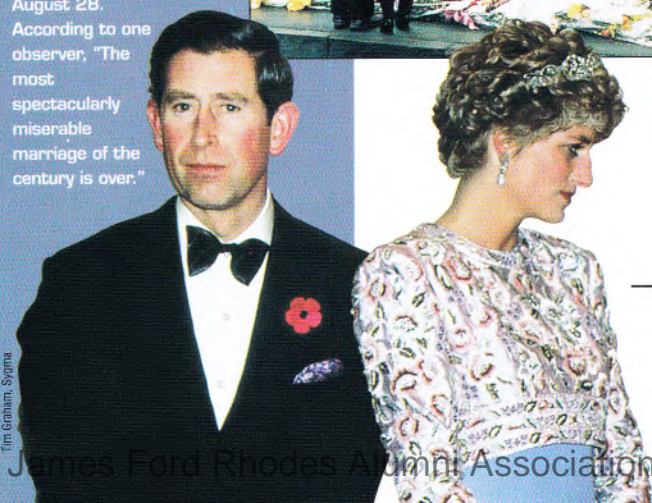
Tim Graham, Sygma

A lone gunman kills 16 kindergartners, their teacher, and then himself, at a Dunblane, Scotland school in March 1996. A month after the tragedy, officials tear down the school gymnasium in which the shootings occurred.



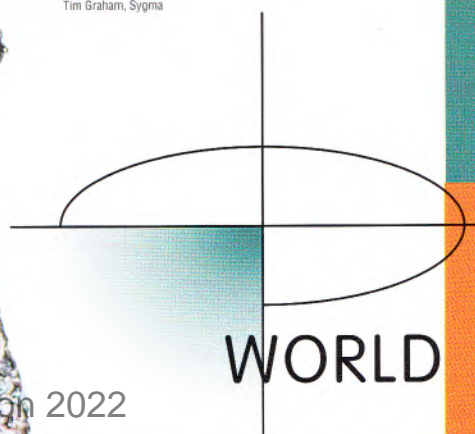
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Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, and Diana, Princess of Wales, are divorced on August 28. According to one observer, "The most spectacularly miserable marriage of the century is over."



Tim Graham, Sygma

Israeli right-wing leader Benjamin Netanyahu wins the May 1996 election for Prime Minister, defeating Prime Minister Shimon Peres, whom many Israelis think is making too many concessions to Israel's Arab neighbors.





# NATIONAL

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## flash

The U.S. Army issues strict new policies for drill instructors and female trainees, as hundreds of complaints of sexual harassment are revealed in November. Drill instructors are now required to leave their doors open if a female is inside, and women must travel in pairs.

After thousands of veterans complain of illnesses since the 1991 Persian Gulf War, the Pentagon warns they may have been exposed to chemical weapons. The Pentagon reveals that up to two tons of sarin nerve gas may have been released.

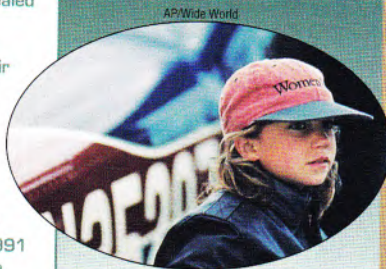
Six-year-old beauty pageant queen JonBenet Ramsey is found murdered in the basement of her parents' Colorado home the day after Christmas. Her death raises a nationwide awareness of controversial youth beauty pageants.

Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Georgia) is fined \$300,000 in a bi-partisan vote after the House Ethics Committee's year-long investigation into alleged financial improprieties.



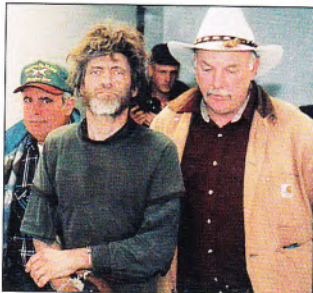
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Former U.N. ambassador Madeleine Albright is nominated for Secretary of State by President Clinton on December 5. Confirmed in office in January 1997, Albright is the first woman to head the State Department.



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Seven-year-old pilot Jessica Dubroff is killed when her Cessna airplane crashes shortly after take-off in bad weather from the Cheyenne, Wyoming airport. Her flying instructor and her father, the plane's two passengers, are also killed in the April 1996 crash.



Derek Pruitt, Gamma Liaison

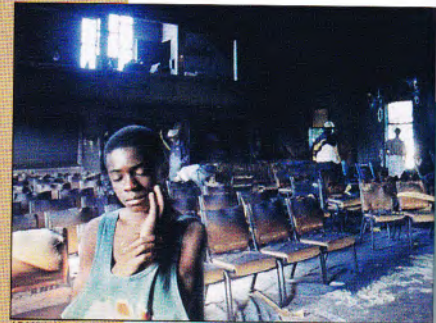
Theodore Kaczynski, alleged to be the "Unabomber," who killed 3 people and wounded more than 20 others with mail bombs since 1978, is arrested in Montana in April 1996. Information provided by Kaczynski's brother leads to the arrest.



Robert Allison, Contact Press Images

Binti Jua, a gorilla at Chicago's Brookfield Zoo, becomes a hero when she rescues a 3-year-old boy knocked unconscious after falling 18 feet into the ape enclosure. The boy suffers brain contusions but soon recovers.

