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1997

Hey, Baby!

*A Look Back at the
Early Years of the
Class of 1997.*



Left:
Schantel Burgess, 18 months old.

Top:
Jessica Kovach at one year.

Above:
Camael Pembleton - about four (she
thinks).

97



Seniors



Ken Ballentine

Track - 9-11
Cross Country - 9-12
Knowledge Bowl - 11



Kristi Brothers

Class Treasurer - 10
Tennis Club President - 10
Band/Chorus - 10 & 12
National Honor Society 10-12
NHS President - 12
Student Council Secretary - 11
Model Senate - 11 & 12
Drama - 11
Newspaper Staff - 11 & 12
School Advisory Council Representative - 12



Rachel Bruning

Volleyball - 9, 10 & 12
Basketball - 9, 10 & 12
Drama - 9 & 10
Model Senate - 10 & 12
National Honor Society - 10 & 12
Yearbook - 12
Class President - 9
Student Council Treasurer - 10



Schantel Burgess

Volleyball - 11 & 12
Basketball - 9-12
Class Vice President - 12
Class Treasurer - 11
Positive Action Group - 9 & 10
Multi-Ethnic Club - 12
Chorus - 9 & 12
Soccer Manager - 10
Yearbook - 12



From left: Ken Ballentine, Marco and Norma Sanchez, Rachel Bruning, Jeremy Kohlwes, Phil Keim, Jessica Kovach, Krisit Brothers, Camael Pembleton and Schantel Burgess. Not pictured - David Tutwiler and Tom Lanese.



Phillip Keim

Show Choir - 10
Choir - 10-12
Cooperative Work Experience - 11 & 12
Class Secretary - 12



Jeremy Kohlwes

Wrestling - 9 & 10
Soccer - 9 & 10
Soccer Manager - 12
Class Representative - 11
Drama - 12



Jessica Kovach

Class Treasurer - 9 & 10
Class Vice President - 11
Class President - 12
Yearbook - 9, 11 & 12
Newspaper - 10-12
National Honor Society - 10-12
Soccer - 10 & 12
Tennis - 11
Model Senate - 11 & 12
Drama - 12
Future Business Leaders of America - 11



Thomas Lanese

Jr. ROTC - 9 & 10
Track - 9
Wrestling - 9
Vocational Industrial Clubs of America - 9 & 10
VICA President - 11
Delaware Science Olympiad - 10
Cooperative Work Experience - 11
Drama - 12



Camael Pembleton

Class Secretary - 10
Drama - 11
National Honor Society - 11 & 12
Chorus - 12
Class Treasurer - 12
Cooperative Work Experience - 12



Marco Sanchez

Wrestling - 10 & 11
Drama - 11 & 12
Class Representative - 12



Norma Sanchez

Cheerleading - 9-11
National Honor Society - 11 & 12
Multi-Ethnic Club - 12



David Tutwiler

Marching Band - 9
Concert Band - 9-12
Cooperative Work Experience - 12
Choir/Band Volunteer

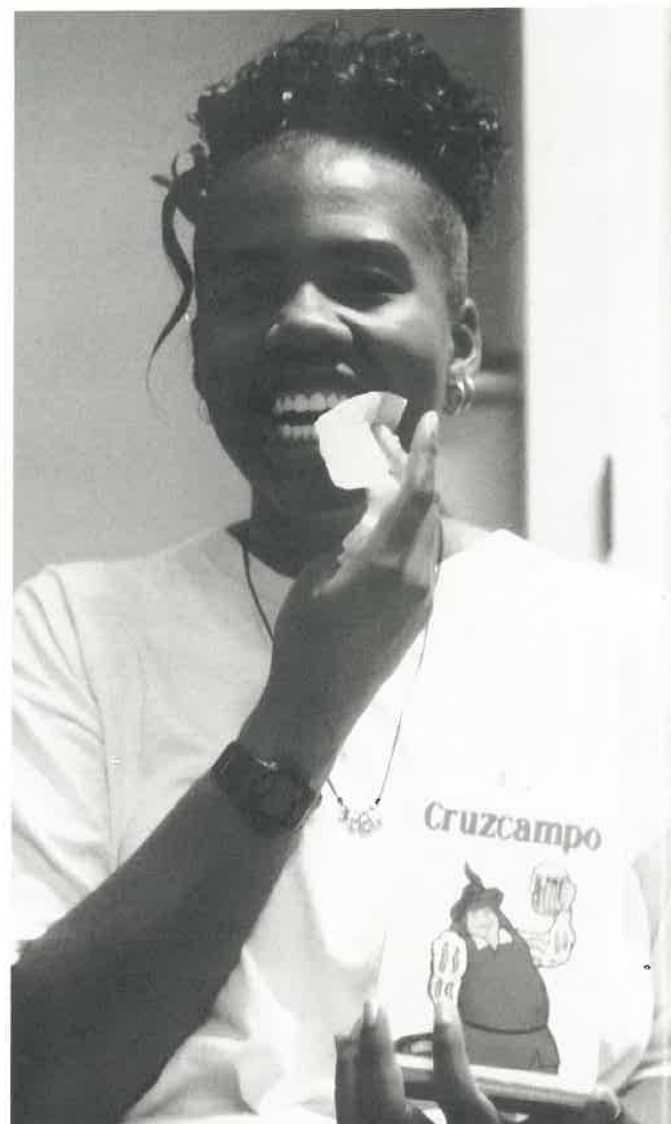
Below

Jessica Kovach teams up with Mrs. Harris-Mota, the school's soccer coach, during a trip to Spain in October, 1996.



Right

Schantel Burgess says the food in Spain is good enough to use a napkin with. The thing she's holding, by the way, is a napkin holder.



Above

Norma Sanchez uses the overhead projector to help with her presentation during the Leadership Academy '96 conference.



Right

Rachel Bruning shows off the medals she won for making the All-Conference Volleyball Team. The selection was made during the team's trip to Rota, Spain.

Right

Phil Keim, looking pretty darned excited, waits for class to start(?) When Phil is like this it's best not to try to pet him.



Showing the School the Way With Leadership

Senior Class Officers



President

Jessica Kovach



Vice President

Schantel Burgess



Secretary

Phillip Keim



Treasurer

Camael Pembleton



In Biscoitos

Ken
If life is a car, I
want a Lincoln



Kristi
Never put off until
tomorrow, what you
can do the day after
tomorrow just as
well.
Mark Twain



Rachel
If a man does not
keep up with his
companions, perhaps
it is because he hears
a different drummer.
Let him step to the
music he hears.
However measured
or far away.
*Henry David
Thoreau*



Schantel
Don't follow in
other's footsteps.
Make your own.



Phil
One of the few, one
of the proud



Jeremy
I don't dream about
what I want to do, I
just do it.



Jessica
Had we but world
enough and time.
Andrew Marvel



Tom
When you reach the
heart of life, you will
find yourself not
higher than the felon
and not lower than
the prophet.
Kahlil Gelran



Camael
Knowledge is like a
garden: if it is not
cultivated, it cannot
be harvested.
Anonymous



Marco
I will make of you a great
nation and I will bless
you. I will make your
name great, so that you
will be a blessing! I will
bless those who bless you.
And curse those who curse
you. All of the communities
of the Earth shall find
blessing in you.
Genesis 12:10



Norma
When things get
bad, they always
seem to get better.

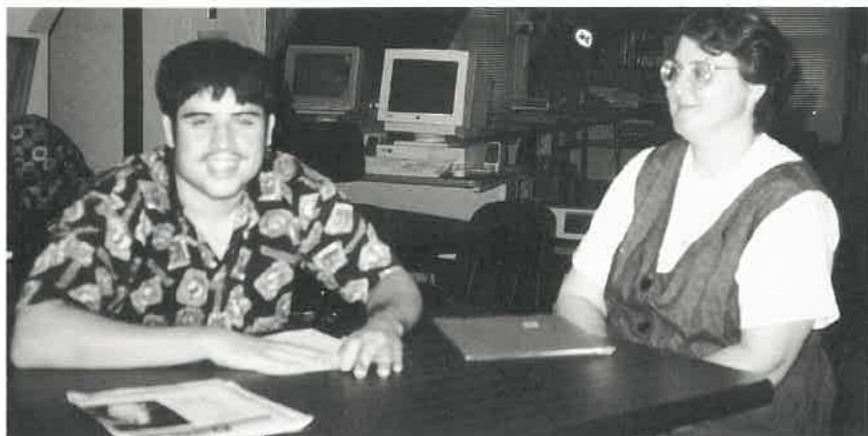


David
Ah, great it is to
believe the dream
As we stand in youth
by the starry stream;
But a greater thing is
to fight life through,
And say at the end,
"The Dream is True!"

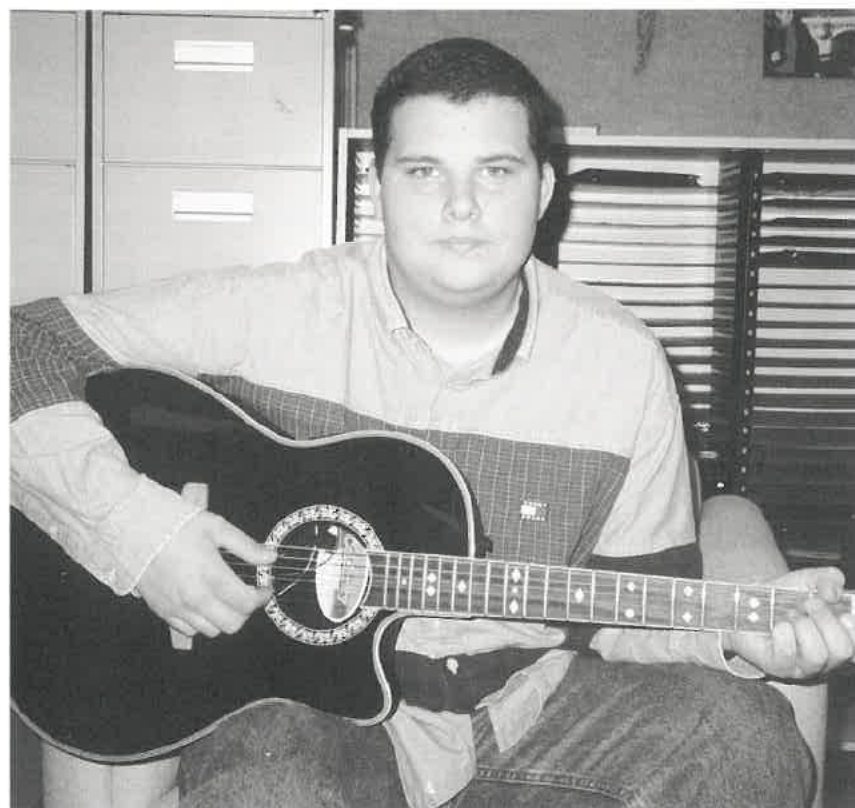




Clockwise from upper left
Jeremy stalks the halls of Lajes, again.
Be young, have fun, drink Pepsi
Phil, striving to be the next Garth Brooks,
strums a tune on his pretty, new guitar.
Ken gets some hands-on learning experience from Billie.
Help! She's watching me.



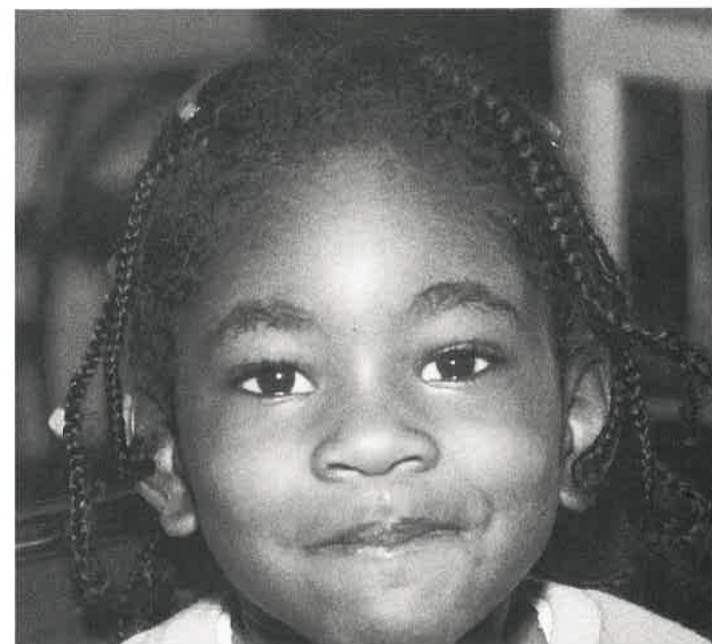
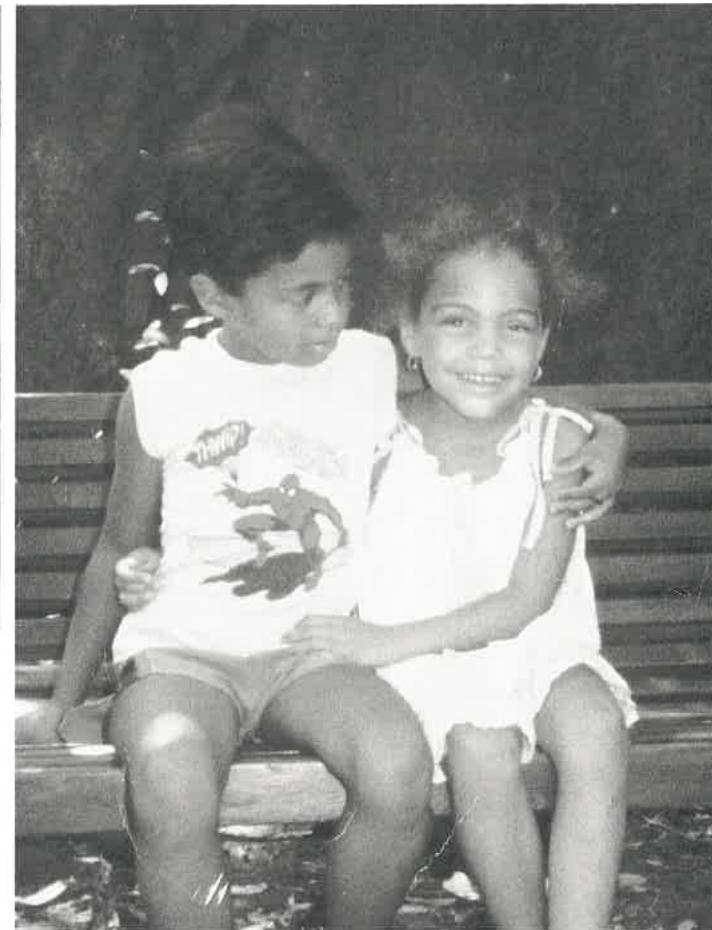
Clockwise from above
Drop the computer and no one will get hurt.
Rachel & Ken: Stop! You're just too cute!
Ying & Yang, Ping & Pong, Jess & Camael
Um, Schantel, did you know... nevermind
The girls of '97



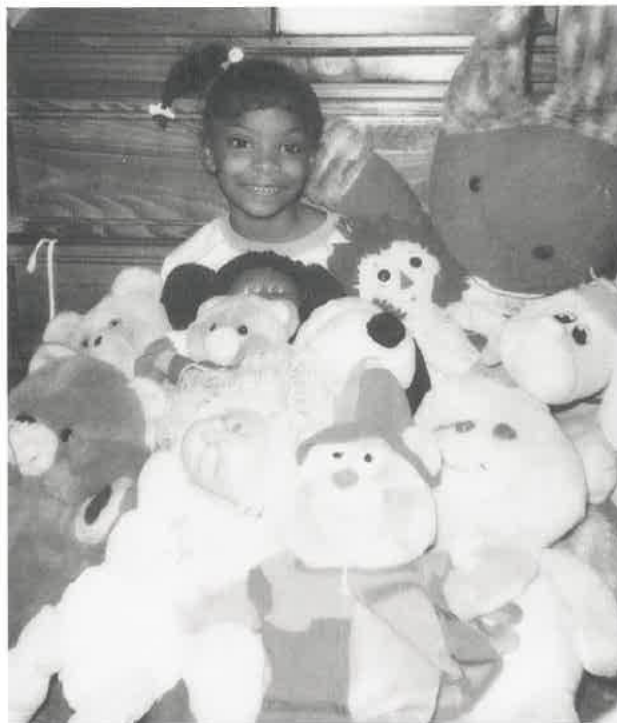


Top left:
The entire class of 1997 takes a break in Angra from the hectic task of looking for a graduation site.
Above Right:
Camael and Tom spend some quality time together.
Above:
Mark the story says you have to kiss a frog - not a mannequin.
Left:
The senior guys.

Hey, More Babies!



Clockwise from top left:
Jennifer Hager, 11th grade; Jonathan (11th grade) and Nina (9th grade) Allamani;
Desiree Broadnax (9th grade) at 2 years old; and Tonia Anthony (8th grade) at 3 years.



Clockwise from top left:
Rebecca Pembleton (9th grade) at 14 months; Louisa Bautista (9th grade) at four years; Dawnte Early (9th grade) taken in 1985; Joyce Smith (11th grade) at 2 years old; Celetia Daniels (11th grade) at 6 years old and surrounded by friends; and Holly (10th grade) and J.C. (8th grade) Van Liere;



Christina Cantu (10th grade) at 9 months.



Tiffany Pena (9th grade) at 4 years.



Brian Carpenter (11th grade) at 11 months.



Above:
Bilge (11th grade), Mete (8th grade) and Aylin (9th grade) Tanyeri.

Left:
Lara Abuyen (8th grade) at 1 year old.



Yamika McGee (9th grade) at 18 months.

Right:
Tori Pierce, 11th grade.

Far Right:
Shari Moore (10th grade) at
one year old.

Below:
Michelle Hites (11th grade)
at one year old.

