Outstanding in our FIELD
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SEEDS OF LIFE
Senior Sally England is a Jewel when she and her brother Aaron do the hit song, "I was Meant for You."

Senior Cory Smith cranks out power cords as he tries to make his way through Bush's "Glycerine."

As a Sophomore, Troy Grubbs could be looking at a great future in poetry.

Senior Nakhina Hailles gives off a lot of talent while rapping to one of her favorite songs.

Sophomore Damar Jackson raps to 2Pac while getting down.

Sophomore Kristin Blake shows off her talent with her guitar and voice.

Junior Julie Motika sings "Possession" by Sarah McLachlan.

Theres no doubt that senior Cassie Richardson knew what she was doing, while singing "Don't Speak."

Senior MC Micah Steiner wonders "Are people laughing at me or with me? Oh no!"

Michele Bondie/Keri Bosker
Becky Andree as Nancy nabs Oliver and the crowd doesn’t agree.

Oh, it’s 12 o’clock, wait I’m not Cinderella. Julie Motika thinks to herself, I’m the strawberry seller.

Roy Michalik gets his make up on for his character Fagin, the leader of the pickpockets.

Taking a break from pick pocketing, the orphans play some cards.

Cassie Richardson as Oliver and Sally England as Dodger sing “Consider Yourself.”

“Pick a pocket or two,” sings Fagin with all of his orphans.

Siobhan Talley, as Mrs. Brownlow wonders, “What are my lines again?”

Rachel Curns
"Come with me my darling," says Nick Haight while taking Sally England by the arm.

"Where'd he go?" asks Cory Smith as he reaches to greet his imaginary friend.

Becky Whittenberg stands in question, "Why am I holding this piece of tin?"

Amanda Doss
Former Homecoming Queen Caroline Jacobs gladly steps down for the new queen Cassie Richardson.

Junior class vice president, Andrew Van Tassell accepts the trophy for winning spirit week. Way to go juniors!


Seniors Matt Richards and Sally England look like they're having a good time.

Juniors put all their muscles in defeating the seniors again!

Seniors are shocked to hear the screaming victory for the Juniors.

If you mess with Stacie Dougherty, death (Holli Woodard) may follow.
Senior Jason Fields leaps over senior Sally Ora.

The Juniors rave as senior Micah Steiner flaunts his victory for the seniors.

Senior Mike Renaud is proud of his resemblance to a Dr. Suess character.

The freshman worked hard on their winning float.
And the crowd goes wild, well at least five women do anyway.

How many blondes does it take to work a hula-hoop? The Juniors seem confused as they participate in the hula-hoop competition.

I want to be like Michael Jordan. Freshman Kenny Williams goes up for a layup during Comin' home competition.

Coming home King Clayton Richardson, and his date Kai-lyn Westcott are all dressed up at the Comin' home dance.

We're off to see the wizard, the wonderful Wizard of Oz! Seniors Lisa Fails and Cassie Richardson compete in the three legged race.

Left, right, left, no your other left. Freshman Becca Day and Toya Roberson are having a hard time deciding which way to go.
I'm out of class, dressed up and got my hand in my pocket, DARN I FEEL GOOD! Here is the Cominghome court showing off the gum on the bottom of their shoes.

Seniors struggle to pull their way to the finish line.

Freshman Jenny Viers shows her spirit by participating in the competition for hallway decorations.

Amanda Moorer and Jason Sperle seem very much in love at the Cominghome dance.

I've heard of tee peeing a house tee peeing a tree, but I've never heard of tee peeing your sponsor!

No one move, I lost my contact Sophomore Eli Alper shows her moves on the dance floor.

I'm out of class, dressed up and got my hand in my pocket, DARN I FEEL GOOD! Here is the Cominghome court showing off the gum on the bottom of their shoes.
AN ENCHANTED EVENING

Cory Smith, Matt Brady, Tony Stec, Brian Publici, Eric Mulka, Anthony Shook, Mike Renaud, Martin Enriquez

Prom Queen, Jill Cox, and date Dan Staten.

Tava Bishop, Richard Paylor
Kelly Hatfield, Shad Sperle
Casey Russell, Donald Zywicki
Ryanne Barta, Andrew Smith

Erica Cox, Jennifer Jackson
Jonathan Schmidt, Carrie McMillan
Jenny Viterna, Kristy Varney, Heather Gorny

Rachel
Nor
West
Sou

WHOSE

My, Jackie Roth and Erin Murray, what big ears you have!! I'm sure Mickey and friends enjoyed your company in Disney World.

It sure looks like Heather Srock is having fun in sandy Cocoa Beach, Florida.

Martin Enriquez, Marshall Poole, Amanda Maier, Eli Alper, Jim Stowe, and host, Santi, relish the European sun in Spain.

Amanda Doss has found her frog prince in Cancun.
SPRING BREAK

What's the matter Alana Dreher, do you have soap in your eyes from the foam party in Cancun? Looks like Jenelle Bohm and Crystal Stacy have mastered the technique of keeping it out of their eyes!

There is nothing like visiting relatives over spring break, especially when they live in England. Here James Conran visits his grandfather.

Katie Schwartzenberger, Kathy Harwell, Megan Kolesar, and Alicia Whittenberg prepare for a lovely evening in enchanted Clearwater, Florida.

Aloha, Kai-lyn and Kyle Westcott. Such a beautiful view in sunny Hawaii.

WAS THE BEST?
6th GRADE CAMP


R. Bukis and C. Nielsen catching some Z's in the cabin leader break room.

Senior Yolanda Souter got so much fan mail, she had to kiss the moose.

These lucky cabin leaders got the golden toilet seat award for having the cleanest bathrooms.

Derrick Brown, A.K.A. Barney, does his little song and dance on skit night.

Seniors Cassie, Yolanda, Jenelle, and Crystal take a time-out from the square dance to pose for a group shot.

Seniors Missy Spencer and Mike Cudnik take a break from clean-up for one last dance.

Michele Bondie tackles Sarah Bellers while Ron Bukis rubs snow in her face during the cabin leader snowball fight.

Sarah Bellers
U.S.O. stands for United Student Organization as sung by the choir in the Homecoming pep assembly. It is a group of racially diverse students whose goal is to bring unity to the school. When we asked the U.S.O. members what the group has done to change their lives, they gave us a variety of answers.

"It has allowed me to mature as an officer, as a leader, and as a person."
President, Senior Brian Culbreath

"It has brought enlightenment to my thoughts of color of skin as just a color and not a barrier."
Sophomore Troy Grubbs

When the students were asked what U.S.O. means to them, some of the responses were:

"It means the uniting of students to come together to try to make the world and school a better place."
Freshman Tonya Pryor

"Peace, pride, power, and hope."
Senior Lisa Fails

The USO stomp team tears it up for the eighth graders at the spring assembly.