Arson against African-American churches, mostly in the South, is a serious problem in 1996, as hundreds of churches are burned down. Residents of Portland, Oregon survey the damage inside a church after a June fire.



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One of the longest armed stand-offs in U.S. history occurs outside Jordan, Montana between the FBI and members of an anti-government group calling itself the Freemen. The 81-day siege ends peacefully in June.

On August 11, a boater rescues 10-year-old Taylor Touchstone from the snake- and alligator-infested waters of a Florida swamp 14 miles away from where he disappeared August 7. Although exhausted and badly scratched, the autistic boy recovers fully.



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William Jefferson Clinton defeats Republican Bob Dole and Independent H. Ross Perot to become the 42nd president of the U.S. and the last president of the 20th century. Clinton is the first Democrat since Franklin Roosevelt to be reelected to a second term.



A civil jury finds former football star O.J. Simpson liable for the June 12, 1994 wrongful deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. In a unanimous verdict, the jury awards \$8.5 million in compensatory damages to Goldman's parents. The Brown and Goldman families are each awarded \$12.5 million in punitive damages.



AP/Wide World

Days of abnormally heavy rains in November undermine the roadbed of Oregon's Interstate 5, creating a 40-foot-deep sinkhole, into which two semitrailer trucks tumble.

The Citadel, South Carolina's traditionally all-male military academy, admits four women, including Petra Loventinska (left) and Jeanie Montavlos. Montavlos and another female cadet later drop out, citing harassment and "sadistic" hazing.



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Topsail Beach, a town on an island off the coast of North Carolina, is one of many Eastern locations hit hard by Hurricane Bertha in July. Six powerful hurricanes, all with winds over 110 miles per hour, made 1996 a near-record year doing \$3.5 billion in damage in the U.S.

Nationwide, forest fires blacken more than twice the acreage lost to fires in an average year. California, Montana and Oregon are particularly hard hit.



Kurt Miller, The Press-Enterprise

All 110 people aboard a ValuJet DC-9 are killed in May 1996 when a fire breaks out in the cargo hold. The plane, en route from Miami to Atlanta, crashes and disappears almost completely into the Florida Everglades, making it difficult for workers to retrieve wreckage.



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Schwarz, Gamma/Liaison

Security guard Richard Jewell is investigated as a suspect in the July Olympic Park bombing. After three months of media frenzy, during which Jewell is a virtual prisoner in his home, the U.S. Justice Department admits there is no evidence against him.

Six-year-old first-grader Johnathan Prevetie is suspended from his Lexington, North Carolina elementary school for violating the city schools' sexual conduct guidelines—he kissed a female classmate. Prevetie is quickly reinstated after a nationwide controversy over the suspension.



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# SCIENCE

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## flash

A 9,300-year-old skeleton discovered in July near Richland, Washington is the oldest and most intact set of human bones ever discovered in North America. Research is suspended, however, as the tribes from the Native American grounds where it is found claim the skeleton as an ancestor and want the bones buried.

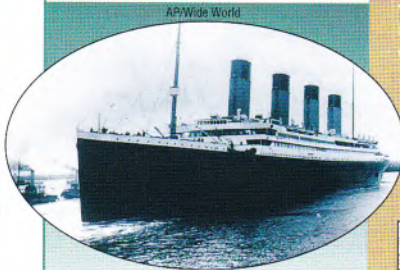
Trauma Seal, a new medical adhesive that is applied like a lip-balm stick, is in clinical trials at 10 hospitals and health care institutions nationwide. The biodegradable adhesive could eliminate stitches and return visits.

New York Police Department canines begin wearing three-pound, infrared cameras, scouting out potentially dangerous areas before police officers enter the scene. Handlers are developing bullet-proof vests for the dogs to wear.

A new category of animal is discovered in the form of bacteria that live on the lips of lobsters. *Symbion pandora*, which lives on food scraps from lobster lips, is called "the zoological highlight of the decade."



Videogame giant Nintendo releases its long-awaited Nintendo 64, a new hardware system that draws players into the game and moves three times faster than any existing system.



An expedition to raise the *Titanic*, the legendary "unsinkable" ocean liner that sank on its maiden voyage in 1912, from its North Atlantic grave more than two miles deep, ends in failure in August due to rough seas.

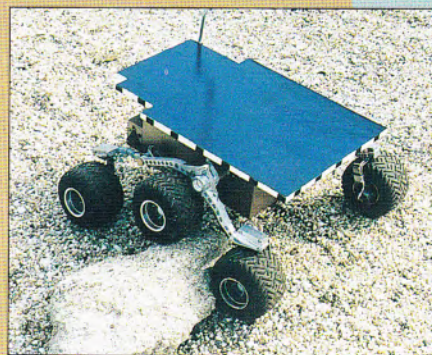
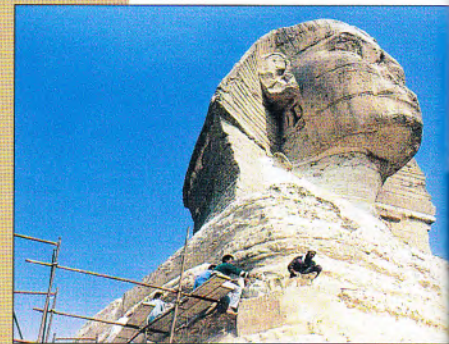


In August, scientists discover evidence of bacteria-like life on a meteorite found in 1984 and believed to be part of the crust of Mars 4.5 billion years ago. It is the first possible proof that life is not unique to Earth.