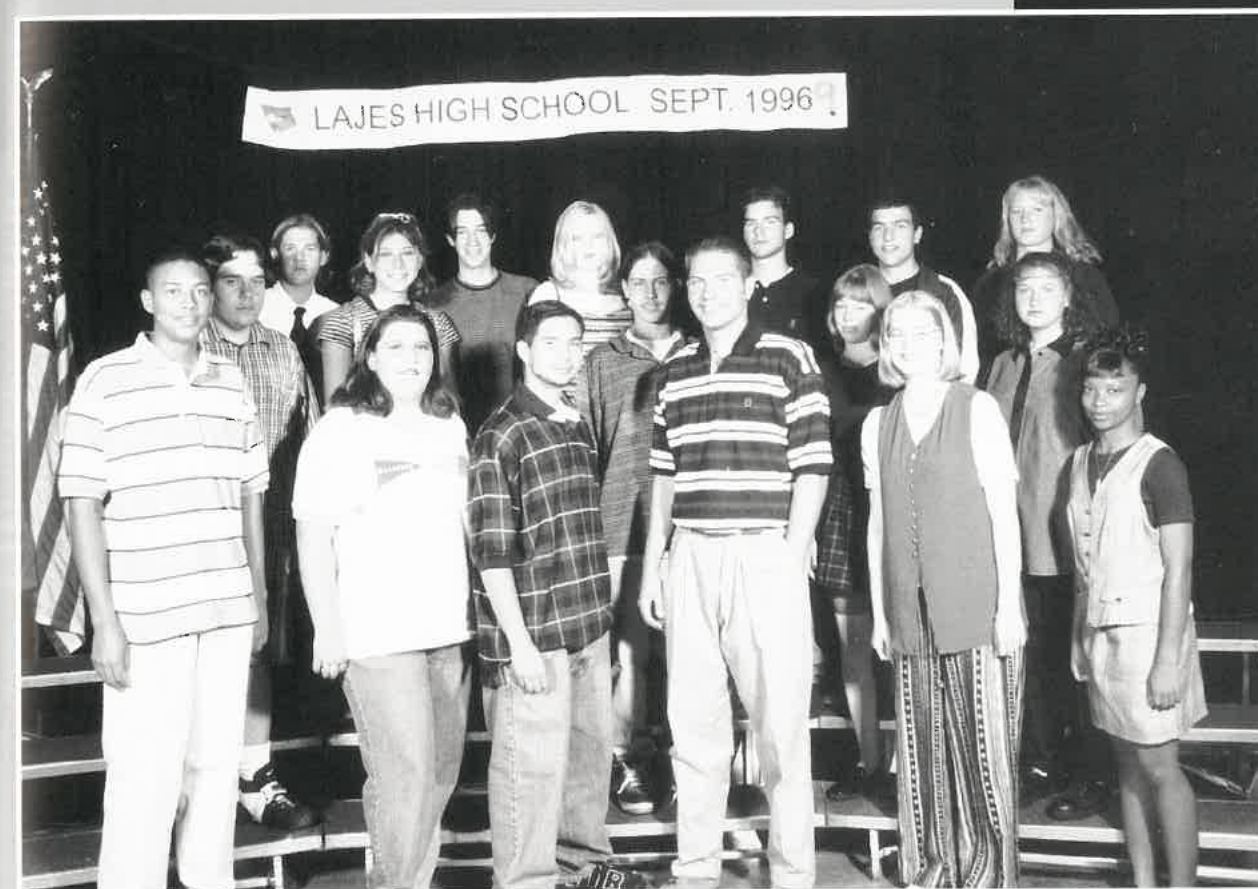


Right:
Tomas Jimenez
(10th grade) at 10
months old.

Far Right:
Michelle Fuller (9th
grade) at 2 and a
half years old.



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Juniors



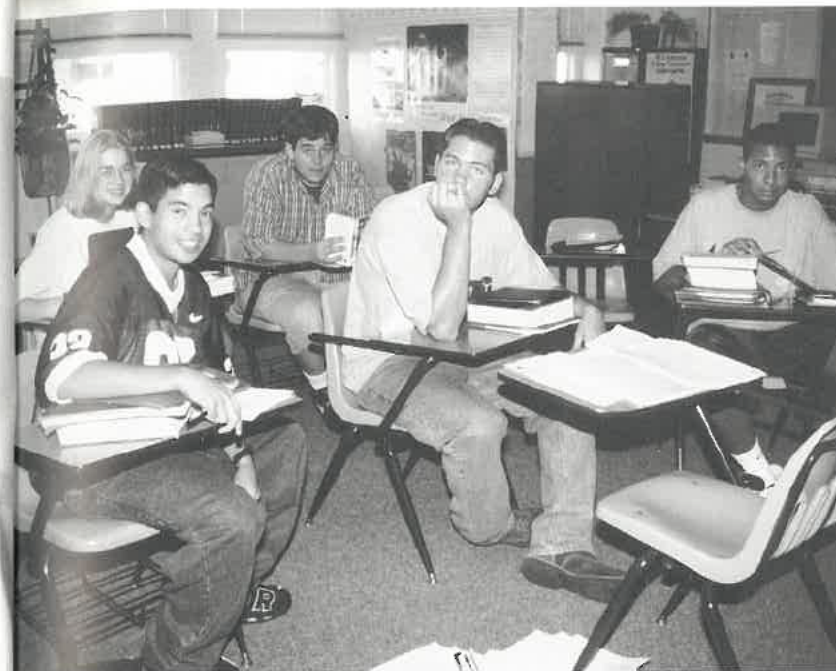
Jonathan Allamani
Jale Andrews
Brian Carpenter
Erik Catalfu
Celetia Daniels
Mark Day



Jennifer Hager
Michelle Hites
Ryan Keim
Ryan King
Crystal Pena
Victoria Pierce



Antonio Ribeiro
Joshua Smith
Joyce Smith
Bilge Tanyeri
Candice Treasure



Brian, Tori, Bill, Ryan and Jon eagerly await the beginning of another exciting learning session.



Josh, this is what your mother was talking about when she said not to run with sharp objects in your hands.



It's hard to imagine what reason these two guys could have for fighting like this - but when you take into account the fact they are both wearing dresses... well, Spirit Week for Erik and Steve can get pretty weird.

ALL FOR FUN

A Look around the halls and classrooms of LHS

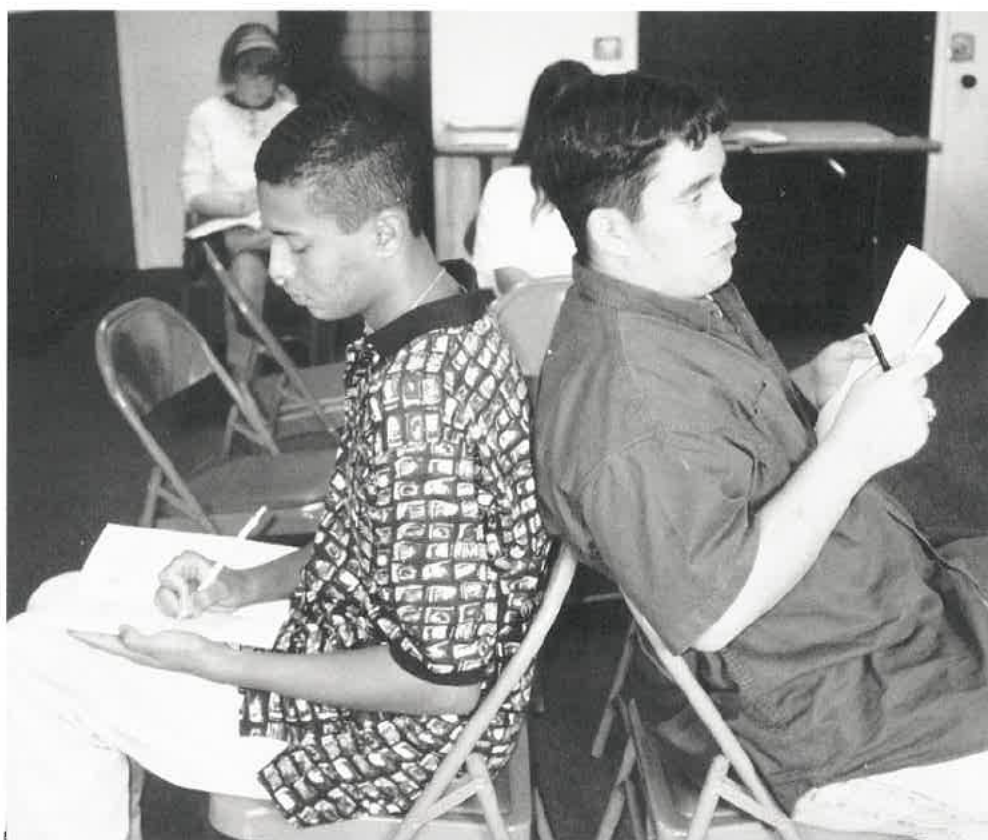
Right
Sleeping Beauty (?)



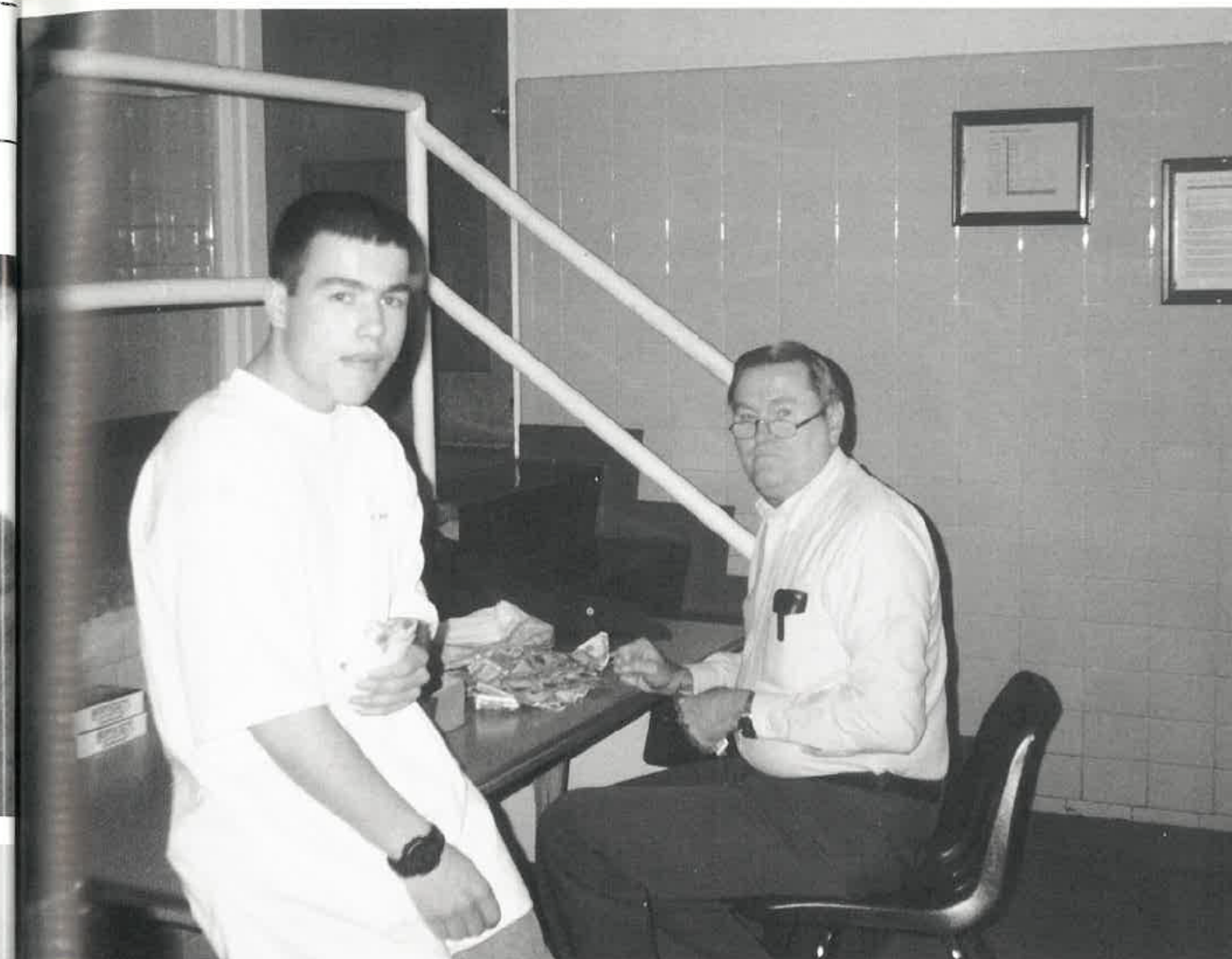
Below
Someone didn't eat their Wheaties this morning, Brien.



Above
Antonio



Right
Jon and Bill demonstrate their communication skills at Leadership Academy.



Antonio and Mr. Wetz count the money from the Junior store.



President
Ryan Keim



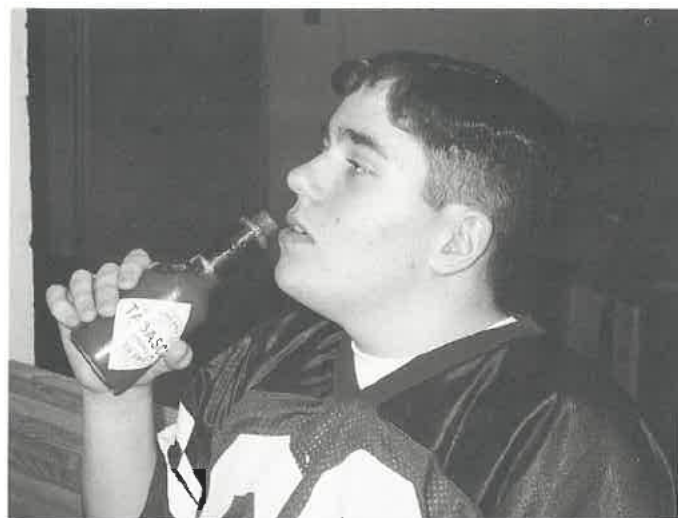
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Bill Tanyeri



Secretary
Brien Carpenter

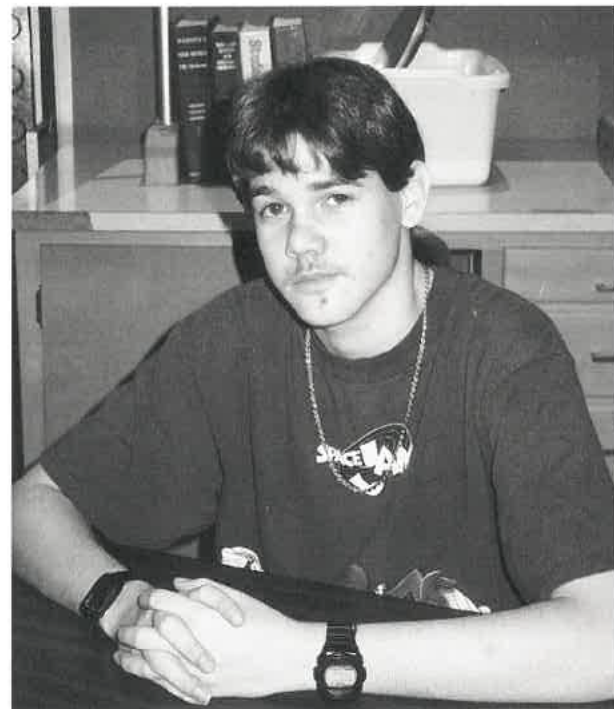
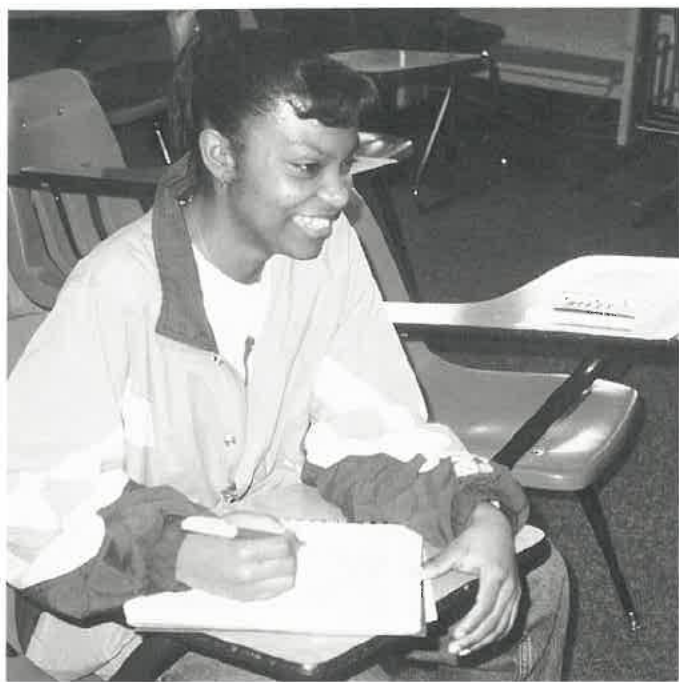


Treasurer
Erik Catalfu



Next Year, It's Their Turn





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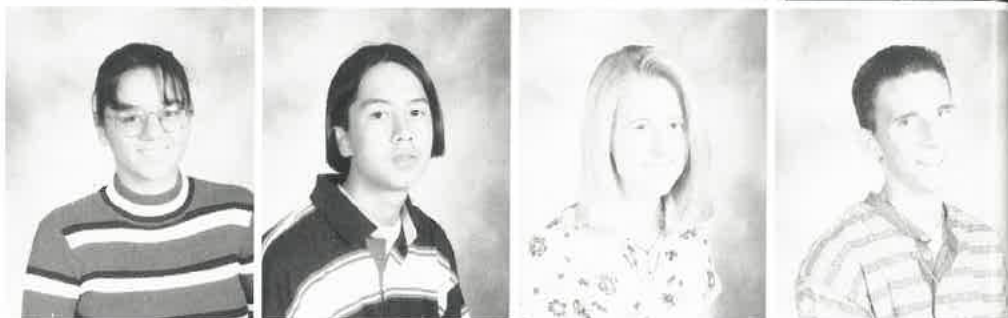


Sophomores

Victoria Andry
Javier Bautista
Rebecca Brown
Steve Cable



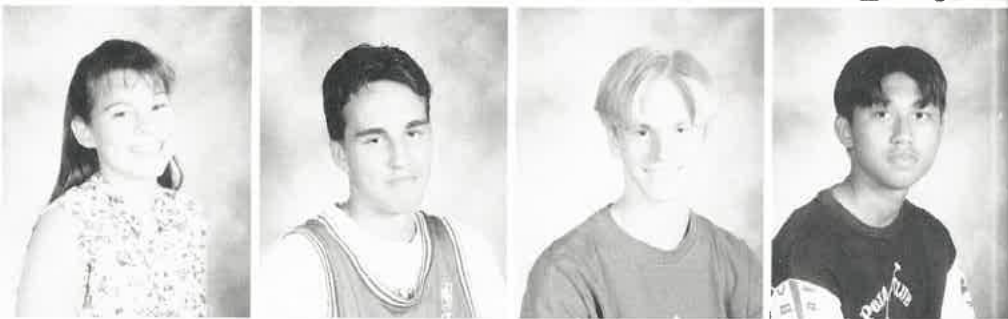
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Richard Cox
Desiree Freeman
Anthony Gonzales



