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SIX

Meads Mill
WELCOME to 1996 at MEADS MILL
GOOD FRIENDS ARE LIKE FORTUNE COOKIES
IT'S WHAT'S INSIDE

THAT COUNTS!!
ALL THINGS ARE DIFFICULT BEFORE THEY ARE EASY.
DON'T WAIT FOR YOUR SHIP TO COME IN. SWIM OUT TO IT.
TAKE CARE OF YOUR REPUTATION.
IT'S YOUR MOST VALUABLE ASSET.
SMILE A LOT.
IT COSTS NOTHING
AND IS BEYOND PRICE.
NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF A KIND WORD.
The fortune cookie says ....

1996 was a memorable year at Meads Mill Middle School.
GOOD FORTUNE SHINES ON THE

CLASS OF 2000!!
OH, HORSEFEATHERS! We had to say goodbye to Mr. Harrison.

The New Kids on the Block ....
Don Rosebach, Marisa Brady, Laura Stafford, Dan Maynard, Christina Andres.
A GOOD CONSCIENCE IS A SOFT PILLOW.
"THE LINE UP!"
CLASS OF 2001 ...
NEED SOME HELP, DAVE??

SARAH BENNETT  KRIS BETKER  ERIC BITELL  TIFFANY BLACKFORD  SARAH BOLL

KATIE BRAINE  BRYCE BRATTINA  NICHOLAS BRAZEN  JENNIFER BRENNAN  SEAN BRENNAN

ERIN BANNER  ALEX BARBEIRI  ELENA BAZINI
HE WHO PRIZES LITTLE THINGS IS WORTHY OF GREAT ONES.
HAVING A TEAM IS ALMOST LIKE HAVING A FAMILY; IT IS A GREAT WAY TO GET PEOPLE TO COME TOGETHER AND HELP ONE ANOTHER.

EMILY BREWINGTON

A BIG THANKS TO OUR LUNCH LADIES:
MRS. SCHRONCE
MRS. FIDDES
MRS. SCHLOTTERER
MRS. CORONER

THE NEW FACES ...

THE DAY IS LOST ON WHICH ONE HAS NOT LAUGHED.
HAS A GOOD START

THE NEW FACES

ROW 1: MAREK MINAREK, STEVE NELSON, HEIDI KRIEGER, SARAH LOISELLE. ROW 2: GORDAN SMITH, DAVID STEWART, KRISTEN ROBERTS. NOT PICTURED: JACOB STAFFORD.

JESSICA BECHTEL
DANICA BELLON
JIM BESON
LAUREN BITELL
KIM BLACKFORD
ERIC BLOTKAMP
JESSICA BOLOVEN
VALERIE BOSTWICK
BRENDEN BOYES
ALICIA BRACKEL
THE JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND MILES STARTS WITH A SINGLE STEP.
THE GLORY IS NOT IN NEVER FAILING, BUT IN RISING EVERY TIME YOU FAIL.


**MATH MAKES WINNERS!**

**MICHIGAN MATH LEAGUE WINNERS (Seventh Grade)**

**DETROIT COUNTRY MATH COMPETITION**
ROW 1: S. SARKISIAN, M. HARE, P. SHIAH. NOT PICTURED: R. DEMERS.

**AMERICAN JUNIOR HIGH MATH COMPETITION**
AMANDA HALASH (2ND), POWEN SHIAH. NOT PICTURED: JUSTIN HOROWITZ (1ST) RYAN DEMERS (3RD).

**MICHIGAN MATH LEAGUE WINNERS (Eighth Grade)**
ROW 1: A. HALASH, A. ASH. ROW 2: K. TINKER, M. HARE, N. SELUK.

**MATH COUNTS COMPETITION**
ROW 1: A. ASH, K. TINKER, P. SHIAH, S. KOIDE.
SOCIAL STUDIES

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BEE NARROWS DOWN TO THE WINNER STEVE SELINSKI.
PTSA Writing Awards
Shalen Jha
Jenny Cotterill
Mike Hutchinson
Sarah Bennett
Liz Thomas

American and Me
Eric Nadeau
Joe Tracz
Heather Gillespie

Reading to the little ones.

ANGIE BANKS IS HONORED.

Emily Stevenson spells down!!

