Nineteen Ninety

the stars & clouds of our Dreams
Born
August 14, 1979
Tucson, Arizona

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me now I'm free,
I've followed the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call.
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
to laugh, to love, to work or play.
Work left undone must stay that way.
I found God's peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void.
Please fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Are things that will be missed.

Do not be burdened with grief and sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Won't be weighed down with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and rejoice with me
God wanted me now.
He set me free.

Good-Bye

By: Brandie Miller

Wipe your tears
And dry your eyes
Life seems so unfair
I hate saying good-bye

You'll develop a life without me
Which will help pass the time
But no matter how busy we are
We'll still be on each other's minds

All the happy memories
We've shared together
They are unforgettable
And will stay with me forever

Can you see through your tears
I will always be near
Hopefully that will carry through
Knowing you're not out there all alone

A new life
Along with new people awaits you
New experience
And new friends, too

So wipe your tears
And dry your eyes
Then maybe it won't be so hard
To say GOOD-BYE

This Annual is Dedicated in Memory
of
"Brandie"
Candace Brandon Miller

Departed This Life
July 21, 1996
Sheridan Lake, Colorado

Goodbye

I came to know you eight long years ago
Through the years I watched you grow

By sixth grade I knew you'd be a star
Through the years I watched you go far

Through harvest times and camping trips
Our friendship gained a tighter grip

Our bond was strong and our friendship true
I never thought I'd have to say goodbye to you

But the day came and I knew
Saying goodbye was just too hard to do

I picked up the pieces of my broken heart
As I knew I had to say my final part

So everyday I try to start new,
but Brandie you'll never know just how much I miss you.

I write this poem with a tear in my eye
Because I know it's the only way to say goodbye

Dedicated to the
memory of my friend Brandie
rest in peace

Plainview School
P.O. Box 1268
Sheridan Lake, CO 81071

by Jason Koch
A Star To Remember
Class Motto:
Love not what you are, but what you may become. - Miguel de Cervanteo

Class Flower:
Burgundy Rose with White Baby’s Breath and a Navy Blue Ribbon

Class Colors:
Burgundy and Navy Blue

Acknowledgements
Football - 1,2,3,4
Basketball - 1,2
Track - 1,2
Band - 1,2,3
Vice President - 4
Acknowledgements
Volleyball - 1,2,3,4; Basketball - 1,2,3,4; Track - 1,2; Cheerleader - 1,2,3; Band - 1,2,3,4; Choir - 1,2,3,4; Vice President - 2; Sec/Tres - 1,3,4; Stuco - 4; Homecoming Queen - 4

Acknowledgements
Homecoming Queen - 1; Volleyball Manager - 1; Basketball Manager - 4; FBLA (CW) - 3; Science Club (CW) - 3 Basketball Book Keeper (CW) - 2,3;
Senior Memories
Will and Testament

I, David James Barnes, will my ability to be late getting home and to get grounded, to Larry Koeller. I will my ability to pass Science with an “A” to Mikey Crain. I will my ability to procrastinate on college applications to all underclassmen that have to deal with Mr. Shields. I will my car and stereo to Mikey Crain so he has something to drive and listen to. I will my ability to get into trouble and get grounded for it to Kayla Lawrence. I will my ability to play my Super Nintendo Entertainment System all night to Larry Koeller. I will my ability to argue in shop class with Mr. Shields to Chris Eck and Chad Lawrence.

I, Shannon Don Butler, will my car to Mikey Crain. I will my ability to not get stopped while speeding to Laurie Butler. I will my ability to know that tractors don’t have spark plugs to Ethan Harkness. I will my ability to drive trucks and combines to David Barnes. I will my ability to make it home in 2.5 seconds to Mrs. Nolan. I will my ability to procrastinate on doing my school work and still pass to all of those who need it.

I, Krystal Specht, will my ability not to run to my parents when something doesn’t go my way to the underclassmen girls; my ability to be a TEAM player to all those who need it; my ability to take charge and be heard to Jessica Barnes; my ability not to challenge the dress code everyday to Laurie Butler; my ability to have an excuse for being late to school, other than, “I had a flat tire,” to Steve Lening; my ability not to get stopped for excessive speeding to Matt Miller; my ability to keep my comments about other people’s “perfect” cars quiet to Jamie McDaniel; and my ability not to get jealous because my boyfriend has female friends to Brandy Shalberg.