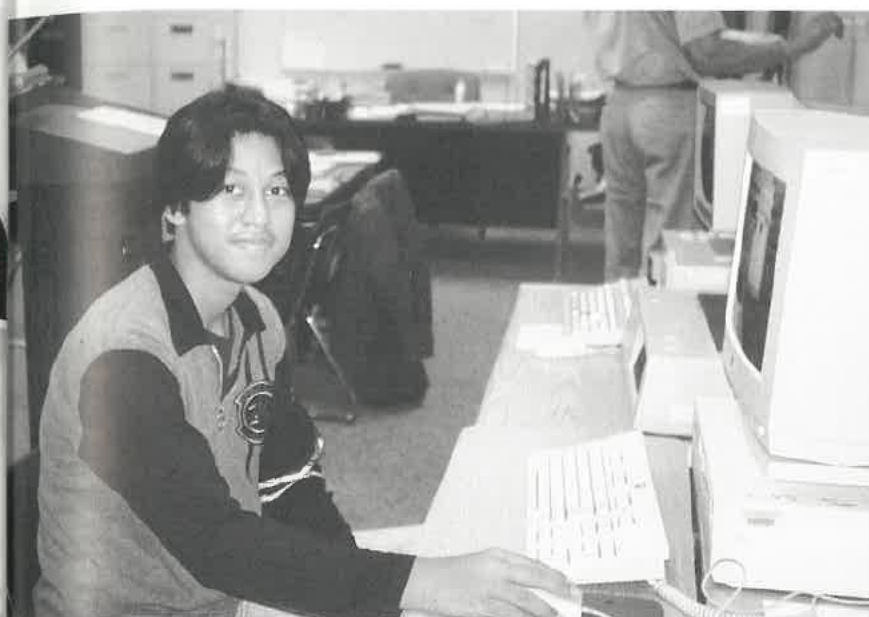
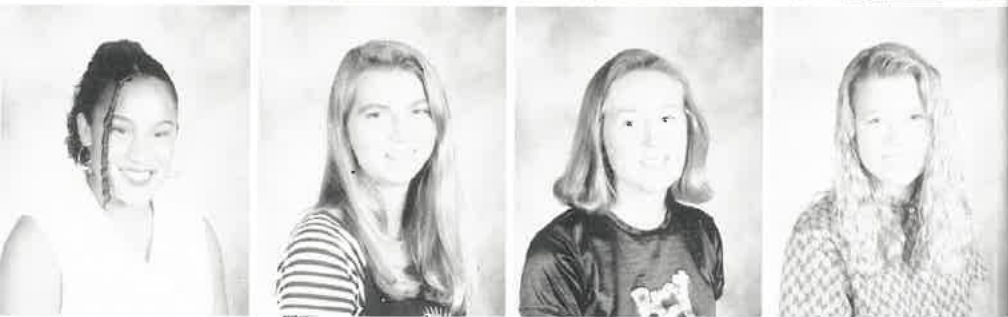
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Amber Hess
Tomas Jimenez
Jenna Martinez



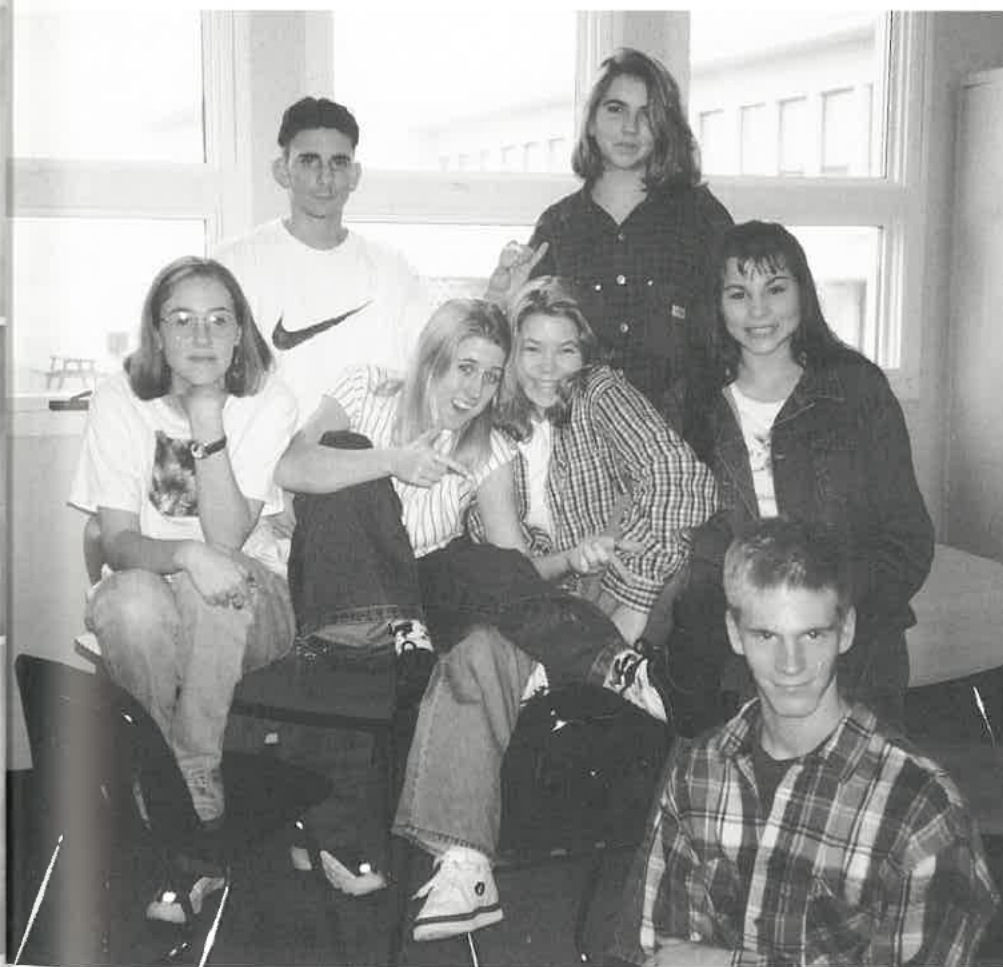
Shari Moore
Joshua Murphy
Jack Murra
Sittapong Poonlon



Rachel Rodrigues
Holly Van Lier
Brigitte Wetz
Andrea Zeleny



Sittapong: Computer genius.



The lighter side of Honors English.

Right
Sittapong, Rich, Steve, Jack & Javier
each grab a bone and make a wish.

Below
Rebecca Brown, eager and ready
to learn.



Left
"Like a rhinestone cowboy..."
Don't you need a microphone for
karaoke?



Below
Steve keeps his attention focused
closely on his shoe...um, I mean, his
class.



Below
Rachel Rodrigues sporting her
usual smile.



PRESIDENT
Andrea Zeleny



**VICE
PRESIDENT**
Desiree Freeman



SECRETARY
Brigitte Wetz



TREASURER
Shari Moore



Above - Kenny and Sittapong



Above - Dez & Chrissy - sophomore sisters!



Above - Andrea & Tomas show here why proper dental hygiene is
important - someone with a camera could sneak up at any minute.

Right
Pop quiz hotshot... What do you do? Dez, what do you do?

Far right
Amber & Becky - friends forever

Below
Shari - dazed and confused.



Left
Rich and Steve enter the magical world of the eyeball... poor Shari.



Left
Holly stylin' and profilin' in biology.

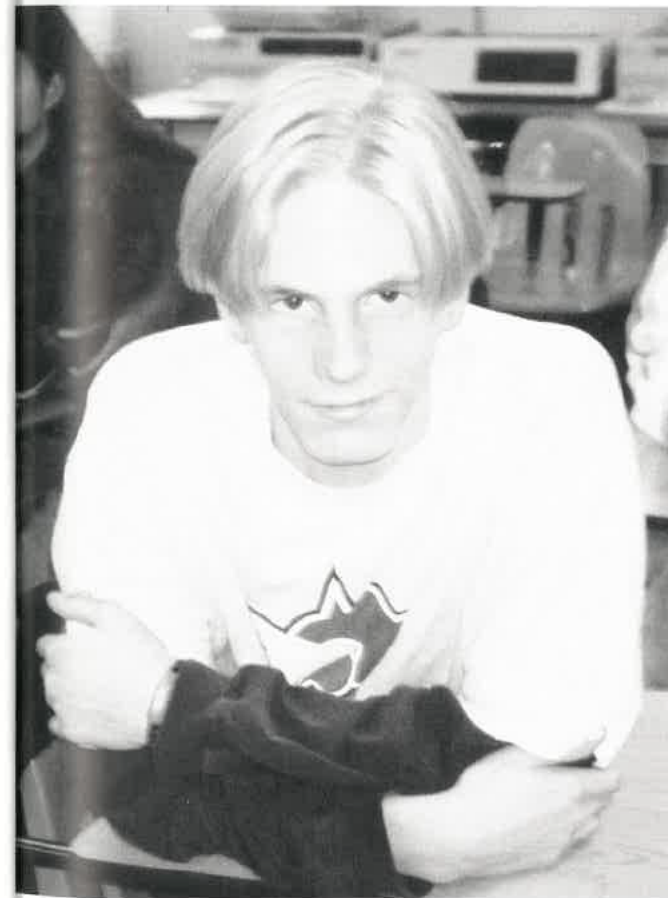
Below
Another exciting day in world history, eh Carlos?



Above
Brigitte Wetz - her shirt says it all

Above right
Carlos chows down - yum, yum!

Right
Sophomores working hard in world history.



Above
Off with their heads!

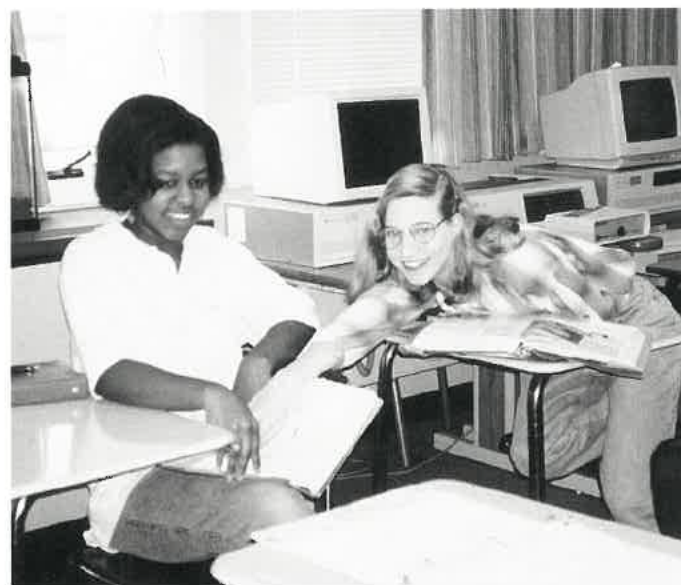


Left
Victoria takes a break to smile for the camera.

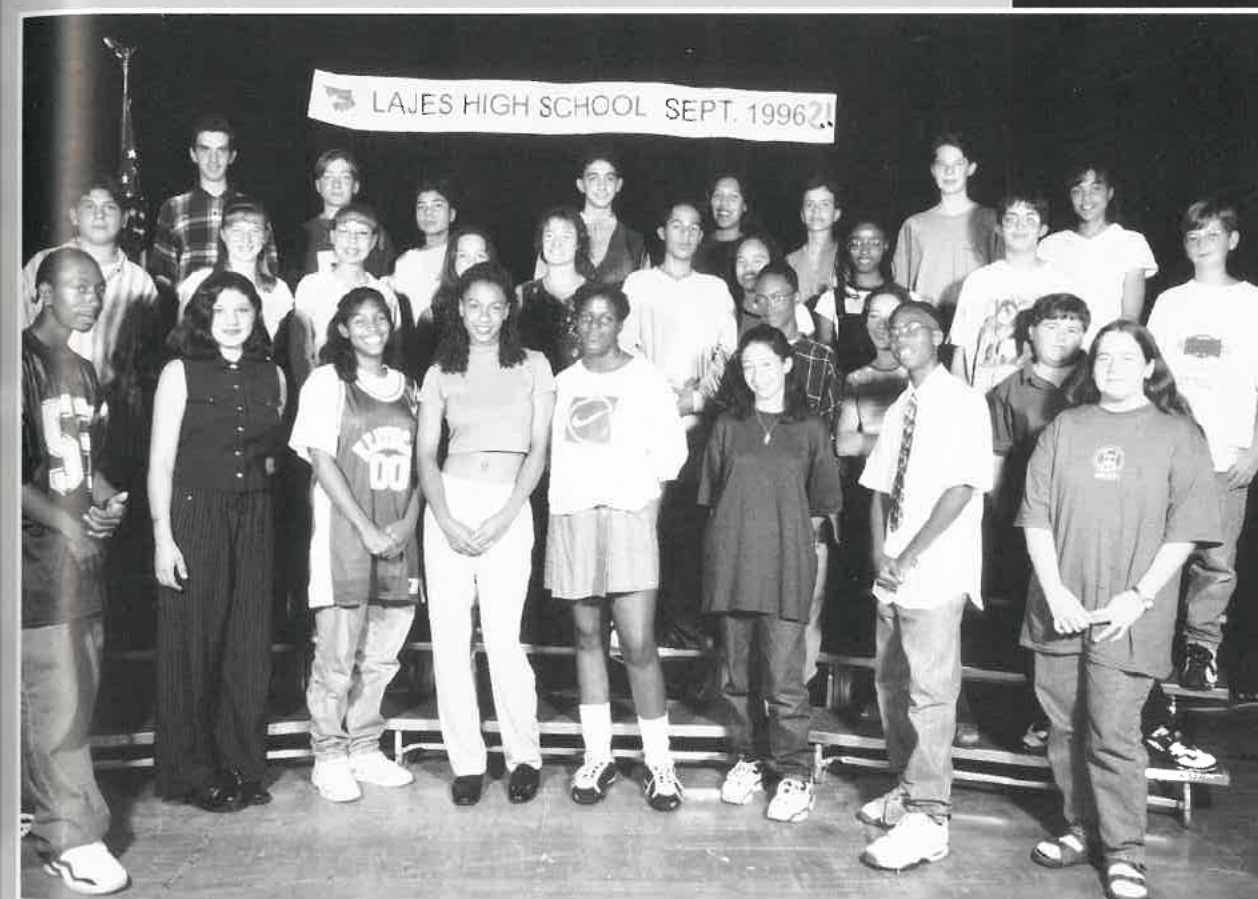
Left
Watch out GQ, here comes Jack!

Clockwise from below

- Victoria and Amber looking pretty for the camera.
- Amber Hess... dreaming of a more exciting geometry class
- Javier learns a quadratic equation with the help of Mr. Ballantine - easy stuff.
- Rich and Steve...what cuties!



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Freshmen

In The Beginning...



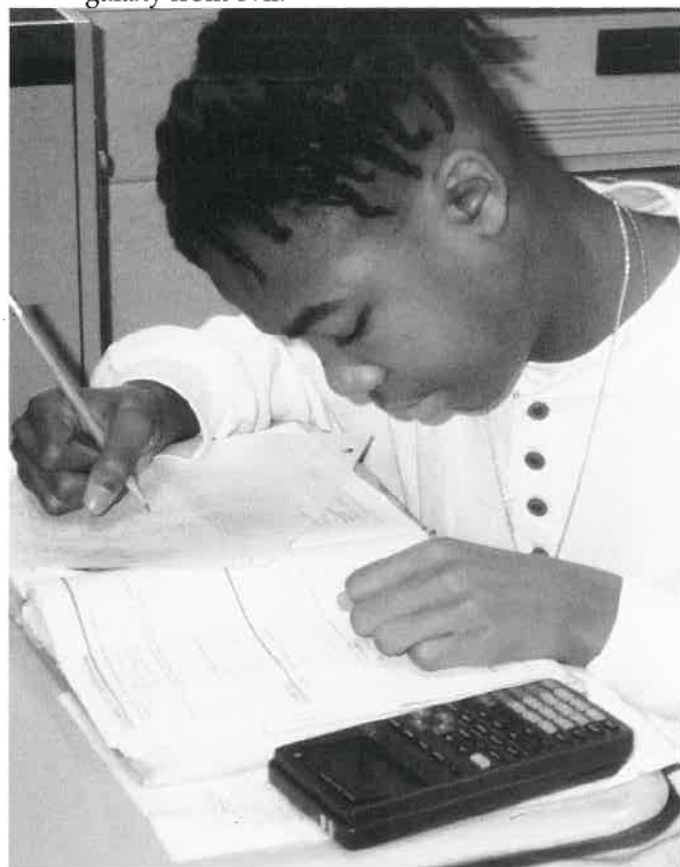
Princess LaCaille takes a lunch break after saving the galaxy from evil.



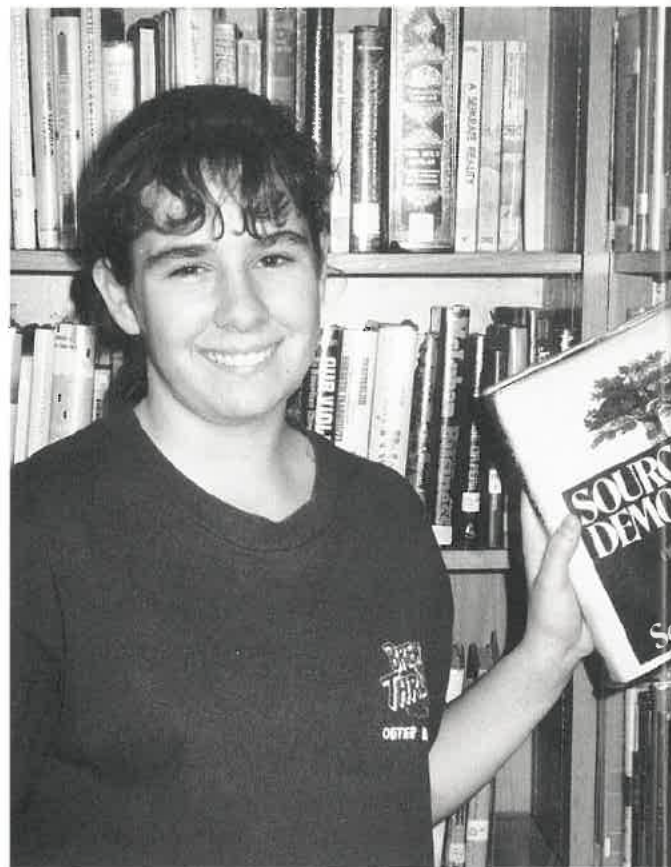
Would you trust these faces?



Desiree uses the ten minute passing period to harass her locker neighbors.



Michael, while it may look like he is doing homework, he's actually taking a nap.



Cheryl, seeking to be more politically correct.



Nina Allamani
Kevin Ballantine
Michael Barnes
Louisa Bautista
Beverly Brinkley
Desiree Broadnax

Laura Brusoe
Joseph Carpenter
Geoffrey Catalfu
Dawnte Early
Kristen Fitzsimmons
Michelle Fuller

April Garza
Antwain Harris
Brad Henry
Kelly Kingsley
James Kohlwes
LaCaille Lee

Yamika McGee
Robert Moore
Kent Murra
Ruben Nadal
Kenneth Nelson
Rebecca Pembleton

Tiffany Pena
Jonathan Pereira
Carlos Sanchez
Nathaniel Smith
Aylin Tanyeri
Dante Todd

Beginning the High School Journey

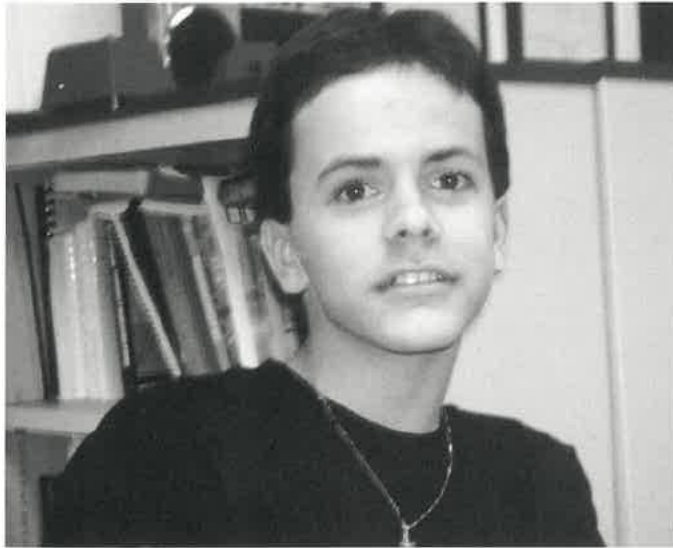


Tiffany Pena
and
LaCaille Lee

The journey through high school truly begins as a freshmen, a time when lifelong friendships are formed.