High School Writer - Joe Tracz

Mrs. Jerome continues to help out.
ELECTIVE FUN
STAGE CREWS


ROW 1: B. MERTA, J. HUTCHISON, A. SINKUS, J. HOROWITZ, L. GRIFFIN, B. DALTON, B. CAVERLY, C. WATSON.
ROW 2: B. SHIELDS, J. HRIVNACK, H. PROPER, E. KRYWKO, J. KOHL, K. HAGEDORN, M. TOMES, N. PEARCE, B.
PHILLIPS, K. LUHTANEN, M. ANDERSON, MRS. RAY-HEPP. ROW 4: S. VANGORDER, C. SAMMUT, M. OAKES, M.

ROW 1: J. CAMPION, A. QUICK, C. KARCH, K. OCHMANSKI, K. ANDARY, A. HARE, S. SARKISIAN, J. MARQUART, E.
STEVENSON. ROW 2: D. PATRICK, M. HARRINGTON, M. HIEMSTRA, K. KIRK, A. FOGLIATTI, A. WHITE, C. ANDER-
SON, T. WILLIAMS, N. GUDRITZ. ROW 3: M. GILISHIRE, E. BAZINI, S. SCOBIE, K. DELANEY, S. MCNEILANCE, L.
CRAHMOND, S. BENNETT, J. TUCKER, M. FERMANIS, E. BANNER, J. WALKER. ROW 4: M. ZUMBRUNNEN, K. WIL-
LIAMS, J. HERNDON, C. GIAMMONA, L. SCHLEH, A. KATONA, N. SWTIALSKI, K. PIEKARSKI, R. ASCIONE, T.
HARE. ROW 5: R. CHENOWETH, M. RUDH, J. HUDOLIN, B. SHUJT, K. BETKER, G. MARSHALL, J. HELWIG, P.
SHIAB, A. RICHARDS.
Above, Mr. Williams and Mrs. Womble-Williams coach a woodwind quartet.

Left, Ms. Minch helps the holiday spirit.
MULTIPLES AND DUOS


STORYTELLING, POETRY, AND DRAMATIC


PROSE, ORATORY, AND IMPROMPTU

ROW 1: J. MESSER, L. SIMMS, R. FRIMENKO, B. WILSON, S. SANTER.
SPORTS

ROW 1: S. BOLL, J. KOHL, K. JENNEY, J. WEBER, B. SHIELDS. ROW 2: S. SEBASTIAN, K. O'CONNELL, C. HAVERKATE, N. SWITALSKI, E. HARVEY. COACHED BY MRS. WOODRICH


EIGHTH BASKETBALL


SEVENTH BASKETBALL


THE 1996 YEARBOOK STAFF HOPE YOU HAVE ENJOYED THE FRUITS OF THEIR LABORS. THESE STAFFERS HAVE GIVEN UP MANY MORNINGS AND SATURDAYS TO PRESERVE THE MEMORIES OF A WONDERFUL YEAR. SPECIAL THANKS GO TO THIS YEAR'S EDITORS: BETSY WOODRICH, ANA MAGAR, KELSEY JENNEY, KATHLEEN OCHMANSKI, CHELSEA KLOSS, AND REBECCA FRIMENKO.

SPONSOR, MRS. IRISH.
Pope John Paul II visits New Jersey, New York and Maryland, and addresses the United Nations. He speaks out on social, economic, political and moral themes.

French transportation workers strike against their government throughout the month of December, shutting down the airlines and the metro system, after France increases the retirement age from 50 to 55 and lengthens the work week from 37 to 39 hours in efforts to cut spending.

French artist Christo creates "Wrapped Reichstag" for the city of Berlin by covering the former home of the German parliament with one million square feet of silver fabric in June.

In late May, a doctor performs emergency surgery aboard British Airways flight 32 using a coat hanger, a knife and fork, and a scissors sterilized in brandy to save a woman whose life is threatened by a collapsed lung.

Tahitian protests escalate into riots after France detonates a nuclear test device 750 miles from the South Pacific island. France's September resumption of tests after a three-year moratorium brings global condemnation.

Shock waves hit the Middle East when Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is shot and killed while leaving a peace rally in Tel Aviv November 4. His murderer, Jewish extremist Yigal Amir, fanatically opposes peace negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

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An earthquake kills 51 people on the resort-studded Pacific coast of Mexico. The quake measures 7.5 on the Richter scale and is felt 330 miles away in Mexico City.

Hurricane Marilyn inflicts millions of dollars of damage in the Virgin Islands in September. Winds up to 127 miles per hour severely damage half the homes on St. Thomas.