I, Jenny Leah Woelk will my ability not to run to my parents when something doesn’t go my way to the underclassmen girls, my ability not to argue with my boyfriend to Brandy Shalberg. I will my new blue car to Donna for those special occasions and my ability to keep a secret to Mr. Shields. I will my ability not to argue all of the time to Krystal Specht, and I will my sister to Jamie McDaniel so she won’t have a curfew. I will my ability to listen to authority and not spell team with an “I”, to the high school girls basketball team. I will my ability not to have an attitude everyday to David Crockett and my ability to be able to take a joke to Robert Vazquez, David Crockett, and Manuel Vazquez. I will my ability to be able to go out and have a good time instead of staying home to Seth, my ability not to know everything that goes on to Laurie Butler, and my ability to have good personal hygiene to anybody who needs it. I will my ability not to have a flat tire every week and the ability to visit my mom so she doesn’t get so lonely to Steve Lening. I will Jamie McDaniel’s ability to go see Robi to Steve Lening, so he can come and see me. I will my ability to mind my own business to whomever the shoe fits.

I, Bob Seay, sponsor of the class of 1997, will my planning and organizational skills to Mr. Sheilds, my lifetime email address to fellow geeks, Mrs. Nolan and Mr. Rink, and my ability to actually make money on the internet to Mr. Kloster. Also to Mr. Kloster, I will the ability to drive from Eads to Plainview in under 18 minutes. I will my amazing ability to stay on task, to be where I am supposed to be, and to perform assigned duties to Ryan Johnson, and my ability to know when a joke is no longer funny to Steve Lening.

We, the Senior Class of 1997, will our ability not to be so stingy and greedy to the Class of 1998; our ability not to act as though we know everything and/or are better than all, to the Class of 2000. We challenge any class under us to go through more sponsors than we have (7).
Juniors  Class of 1998

Elizabeth Lopez  
President

David Crockett  
Vice-President

Jamie McDaniel  
Secretary/Treasurer

Manuel Fazquez  
Student Council

Laurie Butler  

Candace Crain
Larry Koeller
Stephen Lenning
Seth McVicker
Mr. Shields  
Class Sponsor

Left: Candy and Laurie speaking at Prom. Middle: Liz and Mikey at Prom for the grandmarch. Farside: Steve showing off his work as usual. Bottom left: Laurie working diligently. Far right: Jamie looking guilty as usual.
Top: Steve doing what he likes best. Below: Mr. Shields. Doesn't he look fierce? Just a minute, let me get back to you. Don't I look lost? Larry opens his mouth again. Bottom left: Watch your fingers, Laurie! Bottom right: Larry is thinking hard while Seth and Mr. Shields think, Oh my gosh, his head is going to explode.
Katie Williams  
President

Robert Vasquez  
Vice President

Veronica Geist  
Secretary/Treasurer

Matt Miller  
Student Council

Lori Armstrong  
Mike Crain  
Chris Eck  
Ethan Harkness

Evan Hopkins  
Chad Lawrence  
Jay Stum  
Mr. Kloster  
Class Sponsor

Below: The world’s greatest concession stand.  
Center: So, Katie, are you really working?  
Right: Are you looking at me?
Top Left: Matt explains to Robert that this is a piece of pie.
Top Right: Working hard in concessions.
Far Left: Does my hair look all right?
Left: Ethan and Lori doing the sign.
Below Left: CHEESE!
Below Far Left: Chris goofing off in the Library.
Below: How do I make change?
Bottom Center: How many sophomores does it take to read a book?
Bottom Left: Chad working?
Freshman Class of 2000

Tyrell Fickenscher
President

Brett Harkness
Vice President

Mary Lou Chrub
Secretary/Treasurer

Stephanie McVicker
Student Council

Jessica Barnes

Josh Gallaway

Kayla Lawrence

Peter Lopez

Jacob Neudorf

Brandy Shetberg

Mr. Rink
Class Sponsor

Top: Brandy is really paying attention! Left: Steph is doing her work. Middle left: Kayla studies a roll of film. Bottom left: Wake up Ty!
Far left: Jessica is goofing around again! Left: Your hair is fine but! Bottom left: Mr. Rink is concentrating hard. Middle: A great thinker? Bottom: Steph in band.