Class Officers

Below
Brad in chill mode.



Right
Aylin: Resident genius.



PRESIDENT
Dawnte Early



VICE PRESIDENT
Desiree Broadnax



SECRETARY
Yamika McGee



TREASURER
Michelle Fuller



Above
Using class time to its best advantage.



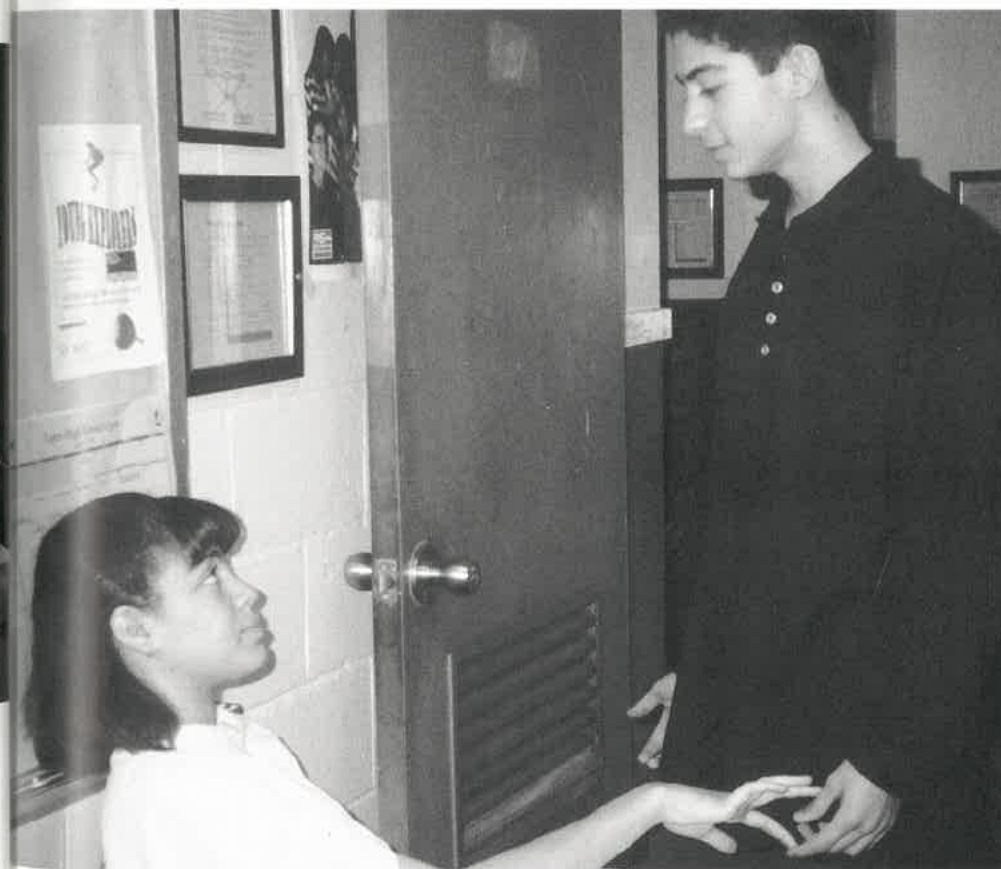
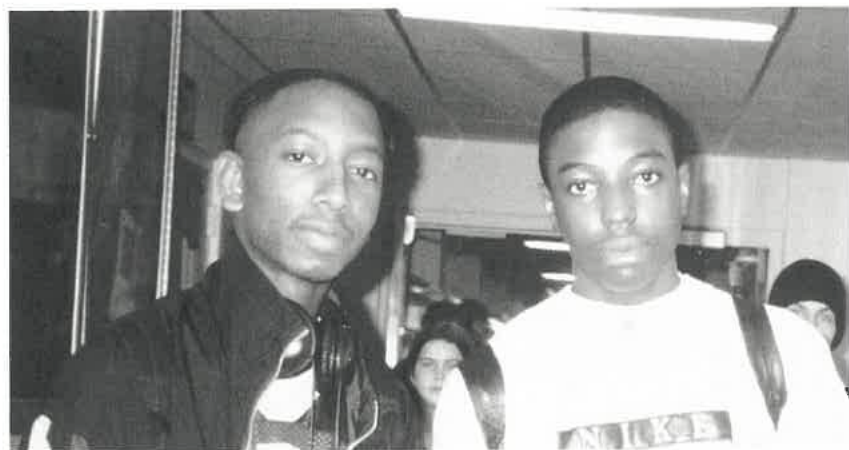
Above
Mike Barnes, class rep.

Right
Social hour in phys ed class.



Far right
At the Sweetheart's Ball.

Left
Mr. Wetz's Spanish class dilligently conjugates their verbs.



Left
Phys. Ed. Get ready to get buff!
No, really, go get ready. We'll wait.

Below
Desiree saves the world -
RECYCLE!



Below
Badminton buddies April and
Nathan.

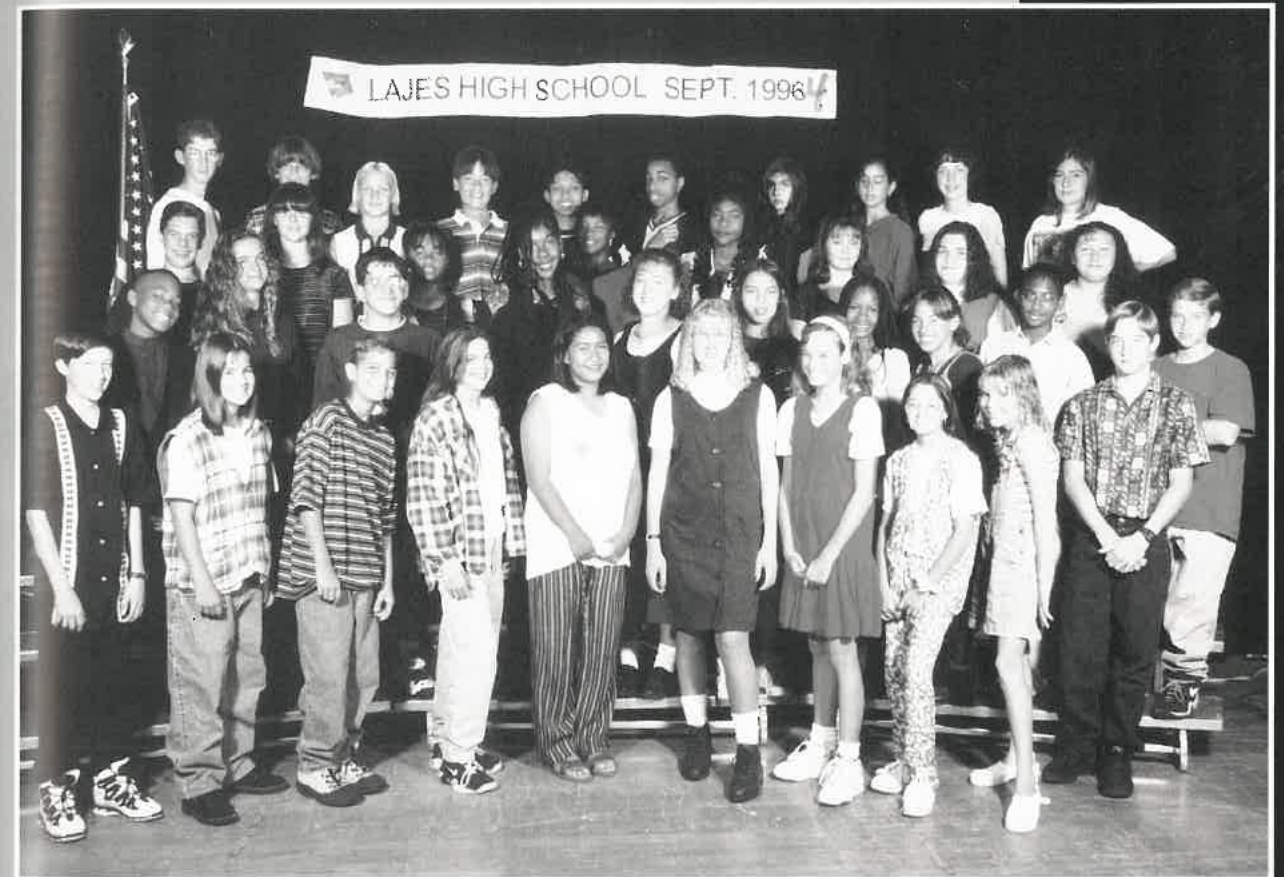


Above
Mika's happy.

Left
Nina, will you marry me?



2001



8th Grade



Krystal shows spirit on hat day.



Isn't learning fun?



This is how we do it.



Noah Hopper
Zachary Keeler
Adriana King
Albanie King
Glenn Long
Derrick Morrison

Michael Musgrove
Jeremiah Noack
Anupon Poonlon
Minnie Raven
Pamela Raven
Desiree Sibole

Brett Skates
Jenna Smith
Kyle Smith
Mete Tanyeri
Krystal Tart
Angel Torrel

David Tucker
Rochelle Tucker
J.C. Van Liere
Liana Veltman
Margarita Wells

Lara Abuyen
Jennifer Amato
Tonia Anthony
Kourtney Barnes
Tiffany N. Boling
Jordan Brumley

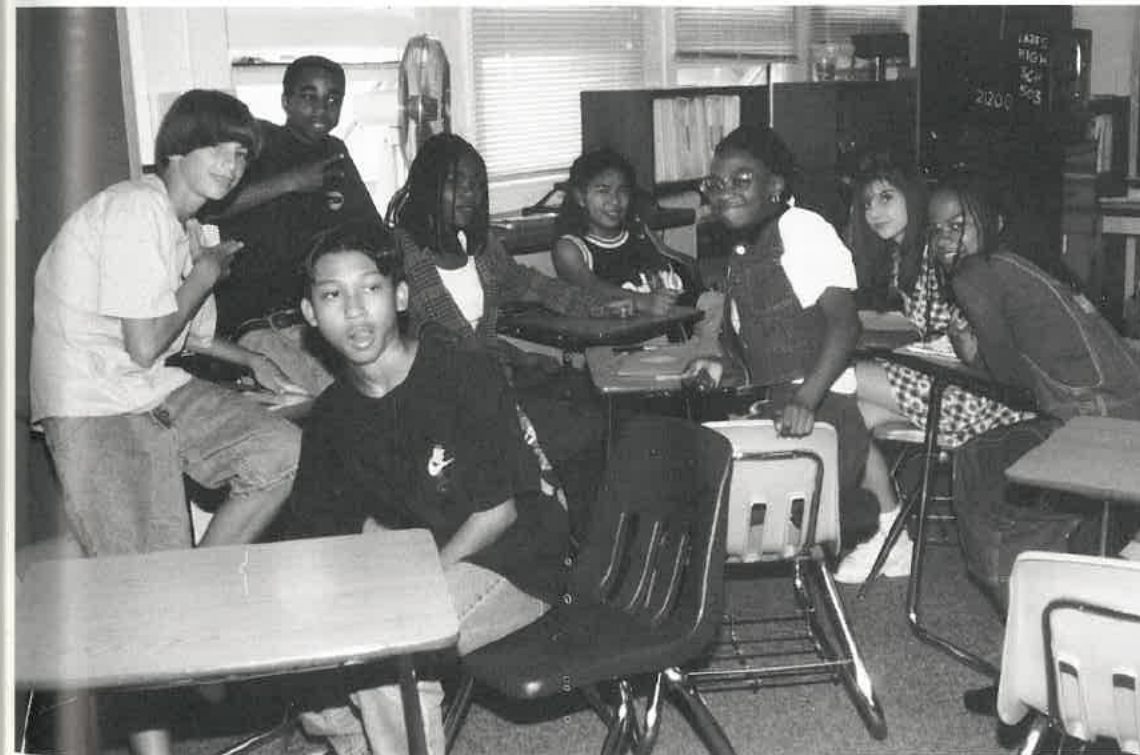


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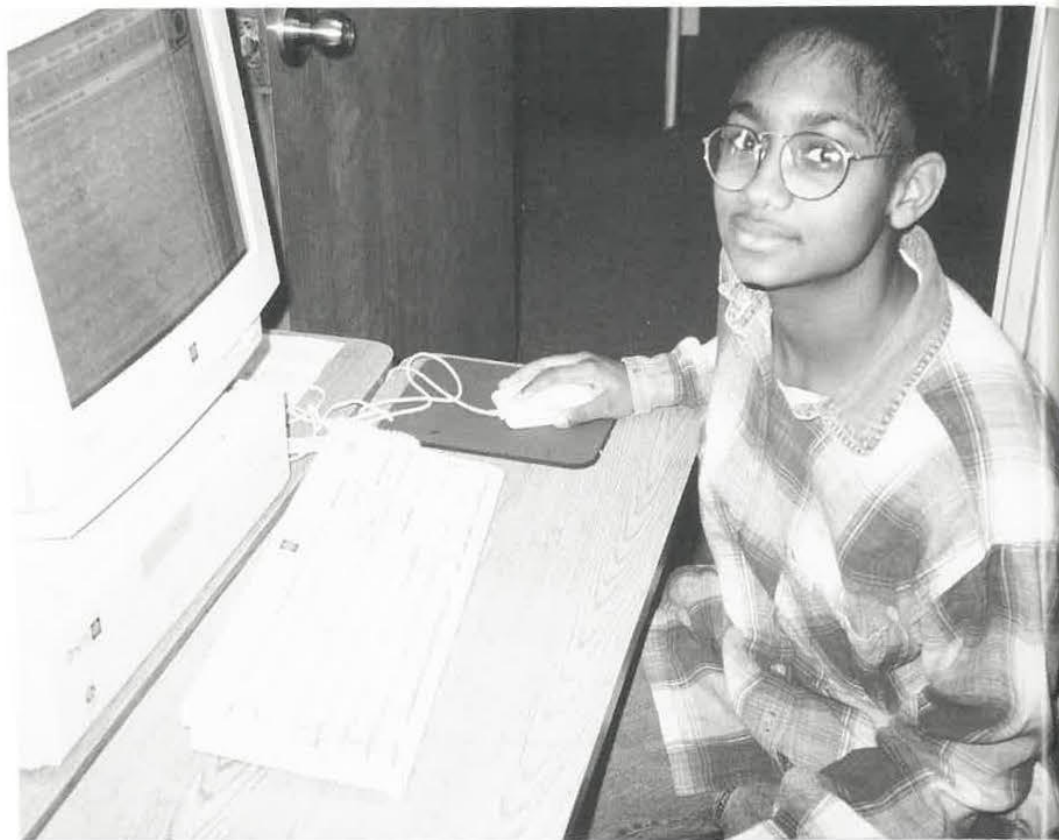
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Kamika Davis
Susanne DeCaccia
Danielle Dittig
Joy Drafton



Jennifer Frederick
Casey Gannon
Justin Garcia
Jennifer Gross
Elysa Hamrick
Richard Hess



"Dangerous
Minds"



Minnie Raven.



Left
Mete Tanyeri gives the thumbs up sign indicating it's ok to go inside.



Left
Tatum Lanese looks for amoeba through the microscope.



Below
Richard Hess makes sure all his experiments are carried out behind glass. Good call Richard.



PRESIDENT
Joy
Drafton



**VICE
PRESIDENT**
Danielle
Dittig



SECRETARY
Adriana
King



TREASURER
Angel
Torrell



Above
Jordan's two finger method to keyboards will catch on soon.

Left
They're holding a large pair of scissors and smiling -- what's up with that?

Below
Angel is the only one in class, and she still sits in the back row.

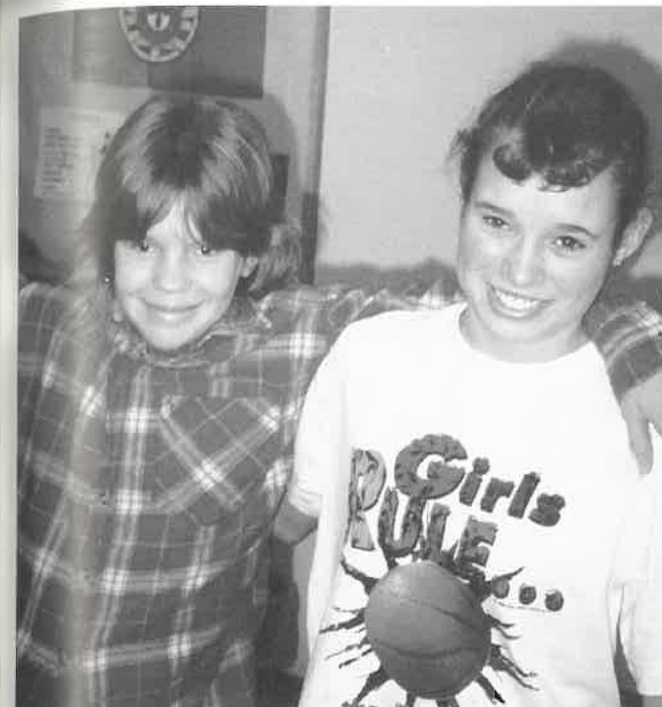
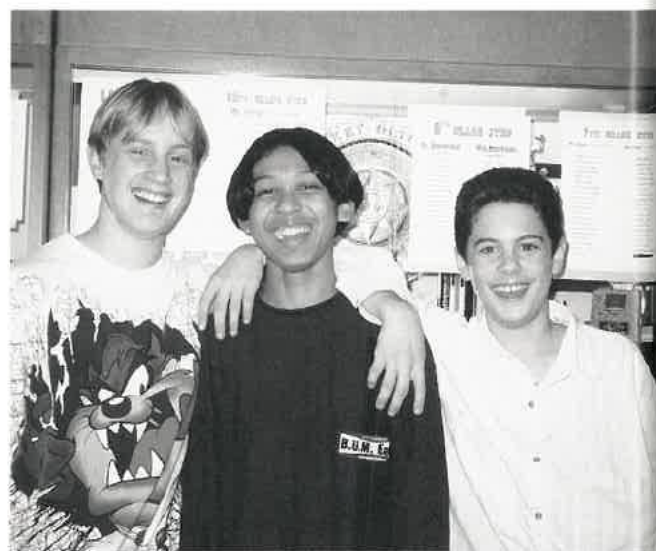


Right
Joy, Tonia, Kamika and Elysa - lined up and ready to make the clarinet and flute sections groove.



Above
Derrick - Hooked on phonics

Right
Brett, Anupon and Josh - We're not sure why they're smiling and we're not sure we want to know.



Left
Rochelle Tucker and Jennifer Frederick



Below
Jennifer, Albanie, Adriana and Angela.