American astronaut Shannon Lucid (right) spends 188 days in space, breaking American space endurance records after joining the crew of the Russian space station *Mir*.

Egyptians begin work to preserve the Great Sphinx from the ravages of wind, pollution and time. The 4,500-year-old statue is located in Giza near the giant pyramids.

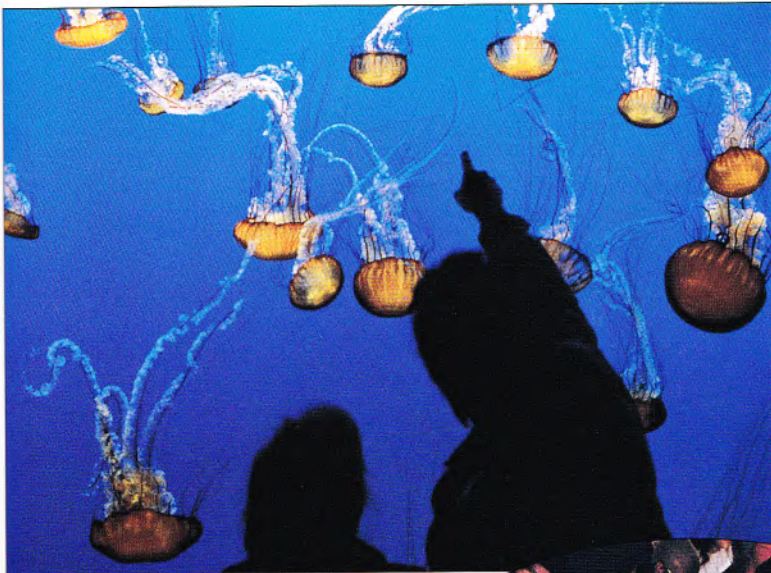


The Mars Surveyor Trolley, named *Sojourner*, is carried on-board *Mars Pathfinder*, an unmanned spacecraft launched in December. *Sojourner*, a free-roving probe the size of a child's wagon, will photograph the Martian surface and determine the composition of rocks on Mars.

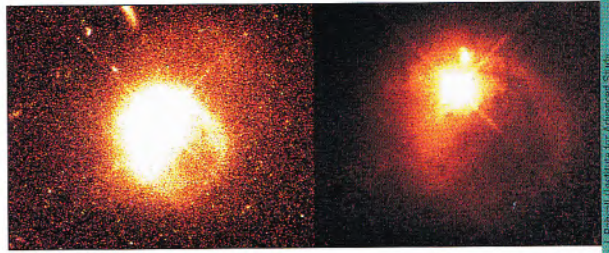
Satellite dishes become one of the year's hottest-selling electronic consumer products. Owners find the savings of not paying for cable services cover the cost within a few months.



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© 1996 Monterey Bay Aquarium, Photography by Randy Wilder



California's Monterey Bay Aquarium opens a new wing in March 1996. The million-gallon indoor ocean showcases the marine life of the outer reaches of Monterey Bay, 5 to 60 miles offshore.

The Hubble Space Telescope captures new images of quasars, the universe's most powerful and baffling phenomena. Previously thought only to exist in colliding galaxies, new pictures indicate quasars can also exist in undisturbed galaxies—causing astronomers to revisit their theories.



AP/Wide World

Steam and ash from Iceland's Loki volcano blast 33,000 feet in the air on October 9. Molten rock from the volcano's 5-mile-wide fissure melts through more than 2,000 feet of glacial ice, threatening the island with widespread flooding.



O<sub>2</sub> Spa Bar

An "oxygen bar" in Toronto, Canada allows patrons to pay \$16 to spend 20 minutes breathing pure oxygen. The owners of the O<sub>2</sub> Spa Bar claim the treatment is a healthy way to reinvigorate the body and offer fruit "flavors" to liven up the experience.



Smithsonian Institution

The Smithsonian Institution celebrates the 150th anniversary of its founding with a nationwide tour of prize exhibits, including this stovetop hat worn by Abraham Lincoln.

Paleoanthropologist Mary Leakey, shown with husband Louis Leakey in a 1959 photograph, dies in December. Discoveries by the Leakeys throughout their careers are some of the most important in paleoanthropological history. Her greatest discovery was a trail of 3.7-million-year-old footprints, which proved that hominids walked upright far earlier than previously believed.



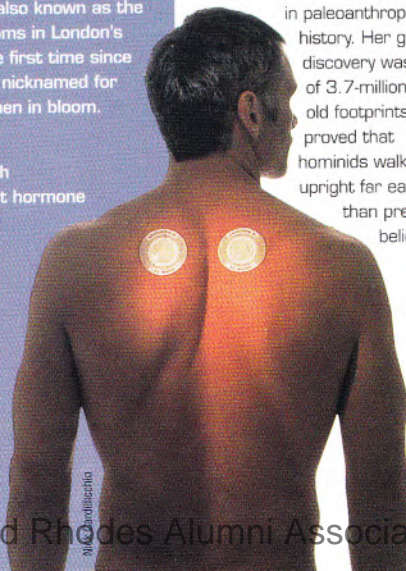
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The world's largest flower, the Titan Arum, also known as the "corpse flower," blooms in London's Kew Gardens for the first time since 1963. The flower is nicknamed for its strong stench when in bloom.