Juniors Liz Mickles, Tava Bishop, and Letrice Moody sing their hearts out at the Homecoming pep assembly.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Standing Tall: Mandi Amrhein decorating for the Cominghome dance

Fill'er Up says Letrice Moody while helping decorate for the dance

Back Row: Katy Hamlin, Kenny Williams, Todd Archer, Evan Richardson. Third Row: Levi Taylor, Sarah St. John, Annie Baldwin, Julie Bumgardner, Andrew VanTassell. Second Row: Mandi Amrhein, Stacie Dougherty, Micah Steiner, Amanda Doss, Sarah Wyatt, Letrice Moody. First Row: Brian Culbreath, Rebecca Andree, Ava Winans, Cassie Richardson, Chris Fowler

I want money, lots and lots of money! Advisor Ms. Betrus has many responsibilities including financial.
SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS
Top row: Martin Enriquez, Yolanda Sarture
Middle row: Ava Winans, Rhoda Salem, Cassie Richardson
Bottom row: Matthew Richards, Chris Fowler, Brian Culbreath, Rebecca Andree
“Words To Live By”
Don't let anyone or anything get in the way of your dreams! Shannon Brezeale
Your Senior year is your shortest year, so make it the best one. Stella Godfrey
The world can be a lonely place, so make friends not enemies — Jenelle Bohm
"I always knew when I looked back at the tears there would be laughter, but I
never thought when I looked back at the laughter there would be tears.”

Katie Schwartzenberger
NOT PICTURED: Christopher Betz, Larry Boggs, Trey Broughton, Camille Brown, Marcia De Paula, Steven Dewyer, John Zachery Dillon, Jennifer Dolinger, John Doolin, Richard Duncans, Bruce Enersen, Charles Farley, Tonya Goodman, Jennifer Haguewood, Nakhina Hailes, Ronald Henderson, Kristofer Hill, Coela Isby, Lauren Lovell, Jason Lukas, Derrick Miller, Sara Murray, Christina Nitz
Votes Counted!!
Polls Closed!!
The Results Are In!!
They may never make office in our great government, but we think they’re the best qualified (or at least we had no one better to vote for).

They’re the best and the worst of the senior class. They built their reputations and now they are stuck with them. They all left their mark on the school and in our lives (No matter how hard we tried to stop them).

Whenever a friend was in need, they were there. (Best Personality) Cassie Richardson & Micah Steiner

To be caught in their gaze is a most pleasant thing. 
Chris Fowler & Sally England ( Prettiest Eyes).

You could never miss them, no matter how hard you tried.
Jason Day & Katie Schwartzemberger ( Big Mouth).
If there was a car in the ditch it just might be them!
Alicia Whittenberg & Chris Fowler (Worst Drivers)

Somedays they just made you sick, cause they were so cute.
Seth Nolan & Jamie Phelps (Cutest Couple)

Were we ever lucky to get them both in one day?
Chris Hoelzer & Amanda Maze (Class Skippers)

They were always the ones drawing trouble
Katie Schwartzenger & Edric Lewis (Worst Tempers)

Look up or look down you're bound to find them.
(Tallest and Shortest) Danielle Soest & Chris Wright, Kai-lyn Westcott & Matt Wyatt
If flirting was an art, they would be the VanGogh and Picasso of flirting. Clayton Richardson & Yolonda Santure (Class Flirts)

If there was a sport they were bound to play. Jaquan Wright & Laura Blakemore (Most Athletic)

Well, OK maybe they just might make government office (or even president). Cassie Richardson & Brian Culbreath (Most likely to succeed)

If there was a glamour competition, they would have won it. Lisa Fails & Micah Steiner (Best Looking)

Let’s face it, you just could not conform some of them. Miah Swain & Stacy Cymes (Most Rebellious)
In Loving Memory

Kehia Walker
(1978-1996)
In tears we saw her sinking,  
We watched her fade away,  
Our hearts were almost broken,  
We wished that she could stay.  
But when we saw her sleeping,  
So peaceful, free from pain,  
We could not ask her back,  
To suffer that again.

God knew she was suffering,  
That the hills were hard to climb,  
So she gently closed her eyelids,  
And whispered, "Peace be Thine".  
Lord, keep your arms around her,  
And your loving care,  
Make-up for all her suffering,  
And all that was unfair.

It broke our hearts to lose her,  
But she did not go alone,  
For part of us went with her,  
The day God called her home.


What are you most afraid of and why?

That the FBI will find out that I was the 2nd gunman on the grassy knoll.

Andrew Smith

My mom, because she's a psycho mom sometimes.

Kathryn Harwell

Teachers coming to school without coffee.

Joquina Davis

I am afraid of the arcane evil that works behind a Ouija board.

Donald Peterson

E.T. because he looks scary & he may be real.

Tamara Wiley

Adkins, Brian
Alexander, Joshua
Atchelle, Angela
Armstrong, Miranda
Astle, Crystal
Athian, Andrew
Augustine, Amanda

Ausmus, Joshua
Austin, Erin
Baker, Jesse
Baker, Eboni
Baldwin, David
Baptist, Casey
Bellers, Robert

Bellers, Sarah
Berger, Jill
Bevins, Nathan
Bevins, Elizabeth
Bishop, Tavia
Bondie, Michele
Boeker, Ken

Bower, Jayson
Bowling, Tiffany
Brookins, Dana
Brookshier, Julie
Brown, Demick
Brown, Jennifer
Buckingham, Lane

Bunce, Joni
Burden, Gabriel
Capitan, Sheila
Cates, Michael
Cheviot, Michael
Cichewicz, Melanie
Clark, Montrell

Clarke, Christine
Cochran, James
Cochran, Jason
Conran, James
Cooper, Garrett
Cox, Erica
Crossley, Danielle

Curns, Rachel
Delarue, Christine
Denny, Derek
Derkowski, Elizabeth
DeTroyer, Kimberly
Dewyer, Steven
Dillon, John

Dombos, Stephanie
Doss, Amanda
Doughtery, Stacie
Dunlap, Brandy
Dziubicki, David
Eberle, Angela
Eichstadt, Keri

Embry, Carl
Eversole, Kori
Faust, Christopher
Fitzgerald, Patrick
Ford, Christina
Foster, Kerry
Francis, Darrell
What have you done to get a teacher side-tracked?

Talk to Mr. Fillion about his boat.

Amanda Doss

The best is when the entire class works together... like when we got Mr. Proffit to tell us about his life story and yes, he can do the hustle.

Cassie Richardson

Talk about WWF with Ms. Frank.

Russell Tackett

Ask Ms. Bocskay what happened on her soap opera.

Kevin Cox
What is the best prank you ever pulled?

John, Brian, and I gave my sister, Tracy, a swirly in the toilet.

Heather Trammell

Can't say, the police are still investigating.

Jessica Raymond

Mandi and I were in lunch in the 8th grade and I poured water all on her pants. She didn't even realize it. Everyone was laughing at her.

Tina Rayburn

I put plastic wrap on a toilet seat.