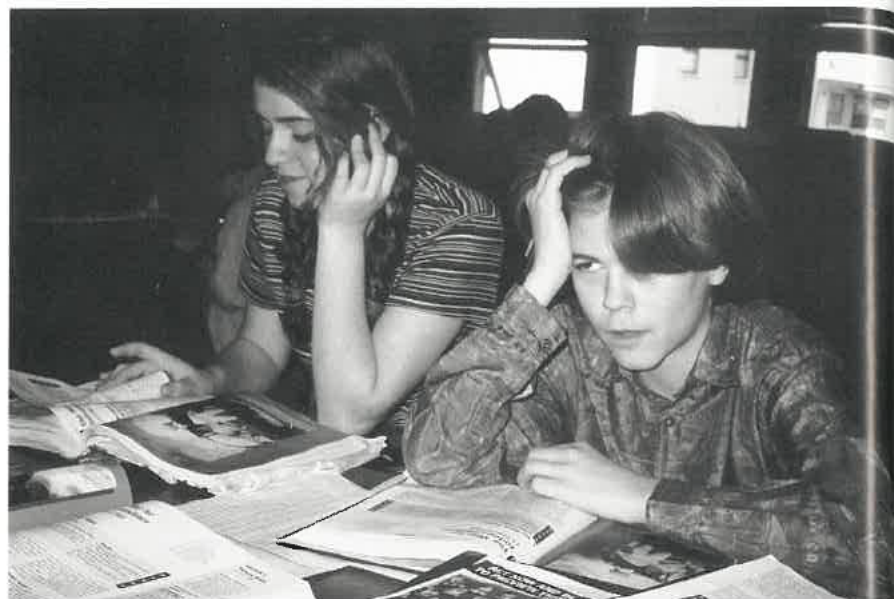


Above
Margarita, Jeremiah and Danielle

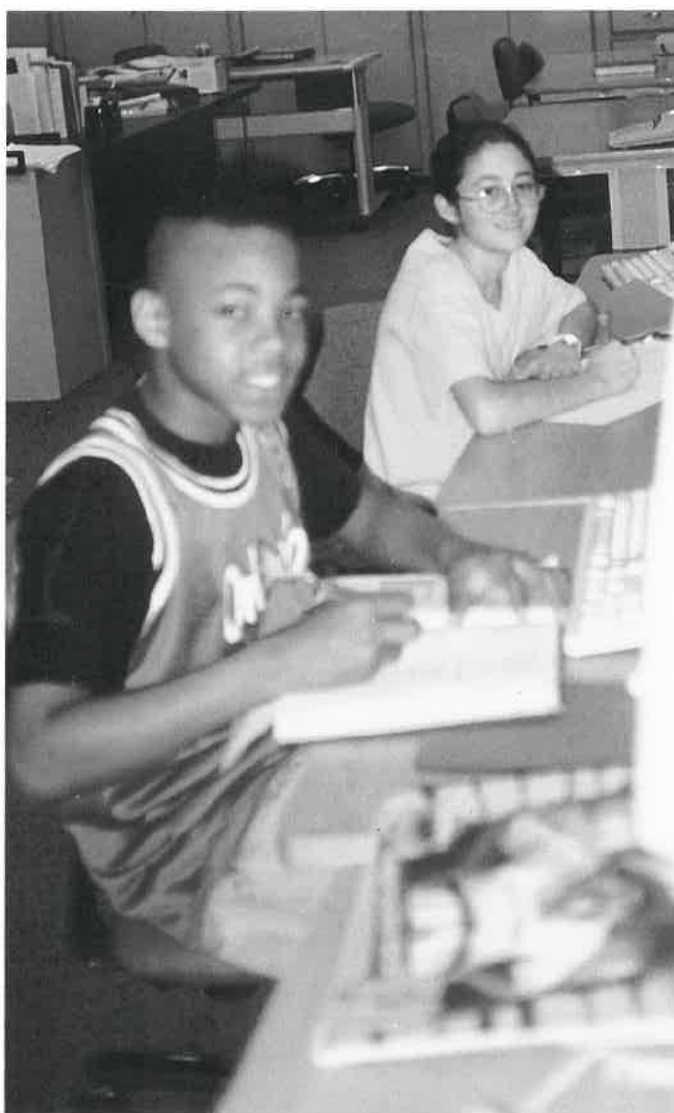
Left
Kyle Smith



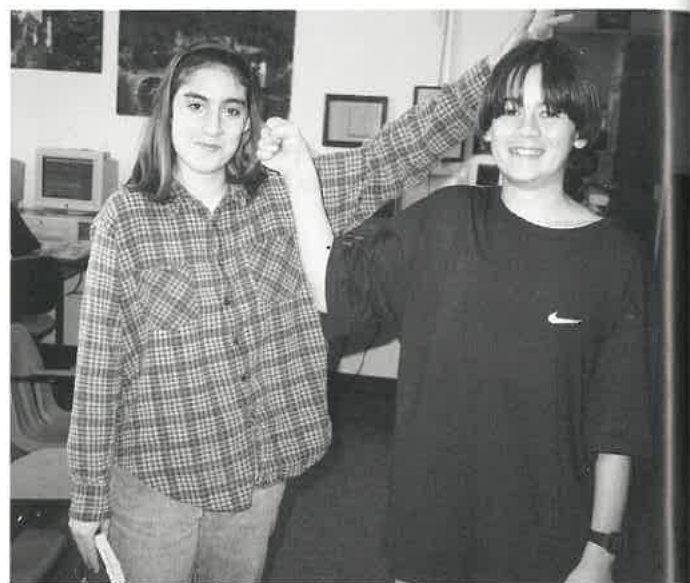
Scott Christesen



Casey and J.C.



Mike Musgrove & Jenna Smith



Susanne and Justin



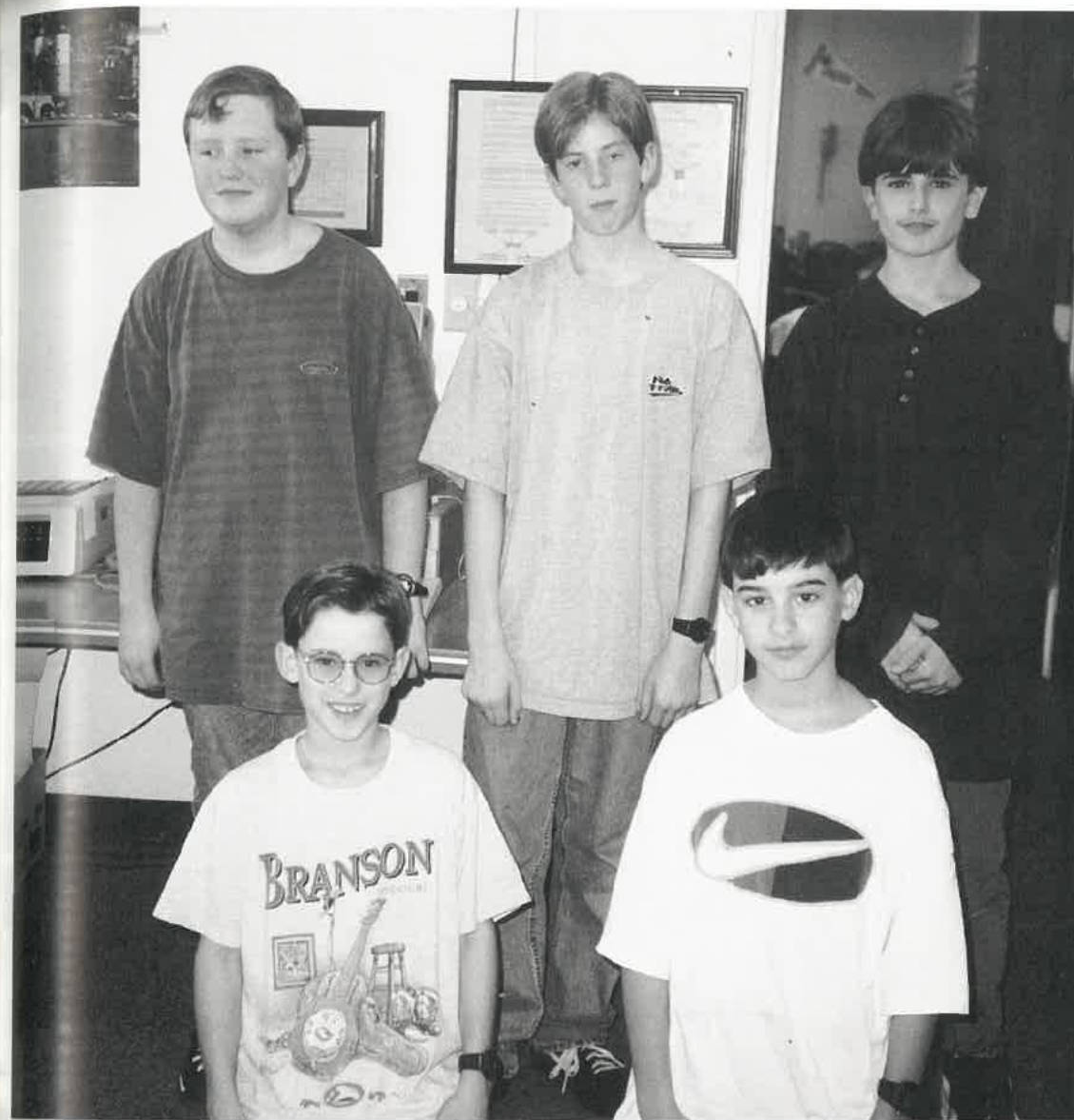
Kourtney Barnes

2002



7th Grade

Any way you put it, it's 2002 2002



Michael Allen
William Babcock
Gabriel Bautista
Angela Bowman
Keith Breckenridge
Yolanda Brinkley
Shayna Brothers



Sarah Constantine
Jamie Cox
Candace Decaccia
Jason Decaccia
Brandy DePietro
Jonathon Dubuque
Jasen Epperson



Dana Fuller
James Hamrick
Brian Hastye
Tonia Harris
Ashley Herard
Joe Hubbard
John Jenkins



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Sarah Kriesel
Tatum Lanese
Nicholas Maassen
Justin Martinez
Matthew McGivney
Danielle Moran
Heath Murra

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Lindsay Newton
Danielle Nichols
Andrew Nuzzo
Samantha Pfeil
Megan Pierce
Chasity Raybuck
Megan Rectenbaugh

Gregory Richmond
Erin Tingley



Class Officers



PRESIDENT

SHAYNABROTHERS



VICE-PRESIDENT

JAMIECOX



SECRETARY

ANDREWNUZZO



TREASURER

BRIANJENKINS



Kasey Carpenter gets in some quality computer time in Mrs. White's classroom. Computer studies are taught in all grades at LHS.



Jamie Cox takes a few moments out of her computer time to do some face-to-face communication with a classmate.

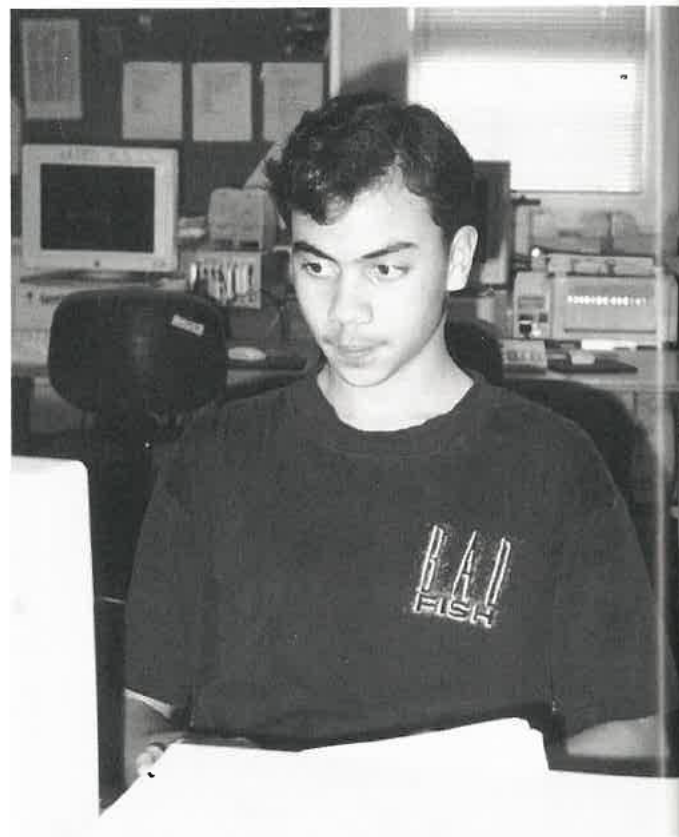
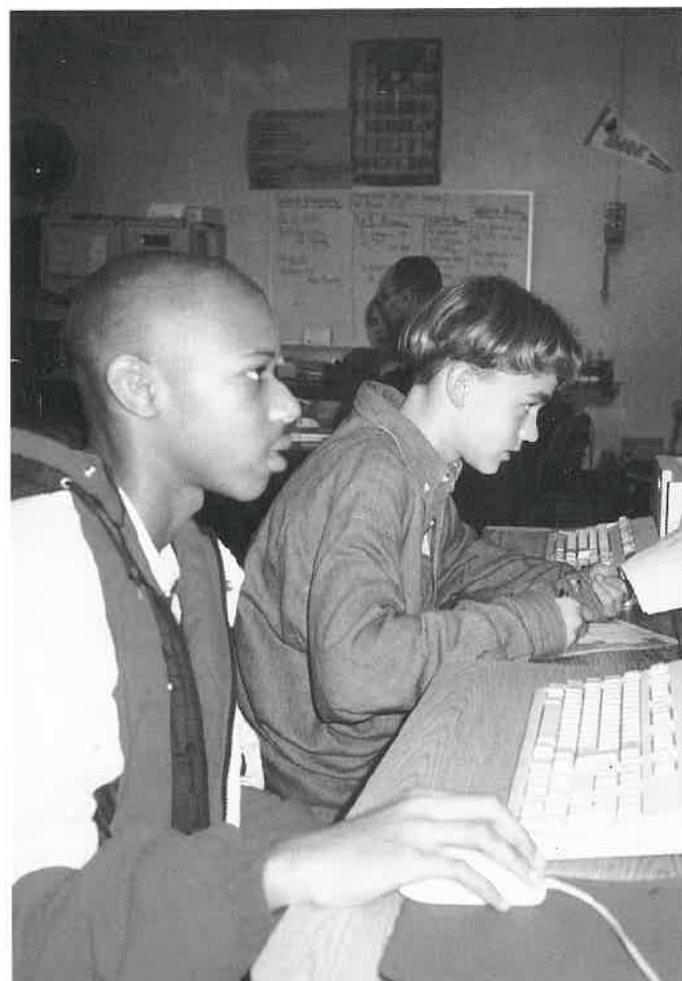


Dana Fuller, pass in hand, is ready to learn.

Right
Candace DeCaccia and
Lindsay Newton, playing
the clarinet and flute re-
spectively, while Jonathan
Dubuque and Danielle
Nichols look on.



Below
Keith Breckenridge and
Brian Jenkins at work on the
computers.



Above
Chris - It may not look it, but this man can type.

Right
Danielle, it's time to get up...

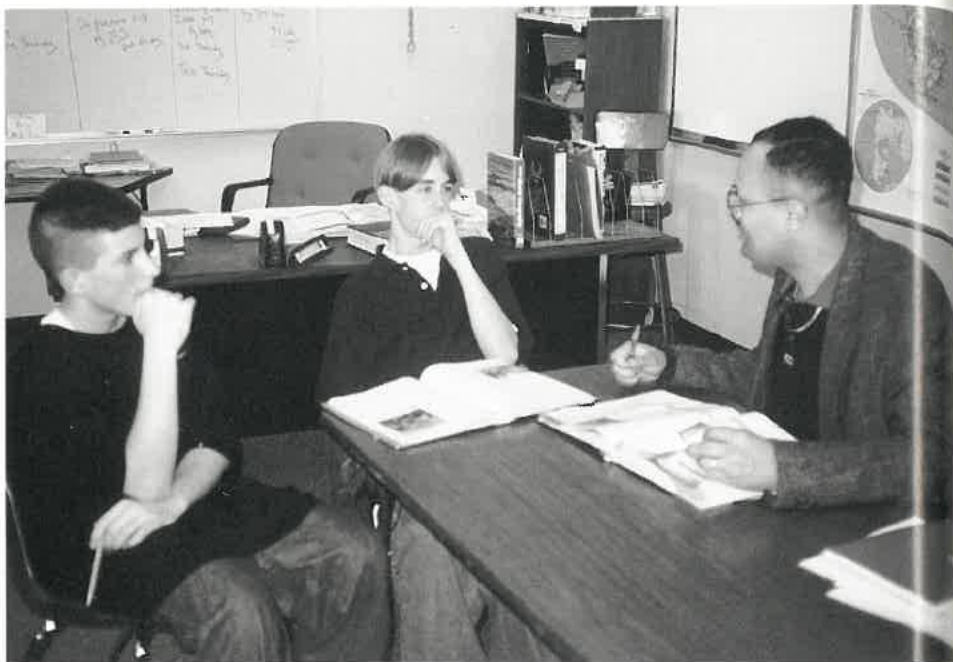


Below
Yolanda Brinkley - I didn't do it,
you can't prove it, it wasn't me,
I wasn't there.



Above
Greg seems to be caught up in the middle of Sharliene and Megan.

Left
Matthew McGivney and Walter Boyson, get a lesson on the American Revolution from Mr. Rodney Price.



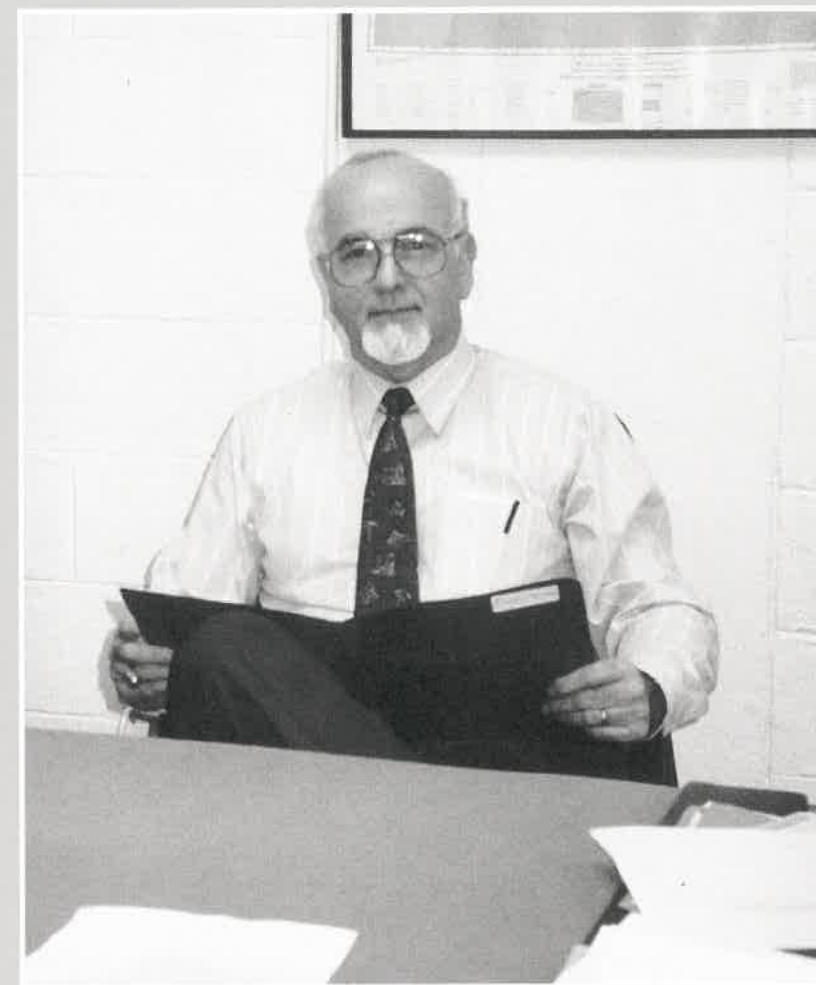
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Nicholas Maassen and Chris Babcock

Above right
Joe Hubbard, Gabriel Bautista, Angela Bowman and Megan Rectenbaugh.