New research suggests that hormone therapies can keep middle-aged men stronger and more youthful. A testosterone-releasing skin patch called Androderm is prescribed by many doctors to supplement the natural hormone.



AP/Wide World

# FACES

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## flash

Former NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle dies on December 6. Rozelle is credited with transforming professional football into America's top spectator sport, and with inventing the Super Bowl.

Basketball megastar Michael Jordan launches his own cologne: Michael Jordan Cologne. Demand for the fragrance is so high that manufacturer Bijan Fragrances limits sales to 12 bottles per customer.


The ever-present Cindy Crawford releases a book on applying make-up. *Basic Face* enjoys a long run on the best-seller lists.

The National Women's Hall of Fame opens in Seneca Falls, New York, inducting 11 women, including author Louisa May Alcott, and Oveta Culp Hobby, the nation's first female colonel.

Archbishop of Chicago, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin dies of pancreatic cancer in November. Bernardin was known for being a reconciler in churches torn between tradition and modern culture, as well as for speaking out against physician-assisted suicide.


Steven M. Falk, Gamma-Liaison



 Mother Teresa, 1979 Nobel Peace Prize winner, suffers a heart attack in late December. It is the 86-year-old Roman Catholic nun's fourth serious illness in 1996.

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 In April 1996, singer Michael Jackson is seen escorting a woman later identified as Debbie Rowe, an employee of Jackson's plastic surgeon. In November, Jackson announces that he and Rowe are married and that she is carrying his child.




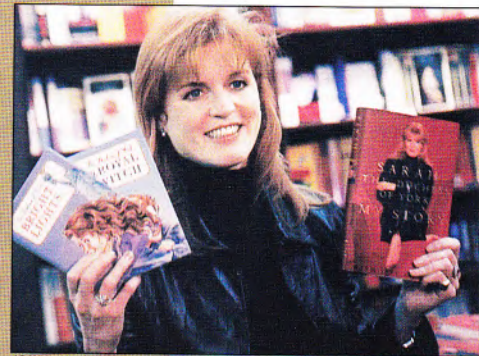
Steve Granite, Retna



AP/Wide World

 "The Late Show" host David Letterman (right), who had been hinting at retirement, re-signs his contract with CBS, keeping him at "The Late Show" through 2002.


 Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, and Prince Andrew, Duke of York and son of Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, are divorced in May 1996. "Fergie" subsequently goes public with TV appearances and an autobiography.





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 Regis Philbin appears with host Rosie O'Donnell on ABC's "The Rosie O'Donnell Show." The talk show, which premieres in 1996, gains quick popularity and respect.

 Music megastar Madonna gives birth to Lourdes Maria Ciccone Leon, a 6-pound, 9-ounce girl, on October 14. Madonna's big year continues when she wins a Golden Globe for her role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's on-screen rendition of the musical *Evita*.

 In October, TV talk-show host Jenny Jones testifies during the Michigan murder trial of Jonathan Schmitz. Schmitz was accused of killing Scott Amedure, who revealed romantic feelings for Schmitz during a March 1995 taping of a "Jenny Jones Show."



AP/Wide World



In a small, secret ceremony on an island off the coast of Georgia, John F. Kennedy Jr. marries Carolyn Bessette, a Calvin Klein publicist, in September. Kennedy, who dated Bessette for two years, had long been considered one of the world's most eligible bachelors.



New York Yankees fan Jeffrey Maier interferes with a fly ball during game one of the American League Championship Series on October 9. The hit is ruled a home run, tying the game 4 to 4 in the eighth inning and making Maier New York's hero for a day.



John F. Kennedy Library

Legendary heavyweight boxer Muhammad Ali is the final athlete to bear the Olympic torch, lighting the Olympic flame at the opening of the Centennial Summer Olympics in Atlanta on July 19.

More than 4,000 items owned by former First Lady Jacquelyn Kennedy Onassis and President John F. Kennedy are auctioned off in April 1996, including a necklace of simulated pearls shown in this 1962 photograph. The fake pearls, valued at \$500 to \$700, sell for \$211,500, bringing the auction total to \$34.5 million.



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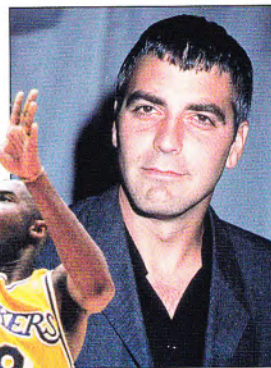


Veteran comedian George Burns dies in March 1996, just weeks after reaching the age of 100. The legendary Burns won an Oscar, an Emmy and a Grammy Award in an illustrious career dating back to vaudeville.



Reuters/Archive Photos

Miss Kansas, Tara Dawn Holland, is crowned Miss America at the 1996 pageant on September 14.