Joe Horton
Thompson, Matthew  
Van Loon, Nicholas  
Van Tassell, Andrew  
Vitera, Jennifer  
Vodavek, Sarah  
Wagner, Kristy  
Walter, Kelly  

Wagner, Christopher  
Weston, Terrance  
Willard, Nathan  
Wills, Jared  
Wilson, Jonathan  
Wilson, Shannon  
Wolosyn, Valerie  

Woodard, Hollie  
Wright, Sandra  
Wyatt, Sarah  
Yow, Damien  
Zedei, Amanda  
Zicklrose, James  
Zicklrose, Steven  

Zink, Keith  
Zoumbas, Nicholas  

NOT PICTURED:  
Adams, Marcus  
Bigham, Jennifer  
Brady, Matthew  
Brown, Adam  
Caves, Thomas  
Chambers, Shandon  
Chapman, Jaclyn  
Cheatham, Tony  
Daley, Timothy  
Ellis, Devin  
Henderson, Ronald  
Herman, Mark  
Hoover, Christopher  
Huber, Cameron  
Lifton, Krista  
Mallory, Angela  
Martin, Adam  
Santors, Ron  
Spencer, Joshua  
Tyler, Johnathon  
Vassos, Kristopher  
Wiat, Johnathon  

Amanda Doss 37
What is the best pick-up line ever used?

Do you like Aladdin, because I'll take you on a magic carpet ride.

Derrick Brown

Um, excuse me, I lost my phone number.... can I have yours?

Sally England

If God made anything more beautiful, he must have kept it for himself.

Chris Garrett

I have 3 W's. What's your name, what's your number, When are we gonna hook up?

Shanowha Frye
What is the worst pick-up line ever heard?

Did it hurt when you fell from heaven?  
Kevin Miller

You must be tired because you've been running through my mind all day.  
Rebecca Conran

Baby you look so sweet, I'm getting a cavity.  
C.J. Howard

If I could change the alphabet, I would put U-N-I together.  
Chad Kollar

Is your name Pepsi, cause I got to have it!  
Heather Stock
If you could falsely accuse any teacher of a heinous crime who would it be and why?

Mr Nowak because he always tells dumb blonde jokes.

Julie Bumgardner

Mr Zrioka for streak-ing.

Brian Culbreath

Ms. Maxwell for killing someone and getting rid of the body with chemicals.

Shannon Brezeale

Mr. Fillion, he killed my flour baby.

Erin Austin
Stee, Sarah
Steffen, Jennifer
Stetler, Ryan
Sutherland, Alicia
Taylor, Levi
Tevel, Shael
Thomas, Breanna

Thomas, Laura
Thompson, Caitlin
Thompson, Joseph
Trammell, Amanda
Truitt, Shanna
Trumbo, Sarah
Wade, Nathan

Walcott, Jewel
Walker, Robert
Wallman, Julia
Walton, Cynthia
Wamock, April
Webster, Joshua
Weiday, Jason

West, Daniel
White, Michael
Whitfield, Angela
Williams, Michael
Wilis, Dustanna
Wims, James
Wolweber, Lawrence

Wright, Christina
Wysocki, Matthew
Young, Teresa
Yunkman, James

Not Pictured:
Beaster, Garrick
Bricker, Tisha
Cadreau, Brandon
Cross, Kimberley
Deel, Christina
Dunngan, Carrie
Dusseau, Dawn
Farrington, Carl
Fisher, Jennifer
Garica, Justin
Godsey, Kevin
Graser, Matthew
Greenwood, Michelle
Haddad, Ashraf
Hamilton, Charles
Huber, Alaina
Jarrell, Everett
Kastle, Karie
Kowalski, Henry
Lawson, Sabrina
Lloyd, Stacy
Lucas, Tyne
Mautone, Giovanni
Mayfield, Kristi
McCrary, Johnny
Neal, Darnail
Nitz, Jessica
Nitz, Joannie
Parmelee, Shannon
Patrick, Tara
Wetzel, Jacia
Whitfield, Jerry
Whitt, Crystal
What was your most embarrassing moment?

When I was four I tried to fly!

Erin Teel

I fell asleep in school and started to snore.

Heather Dowell

When I was running in the hall & my pants fell down!

Mike Puryear

I was grocery shopping and I grabbed the wrong cart and acted like that person was my mom!

Kyle Mitchell

When I dropped the benching bar on my chest.

Jay Reed

Adams, Joshua
Alexander, Aki
Altenbernt, Karlillian
Amolsch, Courtney
Amrhein, Amber
Amrhein, Anthony
Anderson, David

Archer, Todd
Arcuri, Richard
Arwood, Billy
Askew, Logan
Austin, Christopher
Bahn, Jeffrey
Bank, Cassie

Baker, Melissa
Bargert, Jackie
Barnes, Ernest
Barrett, Angela
Bascom, Eric
Bascom, Michael
Bass, Joshelle

Bass, Lakeshia
Bassett, Conny
Bayus, Jimmy
Beagle, Christina
Beaudry, Dwayne
Beavers, Andrea
Belcher, Michael

Bentley, Amanda
Best, Amanda
Betts, Sara
Belc, Tracy
Blackburn, Kenny
Blackburn, Trissy
Block, Rhonda

Blumhardt, Stephen
Bolton, Jason
Bower, Marce
Bowerman, Angela
Bratcher, Cliff
Bredeweg, Eric
Breazeale, Jessica

Bricker, Tisha
Brooks, Anthony
Brooks, David
Brown, Daniel
Brown, Tina
Bryant, Leon
Buckingham, Lee

Bumphurs, Michelle
Burnham, David
Burns, Walter
Burns, Jennifer
Burt, Jason
Bush, Amanda
Bush, Jennifer

Bush, Joseph
Butler, Thomas
Cadreau, Brandon
Carter, Reuben
Cawley, Nicholas
Charles, Dominique
Cheatham, Tony
What single quality do you look for in a friend?

Someone who knows how to have fun and joke around.

Jennifer Kincaid

One who has money and likes to spend it.

Wayne McCune

A Weird sense of humor.

Carl Looney

Someone who sticks up for you and believes in who you are.

Billy Arrwood

Their smile!

Anthony Shook
If you could meet someone famous, who would it be and why?

Marilyn Manson, because I would like to see what he is really like.  
*Adam Horton*

Dr. Martin Luther King, because he inspired our kind that being black is not a disease but a gift and that we all are equal.  
*Mike Puryear*

Chris Farley he's the funniest person in the world and he reminds me of me.  
*Mike Smith*
If you could go back in time and change one thing, what would it be?

I would give my parents the $20 million lottery numbers.

Junior Hall

I would change all the mean things I have ever said to everyone.

Kyle Mitchell

Get a better G.P.A. and get into sports.

Jay Reed

The way I bullied people; I was so mean.