In November, the Republic of Ireland narrowly passes a referendum calling for an end to the country's 1937 constitutional ban on divorce.

While competing in an international balloon race in September, two hot air balloonists, one English and one American, are shot down when their balloon floats off course over Belarus. The Belarussian army sees the balloon as a security threat and fires without warning. The balloonists fall to their death.

More than four years after Desert Storm, Iraq's President Saddam Hussein remains in power, though two of his sons-in-law defect to Jordan on August 8 and call for Hussein's overthrow.

Hope blooms for peace in Bosnia when Bosnia's President Izetbegovic (left) shakes hands with Serbia's President Milosevic on the opening day of the November cease-fire talks in Dayton, Ohio. Croatia's President Tudjman looks on. The ensuing Paris peace agreement of December sends 60,000 NATO peacekeeping troops to the war-torn country.

Great Britain's Princess Diana shocks Buckingham Palace with a tell-all BBC interview. Defying royal protocol, she discusses her marriage to unfaithful husband, Prince Charles, her struggle with depression and bulimia, and an extramarital affair. The majority of English people express their support and sympathy.

In July, without public explanations, Burma's military rulers free the country's most famous political prisoner, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, leader of the pro-democracy movement and Nobel peace laureate, after six years of house arrest.

Russian figure skater Sergei Grinkov, 28, collapses and dies from a heart attack during practice with his wife-partner Ekaterina Gordeeva on November 20. The pair won two Olympic gold medals and four world pairs titles.

Securities trader Nicholas Leeson is arrested in Germany in March 1995 for fraud, forgery, and breach-of-trust. Leeson racked up a $1.32 billion loss that caused the collapse of Barings PLC, the 233-year-old British bank.
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Air Force Captain Scott O'Grady (right) is rescued from pursuing Bosnian Serb forces by U.S. Marines on June 8, six days after his plane is shot down over Bosnia. O'Grady survived on insects, plants, and rainwater.

The federal government repeals the national 55-mile-per-hour highway speed limit, enacted in 1974 during the oil embargo. The legislation allows states to set their own limits. On Montana highways, speed limits are eliminated completely.


The nation comes to a standstill on October 3 as more than 150 million people watch live TV coverage of the outcome of the nine-month-long trial of the century. After less than four hours of deliberation, the jury finds former football star O.J. Simpson not guilty of the murders of his ex-wife Nicole and her friend Ronald Goldman.

Illinois suffers a record heat wave in July, with temperatures as high as 104°. The heat takes the lives of 457 people statewide. At Wrigley Stadium, Jaime Navarro helps faithful Chicago Cubs fans stay cool.

After a year of fame as a conservative revolutionary, Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich slumps in popularity, tainted by the government shutdown, his stalled Contract With America, and investigations into his political action committee and his financial affairs.

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The image of firefighter Chris Fields holding one-year-old Baylee Almon, who later dies, comes to symbolize the horror of the April 19 bombing of the Oklahoma City Federal Building that killed 159 adults and 19 children.

As more Americans invest, Wall Street enjoys a bull market. In November, the Dow-Jones Industrial Average hits 5000, a milestone indicating healthy corporate profits and low interest rates.

Warren E. Burger, Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court from 1969 to 1986, dies in June at age 87. Though appointed by President Richard Nixon, he ordered Nixon to turn over tapes in the Watergate hearings that effectively ended the president's career.

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A Chicago commuter train slams into the back end of a loaded school bus. The accident, allegedly caused by a poorly timed stoplight placed too near the tracks, kills 7 students and injures 28 on October 25.

The government shuts down for six days in November after the President and Congress fail to agree on how to balance the federal budget. The shutdown affects non-essential federal services, including the National Park Service. A longer shutdown follows in December.

Despite Americans' doubts and fears, U.S. troops head for Bosnia in December. The 29,000 U.S. forces, serving under NATO command beside 48,000 European allies, face the task of keeping peace among the country's warring Serbs, Croats and Muslims.

The State of South Carolina sentences Susan Smith to life in prison for the drowning murder of her two young sons in 1994.

An anonymous donor sends $1 million in the form of a winning ticket from McDonald's November "Monopoly" sweepstakes game.

In the wake of a growing number of random attacks from assailants with knives and guns, White House security is forced to close Pennsylvania Avenue to traffic.

After allegedly ignoring federal pollution regulations for years, General Motors agrees under threat of an $11-million fine to recall 500,000 Cadillacs at a cost of $45 million.