Right
Jason DeCaccia

LHS



*Dr.
Gilbert
Fernandes
Principal*

Faculty



Keith Ballantine



Jayne Bockman



John Bockman



Bob Brown



Patricia Brown



Joan Byman



Aundria Collins



Mimina Falcao-Toste



Dr. Gilbert Fernandes



David Gronke



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Mary Ann Henke



Nora Ivers



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Richard Pierce



Rodney Price



Adola Stocker



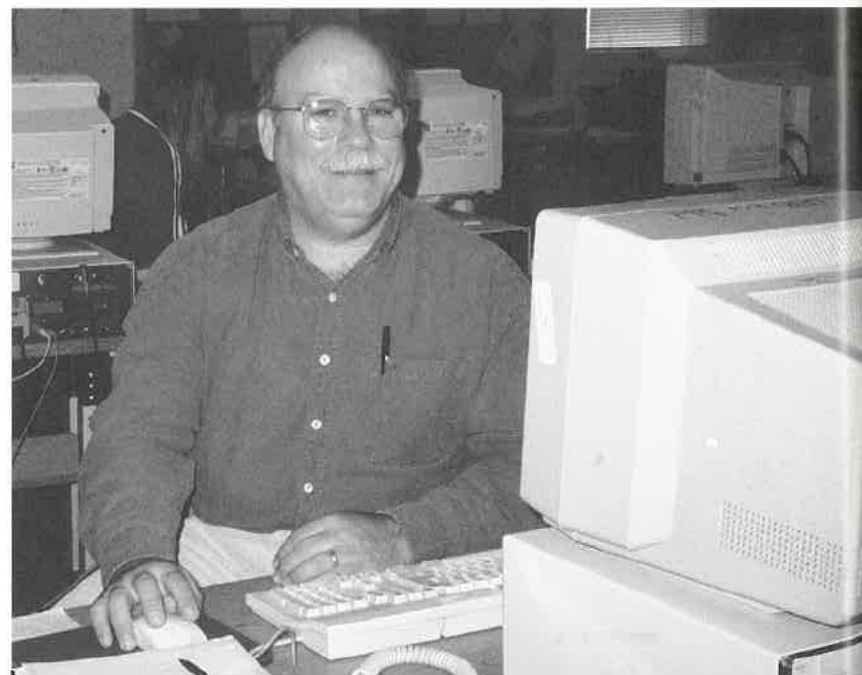
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Jayne Bockman - English



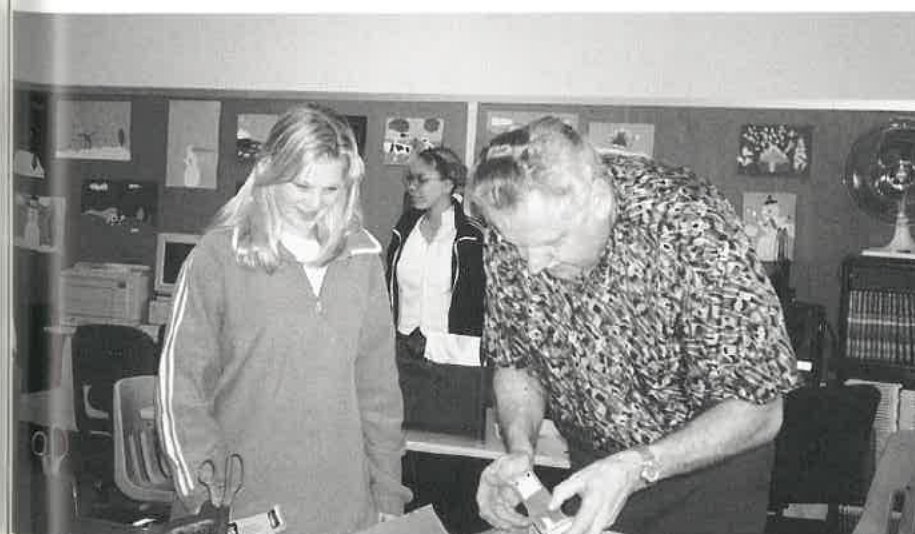
Aundria Collins - front office.



Deborah Harris-Mota - Home economics



Nora Ivers - Librarian



Armin Klatt - Art

The class
of 1997
would
like to
thank,
most of all,
the
teachers
and staff
of Lajes
High
School.
Without
their hard
work, we
could
never
attain our
GOALS.

Right
Keith Ballantine - Math

Below
Lisa O'Neil - English

Bottom
Joan Byman



*Superlatives
Spirit Week
Sports
Drama
&
Extra-
Curricular
Activities*

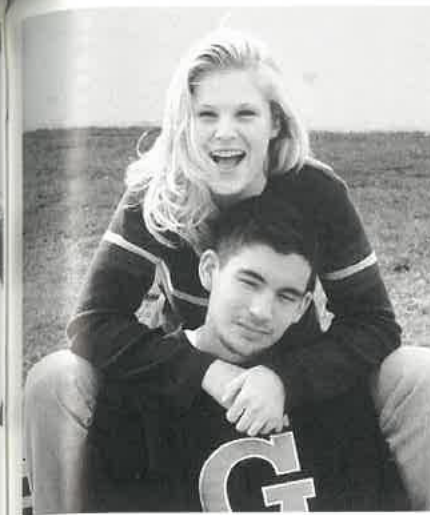
Activities/Events

MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT

Kristi Brothers,
Jessica Kovach
and Phil Keim



BEST APPEARANCE
Schantel Burgess and Tom Lanese



BEST APPEARANCE

Candice Treasure and Brian
Carpenter

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

Tori Pierce and Bill Tanyeri



CLASS CLOWNS
Schantel Burgess
and Ken Ballantine

BIGGEST FLIRTS

Candice
Treasure and
Ryan Keim

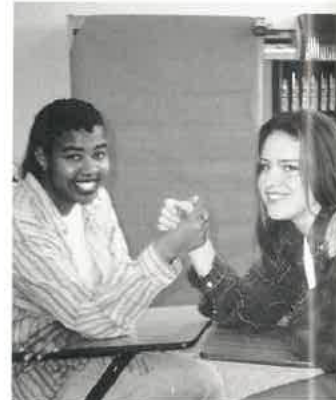


MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

Jessica Kovach, David
Tutwiler and Camael
Pembleton

MOST ATHLETIC

Rachel Bruning
and Schantel
Burgess



MOST ATHLETIC

Celetia Daniels
and Jon Allamani



MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT

Crystal Pena and Jon Allamani



CLASS CLOWNS

Jale Andrews
and Erik Catalfu

BIGGEST FLIRTS

Kristi Brothers
and Mark
Sanchez



FRIENDLIEST

Camael Pembleton
and Phil Keim



FRIENDLIEST

Joyce Smith and
Erik Catalfu

97

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BIGGEST FLIRTS

Christina Cantu &
Tomas Jimenez



FRIENDLIEST

Brigitte Wetz &
Jack Murra

MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT & CLASS CLOWNS

Holly Van Liere & Steve Cable



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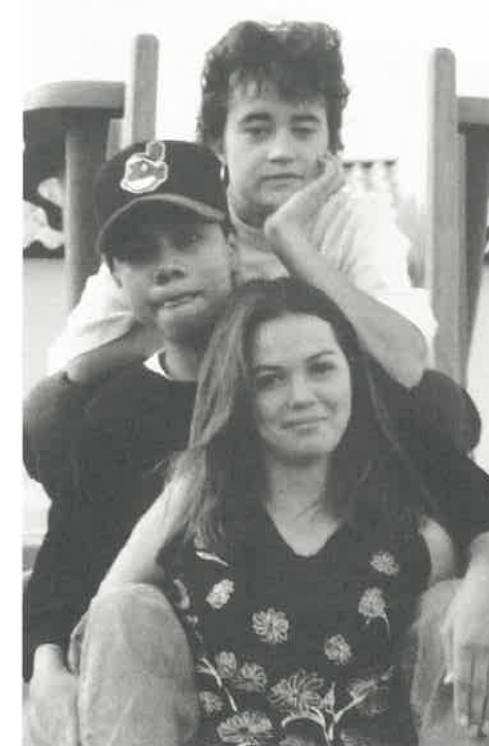
CLASS CLOWNS

Antwain Harris &
Kelly Kingsley



MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT

Yamika McGee &
James Kohlwes



BIGGEST FLIRT

Laura Brusoe, Carlos
Sanchez & Kelly Kingsley



MOST ATHLETIC

Jenna Martinez &
Anthony Gonzales



BEST APPEARANCE

Andrea Zeleny & Anthony
Gonzales

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

Shari Moore & Jack Murra



BEST APPEARANCE

Ruben Nadal, LaCaille Lee &
Dawnte Early

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

LaCaille Lee &
Kevin Ballantine



MOST ATHLETIC

Antwain Harris & Dawnte
Early



FRIENDLIEST

LaCaille Lee &
Charlie Rowell

2000

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CLASS CLOWNS

Noah Hopper & Joy Drafton



FRIENDLIEST

Albanie King & Noah Hopper



MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT

Jeremiah Noack & Danielle Dittig



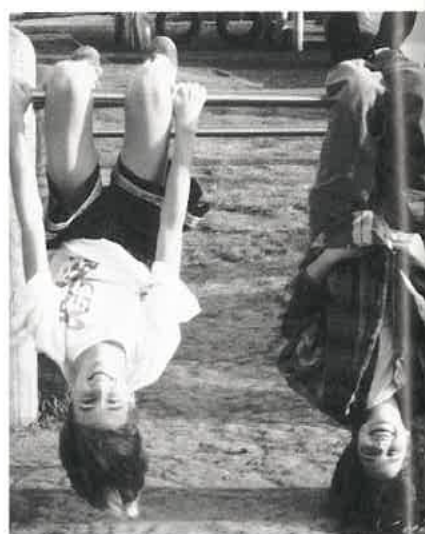
BIGGEST FLIRTS

Laura Abuyen & Noah Hopper



MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

Richard Hess & Angela Collins



MOST ATHLETIC

Zachary Keeler & Adriana King



BEST APPEARANCE

Tonia Anthony & J.C. Van Liere



CLASS CLOWNS

Dana Fuller & Justin Martinez

02

FRIENDLIEST

Tonya Harris & Matt McGivney



MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT

Ashley Reeves & Jasen Epperson



BEST APPEARANCE

Danielle Moran & Bryan Hastye



MOST ATHLETIC

Jamie Cox & Andrew Nuzzo



MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

Shayna Brothers & Joe Coker



BIGGEST FLIRTS

Kalya Watts & Jasen Epperson

SPIRIT WEEK



HOMECOMING '96



Left
The Lajes Homecoming
Court of 1996.



Far left
Homecoming King and Queen - Phil
Keim and Schantel Burgess



Above
Desiree, Erik, Jack, Geoffrey, Tom,
Bo. Front row: Steve and Antonio.



Left
Prince and Princess - David Tutwiler
and Kristi Brothers.

THE 1996 FALCON SOCCER TEAM

Right
Kenny, our leading scorer, goes
for the ball.
Below
The '96 Falcon soccer squad.



Clockwise from upper left

- See Tomas. See Tomas run. Run, Tomas, run.
- Candice defends her goal from the bad, bad man.
- Sittapong received a medal for being named to the All-Conference team as a goalie.
- Crystal and Jessica were two of females on the soccer team. Lajes had the only team in the Turkey School District to have a co-ed soccer team.

Lady Falcon Volleyball



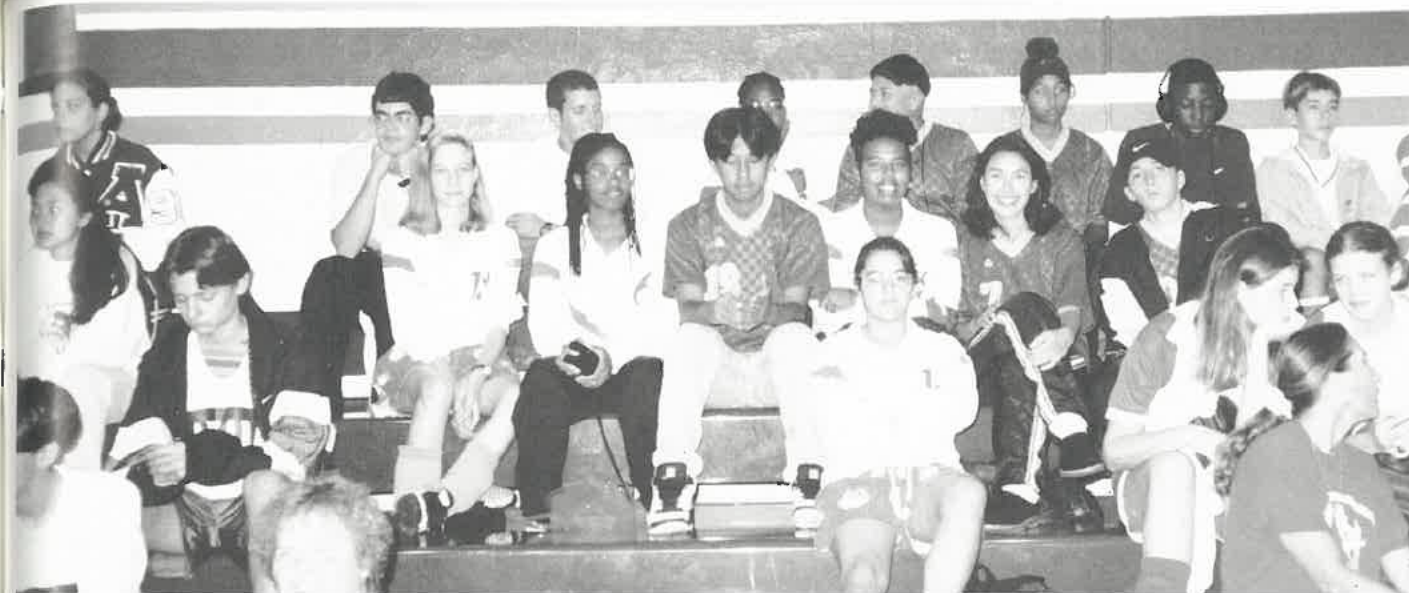
Front row from left: Desiree Broadnax, Tori Pierce, Holly Van Liere, Rachel Bruning, Christina Cantu and Rebecca Pembleton. Back row from left: Dawn Early, Schantel Burgess, Nina Allamani, Brigitte Wetz, Aylin Tanyeri and coach Mary Henke.

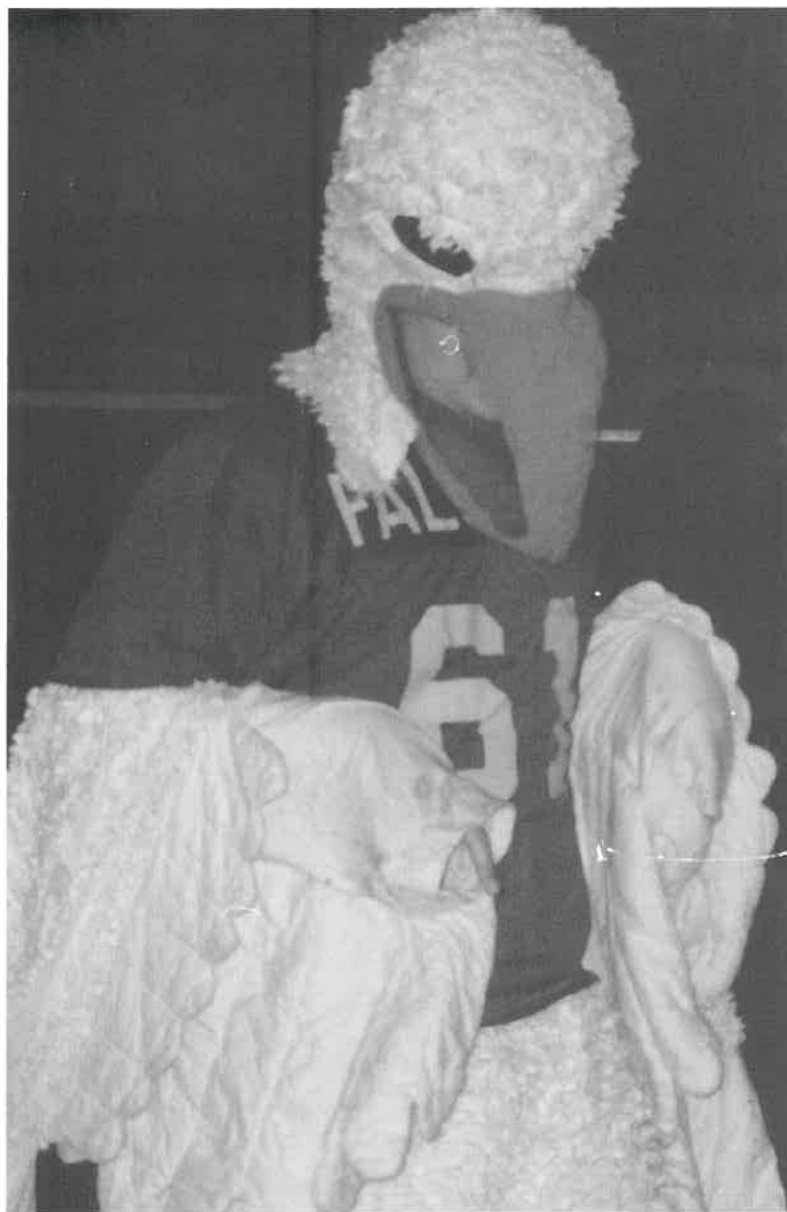


Above
Holly makes a dive for the ball. You go girl!