Mike Smith

Looney, Cari
Lowrance, Michael
Lowery, Brad
Lowry, Bradley
Lowry, Jessica
Lumm, Lindsay
Lyke, Toure

Lynch, Joshua
MacDonald, Brook
Majors, Larry
Malone, Michael
Mansiglia, Jason
Matthews, Dewanna
Mautone, Giovanni

Mayfield, Kristi
Maze, Kenneth
Mazzari, Gregory
McCoy, Shane
McCoy, Erik
McCune, Wayne
McDougall, Sheena

McParlan, Meghan
Mercer, Charles
Meyers, Suzanne
Miller, Eric
Miller, Kevin
Miller, Ryan
Mitchell, Kyle

Mohammad, Samir
Monson, Erik
Moon, Dawne
Moore, Aaron
Mouer, Nicolas
Moyer, Danielle
Munro, Jennifer

Murray, Erin
Muscooe, Jamie
Music, Derek
Myers, Jessica
Myers, Justin
Nelson, Mary
Nickert, Brian

O'Connor, Kristy
Odorn, Yronnai
Orson, Michael
Osborne-Moberg, Kristin
Parker, Henry
Pearce, Shawn
Penrod, Tara

Perrin, Timothy
Peterson, Daniel
Petrovski, Michael
Phelan, Tynisha
Pinter, Crystal
Poe, Samantha
Poletint, James

Powell, Jerry
Pratt, Ryan
Pryor, Mary
Pryor, Tonya
Puryear, Michael
Regauxa, Daniel
Rascar, Adam

Laura Sutherland
What was your most embarrassing moment?

At my aunt's wedding, I went to the bathroom and walked out and my skirt was tucked in the back of my pantyhose and I mooned everyone.

**Brandy Castle**

When I got floored in gym.

**Russel Taylor**

I was walking in the hall after drinking a pop. Just as I was ready to talk, I let out a huge burp right behind some cute guy.

**Laura Wollweber**
YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW
Betty Bowman
Robin Brezeale
Maureen Dunlap
Kolleen Foerster
Jessie Hammond
Leslie Kinder
Lynn Laurie

Steve Mitchell
Leonard Neumann
Laura Price
Penny Srock
Kelli Taylor

Superintendent Dr. Hamson welcomes the High School’s new principal, Dr. Kolka, with a smile.

Our Lincoln administrators take part in the parade by leading the Lincoln High School marching band.

Giving Dr. Harrison a hand this year, Assistant Superintendent Mr. Richard Gaubatz.
Reading Is Fundamental

What will you remember about the library?

- The three free R.I.F. books every year ... Favorite authors: Anne Rice, R.L. Stine, Stephen King, Danielle Steel, Ann Rule, Dean Koontz. Favorite characters, Garfield and creatures from the far side. Magazines on cars and music and sports. Popular titles from Shakespeare's Hamlet to the Michigan Murders.
- The Internet and getting information on everything from all over.
- Articles printed in color.
- Information from hundreds of magazines on the CD's
- Mrs. Kramer's hugs
- Mrs. Sell's computer information
- Mrs. Gordon's help finding the right information
- Learning to use a computer card catalog and remembering how to search by Keyword
- Candy Sales

LIBRARY AIDES

Mrs. Kramer
Back row: Kim Rasor, Denise Jones, Tisha Bricker, Jill Bergor.
Third row: Jennifer Jackson, Nicole VanLoon, Stephanie Oliver, Joaquina Davis, Mary Jones.
First row: Eva Haddad, Angela McMullen, Mrs. Kramer, Amanda Lawson, Crystal Noble.

Jason Hellems 53
All in a Day's Work
In the old days you might find a student whittling away on a block of wood trying to sculpt out what might someday be a toy car. Today you will see students prototyping toy cars, but their block of wood is a computer and their toy car will eventually go up to 50 miles per hour. These are the things that technology classes learn how to do everyday. From Fundamentals of Technology to Problems in Technology, Mr. Nuzzo’s classes have been a model for other schools to follow. His interest in seminars and private sector businesses have earned his programs a very prestigious reputation among schools, colleges, and private companies. So call it technology, call it engineering, and call it hard work. But never ever call it woodshop!

Freshman Josh Salley and Sophomores Ryan Stetler and Austin Pothast work on their prosthetic hands in their Fundamentals of Technology class.

Freshman Meghann McParlan and Sophomore Melissa Loomis put the strings on their prosthetic hands to get them to work.

Junior Dennis Parhuta, Juniors Jayson Bower and Brian Publiski, and Sophomore Kevin Godsey use the dremil tools to work on their CO2 rocket cars.
Every year Lincoln students get a chance to meet new people from other countries. This year we were enlightened by the Spanish. Spanish students enjoyed many activities such as attending a Pistons' game, laser tag, a weekend trip to Chicago, they also went to Frankenmuth and jumped in Lake Michigan.

Juniors Jenny Viterna, Nathan Willard, and Andrew Van Tassell take their new Spanish friends to a Pistons basketball game at The Palace.

A friendship was formed quickly by Ruth Laughren and one of the Spanish students.

Spanish students enjoy some American cuisine at the welcoming party thrown by the Lincoln High School Foreign Exchange Club.

The Spanish students get together after their welcoming luncheon at Lincoln High School to commemorate this happy occasion.
A small group of Lincoln High School students traveled to Spain this year. Senior Martin Enriquez, Junior Jim Stowe, Sophomores Eli Alper, Marshall Poole, and Amanda Maier, accompanied by Senior Reynolds traveled to many different beautiful sights during their three week trip. They stayed with families there and learned about the Spanish culture. The students experienced many different foods, cultures, and ways of living, but they didn’t drink the water.

Sophomores Eli Alper, Amanda Maier, and Junior Jim Stowe stop in front of the “Tower of Flowers” in Valencia for a quick pic.

The group soaks up the sun while enjoying the scenic view of a castle in Alacante.

Sophomores Amanda Maier, Marshall Poole and Eli Alper at the airport ready for their journey abroad.

Sophomore Marshall Poole and Junior Jim Stowe clowning around while sightseeing in Spain.
The 1996-1997 school year brought many changes, including the addition of the Student Center, which is run by Mr. Pittman. The student center functions:

- ACT/SAT preparation
- Tutorial
- Resume Format
- Test Taking
- Job Placement
- College Recruiting

REGIONAL CAREER TECHNICAL CENTER

Students at Lincoln have the option to take courses at The Regional Career Technical Center. For these courses students received 3 credit hours. Courses include:

- Hospitality and Food Services
- Graphic Arts
- Health Occupations
- Collision Repair
- Auto Mechanics
- Building Trades
- Business Foundations
- Business Technology
- Computerized Accounting
- Child Care
- Cosmetology
- Community Based Education

Senior Jennifer Delongchamp and Kerry Foster, learning something new everyday in Graphic Arts.

Working hard in Hospitality and Food Services. Brian Perrin takes time out for a break.
Sisterly Love: Regina Salley takes great pride in inducting her sister Jessica.

Sponsor Mr. Mulka is in Classic Concentration.

Reflections On:

NHS

Senior Officers:

NHS has given me many opportunities to volunteer my time in our school as well as in the community.

— Cassie Richardson President

Pride, Honor, Initiative. These are some of my best memories of National Honor Society.

— Brian Culbreath Vice President

The National Honor Society allows students the recognition they deserve for their academic achievements.

— Ron Bukis Activities Coordinator

The NHS is very important. It not only encourages achievement and community service, it is also a lot of fun.

— Cameron Clarke Secretary

It's a great organization where you get to meet a lot of great people and have fun helping others.