Top right: Scary picture Lou! Middle: Kayla doing her math homework? Top: Jake is sleeping in band class. Left: The nardy Freshmen!!!
Jan Carney
First/Second Grade

Ruth Fees
English/Spanish

Manuel Gonzales, Jr.
P.E./Coach/Ath.Dir.

Susan Greenfield
Third/Fourth Grade

Cheri Hopkins
Fifth/Sixth/Eighth

Ryan Johnson
History/Coach

Dan Kloster
Science

G.L. Palmer
Drivers Ed

Janet Palmer
Accounting

Phyllis Reinert
Pre K/Kinders

Kevin Rink
Math/Computer/Pub.

Bob Seay
Music/Band

Joe Shields
I.A./Sp. Ed./Counselor

Sharon Wilson
Fifth/Sixth/Seventh

SCHOOL BOARD
Carol Shalberg, Linda Stum, Susan Miller
Mike Lening, Randy Carney
Janet Palmer
Superintendent

Jan Carney
Asst. Administrator

Marilyn Hopkins
Secretary

Donna Huddleston
Bookkeeper/Secretary

Laverle Kelley
School Nurse

Brenda Fickenscher
Adult Education

Lesa Nolan
Library

Kathy Williams
Library Supervisor

Cora Coffman
Head Cook

Sharon Scott
Assistant Cook

Charlie Crockett
Maintenance

Maria Vazquez
Custodian

BUS DRIVERS

Left to Right:
Randy Carney
Cora Coffman
Skeeter Scott
Not pictured:
Larry Gitchell
Far right: David is ready to attack the enemy. Right: Jay escapes an obstacle. Below: Ty helps to push the opponents back. Right: Nice teamwork guys! Far right: The Hawks recover the ball.

Top: Coach Splitter instructs.
Above: Great tackle!
Middle: Matt tackles an opponent
Right: Coach is giving another inspiring talk.
Far right: Evan struggles to get away from the opponent.
Right: Peter rushes to help out the rest of the team.

Season Record
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State Playoff Qualifier

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Scoreboard

Hawks  Opponent
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19  Idalia  36
30  Granada-JV  14
50  Deertrail  18
12  Miami-Yoder  14
51  Bethune  32
75  High-Plains  52
28  Kit Carson  60

California Playoffs

Hawks  Opponent
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30  Miami-Yoder  0
20  High-Plains  6
8  Quarterfinals  54

Top: The mighty Hawk team.
Top Right: The kick off.
Upper middle: Celebrating the victory.
Middle: Coach watches with enthusiasm.
Above: Nice touchdown!
Middle: Seth is getting ready.
Right: Steve runs the ball.
Far right: Coach gives a “Pep” talk.
Right: Seth gets tackled.
Top: Senior candidates, Krystal Specht and Shannon Butler. 
Below: Junior candidates, Liz Lopez and Seth McVicker. 
Below: Sophomore candidates Lori Armstrong and Jay Stum. 
Middle right: Freshman candidates, Jessica Barnes and Jacob Neuhold.

Homecoming King
Seth McVicker
1996
1997

Homecoming Queen
Krystal Specht
Top: David and Larry playing around. Steph and Meagan at homecoming activities. Liz and Candy win blue and white day. Ty, Bret and Jessica are being initiated. Jenny and Krystal won twin day.

Middle left: The Freshmen class dress up as nerds. Mr. Kloster and Mrs. Hopkins win the backwards day for all of the staff. Tanner, Sarah and Megan are the blue and white day winners for the junior high division. Kelsi-Jo and Jayme are the twin day winners for the elementary winners during homecoming week.
Top left: Laurie and Steph go for the block. Top Middle: Katie hustles for the ball. Top Right: Laurie, Krystal and Katie watch the ball. Far Left: Everyone watches as Brandy tries for the ball. Left: They all hustle as the ball is hit their direction. Near Left and Below: Steph goes for the ball.