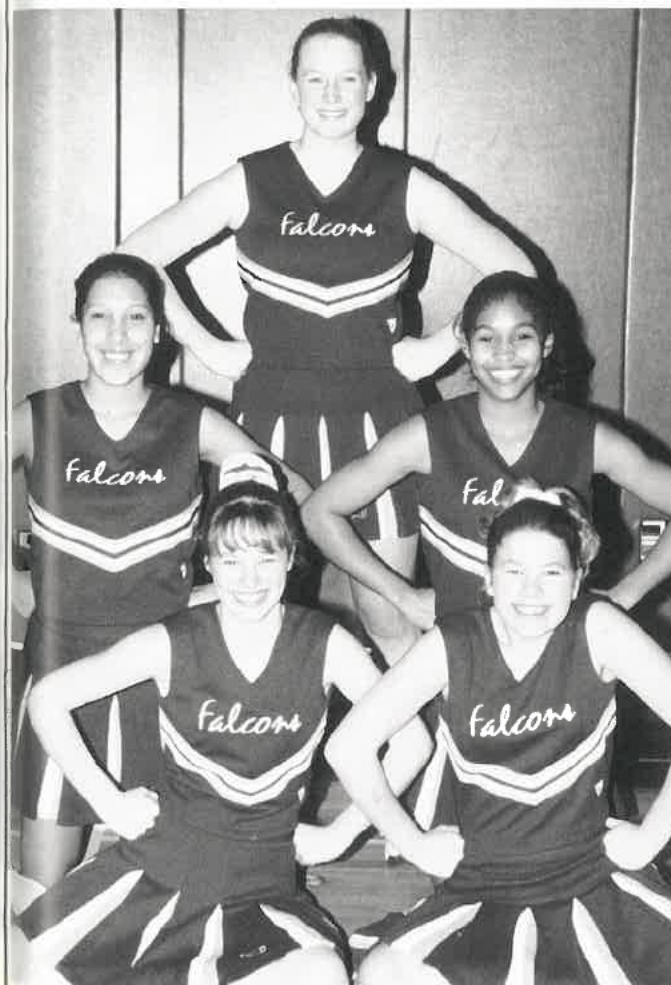
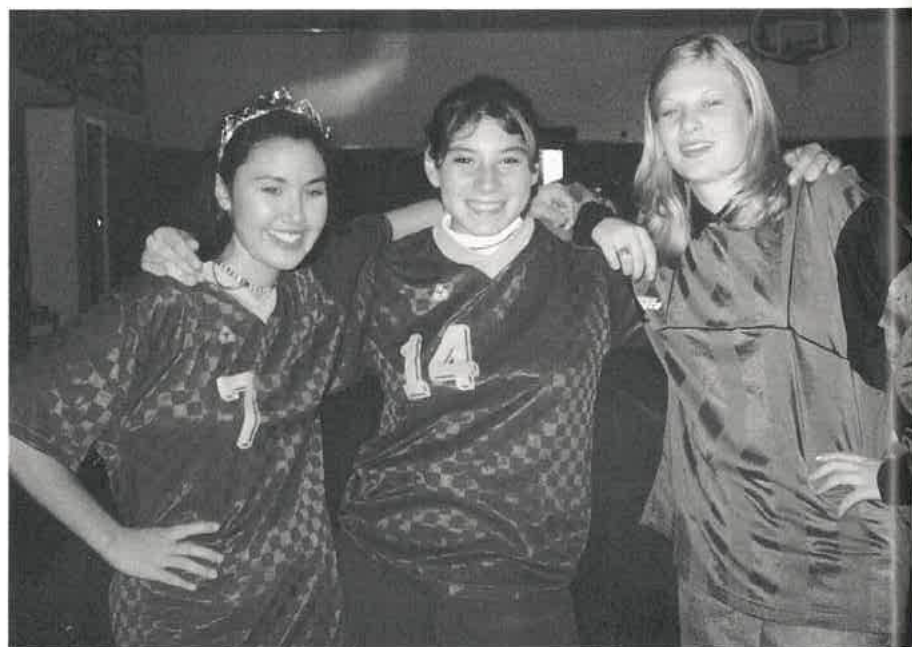
Right
Rachel works on her serve before a game.



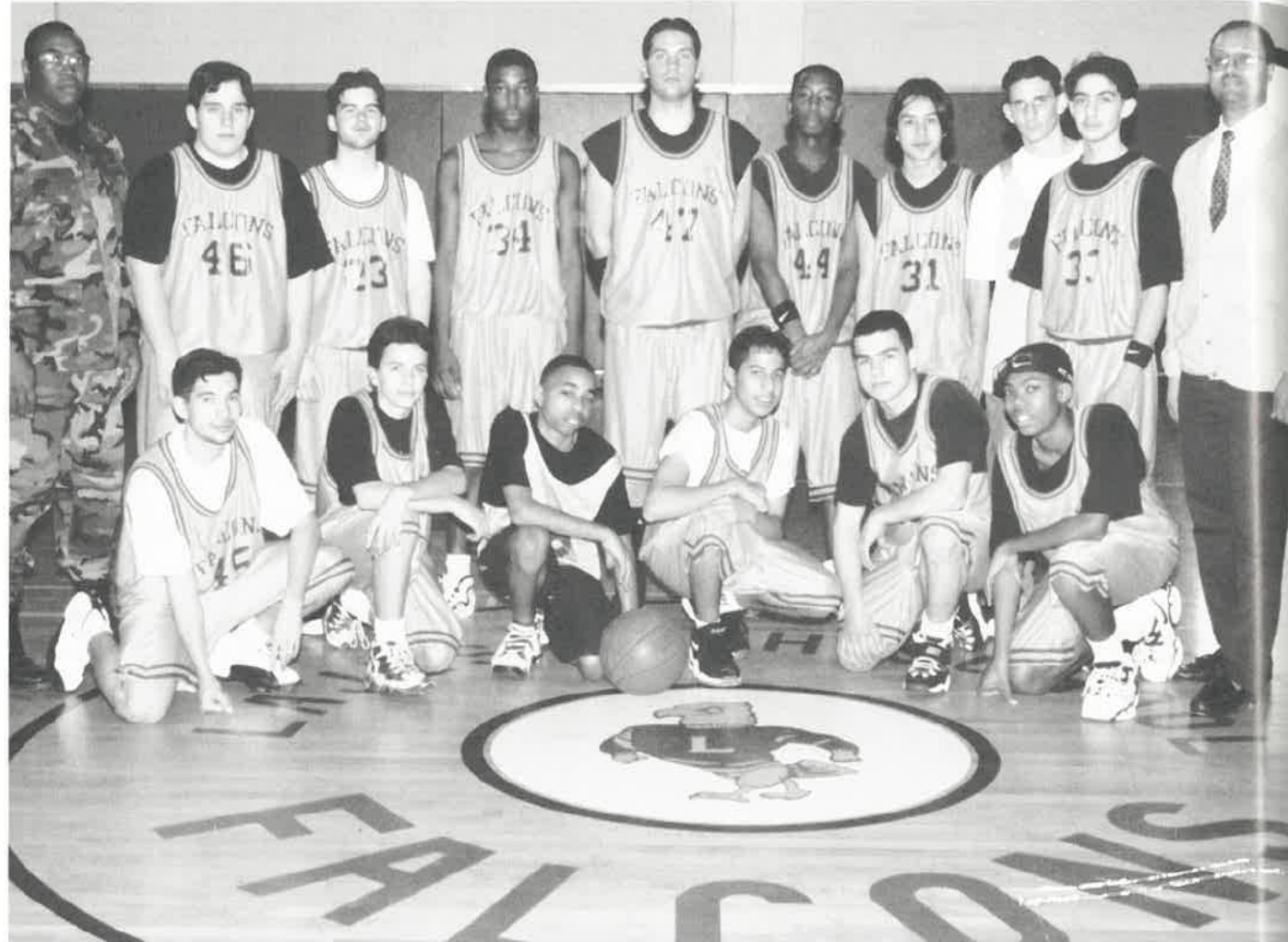


CHEER

LEADING



Basketball cheerleaders
Coached by Heather Blodgett, the squad consisted of - Andrea Zeleny, Jennifer Hagar, Yamika McGee, Louisa Bautista, and Michelle Hites.

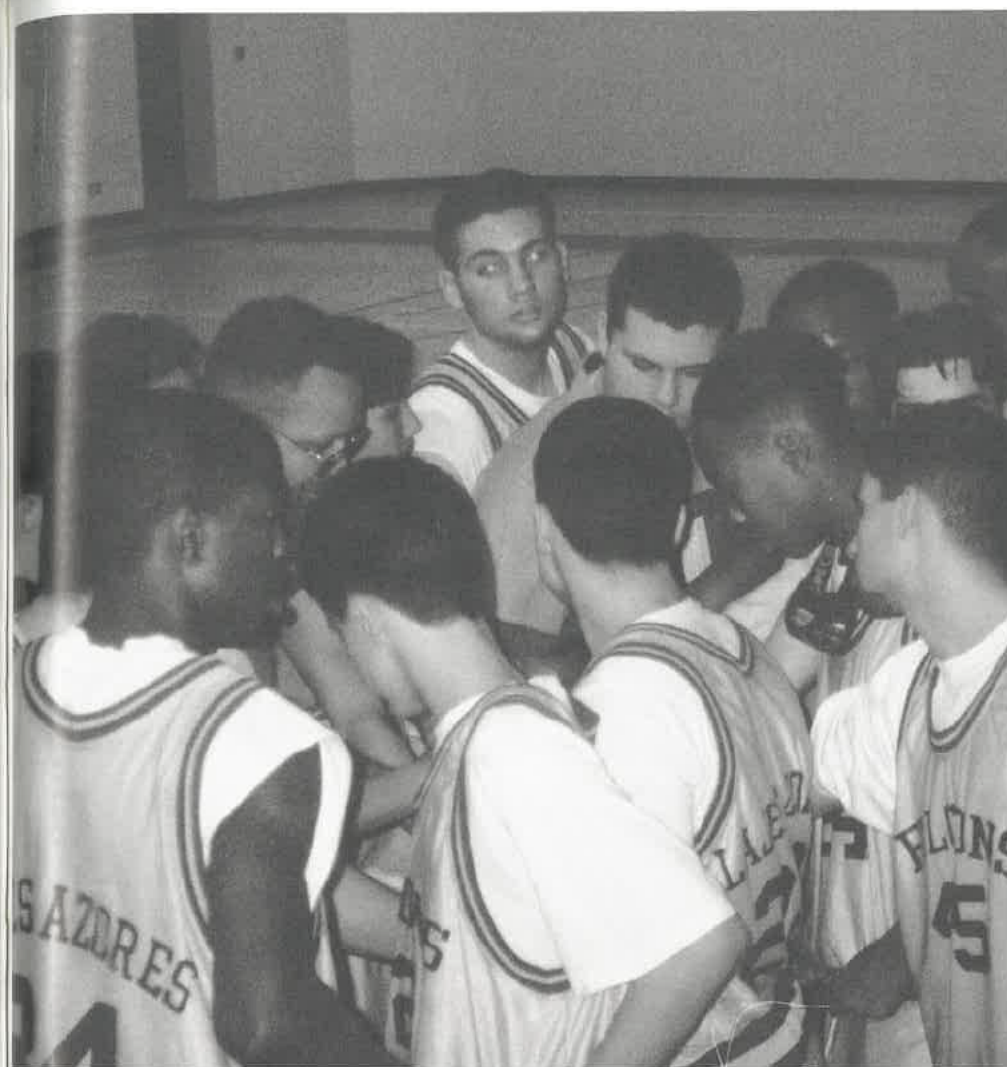


The 1996-97 Lajes High School Basketball Team



Above
Ryan Keim, basketball team captain, was named to the district all-tournament team.

Right
Rich sets up for a shot.



FALCON



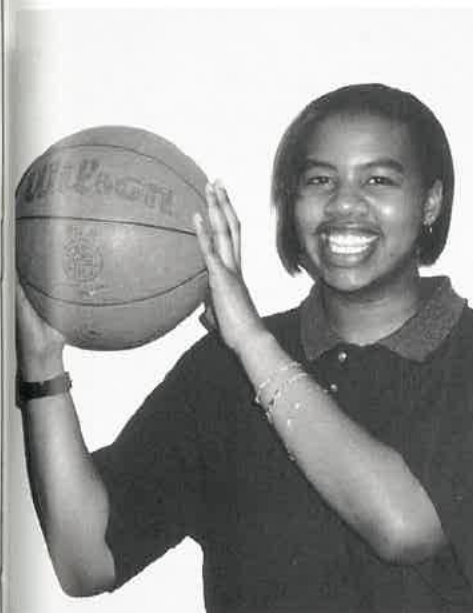
basketball



Girl's Basketball
 Celetia Daniels, Nina Allamani,
 Brigitte Wetz, Holly Van Liere,
 Schantel Burgess, Dawnte Early,
 Aylin Tanyeri and Beverly Brinkley.
 The coaches for the 1996-97 squad
 were Tyrone Fitzpatrick and Eunice
 White.



The girls basketball team and cheerleaders pose under the Tree of Knowledge.



Girls basketball captain - Schantel Burgess



Girls basketball co-captain - Celetia Daniels

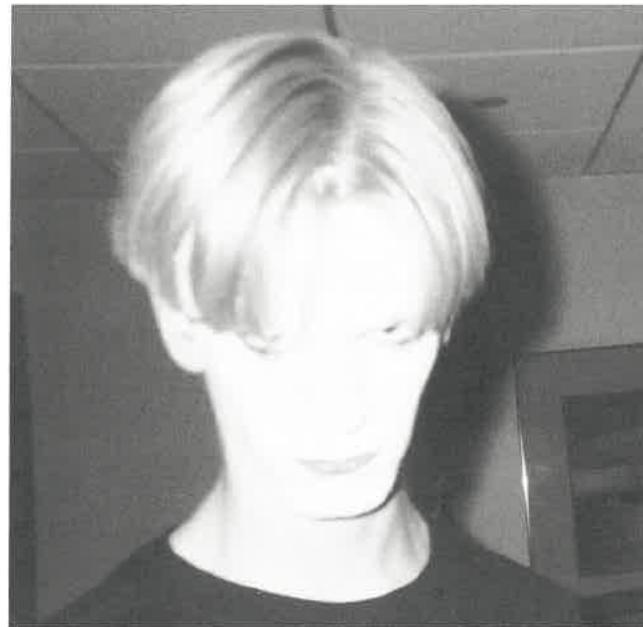


Dawnte Early - All Tournament
 Team.



LEFT
Brien Carpenter - What the heck is that? In spite of that thing, Brien was a semi-finalist at the speech and drama festival.

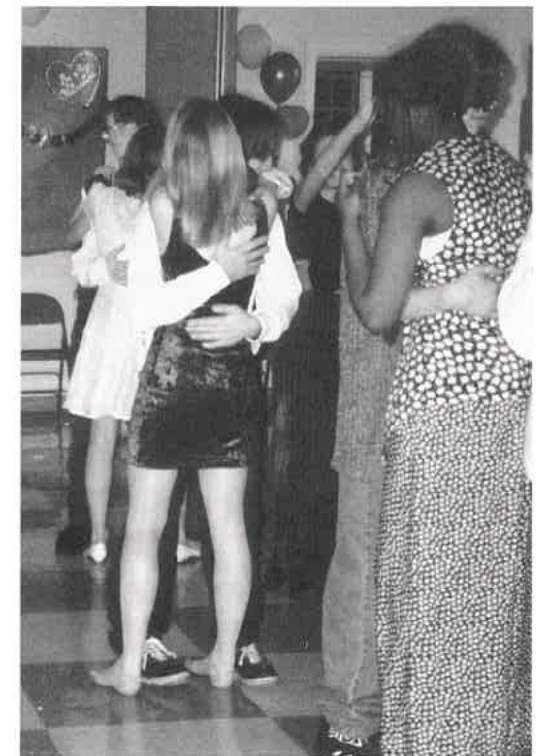
BELOW
Jack Murra gets ready for the LHS production of "Wings" which won second place for a 1-act play.



Sweetheart's Ball, 1997



SWEETHEART'S BALL COURT.



Right-At the Holiday Community Concert, the Lajes High School Choir signs the words as they sing, Our Gift To You.

Below-The herald of any season, Phil and Mr. Bockman, perfect a piece for show choir at Creative Connections.



Left-Mr. Bockman conducts the advanced band as they play a lively number for the autumn concert.

CROSS-COUNTRY



**The LHS
first-ever
Cross
Country
Team**

Jack Murra

Michael
Barnes

Ken
Ballantine

National Honor Society Officers



Mark Day,
Sgt. At Arms

**Camael
Pembleton,**
Secretary

**Rachel
Bruning,**
Treasurer

**Kristi
Brothers,**
President

**Jessica
Kovach,**
Vice-President

Student Council



Clockwise from top left
 - Mr. Brown, student council advisor, with president, Jon Allamani; vice president, Celetia Daniels; and Treasurer, Holly Van Liere.
 - Secretary Rachel Rodrigues sells pom-poms to raise money for student council activities.
 - The advisor and president.
 - Celetia and Holly put up posters for the next STUCO event.



Leadership Academy



Clockwise from left
 - The Leadership Academy is made up of students from all grades. Attendees are chosen by faculty members.
 - Ashley Herard, 7th grade, and Josh Cook, 8th grade, take part in a direction/listening exercise.
 - Jon and Norma give a presentation as part of the leadership exercise.
 - As part of an exercise in trust, students form a circle by sitting on each others laps.

Yearbook Staff



Left

Yamika McGee, Camael Pembleton, Jessica Kovach, Joyce Smith, Schantel Burgess, Erik Catalfu and Desiree Freeman.

Below

Schantel prepares a layout for a sports page.



The yearbook staff would like to thank the following people who also helped in the preparation of the 1997 Falcon. We also gratefully acknowledge and thank all those whose names we may exclude - without the help of all of these people, the yearbook would not be possible.

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NORMA SANCHEZ
CELETIADANIELS
YAMIKAMCGEE
DESIREE FREEMAN

MICHELLE HITES

TOMAS JIMENEZ

AYLINTANYERI

ERIK CATALFU

SCHANTEL BURGESS

JESSICA KOVACH -
CAMAEL PEMBLETON -
MRS. EUNICE WHITE -
ROSAIRE BUSHEY -

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Left

Camael applies the "scropper" to Joyce Smith.

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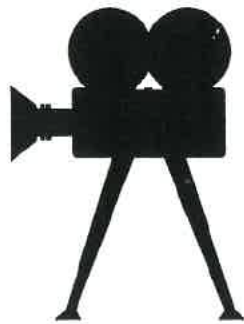
A black and white illustration of a woman with long dark hair and bangs, wearing a graduation cap and gown. She is smiling broadly and holding a rolled-up diploma in front of her. The word "Diploma" is written in a stylized font on the diploma. She is also holding the tassel of her cap with her right hand.

CONGRATULATIONS
CLASS OF 1997



*Best of luck to
all the
members of
the Lajes High*

*School Class
of 1997.
From your
AAFES
theater*



*The Organization for
Latin America wishes
The Class of '97 Best
Wishes for Their
Continued Success.*



*Let Your Education
Be Your Hole-In-One
Good Luck
Class of '97
From your friends of
the Terceira
Island Ladies Golf
Association*



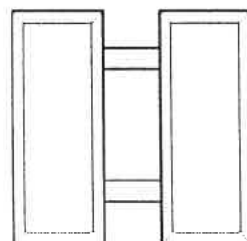
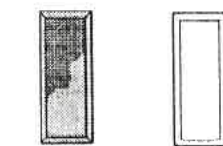
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Luck
Class of
97*

*May You Enjoy
Continued Success
in all Your
Endeavors
AAFES New Car Sales*



*Congratulations
Class of 1997*

*From The Lajes
Tri-Service
Company Grade
Officers' Council*



Success

Education

*The first Step in the
climb to success is the
foundation of good
education.*

Congratulations Class of 1997

*from The Parent,
Student, Teacher
Association*





Good
Luck To
All the
Class of
'97

*From
The Aquaknights of
Atlantis*

*To all the members
of the Class of '97,*



Your Education
Is Your Freedom -
Carry It With You And
Pass It Along To
Those Around You.