— Cheryl Chie Treasurer

Out With The Old
In With The New


Amanda Doss
This year Lincoln High School's band program was one of the most active and involved ones yet. From performing in five home football games to providing entertainment for the school pep assemblies, they have participated in many school activities. They were also in many parades, such as the Lincoln Homecoming parade, the Ypsilanti Fourth of July Parade, the Memorial Day Parade, the Lincoln Athletes Youth Association (L.A.Y.A.) Parade, and they even won second place (out of 13 schools) at the E.M.U. Homecoming Parade competition.

The Lincoln high school band marches with skill on Memorial Day in Ypsilanti.

Freshman Chad Knuckles looks to his left to make sure he is lined up with the other members.

The band playing "Let's Twist Again" at the Homecoming game during half-time.

The Jazz band played at Andy's Jazz Club in Chicago.

"I hope I don't lose my place" Freshman Robin LaFerney concentrates on getting all her notes right while performing at half-time.
ONE BY ONE,

Lincoln’s flag corp locomotions across the field at half-time

Some of the Lincoln band members stop playing music to show off their new uniforms.

Drum major Rebeckah Makarewich salutes as the band plays on.

The band plays “It’s So Hard to Say Goodbye to Yesterday” at their last concert of the year.

And the band plays on.

HURRAY, HURRAY.”
SINGING OUT LOUD

The men, Michael Puryear, Darrell Cannon, and Brandon McCurdy, look so handsome in their tuxes.

Seniors C. Stacy, C. Evans, S. Thomas, K. Varney, H. Srock, C. Richardson, and B. Andree have their ups and downs in choir class!

Men of Lincoln made a real hit at all the concerts. The men also enjoyed the U of M Male Vocal Day, singing with the U of M Men’s Glee Club. Good job guys!

"I feel very blessed to be able to have an opportunity such as this," Levi Taylor. What can you say about this talented young man? His music ability has taken him to many heights. On May 3, 1997 he went to an African-American Act-So Competition at Ypsilanti High School. Levi sang and accompanied himself in his original song, "Your Love." After winning $100 and a medal as the first place finalist, Levi will progress to Pittsburgh, PA to compete at the national level on July 11, 1997.

Keri Bosker
1996-97 Choir students are winners! They performed 5 school concerts, and all of this year's choirs were able to experience MSVMA Festivals. Many soloists and small and large ensembles also participated in the district and state solo and ensemble festivals. Split Dimensions demonstrated outstanding performances in both classical and pop music, winning first and second division ratings at both district and state festivals. Seven choirs joined forces for the SEC choral event to perform "Frostiana" at Lincoln. This year ended with a wonderful educational trip, to Toronto, Canada to see "Phantom of the Opera."

Tracy Johnston, Suzie Meyer, and Melissa Spencer.

How much sillier can Lincoln's Concert Choir get?

Freshman Lisa Dolinger, Sarah Wilbur, and Junior Keri Bosker show their excitement at Toronto's CN Tower.

Mrs. Nevin's Women's Chorus did a fantastic job. Their first year was a great experience.

Keri Bosker
Kim Razor, Julie Boggs and Mindy Bogue stand proud while receiving their Band Awards.

Sara Norton looks grateful after receiving a Dean's Scholarship.

Ron Bukis shakes hands with Mr. Nuzzo while receiving his Technology Award.

Kai-lyn Westcott receiving her HEIS Award from Principal Dr. Kolka.

Brian Culbreath receives one of his many awards, this one from Mr. Wright.

nineteen ninety seven
Jason Day receives a Michigan Competitive Scholarship Award from Mr. Ross.

Siobhan Talley and Sally England receive their Drama Award from Mr. Jacobs.

Best of the BEST

Cassie Richardson smiles as she receives her Choir Award from Mrs. Nevins.

Honorable Mention Art Awards given by Ed Manning to Amber Boyd, Matt Reed, Tim Kerns, Siobhan Talley, Emily Neuvirth, Sally Ora, Jason Hellems, Rhoda Salem.
Nick Haight poses with a friend that he will miss dearly.

Graduate Dan Staten

Mindy Bogue conducts the 1997 band for the last time.

Salutatorian Brian Culbreath

Co-Valedictorian Sara Norton speaks out to her class.

Co-Valedictorian Jenelle Bohm gives her class a few last words of wisdom.

Seniors stop to show their happiness. They are finally OUTTIE!

Stephenie Martin looks to her family with a grin of "I did it."

Best friends to the end; Melissa Spencer, Tracy Johnston, Ry-anne Barta.
Susanna Thomas mesmerized the audience with a rendition of "Star Spangled Banner."

Graduates take time out to pose for their last school picture together.

Krysten Michels addresses the graduating class with a tear jerking discussion on living life to the fullest.

Cherishing The Moments

After graduating, the men show their enthusiasm for the completion of their high school days.
Field Of Dreams
Jaquan Wright

* rushed for 1,872 (8.0 average)  
* 24 touchdowns returned three punts for TD's  
* 3,364 career rushing yards an Ann Arbor area record  
* All S.E.C. 1st team  
* 1996 ALL-WEST 1st team

SENIORS
Back: Ryan Minot, Shad Sperle, Chris Fowler, Jason Lucas, Jaquan Wright  
Front: Chad Wallman, Daren Schaller, Eric Smith, Donald Zywicki, Josh Roza, Matt Reed

Senior running back Jaquan Wright splits Chelsea's defense as he sprints for 6.

Junior quarterback Cory Hanson scrambles to pass the ball in the game against Chelsea.

The Railsplitters get pumped as they come on the field.
BURSTING with pride

Sophomore Matt Blose evades 3 of Brooklyn's players.

Quarterback Sophomore Joe Shine drops back to pass the ball as teammates Sophomore Nick Condell and Freshman Joe Gatny come up to block.

Freshman #79, Kenny Maze, sets his sight on the Brooklyn runner.

The offensive line moved the ball for a total of 231 yards and allowed Quarterback Joe Shine to pass for 12 yards.

Freshman fullback Joe Gatny leads the way for Sophomore running back Nick Condell.

Rachel Curns/Jared Wills
Freshman Brandon Wright wraps up and drives back the runner.

Freshman quarterback Josh Salley spots his target down field.

Freshman players look on while coach McCarty briefs the players for the next play.

The defense gets set and ready to go.

Freshman DaJuan Jackson gets set to score a touchdown for the Lincoln team go for the win.

BIG-HIT DaJuan Jackson tackles the ball carrier.
Sophomore Austin Pothast jumps in the air to head the ball toward the goal.

Freshman Matt Steiner struggles to deflect the opponent’s corner kick.

We played as a team and though we went through ups and downs, we always had each other’s backs.

—— Clayton Richardson

The way the team played throughout the season. Considering the number of injuries we had, it was a great year. I wish the best of luck for next year’s team.

—— Martin Enriquez

My first goal at Milan. It was the first goal I’ve ever scored.

—— Eric Mulka

We may not have beaten them point wise, but we always beat them! I suffered many injuries and gave even more, but we always played fair, right?

—— Jeremiah Swain

One single powerful slide-tackle is my best memory as captain of the soccer team this season.

—— Brian Culbreath
GO, FIGHT, WIN!

LINCOLN CHEER TEAMS

J.V. and Varsity take a picture while waiting for the Homecoming game to start.