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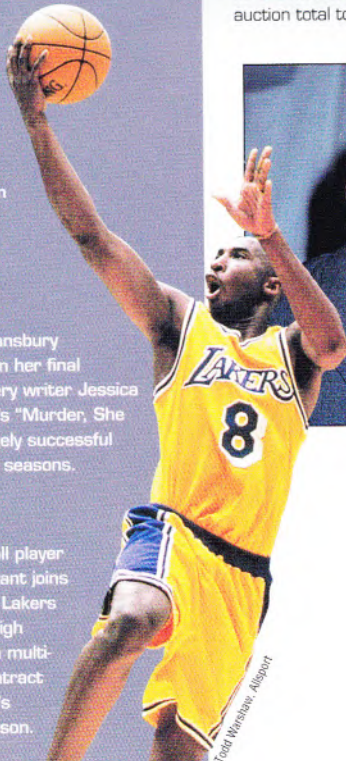
As a stand against the invasion of his privacy, George Clooney, star of NBC's "ER," boycotts Paramount's "Entertainment Tonight" after its sister show "Hard Copy" runs unauthorized footage of the actor's private life.



Universal City from Shooting Star

Angela Lansbury appears in her final season as mystery writer Jessica Fletcher on CBS's "Murder, She Wrote." The hugely successful show ran for 12 seasons.

Basketball player Kobe Bryant joins the Los Angeles Lakers straight out of high school, signing a multi-million dollar contract during the team's 1996-1997 season.



Todd Wenzel / Allsport

# ENTERTAINMENT

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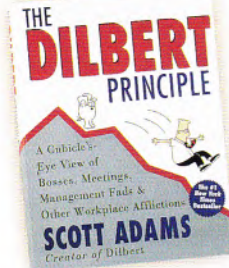
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Tom Cruise stars in *Jerry Maguire*, a romantic comedy about a sports agent who decides to change his shallow ways, and spends the rest of the movie trying to regain his success. It is a breakthrough role for Cruise, who is normally depicted as a cocky winner.

To honor the 20th anniversary of its release, producer George Lucas issues a "remade" *Star Wars*, with new scenes, computerized special effects and souped-up animation. Lucas' grand plan calls for a nine-film cycle, including prequels.

English actor/director Kenneth Branagh plays Hamlet in his star-studded remake of Shakespeare's classic. Despite running four hours, the movie is a critical and box-office success.

NBC's Thursday night drama "ER" features television's first HIV-positive prominent character. Jeanie Boulet, a physician's assistant played by Gloria Reuben, is relatively open about her condition and helps confront the stigma of AIDS.

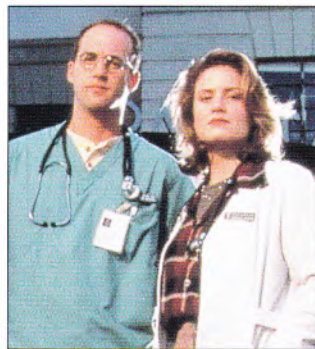


Scott Adams' *Dilbert*, the comic strip about office politics, captures the nation's imagination. In book form, *The Dilbert Principle* becomes a national best-seller.

20th Century Fox from Shooting Star



Actors Winona Ryder and Daniel Day-Lewis star in *The Crucible*, which opens in December. The screen adaptation of Arthur Miller's famous play about the Salem witch trials is written by Arthur Miller himself.



Sherry Stringfield, Dr. Susan Lewis on NBC's "ER," leaves the show at the peak of her character's popularity. In her final episode, when Dr. Mark Greene, played by Anthony Edwards, declares his love for Susan, the show gamers its highest ratings ever.



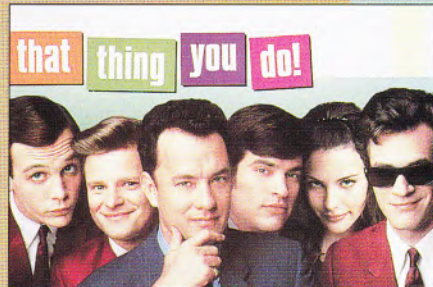
Paramount Pictures from Kotab

Patrick Stewart (left) and Brent Spiner (right) star in *Star Trek: First Contact*, a movie featuring characters from the TV show "Star Trek: The Next Generation."

Draw Carey (left) finds TV stardom during the second season of ABC's "The Drew Carey Show," a zany sit-com about working-class characters in Cleveland, Ohio.



Warner Bros. TV from Shooting Star



20th Century Fox from Shooting Star

Academy Award-winning actor Tom Hanks' first effort at directing receives critical praise when *That Thing You Do!*, a movie about the meteoric rise and fall of a 1960s rock band, opens in October.

Model Brooke Shields (center) moves to television in NBC's "Suddenly Susan," a sit-com premiering in September. Shields plays a columnist opposite magazine editor Judd Nelson (far right).