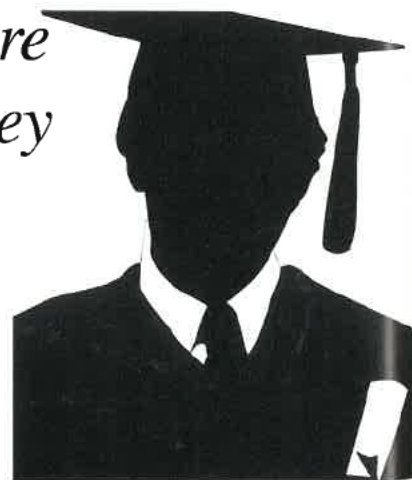
*Congratulations Class of '97
Good Luck, From the African-
American Awareness Committee*

Congratulations Class of 1997



*Good Luck in Your Future
Endeavors Wherever They
Take You.*

*The Lajes
Enlisted Spouses Club*



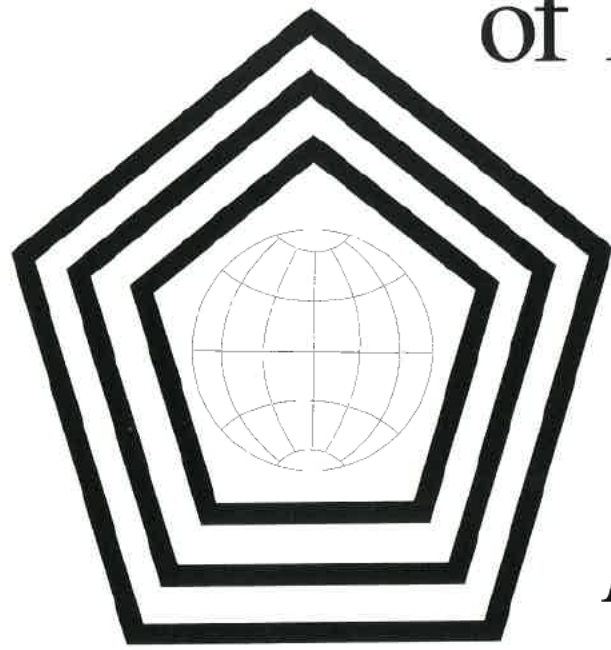
YOU DID IT!

Congratulations Class of '97

Wishing You The Very Best In
Your Future. Use Tomorrow To
Add To The Education You've
Received Through Today.



The Lajes
Officers
Wives
Club



Wishing The Class
of 1997 Good Luck
and All the
Best in Life,
Your Friends at
Pentagon Federal
Credit Union

The 65th Medical Group Hospital
Wives Club Says
GOOD JOB!!
To All The Graduates Of
+ The Class of 1997 +



*To Rachel, our
"favorite"
daughter:*

*Love,
Mom & Dad*

Wishing you always
A bright sky above,
The pleasure of doing
The things that you love -
God's blessing around you,
His light from on high,
And deeper contentment
As each day goes by.



Jessica,
Your journey
has just begun.
The road to
happiness and
success is al-
ways so hard
and rough.

But remember
obedience, respect and honesty are
the keys - and when you truly be-
lieve in God, nothing is impossible.
So, follow your dreams and they
will all come true.

God bless and keep you,
Mom, Dad & John Paul



You were once,
twice, three times
Our Baby.
Congratulations to
our lady, Schantel
'Scan' Burgess

From Mom & Dad

Rebecca,

You are still one of
the joys in our life.
May God continue to
bless you as you
explore and expand
your mind. We're
proud of you.

Love, Mom & Dad



Camael,
The day
you were
born you
had no
idea how
proud you
would
make us.

Thanks
for being a jewel.

May God bless you in all your
future endeavors. Congratulations.
We love you! Love always,

Mom & Dad.





Dear Mom, Dad
& John Paul,

I am ever grateful for all that you have done for me over the years.

Without your love, support, advice, guidance, a lot of pa-

tience and understanding, I would not have achieved as much as I have and what I believe I'm capable of.

Thank you all for putting up with me and giving me a strong set of morals; high ideals; and sense of integrity. I love you all.

Jessica

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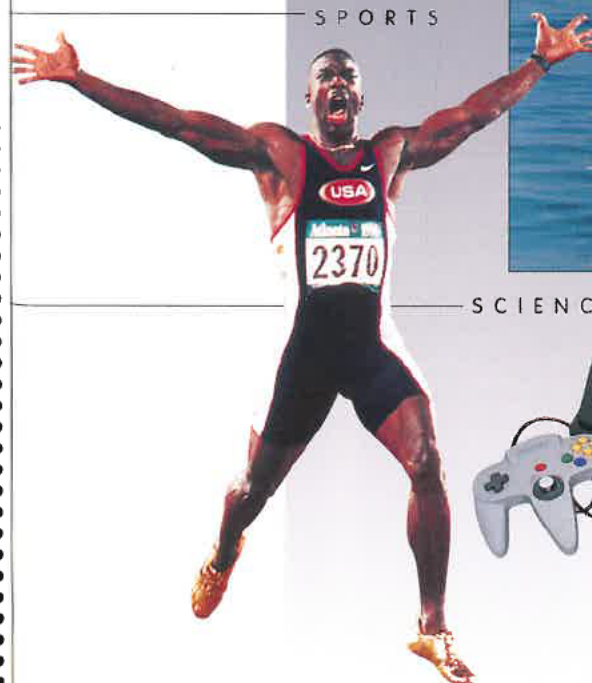
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ENTERTAINMENT

1996

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WORLD

flash

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

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

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

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



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

AP/Wide World



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



Reuters/Archive Photos



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



AP/Wide World



Reuters/Archive Photos

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.



AP/Wide World

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."

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



AP/Wide World

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.



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.



Agence France-Press

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.



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.

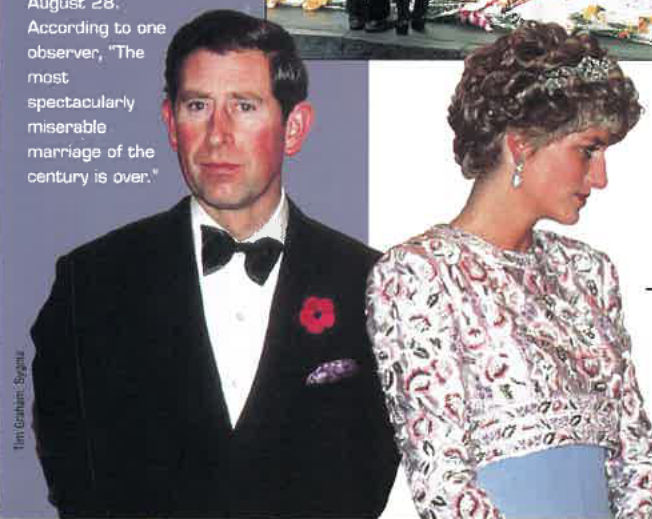
Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, and Diana, Princess of Wales, are divorced on August 28. According to one observer, "The most spectacularly miserable marriage of the century is over."



Tim Graham, Sygma



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



Tim Graham, Sygma

NATIONAL

flash

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

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

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

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



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.



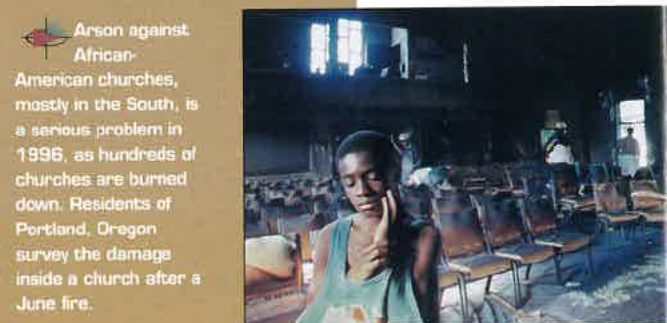
Seven-year-old pilot Jessica Dubroff is killed when her Cessna airplane crashes shortly after take-off in bad weather from the Cheyenne, Wyoming airport. Her flying instructor and her father, the plane's two passengers, are also killed in the April 1996 crash.



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.



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



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.



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.



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



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

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



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.



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 city schools' sexual conduct guidelines—he kissed a female classmate. Prevette is quickly reinstated after a nationwide controversy over the suspension.



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.



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.

SCIENCE



flash

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

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

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

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

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



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

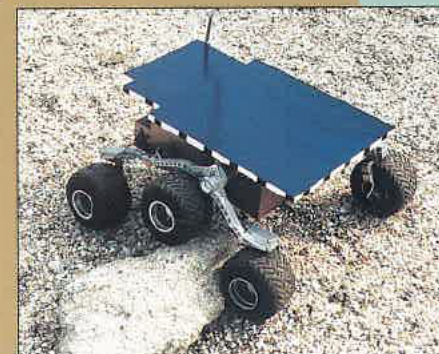


In August, scientists discover evidence of bacteria-like life on a meteorite found in 1984 and believed to be part of the crust of Mars 4.5 billion years ago. It is the first possible proof that life is not unique to Earth.



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

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



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

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



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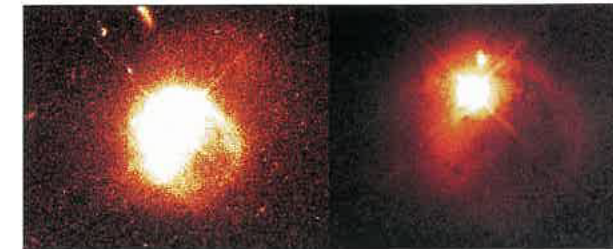
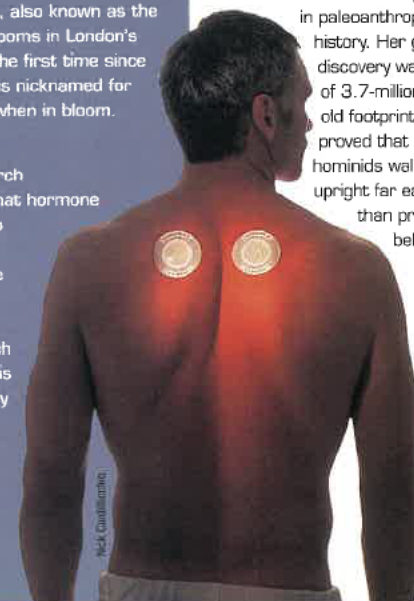


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Steam and ash from Iceland's Laki volcano blast 33,000 feet in the air on October 9. Molten rock from the volcano's 5-mile-wide fissure melts through more than 2,000 feet of glacial ice, threatening the island with widespread flooding.

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

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



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.



O. Spa Bar

An "oxygen bar" in Toronto, Canada allows patrons to pay \$18 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.

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.



LPI/Cobis-Bettmann

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.

FACES



Steven M. Falk/Gamma-Liaison

flash 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.



AP/Wide World

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

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

The National Women's Hall of Fame opens in Seneca Falls, New York, inducting 11 women, including author Louisa May Alcott, and Oleta 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.



Steve Granitz/Retna



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

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



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flash 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.

flash 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*.

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



AP/Wide World



Stephane Cardinale, Sygma

flash 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.



John F. Kennedy Library

flash 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.



flash 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.

flash 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.

flash 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.



AP/Wide World

flash 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.

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



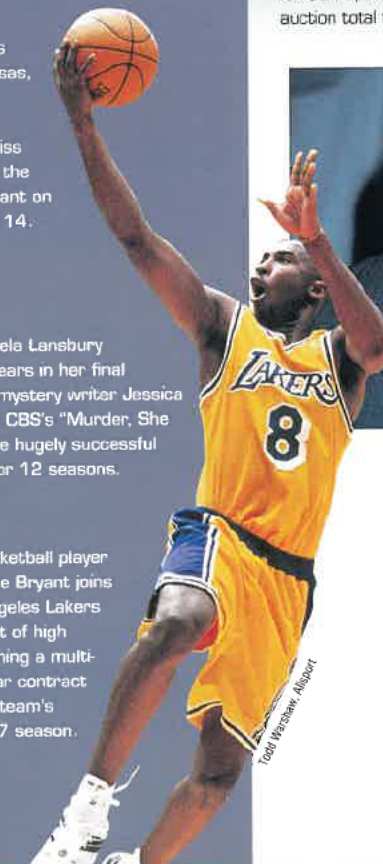
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flash Angela Lansbury appears in her final season as mystery writer Jessica Fletcher on CBS's "Murder, She Wrote." The hugely successful show ran for 12 seasons.



Universal City from Shooting Star

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



Todd Wassenaar, Allsport

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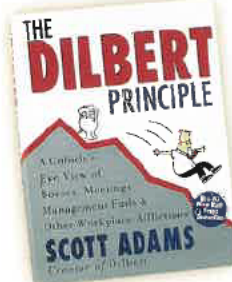
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Tom Cruise stars in *Jerry Maguire*, a romantic comedy about a sports agent who decides to change his shallow ways, and spends the rest of the movie trying to regain his success. It is a breakthrough role for Cruise, who is normally depicted as a cocky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

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

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

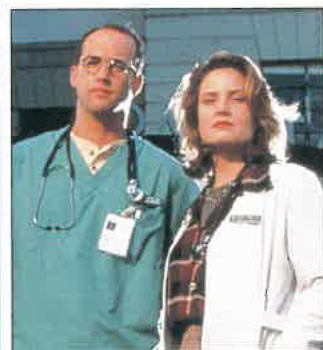
NBC's Thursday night drama "ER" features television's first HIV-positive prominent character: Jeanie Boulet, a physician's assistant played by Gloria Reuben, is relatively open about her condition and helps confront the stigma of AIDS.



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



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



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



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

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



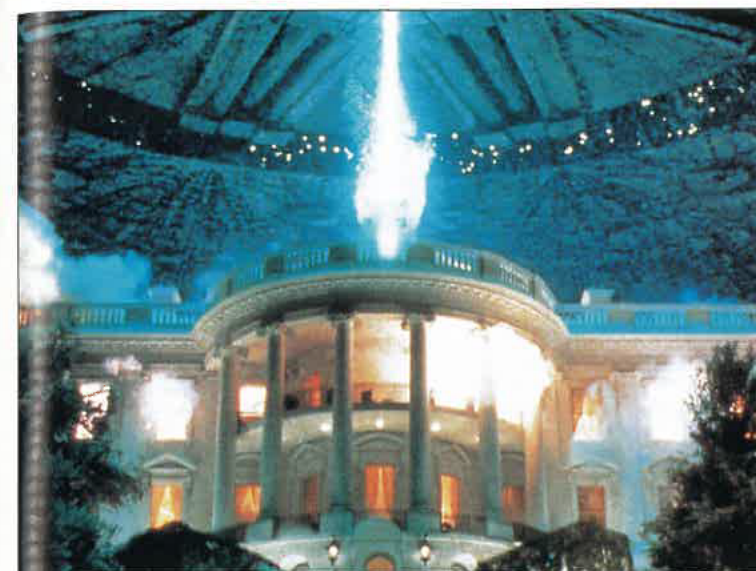
Academy Award-winning actor Tom Hanks' first effort at directing receives critical praise when *That Thing You Do!*, a movie about the meteoric rise and fall of a 1960s rock band, opens in October.



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



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.



20th Century Fox from Shooting Star



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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.



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.



Warner Bros. from Kozal

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

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



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

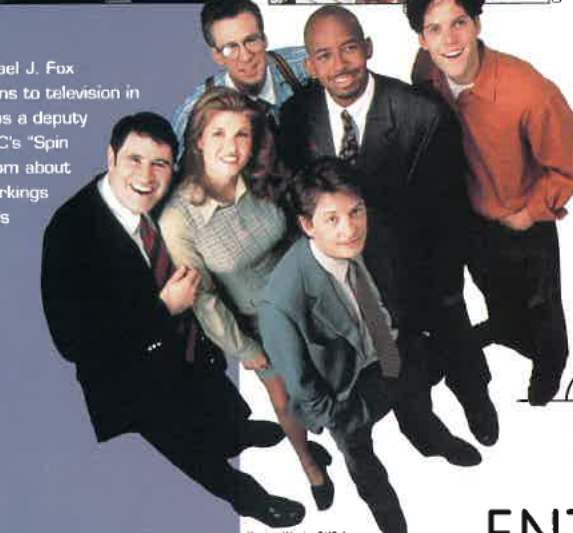
Tom Cruise stars in *Mission: Impossible*, based on the 1960s and '70s television series of the same name. Despite critical put-downs, the movie is a huge box-office hit.

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



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

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



Dream Works SKG from Shooting Star

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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.



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 28 concert in Detroit. The tour marks the first time the original members of the band perform together since 1979.



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



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.

Alternative-rock band Nirvana releases a new album, *From the Muddy Banks of the Wishkah*, in October. The album contains 17 live tracks recorded between 1989 and the 1994 suicide of singer Kurt Cobain (right).



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.



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.



Mike Hashimoto/NGI from LGI

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



Tim Mosanther, LGI



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

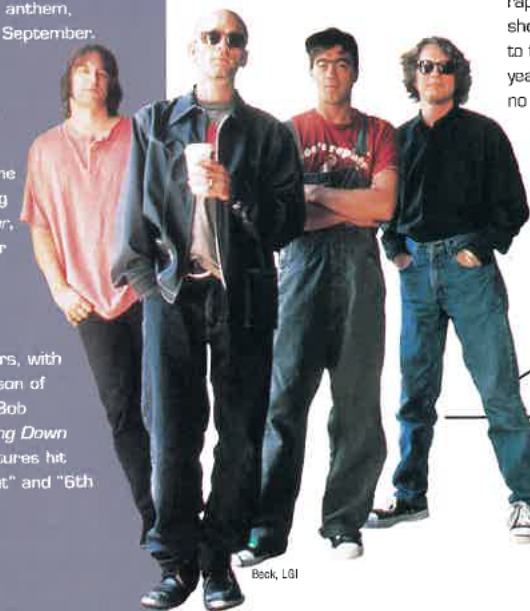


James L. Lanza, LGI

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.

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

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



Rock, LGI



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.



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.

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

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

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

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



Canacoreas

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.

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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.

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Craig Jones, Allsport



Al Bello, Allsport

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

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



Al Bello, Allsport



Reuters/Archive Photos

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

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

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



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

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



AP/Wide World

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



AP/Wide World

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.

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



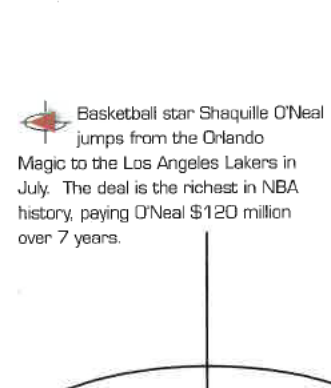
Al Bello, Allsport

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



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



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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.

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



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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.

LIFESTYLE

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Helping consumers maintain privacy, marketers promote home A/COS 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.



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



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



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



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

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

Disney's 101

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



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