Top: Krystal Specht, Jamie McDaniel, Candace Crain, Mary Lou Church, Stephanie McVicker, Brandy Shalberg, and Katie Williams. Middle: Roni Geist, Kayla Lawrence, Laurie Butler, Jessica Barnes and Coach Ryan Johnson. Bottom: Managers- Jamie Carney and Christy Hopkins
Back row - Coach Ryan Johnson, Jessica Barnes, Lori Butler, Kayla Lawrence, Katie Williams, and Managers Jenny Woelk, Jamie Carney. Front Row - Candy Crain, Mary Lou Church, Stephanie Mcvicker, Krystal Specht, Brandy Shalberg, and Manager Christy Hopkins.

Top left: Candy shoots for three!  Top center: Who do I have.  Top Right: Jessica is thinking “I better make this.”  Bottom: Katie says to herself, “I will get this one.”  Bottom Right: Let’s play five on one.
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Clockwise: Steve gets ready to pass the ball. Mike blocks the opponent. Matt tries to steal the ball. Evan waits for the ball. Steve is looking for a pass. Ty concentrates on his free throw.

Scoreboard

51 Lamar JV 58
51 McClave 64
60 Pritchett 56
57 Granada 78
51 Manzanola 53
50 Weskan 82
44 Kit Carson 55
70 Campo/Vilas 42
55 Cheraw 63
49 Cheyenne Wells 58
53 Holly 61
49 Manzanola 62
43 McClave 76
50 Karval 57
43 Sharon Springs 57
51 Granada 76
65 Wiley 80
60 Eads 78
40 Kit Carson 57

Standing L-R: Shannon Butler, Robert Vazquez, Matt Miller, Seth McVicker, Chad Lawrence, Ty Fickenscher, Evan Hopkins, Larry Koeller, Manny Vazquez, David Barnes, Coach Gonzales. Seated L-R: Bret Harkness, Ethan Harkness, Steve Lening, Peter Lopez, Jay Stum, David Crockett, Chris Eck, Mike Crain.
Top: Peter looks for a pass. Middle: Ty lays it up. Middle Right: Jay throws the ball in bounds. Right: Chad struggles to keep the ball. Far left: Larry looks for a pass.

Far left: Robert looks for a pass. Left: Great shot, Peter. Bottom Left: The team looks on. Bottom: Great defense, guys!
Above: Is this where I'm supposed to jump?
Upper Middle: Please let it go more than 20 ft.
Upper Right: Steve is going for the gold.
Middle: I made the pit! Right: Did I put that shotput in here? Bottom Left: Please don't let me scratch. Bottom Right: Mac Daddy Evan!
Upper Left: I believe I can fly!!
Upper Middle: Sorry I'm slow, my shoe fell off.
Above: Good Form Steven! Left: State Qualifier Matt Miller running the 800 meter run.

Far Left middle: Bret sees something he likes. Below Left: Are you taking a picture of me? Above: Steve strides to victory! Far Left: I think I'll take a nap. Left: That's quite a jump! Above: Here, you take it.
High School Baseball

Right: Manny hurls another one!!
Far Right: Manny winds up.

Standing L-R: Coach Johnson, Manny Vazquez, Bret Harkness, Chad Lawrence, Ty Fickenscher, Evan Hopkins. Larry Koeller, Ethan Harkness
Front Row L-R: Katie Williams, Mike Crain, Matt Miller, Steve Lening,
Brennon Turner, Jay Stum.
Far left: Who is that masked man?
Left: Hey, I think I'm going in!
Bottom Left: Keep you eyes on the ball!
Below: I think it's on right.
Bottom Center: Which one is the pole?
Bottom Right: Hey, batter!
Top Left: Brandy cheers the boys on. Top Right: Coach Ruth Fees, Hawk and Cheerleaders. Above: What a summersault!! Right: The Hawk cheers loud. Far Right: Don’t drop her! Below: Strut your stuff, girls!
Signatures
High School Band and Choir
Above Left: Ms. Fees reads questions at practice
Above Right: Steve says, "I know this one!!"
Lower Left: Practice is so much fun!
Lower Right: Ty and Evan celebrate their first correct answer!
Student Council and the Blood Drive

Steve Lening
President

Seth Mcvicker
Vice-President

Laurie Butler
Secretary/Treas.