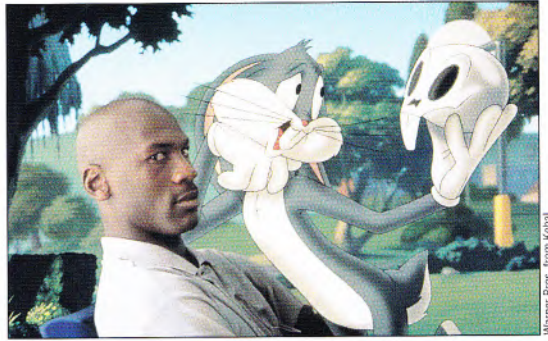


NBC from Shooting Star

Author Michael Crichton publishes *The Lost World*, a sequel to *Jurassic Park*, the colossal novel and movie. The new book promises to generate just as much hype, with a movie



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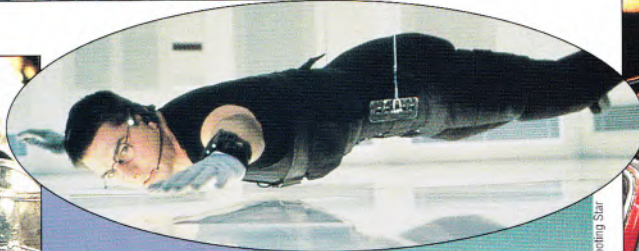
Warner Bros. from Kebab

Explosive special effects rivet audiences to their seats as they watch *Independence Day*, one of summer's blockbuster movies.

Bugs Bunny and Chicago Bulls basketball star Michael Jordan share top billing in *Space Jam*, a partially animated feature film that opens in late November.



20th Century Fox from Shooting Star



Paramount from Shooting Star

In September, Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes star as the classic star-crossed lovers in the film *Romeo and Juliet*.

Tom Cruise stars in *Mission: Impossible*, based on the 1960s and '70s television series of the same name. Despite critical put-downs, the movie is a huge box-office hit.



ABC from Shooting Star

John Lithgow (front right) earns both an Emmy and a Golden Globe Award for Best Actor in a Comedy Series in NBC's "3rd Rock From the Sun," a sit-com about a family of aliens living in contemporary America.

Actors Brad Pitt (left) and Jason Patric star in *Sleepers*, a film about four men and their extraordinary scheme to revenge the abuse they experienced as boys. The controversial movie also stars Dustin Hoffman, Robert De Niro and Kevin Bacon.



Warner Bros. from Kebab



CBS from Shooting Star

America's favorite sit-com father; Bill Cosby, enjoys the success of his new CBS show, "Cosby." In January 1997, however, tragedy strikes as Cosby's son Ennis is killed in an apparent random robbery.



Paramount from Shooting Star

Stars Bill Paxton and Helen Hunt flee a tornado of awesome proportions in *Twister*, another summer blockbuster, which tells the story of storm chasers highly devoted to studying the inner workings of tornadoes.

Michael J. Fox returns to television in September as a deputy mayor in ABC's "Spin City," a sit-com about the inner workings of New York's City Hall.



Dream Works SKG from Shooting Star



# MUSIC

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## flash

Folk and blues artist Tracy Chapman returns to the scene in 1996 with the single "Give Me One Reason." Chapman receives five Grammy nominations in January 1997.

The artist formerly known as Prince releases *Emancipation*, a three-hour, three-CD album, in honor of his release from his Warner Bros. recording contract.

Guitarist Slash of Guns N' Roses forms his own band. His new group, *Slash's Blues Ball*, is a six-man blues band grounded in the blues-based hard rock of the 1970s.

Rocker Sheryl Crow joins the ranks of musicians who have had their albums banned from Wal-Mart. The retail giant objects to a lyric alleging that kids kill each other with guns they obtained from the store.



The Beatles' *Anthology 3*, the third and final album from the reunited remaining members of the band, is released in November. Following the example of their two previous anthologies, *Anthology 3* sells in record numbers.

Gary Malerba, LGI



Kiss bass guitarist Gene Simmons strikes a familiar pose as the band kicks off a reunion tour with a June 28 concert in Detroit. The tour marks the first time the original members of the band perform together since 1979.



Tim Mosenfelder, LGI

Canadian pop artist Celine Dion tops the charts in 1996 with the album *Falling Into You*, which sells more than 16 million copies worldwide.



Kipa, LGI

Alternative-rock band Nirvana releases a new album, *From the Muddy Banks of the Wishkah*, in October. The album contains 17 live tracks recorded between 1988 and the 1994 suicide of singer Kurt Cobain (right).



Jane Huntington, LGI



Steve Jennings, LGI

Bush, a British rock group with an American "grunge" sound, tours the U.S. to promote their album *Sixteen Stone*. They release another chart-topping album, *Razorblade Suitcase*, in the winter.



Steve Jennings, LGI

Heavy metal band Metallica is the headlining act for the summer concert Lollapalooza, traditionally an alternative-rock show. Metallica remains high-profile, winning an MTV award for the year's Best Hard Rock Video in September.



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After 10 years of separation, members of the band Van Halen are reunited with their former lead singer, David Lee Roth (right), at the MTV Video Music Awards in September. Roth later claims he thought he was rejoining the band, who chose a different lead singer.



Steve Jennings, LGI

No Doubt, fronted by lead singer Gwen Stefani, releases *Tragic Kingdom*, which includes such chart-toppers as "Just a Girl," "Spiderwebs," and "Don't Speak."