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American women celebrate the 75th anniversary of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which granted women the right to vote. Women's suffrage leader Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906) first organized the fight for suffrage in 1848.
As the result of an improperly cleaned test tube at a fertility clinic, a woman in the Netherlands gives birth to twin boys, each from a different father.

A stunning photograph from the Hubble Space Telescope captures a moment in the birth of a star in the Eagle Nebula, 7,000 light years from Earth. Light from the young star’s nuclear furnace lifts towering pillars of hydrogen gas and interstellar dust.

Researchers announce that they have isolated a gene in mice linked to obesity. Mice with a mutated OB gene are injected with the hormone leptin, resulting in dramatic weight loss. The public is tantalized at the prospect of leptin as a slimming treatment for use in humans.

Archaeologists discover a 3,000-year-old tomb in May that is believed to hold the remains of 52 sons of Ramses II, Pharaoh of Egypt.

In March, the Federal Drug Administration approves a chicken-pox vaccine. Rarely fatal, chicken-pox affects 3.7 million Americans annually.

As a protective measure against counterfeiting in the era of digital publishing, the Treasury Department redesigns U.S. currency bills, to be issued over the next five years, starting early 1996 with the new $100 bill.

The world’s first test-tube gorilla is born at the Cincinnati Zoo in October as part of an effort to save the western lowland gorilla, an endangered species that numbers fewer than 450 animals.

Media attention focuses on melatonin, a naturally occurring hormone used to induce sleep and slow the effects of aging. Lauded as a wonder drug, a kilogram of synthetic melatonin sells for as much as $10,000.

In a procedure known as tissue engineering, scientists grow a human ear under the skin of a laboratory mouse. Researchers hope the procedure will play an important role in the future of transplant surgery.
After a decade-long search, scientists isolate what may be the most important cancer-related gene. The defective gene known as ATM is associated with cancers of the breast, colon, lung, stomach, pancreas and skin, and may be carried by two million Americans.

Astronomers using the Hubble Space Telescope observe new moons orbiting the planet Saturn, adding at least 2 moons and possibly 4 to Saturn's previously known total of 18.

A team of French and British explorers believe they have found an ancient breed of horse previously unknown to scientists. In November, the four-foot high horse with a triangular head, which resembles the vanished horses of European Stone Age drawings, is named Riwoche for its home region in Tibet.

October satellite photographs show the recent rapid deterioration of the earth's ozone layer above Antarctica. Pollutants produced mostly by the U.S. cause the hole in the atmosphere's protective layer to increase to the size of Europe.

In November, Visa introduces a cash-storage card that eliminates a pocketful of loose change. A chip in the plastic card tracks the amount of available cash, which is accessed with a reader at the place of purchase. The card can be taken to the bank and reloaded.

Now virtual reality comes in a handy travel size with Nintendo's latest, Virtual Boy, a portable 3-D video-game system with stereophonic sound.

New research shows that the meat-eating Tyrannosaurus rex did not loom upright, but stalked along lower to the ground. The discovery is reflected in the reopened exhibits of the famed dinosaur halls of New York's American Museum of Natural History after three years of redesign.

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In the news

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Charleston Post Courier
from Sipa Press

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Millions of Americans tune in to Martha Stewart's TV show, subscribe to her magazine, and read her books. The popular cooking and home-decorating entrepreneur builds an empire by packaging a distinctive American nostalgic style.


Hot actor Antonio Banderas falls in love with another screen sex-symbol Melanie Griffith during the filming of Two Much. Banderas will co-star with Madonna in the film version of Evita and will star in Steven Spielberg-produced Zorro.

Seventies superstar John Travolta's motion-picture comeback in the 1994 hit Pulp Fiction continues with starring roles in Get Shorty and Broken Arrow.

Sandra Bullock follows up her star-making role in Speed with the gentle romance While You Were Sleeping. Bullock's fresh, wholesome image earns her an "Entertainer of the Year" nomination from Entertainment Weekly magazine.

Pamela Lee of "Baywatch" fame and husband Tommy Lee, Motley Crue drummer, are the life of the party this year, frequently caught by the press engaging in public displays of affection.

Trailblazer Shannon Faulkner (hand to head) withdraws from the Citadel after collapsing during "hell week." Faulkner single-handedly attempted to bust the gender barrier at the all-male South Carolina military institution.