Mrs. Hopkins
Sponsor
Take My Breath Away
Prom 97

Queen
Jenny Woelk
Leah Woelk

King
David Barnes
James Barnes
Signatures
Signatures
The winners for this year's science fair are: High School Biology/Botany: 1st Stephanie McVicker, 2nd Matt Miller, 3rd Candace Crain;

Physic/Psychology: 1st Bret Harkness, 2nd Katie Williams, 3rd Veronica Geist. JH Life Science: 1st Christy Hopkins, 2nd Misty Stum, 3rd Jamie Carney; Physical Science: 1st Randy Williams, 2nd Jasper Church, 3rd Justin Crain;

Elementary Life Science: 1st Kami Stum, 2nd Matt Harkness, 3rd Jamie Crowell; Physical Science: 1st J.D. Sims, 2nd Megan Fickensher, 3rd Vicki Specht;

Jamie Carney  
President

Randy Williams  
Vice President

Bobbi McPherson  
Secretary/Treasurer

Christy Hopkins  
Student Council

Justin Crain

John Crowell

Misty Stun

Ms. Fees  
Sponsor

John laughs at one of Randy’s Jokes.

Christy plays with her smurf while Jamie thinks of an answer.
Class of 2002

Tanner Nolan
President

Sean Harkness
Vice President

Jasper Church
Secretary/Treasurer

Chris Stum
Student Council

Sarah Galloway

Casey McDaniel
Billy Reed
Mr. Gonzales
Sponsor

LEFT: Jasper poses for the camera.
RIGHT: Sean tries to read what Randy is writing.

LEFT: Casey watches to see who gets a Science Fair award.
RIGHT: Tanner watches his lay-up bounce off the rim.
Mrs. Wilson reads to her class!

Charles Kelly

Mrs. Sharon Wilson Sponsor

Megan way to pay attention! Are you consinrating to hard, Robbie? Are you thirsty, Brady? What's so interesting? Are we off in space Trevor? The Sixth Grade Class
Cheerleaders have a fun year!

The Junior High Cheerleaders: from top to bottom: Misty Stum, Jamie Carney, Sponsor Ruth Fees, Christy Hopkins, and Sarah Galloway. Let's cheer for the boys. Nice Stunt! Jamie Cheers loudly. Hit that motion. Cheerleaders doing what they do best "Gossiping." Sarah Smile! Christy what are you smiling for?
Clockwise: Coach Splitter looks on. Defense is a team effort. We stopped him coach. Jasper avoids a wouldbe tackler. Can Jasper make a touchdown.

L to R Back Row: John Crowell(manager), Casey McDaniel, Sean Harkness, Justin Crain, Randy Williams, Chris Stum, Coach Splitter. Front Row: Robby Crain, Trevor Cartney, Jasper Church, Billy Reed, Brady Butler, Chick Kelly (manager) not pictured Tanner Nolan
Top Row: Bobby McPherson, Jamie Carney, Megan Fickenscher, Christy Hopkins, and Coach Ryan Johnson.
Bottom Row: Misty Stum, and Sarah Galloway.

Opponent     1st     2nd     3rd    
Goodland     11-8     9-11     T
Kit Carson    1-9     11-4     W
Burlington Red     5-11     7-11     L
Cheyenne Wells 3-15     15-6     15-10     W
Granada       9-15     6-15     L
Kit Carson    15-13     13-15     8-15     L
Karval        15-4     15-8     W
Cheraw        15-17     15-12     15-7     W
Cheyenne Wells15-12     8-15     7-15     L
Eads          15-8     15-10     W
Holly         14-16     15-2     15-1     W
Weskan        15-2     17-15     W
Cheraw        15-17     15-12     15-7     W

Hawks score on the left and the opponents score on the right.

Below Left: Preparing to receive the Ball.
Below Right: What is going on back there.
Junior High Boys Basketball

Clockwise: Sean shoots the ball. Justin takes the jumper. Sean, Randy, and Justin await the rebound. Justin gets ready for his free throws. Jasper and Sean push the ball down court.