Adelle Starr, LGI

Counting Crows' second album, *Recovering the Satellites*, is released in October. The long awaited follow-up to 1993's *August and Everything After* debuts at number one on the charts.

George Strait is honored by the Country Music Association in October with three major awards—Single of the Year for "Check Yes or No," Album of the Year for *Clear Blue Sky*, and Male Vocalist of the Year.



Tim Mosese/LGI

The hit single "Where It's At" kicks off the new Beck album *Odelay*, which is released to popular and critical acclaim. *Spin* magazine awards Beck Artist of the Year.



Mike Hashimoto/NGI from LGI



Lisa Leone, LGI

Toni Braxton's second album, *Secrets*, is released in summer 1996. Braxton wins R&B Single of the Year for "Let It Flow" at the *Billboard* Music Awards in the fall.



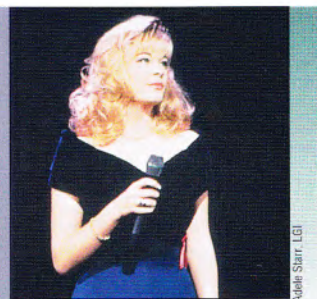
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Alanis Morissette's *Jagged Little Pill* reigns the charts, becoming the all-time top-selling album by a female artist. Morissette also dominates the 1996 Grammys by winning four awards, including Best Album.



Neal Preston, R&B

Death Row Records co-founder Dr. Dre, often dubbed the "godfather of 'gangsta' rap," begins distancing himself from hard-core rap. "Been There, Done That," his break-away anthem, premieres on MTV in September.



Adelle Starr, LGI

Fourteen-year-old singing sensation LeAnn Rimes is nominated for the Country Music Association's Horizon Award after the breakthrough success of her single "Blue." The popular new star is often compared to country music legend Patsy Cline.



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The music world is stunned in September by the death of rapper Tupac Shakur, killed in a drive-by shooting in Las Vegas. Speculations as to the killer's motive abound, but the year ends with no answers and no arrests.

R.E.M.'s 12th album, *New Adventures in Hi-Fi*, the group's first recording since 1994's *Monster*, is released by Warner Bros. in September.



Beck, LGI

The Wallflowers, with Jakob Dylan, son of legendary folk artist Bob Dylan, release *Bringing Down the Horse*, which features hit singles "One Headlight" and "6th Avenue Heartache."



James L. Lance, LGI

# SPORTS

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## flash

Tennis pro Pete Sampras wins the eighth grand-slam title of his career at the U.S. Open in September. Steffi Graf wins the U.S. Open Women's title, beating Monica Seles.

Pro boxer Mike Tyson loses his Heavyweight Champion of the World title to Evander Holyfield in a November match. Holyfield, a former two-time world champion, reclaims his title in the surprise win.

Chicago Bulls star Dennis Rodman furthers his controversial reputation by kicking a photographer in the groin during a game against the Minnesota Timberwolves in January 1997. Rodman is suspended for up to 11 games without pay, costing him more than \$1 million, in addition to a \$25,000 fine to the NBA, as well as a reported \$200,000 settlement with the photographer.

Baltimore Orioles second baseman Roberto Alomar is suspended for five games, deferred to the 1997 season, when he spits on an umpire during a heated argument over a questionable call in the National League play-offs. Controversy ensues over the leniency of the punishment.

Comapress



Team USA wins the World Cup of Hockey, beating Canada 5-2 in the final. Eight teams from Canada, Europe and the U.S. participate in the World Cup, which replaced the Canada Cup.

AP/Wide World



Twenty-year-old golfing phenom Eldrick "Tiger" Woods turns pro in August, making the transition from exceptional amateur golfer to well-endorsed professional, including a deal with Nike worth an estimated \$40 million.



Craig Jones, Allsport



Al Bello, Allsport

The New York Yankees win the World Series, beating the Atlanta Braves in a four-game sweep, after losing the first two games. It is the first series title for the Yankees since 1978.

In June, the Colorado Avalanche beat the Florida Panthers in the NHL Stanley Cup play-offs. The final game in the series remains scoreless until 1:05 a.m., when the Avalanche finally score the winning goal in the third overtime period.



Al Bello, Allsport

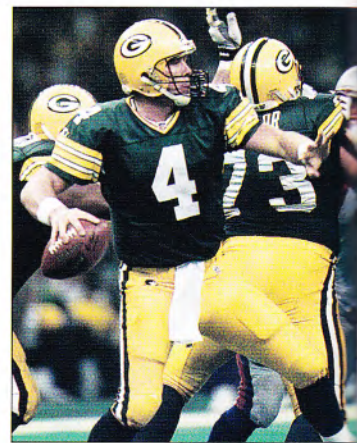


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Paul Molitor of the Minnesota Twins becomes the 21st player in major league history to reach 3,000 career hits. The milestone is reached in September, when Molitor triples against Kansas City Royals rookie pitcher Jose Rosado.

Race car driver Terry Labonte wins NASCAR's Winston Cup championship with a total of 4,657 points after finishing fifth in the final race, the Napa 500, at the Atlanta Motor Speedway.


Led by quarterback Brett Favre, the Green Bay Packers beat the New England Patriots 35-21 in Super Bowl XXXI at the Louisiana Superdome. It is the Packers' first Super Bowl since 1968.