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America is disappointed in its high hopes for Colin Powell's 1996 presidential candidacy. At the close of his whirlwind book tour for My American Journey, the General and his wife Alma announce in November that he will not seek the Republican nomination.

Stand-up comic and sitcom star Ellen DeGeneres makes the best-seller list with her book My Point...And I Do Have One.

Calvin Klein's provocative CK Jeans campaign causes an uproar in August, bringing nasty headlines, threats of retailer boycotts and an FBI investigation. The scandal only seems to help sales.

Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley announce their divorce almost a year after their surprise marriage. The tabloids have a field day speculating about the reasons for the marriage (was it a cold-hearted career move?) as well as the causes for the break-up (was he after Elvis' fortune?).

Breaking the Surface, the autobiography of Greg Louganis, former U.S. Olympic gold-medal diver who revealed earlier that he has AIDS, debuts at No. 2 on the best-seller list.

Popcorn magnate Orville Redenbacher, who transformed popping corn into a gourmet item, dies on September 19 from heart failure.

Two Chinese women set a new Guiness world record in November by living in a room for 12 days with 888 poisonous snakes. The previous world record, set in Singapore in 1987, was 10 days with 200 snakes.

Actress Demi Moore becomes the highest paid woman in Hollywood, able to command $12.5 million per movie, even after this year's flop at the box office The Scarlet Letter, loosely based on Hawthorne's classic.

A 10-year-old St. Louis schoolboy, Larry Champagne III, becomes a hero by taking control of his school bus after the driver suffered a stroke. Champagne is later awarded a $10,000 scholarship by the bus company.

America's heartland favorite for his You Might Be A Redneck If... jokes, Georgia-born stand-up comic and author Jeff Foxworthy gets his own ABC sitcom in which he plays himself.

Model Beckford Tyson, singled out by Ralph Lauren for his all-American looks, signs an exclusive contract with the fashion designer in 1995.

Miss Oklahoma Shavonni Smith is crowned Miss America on September 16. During the broadcast of the 75th pageant, viewers phone in their votes to retain the swimsuit competition.

John F. Kennedy, Jr., is cofounder and editor-in-chief of George, a glossy new magazine covering American politics. Hounded all his life by the press, Kennedy joins their ranks, contributing a feature interview to each issue.
The fifth actor to play 007 in the enduring film series began in the 1960s, Pierce Brosnan abandons his Aston Martin for a BMW Z3 Roadster in GoldenEye, the latest and, some say, best James Bond movie.

Three 1995 movies bring Jane Austen classics to the silver screen: Clueless, based on Austen’s novel Emma, and Sense and Sensibility and Persuasion.

Disney Pictures continues its line of animated blockbusters with the Native American legend Pocahontas. The picture previews in New York’s Central Park to an outdoor audience of 200,000.

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According to a Roper Youth Poll, the two hottest TV shows among teens this season are the daytime soap "Days of Our Lives" and the evening soap "Melrose Place."

"The Jon Stewart Show," a late-night talk show aimed at Generation X, fails to catch on. During the final taping, host Stewart says, "To all those people who said my show wouldn't last, I have only one thing to say. Good call."

Devoted fans will not be denied another season of NBC's sitcom "Seinfeld" after all. Creator Jerry Seinfeld decides to keep his "show about nothing" going for an eighth season.

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Disney Entertainment spends $19 billion to purchase the ABC television network in July.

Disney's hospital drama "E.R." continues to draw high ratings throughout 1995 thanks to its dramatic realism and the appeal of handsome George Clooney (middle right), supermodel Cindy Crawford's latest date.

Toy Story is the world's first entirely computer-animated film. Released by Disney during the Christmas season, it features the voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, and Don Rickles.

I'm Carrey earns $20 million for the starring role in the comedy Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls, a sequel to the extraordinarily popular Ace Ventura: Pet Detective.

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Sixties icon Jerry Garcia, guitarist of The Grateful Dead, dies of a heart attack on August 9 at age 53. Garcia’s musical roots in blues, country and folk are apparent in hits like “Truckin.” Legions of Deadheads mourn his passing.

Brandy, whose self-titled platinum album and single “I Wanna Be Down” hit high on the R&B charts, sweeps the first Soul Train Music Awards in August. The 16-year-old singer wins Best New Artist, among other awards.

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Cleveland-based rap group Bone Thugs-n-Harmony vault to the top of the charts with some old-fashioned harmonizing on the album *E. 1999 Eternal*.