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(Left to Right) Back row: Chuck Kelley, Sean Harkness, Justin Crain, Randy Williams, John Crowell, Casey McDaniels, and Coach Johnson. Front row: Robbi Crain, Treavor Carney, Billy Reed, Chris Stum, Tanner Nolan, Jasper Church, and Brady Butler.
Junior High Girls Basketball

Back Row: Bobbi McPherson, Coach Johnson, and Christy Hopkins
Sitting: Jamie Carney, Sarah Galloway, Misty Stum, and Megan Fickenscher

SCOREBOARD

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L                WESKAN
L                KIT CARSON
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L                MCCLAVE
L                TRIBUNE
W                CHEYENNE WELLS
W                HOLLY
L                SHARON SPRINGS
W                WESKAN
Junior High Track
Elementary Field Day
NATIONAL ACADEMIC LEAGUE Wins State Competition and advances to second round in Nationals. Congratulations! Team member pictured Back Row: Bobbi McPherson, Christi Hopkins, Misty Stum, Megan Fickenscher, Sean Harkness, Randy Williams, Chris Stum, John Crowell. Front Row: Sponsor Mrs. Wilson, Robbi Crain, Justin Crain, Brady Butler, Trevor Carney, Jamie Carney, Casey McDaniel, Tanner Nolan, Sponsor Mrs. Hopkins
Jamie Crowell
Matthew Harkness
Kristin Henson
Rebecca Reed

Brock Shalberg
Kami Stum
Mrs. Hopkins

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Signatures
Top Row Left to Right: Lauren Weber, Jamie Bergren, and Kelsey Joe Boucher receive their degrees.

Middle Row Left to Right: Jason Specht and Megan Linder graduate

Bottom Row: The graduates take a rest.
Top Row Left to Right: Wow! You guys can really sing. Kelsey sings a solo.
Middle Row Left to Right: Will this ever end? Hey look at me, I'm singing.

Bottom Row Left to Right: Everybody is looking at me. Hey Mom up here.
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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.

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.”

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.

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.
Benjamin Netanyahu won 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.

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 killed 19 U.S. service people on June 25 in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Mourners grieve at a memorial service held in Khobar, Saudi Arabia.

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.

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."

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.

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.

A World
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.

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.

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.

On August 11, 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.

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.

Seven-year-old pilot Jessica Duboff 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.

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

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.

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.

Jeanie Montavlos is another female cadet to later drop out, citing harassment and “sadistic” hazing.

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 Prevette is suspended from his Lexington, North Carolina elementary school for violating the school’s sexual conduct guidelines—he kissed a female classmate. Prevette is quickly reinstated after a nationwide controversy over the suspension.

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 Loventreska (left) and Jeanie Montavlos. Montavlos and another female cadet later drop out, citing harassment and “sadistic” hazing.

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.

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.

The $8,5 million verdict

NATIONAL
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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.

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.

An "oxygen bar" in Toronto, Canada allows patrons to pay $16 to spend 20 minutes breathing pure oxygen. The owners of the 0, Spa Bar claim the treatment is a healthy way to reinvigorate the body and offer fruit "flavors" to liven up the experience.

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 1983. The flower is nicknamed for its strong stench when in bloom.

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.

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.

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

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.
Mother Teresa, 1979 Nobel Peace Prize winner, suffers a heart attack in late December. It is the 88-year-old Roman Catholic nun's fourth serious illness in 1996.

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.


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.

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."

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 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.

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

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.

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.

More than 4,000 items owned by former First Lady Jacqueline 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.

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

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.
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.

TWC’s The Dilbert Principle stars Tom Hanks, the comic strip about office politics, captures the nation’s imagination. In book form, The Dilbert Principle becomes a national best-seller.

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.
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.

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.

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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 sitcom about a family of aliens living in contemporary America.

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

America's favorite sitcom father, Bill Cosby, enjoys the success of his new CBS show, "Cosby." In April 1997, however, tragedy strikes as Cosby's son Ennis is killed in Los Angeles in an apparent random robbery.

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.

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.

Explosive special effects rivet audiences to their seats as they watch Independence Day, one of summer's blockbuster movies.
Folk and blues artist Tracy Chapman returns to the stage 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.

Kiss bass guitarist Gene Simmons strikes a familiar pose as the band kicks off a reunion tour with a June 26 concert in Detroit. The tour marks the first time the original members of the band perform together since 1979.

British pop superstars Liam (left) and Noel Gallagher cancel the remainder of a U.S. concert tour in September amid rumors that their band, Oasis, is breaking up. Denying the reports, the brothers announce they will release a new album in the summer of 1997.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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."

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.
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, reclaim 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 playoffs. Controversy ensues over the leniency of the punishment.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.
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.

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.

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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.

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.

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

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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.

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.

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.
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.

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.

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.

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 My Twin 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.