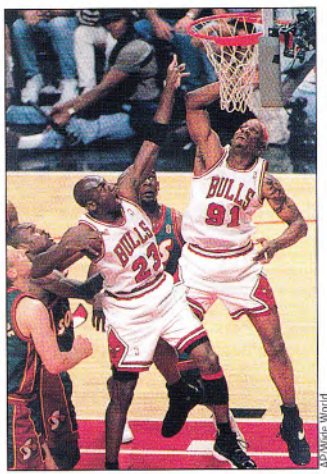
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 The U.S. women's gymnastics team takes the gold at the Summer Olympics. Kerri Strug, second from right, is the heroine of the competition, landing her final vault despite a dislocated left ankle.

 U.S. swimmer Amy Van Dyken wins the women's 100-meter butterfly event at the Olympic Games with a time of 59.13 seconds. Van Dyken wins a total of four golds.



AP/Wide World

 The Chicago Bulls win their fourth NBA championship in six years as they defeat the Seattle SuperSonics in game six of the NBA finals on June 16.





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 U.S. Olympian Dan O'Brien racks up 8,824 points to take the gold medal in the decathlon, a grueling, 10-event track-and-field competition.




Al Bello, Allsport

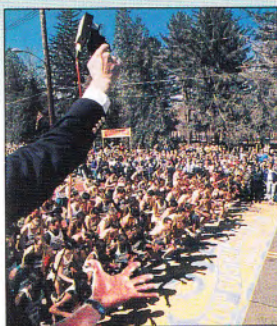
 April 1996 marks the 100th running of the Boston Marathon. More than 38,000 contenders participate.

 Olympic swimmer Tom Dolan captures another gold for the U.S. as he wins the 400-meter individual medley on July 21. Dolan wins with a time of 4:14.90.



Al Bello, Allsport


 U.S. Olympian Michael Johnson wins the 200-meter final in a world-record time of 19.32 seconds. Johnson's triumph comes three days after he wins the 400-meter race, making him the first man to win both events in one Olympics.

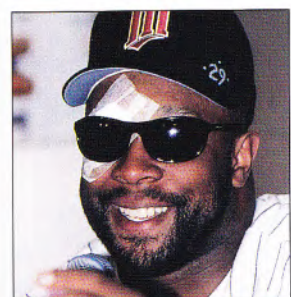


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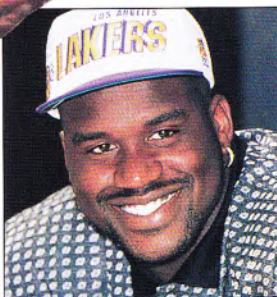
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 Jean Driscoll (front right) of the U.S. takes the silver in the women's 800-meter wheelchair race, a demonstration sport, at the Summer Olympics. Driscoll, seven-time winner of the Boston Marathon, retires at the end of 1996, after setting several world records during her career.




Reuters/Archive Photos

 Minnesota Twins star centerfielder Kirby Puckett announces his retirement from baseball in July. A serious eye ailment forces Puckett to give up the game, but he manages to maintain his upbeat attitude at press conferences and interviews.



Reuters/Archive Photos

 Basketball star Shaquille O'Neal jumps from the Orlando Magic to the Los Angeles Lakers in July. The deal is the richest in NBA history, paying O'Neal \$120 million over 7 years.

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Helping consumers maintain privacy, marketers promote home AIDS tests. Consumers draw their own blood and then send it away to be tested confidentially.

Advancing technology means more options on telephones, including Caller ID, which becomes more common than ever in 1996. The display unit allows people to see the name and number of their caller before even answering the phone.

Authors Ellen Fein and Sherrie Schneider release *The Rules*, a controversial manual teaching women strategies for getting a man to propose marriage. While the book draws criticism from both sexes, it is a best-seller.

The U.S. Postal Service issues stamps commemorating Hanukkah, the first non-Christian religious holiday ever featured on a stamp.

Casual Fridays become more and more widespread in American work culture. Businesses allow employees who normally dress in professional clothing at work to wear more comfortable, casual clothing on Fridays.



A "Sesame Street" stuffed toy causes panic among holiday shoppers. Tickle Me Elmo sells out in stores nationwide, and has shoppers fighting over scarce inventory and paying hundreds of times the toy's value.

My Twinn Doll Company



The My Twinn Doll Company offers individually crafted dolls that replicate, from a photo, the eye color, hair and facial features of a living girl. Each doll comes with two matching outfits, one for the doll and one for the owner.



Nail polish colors get darker and funkier. Deep browns and blues are popular forms of expression and style.



Monica Almeida, NYT Pictures

The ongoing dance craze is the "Macarena," a Latin line dance. People of all ages participate in the dance, including Olympians, delegates and workers of the Democratic National Convention [above] and the New York Yankees grounds crew.



The minimum wage is raised to \$4.75 in October, and will increase again to \$5.15, effective September 1, 1997.



The beverage industry introduces a new concept—bottled water with caffeine! One bottle of the uncarbonated water contains as much caffeine as one cup of coffee.

Disney's 101

*Dalmatians* inspires an avalanche of promotional merchandise, filling stores with spotted toys, backpacks, games and other odds and ends.



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