Seniors smile for their final year. Rain, sleet, or snow, Lincoln cheerleaders are always on the go.

Yolanda Santure is showing her spirit at the pep assembly.
Juniors Mandi Jackson, Tina Rayburn, Kristie Music, Miranda Amrhein and Letrice Moody take time out to show their cheerful smiles.

Jump, leap, Tina, get up off your feet. Tina Rayburn jumps high in a toe touch.

Sophomore Robbie Middlebrook cheers for a Lincoln victory.
Dedication
1st Team, All Conference
New School Record: 16:12
5th in the State
— Justin Andre

Team work
1st Team, All Conference
— Reid McGuire

Seven solid runners
and a dedicated coach.
1st Team, All Conference
— Samuel Hardesty

Senior Micah Steiner who was Second team All Conference closely follows Junior Sanjay Shah as they run to the finish line.

Mr. Wright, Sanjay Shah, Micah Steiner, Reid McGuire, Kevin Cooper, Sam Hardesty, Justin Andre, Josh Spencer.

Freshman Ami Shah runs her fastest to cross the finish line.

REGIONAL CHAMPS

Class B, C, D Coach of the Year, Sid Wright waits eagerly for his team to cross the finish line.
Sophomores Brandi Fitzsimmons, Amanda Smallwood and Seniors Cassie Richardson and Megan Kolesar stay close together at the first meet of the season.

Junior Joy Marnot picks up the pace at the 2 mile mark.

Senior Kevin Cooper leads the pack at an All-Area meet.

Freshman Mary Nelson picks up her stride as she nears the finish line.

It was a season of ups and downs for Cross Country this year. It was a season of dedication and constant improvement for the team, as both squads worked very hard for a good finish. Cross Country is a very difficult sport; they run hard through the wind, rain, sleet, snow, and sun.

The boys team had an excellent season becoming League Champs, Regional Champs, placing 1st in the S.E.C., and 6th in the State. The girls team grew to 16 members this year. The girls worked hard and their times improved steadily all season. Their records didn’t quite reflect their efforts, but the team is young and still has time to gain experience.

Junior Sanjay Shah gets mentally prepared before the race.
A chip on the green but not a chip on their shoulders. The Lincoln Golf team with two new coaches Scott Schimmoeller and Mike Longyear did rather well. Freshman Brad Robinson feels the team did “rather well for a mostly freshman team.” Junior Nathan Willard finished the season by taking home both the M.V.P. and lowest average award earning him an honorable mention from the S.E.C. for keeping it cool under pressure. John Brinker’s positive attitude wins him the sportsmanship award. Amanda Bush gets the most improved award. So while keeping an eye on the ball they were also keeping their minds on their goals, they followed through with their best effort to achieve those goals, leaving only improvement for the upcoming years.

**Lincoln Golfers Demonstrate**

**THE PERFECT SWING!**

Freshman John Brinker setting his stance for a great shot.

Junior Nathan Willard loads up in his back swing to make solid contact with the ball.

Junior Jason Tait follows through while keeping his eye on the ball.

Freshman Brad Robinson finishes his swing in a perfect formation.
Sen1or Ladonna Vincent and Coach Amy Broadhurst.

Juniors Tracy Gerlofs and Keri Bosker cover up at a winning home meet against Erie Mason.

Team Captains Gennifer Gasek and Tabitha Hammar show off their strength. Under their leadership the girls finished in second place at SMISL. Freshman diver Sarah Wilbur goes for a perfect score!

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*School Record

Down the Drain. Once the swim season is over, the girls are allowed to shave their legs.

New School Record with a time of 2:04.35

'96 STATE RELAY TEAM

It was a privilege knowing that we were the first Lincoln relay team to ever make state!

Making state was the greatest feeling and a relief!

I was so happy!

Being on the first state relay team was a privilege and also exciting! You just had to be there!

— Tabitha Hammar
— Sarah Borgstadt
— Elizabeth Bielak
— Tracy Gerlofs

Keri Bosker
This year's Women's Varsity Basketball team fought a long hard season. These lady Railsplitter's showed all heart and never gave up till the last buzzer. This Splitter team had great senior leadership, lead by Danielle Soest, Camille Brown, and Laura Blakemore just to name a few. Ladies keep your heads up.

SENIORS
Top row Heather Srock, Danielle Soest, Laura Blakemore, Camille Brown
Bottom row Jill Cox, Monieka Mingas, Damita Wiley

Monieka Mingas cuts through the defense then lays the ball in for two points.

Danielle Soest lobs the ball over the defender to one of her teammates.

Laura Blackemore yells loud as she calls the play.

Camille Brown fights for the rebound.
Girl's JV basketball team finished out the season with the record 11-6. A large step up from last years statistics. The women performed this season remarkably well. Fighting for each victory and deserving every one. They showed their capabilities in both home and away games.

Junior Chrissy Clarke drives past the Saline defender.

It takes 2 Saline players to stop Jessica Sally.

Freshman Meghann McParlan sets before she shoots her free throws.

Freshman Molly Hanson looks to her teammates for some help.

Sophomore Lisa Mauch sets to pass the ball.

Freshman Meghann McParlan sets before she shoots her free throws.
The freshmen girls' basketball team starred the class of 2000. With butterflies in their stomachs, the youngest ladies in high school never gave up. Good luck next year ladies.

Freshman Courtney Cymes splits the defense.

Pinckney player tries to steal the ball from Becca Day.

Ruth Laughren works at taking the ball down court.

Tamara Wiley boxes out for the rebound against Pinckney.

Jenny Viers brings the ball down court to set up the play.

Krissy Fulton grabs the rebound and puts it up.
Coach VanLoggins, in his first year at Lincoln as head coach, improved Lincoln's overall record.

Lincoln's well known press forces the ball towards the outside.

The bench eagerly stares onward toward the court as a close game comes to an end.

Go, Chris! Senior Chris Fowler goes up to beat Thurston's press for two points which adds to the win.

Raise your hand if you're Sure! The seniors lead the last huddle as the final game has come.
Up, up and away. Sophomore Steven Srock goes up for the rebound as the opponents surround him.

"No, you can't have the ball, it's mine!" Sophomore Damar Jackson fights to keep the ball from his opponents.

"What kind of call was that?" Sophomore Steven Srock disagrees with the ref's call as Steven Sinters cheers his team on.

Ah ha! I got the ball! Sophomore Chuck Hamilton dribbles the ball past the other team.

Sophomore Matt Angers goes for the shot, but decided to fake the other team out.

Sophomore Kevin Cox shows off his moves to his opponents.
FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

HOOP, THERE IT IS!

Freshman Joe Dzvonkowsk1 makes a fast move on the opposing team.

Starting the year off with a new coach, the freshman basketball team had a GREAT season. Their hard work and determination helped them end with a winning season. One of the highlights of the season was Evan Richardson coming off the bench cold to sink two free throws putting Lincoln within three points, then Aaron Wilson shot a three pointer to tie Pinckney sending the game into overtime. In this over-time game, Lincoln won against Pinckney wrapping up the SEC Conference Championship. GO FRESHMEN!

Up ... Up ... and away! Joe Zywicki leaps into the action while scoring points for Lincoln.

The team crowds around Coach Lowe just before game time to go over a few more plays.

anyone open? Freshman Kenny Raze looks for a teammate to pass the ball to.

Freshman Evan Richardson sets up for a swoosh to rack up the points.

"I got this all the way" Freshman Kenny Williams dribbles the ball down the court.

Freshman Logan Askew throws the ball in the court in hopes the opponent doesn't get it.

Michele Bondie 85
The J.V. cheer team excitedly awaits to cheer their first basketball game of the season.

The J.V. cheerleaders cheer the crowd on during halftime.

Kelly Kibler, Jessica Raymond, and Christina Wright put on their cheerleading smiles as they do a crowd cheer.
The Varsity cheerleaders gather together before their game.

Junior Heather Gorney and Sophomore Julie Bumgardner cheer on with the Lincoln fight song.

Senior Emaleigh Decker pumps up the crowd at halftime.

Senior Jamie Phelps and Sophomore Julie Bumgardner strike the fans in a crowd cheer.

Seniors Erin Johnson and Stephanie Farley share a moment as their cheering career comes to an end.

Sophomore Beth Kuhns cheers the crowd on with splitter power.

Erin Johnson
Senior Josh Roza demonstrates his cat-like reflexes before he takes his opponent to the mat.

Seniors Josh Roza, Ken Bumgardner, Justin Andre, Daren Shaller and Eric Smith.

"KISS IT, KISS IT," said Freshman Joe Gatny as he rubs the face of a Belleville wrestler on the floor.

Whoever said wrestlers were mean? Look at Mitch Johnson as he shows his affection for his opponent.

One, two, three, four; turn him over then we'll score. Sophomore Joe Shine struggles to pin his opponent.
The '96-97 Lincoln wrestlers had a very good season. In addition to winning districts, they also sent two wrestlers to compete at state level. Congratulations go to senior Daren Schaller and junior Richard Paylor. After a long, grueling year, they were the crowning glory of the team. They faced tough competition all year and came out on top by taking 8th in state.

Senior Ken Bumgardner falls asleep waiting for his opponent to lose or start trying.

Please Richard don't go! Junior Richard Paylor fights as his opponent tries to take him down to the mat.

Players show off the districts trophy they won for the second year in a row!!

Let's just wrestle and get this match over so I can win, and go home. Freshman Bobby Curtis refuses to shake the opponent's hand.

Sophomore Jason Sperle refuses to go down without a fight.
Junior Chrissy Clarke waits in anticipation for the serve.

Senior Danielle Soest shows her leading spiking ability that got her the all region and all S.E.C. awards in addition to MVP.

Junior Regina Salley pulls off another consistent set to go along with her S.E.C. honorable mention award.

Laura Blakemore in perfect form as she passes the ball up to the setter for a kill.

1st team all conference Senior Ryanne Barta digs down deep to bump up the ball.

Rookie of the year, Junior Tracy Gerlofs tries her best to get to the ball.

Running toward their victory the 1997 Girls Varsity Volleyball team wins 2nd place in both S.E.C.'s and Districts.
Jessie Salley and Courtney Cymes strive together to set the ball.

Carolyn Satanski takes a moment to catch her breath.

Jennifer Kitchen awaits the serve.

Eagerly anticipating the arrival of the ball, Kim Heeringa waits in silence.

Jessie Salley stretches to the limits as she passes the ball to the setter.
Fresmen

Molly Hanson takes off for a kill.

Meghann McParlan takes a breather after a tough volley.

Becca Day is eager to pass the ball for a perfect set.

Amanda Ernest waits patiently for her chance to stop an ace.

Line judge Mr. Barta checks Freshman Rachel Ross’s form during the game.

Sarah Bellers
Senior captains Matt Richards and Mike Renaud have a bad hair day after practice.

From Start to Finish

As a team the men swam their best season of 5-10.

Junior Erick Murnighan practices his over-water recovery on his 100 yard breaststroke.

"Say Dolphin" as Jayson Bower, Andrew Smith, and Coach Ryan Harrington smile.

Here we see the divers sporting the new wet look for 1998.

Junior Jayson Bower gets ready for his 100 yard backstroke start.
**KEEPING THE PACE**

Freshman Brian Reyes skies high in the pole vault.

Sophomore Levi Taylor flies swiftly over the hurdle.

Senior Brian Culbreath meets the distance to advance to the next level.

Sophomore Kim Heeringa bends over backwards to win the high jump event.

Sam Hardesty hands off to Justin Andree in the 1600 meter relay.
The girls' track team worked hard and had their best season ever. The boys' track team came in 1st place at Regionals along with taking a place title at the S.E.C's. They also placed 3rd at the State Finals. WAY TO GO TRACK TEAM! All their hard work and effort showed off.

Freshman Delise Dixon puts a lot of energy into her shot as she throws the shotput.

Junior Andrew Van Tassel jumps higher than the competition.

Happy Landing! Junior Cory Hanson tries his hardest to get the furthest leap in the long jump.

Junior Shalina Rankin puts a hop-n-skip into her jump.

Junior Joy Marriot comes in with a big finish.

Junior Sarah Wyatt and Freshman Toya Roberson run the 300 hurdles.
GIRLS DO IT ...  

Junior Sarah Vredevelt dribbles the ball down the field towards other players.

Junior Stacie Dougherty blocks the other player as she attempts to get the ball towards the goal.

Junior Sheila Captain dribbles the ball and looks for someone who she can pass to.

GET IT, GOT IT, GOOD! Junior Amanda Moorer says as she catches the ball and saves it from becoming a goal.

Seniors Sally England and Becky Andree pose on the sideline with teammate Junior Amanda Zeoli as they play for their last season.

Sophomore Lisa Mauch gets aggressive as the other player tries to take the ball.
Sophomore Julie Bumgardner gives a powerful kick while focusing on the goal.

Since the very first practice in the spring of 1995, the women's soccer team has come a long way; from only tying one game in their first season, to winning and scoring more goals than ever! In only their third season, they have won more games than in the past years because they fought hard to get where they are today. Next year they will fight even harder!

Sophomore Erin Conley dribbles the ball away from the other team to get closer to the goal.

Junior Jennifer Gasek sets to kick the ball out to a teammate on the field.

Sophomore Laura Thomas waits the ball to make a goal.
SAFE! Are you supposed to tag me with the ball? Junior Chrissy Clarke slides into home to add another one to the score.

“Rock the pitcher, rock, rock the pitcher!” Junior Missy Meier waits for the pitch.

Strike three! Senior Laura Blakemore squeezes the ball to make it another strike out.

Junior Holly Hatler does the five elements correctly as she fields the ball.

Seniors Jill Cox and Laura Blakemore show their happiness for the victory against Chelsea.

"Release the secret weapon!" Junior Regina Salley warms up before the game.

The infield pulls in to give each other a few words of confidence.

Junior Michele Bondie and Sophomore Wendy Schaller cheer to keep the team’s spirits up.

Sophomore Jessica Salley sets herself to catch a routine fly ball.

I know that’s another good one! Senior Jill Cox pitches the ball for another strike out.
Sophomore Sarah Neal gets into ready position while she waits for a ball.

"This is an easy one." Sophomore Pamela Bondie keeps her eyes on the ball while she moves up to catch it.

"My arms are only so long!" Sophomore Shannon Morgan reaches down to catch the wild pitch.

"Hit one right here," Sophomore Sarah Neal gets into ready position while she waits for a ball.

"Come on drive me in." Freshmen Bethany Thompson, waits on the bag for someone to hit a base hit and drive her in.

"Come on ladies let's beat them!" Sophomore Julia Wallman gives her team a little encouragement.

"Release at the hip." Sophomore Alicia Pichan concentrates on pitching a strike.

**HOMER, HOMER, HOMER, HOMER, HOMER IF YOU CAN!""**

Michele Bondie 99
The varsity team went through many changes this season. For the third year there was a change in coaching staff. Coach Schroder has made a noticeable difference; they had one of the best seasons in the last five years. Another change was in the uniforms; the team now sports a new look in royal blue and gray threads. The last and maybe the most interesting change was in the addition to the team. Denis Parhuta, an exchange student from Russia, was readily accepted by this team even though he had never played baseball before.

Senior Donald Zywicki pitches a perfect curve ball to strike the batter out.

Senior Josh Roza finished his swing to drive the runners in.

"That was a close one!" Freshman Aaron Wilson slides into third.

Junior Joel Slaven sets his feet before throwing the ball.

"SAFE!" Senior Daren Schaller slides into home.
Freshman Joe Zywicky backhands the pitch to keep it from being a passed ball.

“I can't reach that far!” Sophomore Ryan Stetler reaches for the throw to tag the runner out.

Sophomore Kevin Cox pitches it in for another K.

“Wow, that one is gone!” Freshman Jason Burt turns to look where his teammate hit the ball to drive him in.

Freshman Bryan Gordon keeps his eye on the ball to drive it in the outfield.

“I'm ready for the throw!” Freshman Mark Kuzich waits for the throw from the pitcher to get the runner out.

“He's going!” Freshman Nick Mourer waits for the throw to tag the runner stealing second base.

TO THE BALL GAME!"
VARSITY FOOTBALL


FRESHMEN FOOTBALL


JV FOOTBALL


SOCCER


WOMEN’S JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL. Back Row Coach Gary Nowak, Jessica Salley, Julia Wallman, Lisa Mauch, Jamie Frye, Andrea Kuzich. First Row: Toya Roberson, Melissa Baker, Jennifer Kitchen, Molly Hanson, Lindsay Garrison.


Men’s Golf

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**VARSITY FOOTBALL CHEERLEADERS**


**J.V. FOOTBALL CHEERLEADERS**


**VARSITY BASKETBALL CHEERLEADERS**


**J.V. BASKETBALL CHEERLEADERS**

Back Row: Jamie Arvin, Heather Trammel, Lindsey Lumm, Kelly Kibler. Second Row: Jessica Raymond, Christina Wright First Row: Robbie Middlebrook, Jessica Hustyi, Tracy Bielec.
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**Boys Cross Country**

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Nathan Willard 106
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Freshman Volleyball
Back Row: Rebecca Day, Danielle Moyer, Coach O'Clair, Meghann McPharlan, Melissa Smithers
2nd row: Crystal Pinter, Molly Hansen, Amanda Ernest
1st row: Courtney Cymes, Bethany Thompson, Christina Hasse, Rachel Ross

**JV VOLLEYBALL**

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JV Volleyball
Back row: Kristen Biezak, Melissa Loomis, Jessica Salley, Kim Heeringa, Grace Aduroja, Katie Fox
2nd row: Wendi Schaller, Ruth Laughern, Sarah Richards, Trisha Dick, Sarah St John
1st row: Amy Lore, Niki Lambert, Carolyn Satanski, Jennifer Kitchen

**VARIOUS SPORTS**

**WRESTLING**

Wrestling
Back row: Coach Mulka, Richard Paylor, Bob Bellers, Daren Schaller, Leon Bryant, Ken Bungardner, Bill Sloan, Coach McKenzie
2nd row: Eric Smith, Joe Shine, Ryan Stetler, Brian Reid, Steve Dewyer, Joe Gatny, Greg Mazzan, Matt Blose, Justin Andre, Justin Garcia, Brent Fielder
1st row: Aaron Raymond, Mike Dufour, Bobby Curtis, A Cooper, J Sperle, T Grubbs, A Curtis, M Johnson, J Roza, L Mageski

**VARSITY VOLLEYBALL**

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Varsity Volleyball
Back Row: Coach Harrison, Shannon Salisbury, Regina Sailey, Brooke Morawski, Tracy Gerlols, Coach Biezak
2nd Row: Amanda Moorer, Margaret Smith, Holly Hafer, Christine Clarke
1st Row: Cheryl Chie, Laura Blakemore, Danielle Soest, Ryanne Barta

**VARSITY WRESTLING**

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JV Basketball

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Women's Track

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Women's Track

Back row: E. Lewis, K. Hill.
Third row: J. Wright, D. Napier,
N. Houston, A. Van Tassell.
Second row: M. Steiner, S.
Hardesty, S. Meyer, C. Fowler,
N. Willard. First row: P. Fitzger-
ald, C. Richardson, C. Hanson,
Coach Van Loggins.

Varisty Basketball

Back row: S. Strock, M. Pasky.
Third row: C. Hamilton, K. Cox.
Second row: A. Pothast, M. An-
gers, K. Seslar. First row:
Coach G. Tyson, D. Jackson, S.
Selters.

Freshmen Basketball

Back row: B. Craig, J. Salley,
J. Horton, M. Steiner, K. Maze,
A. Wilson, M. Orson. Second
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Williams, B. Wright, E. Richard-
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JV Softball

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Varsity Softball

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Varsity Soccer

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Varsity Baseball

 JV Soccer

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Rachel Curns
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 $2.1 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.”
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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.

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.

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.

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.

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."

Israël 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.

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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 $200,000 in a bipartisan vote after the House Ethics Committee's year-long investigation into alleged financial improprieties.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

Topoak 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.
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.

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.

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

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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.

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.

An "oxygen bar" in Toronto, Canada allows patrons to pay $16 to spend 20 minutes breathing pure oxygen. The owners of the O₂ Spa Bar claim the treatment is a healthy way to reinvigorate the body and offer fruit "flavors" to liven up the experience.

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Basketball megastar Michael Jordan launches his own cologne: Michael Jordan Cologne. Demand for the fragrance is so high that manufacturer BCB 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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, 12-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."
In a small, secret ceremony on an island off the coast of Georgia, John F. Kennedy Jr. married 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.

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.

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 a 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.

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Miss Kansas, Tana 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.

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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.

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

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).

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 already in the works.
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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.

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.

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.

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 repairing the band, who chose a different lead singer.

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.
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.”

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.
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.

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.

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 further 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.

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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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.
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.

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The ongoing dance craze is the "Macarena," a Latin 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.

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

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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