Yoko Ono and Little Richard join a host of celebrities at the opening of the glitzy Rock-and-Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland on September 1.

Their down-to-earth style and soulful pop songs make Hootie and the Blowfish popular favorites. Their debut album *Cracked Rear View* sells over 5 million, and the group is named Best New Artist at the MTV Music Awards in September.

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Live dedicate their single “Lightning Crashes” to victims of the Oklahoma City bombing. The rock band’s Throwing Copper album yields three hit singles. Billboard Music Awards names them Rock Artist of the Year.

The Chicago-based rock band Smashing Pumpkins release their epic double album Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness to critical and public acclaim.

Mariah Carey’s Daydream sells over 5 million copies, taking number-one spot on the Billboard album chart. Carey performs with Boyz II Men on the hit single “One Sweet Day.”

Former Nirvana drummer Dave Grohl plays a new sound as guitarist and lead singer in the Foo Fighters, an alternative rock band that enjoys three singles off their self-titled debut album in 1995.

Atlanta’s TLC is honored at the Billboard Music Awards for providing two of the year’s biggest hits. “Creep” and “Waterfalls” both lead the Hot 100 singles chart for weeks.

R.E.M.’s summer tour is interrupted by medical emergencies for three of the band’s four members. The tour, their first in five years, is eventually completed with all members in good health.

In October, David Bowie and Nine Inch Nails wrap up the U.S. portion of Bowie’s world tour. At each show, Bowie and Trent Reznor’s band play a set together. In December, Bowie tours Europe with Morrissey as his opening act.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers tone down their trademark bawdiness in their newest album, One Hot Minute.

Jeffrey Scales, LGI

A hard-luck story turns into overnight success in the case of Canadian Shania Twain, born in poverty to an Irish mother and an Ojibway Indian father. Twain’s 1995 hits include “Whose Bed Have Your Boots Been Under?,” “Any Man of Mine” and the title tune to her 3-million-selling album The Woman in Me.

Success doesn’t mellow the style of alternative rock band Green Day, who release their anxiously awaited fourth album Insomniac, their fastest and darkest album to date.

Seal’s hit off the Batman Forever movie soundtrack, “Kiss From a Rose,” is all over the summer playlists. The single propels the artist’s self-titled album to the double-platinum mark.

With the record-setting sales of his album Fresh Horses, only three musical acts in U.S. history outsell country music icon Garth Brooks: the Beatles, the Eagles, and Billy Joel.

Selena, the 23-year-old Tejano music queen, is gunned down in Corpus Christi in March 1995 by Yolanda Saldivar, former president of her fan club. The July release of a collection of Selena’s hits, Dreaming of You, sees some of the fastest sales in music history.
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The most controversial moves are off the field this season as the Cleveland Browns NFL franchise announces its move to Baltimore and the Houston Oilers announce their move to Nashville.

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The New Jersey Devils win the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup, beating the heavily favored Detroit Red Wings in four straight games.

The Houston Rockets, led by center Hakeem Olajuwon, win their second consecutive National Basketball Association championship in June, sweeping the series with the Orlando Magic in four games.

In Super Bowl XXX, the heavily favored Dallas Cowboys beat the Pittsburgh Steelers 27-17. Dallas cornerback Larry Brown ices the game for the Cowboys with the second of his two interceptions, and is named MVP for his heroics.

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The Atlanta Braves edge the Cleveland Indians 1-0 in game six to win the World Series on October 28. Closing pitcher Mark Wohlers leaps for joy.

The Cleveland Indians home opener comes with a 2008 Alouette replica jersey and a chance to win a trip to the 2008 World Series.

For a record fifth straight time, Miguel Indurain of Spain wins the 22-day, 2,270 mile Tour de France, the world's premier bicycle race. On the 15th day of the race, Italian road-race champ Fabio Casartelli is killed in a seven-man crash.

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Americans consume culture and history as attendance at America's 8,000 museums climbs to 600 million people per year, more than movie, theater, and sports attendance combined.

Logos reach a new level of sophistication. Among the reigning makers of athletic wear, only Nike can spark recognition without the use of its name.

Girly things enjoy a surge in popularity with young women, who wear baby barrettes, knee socks, little T-shirts, little jumpers, and funky Mary Janes, and kid around with "Hello Kitty" accessories.

Taking her place among controversial talk-show hosts as the "Oprah for the junior set," Ricki Lake speaks to such concerns as, "Mom, when my boyfriend gets out of jail, I'm taking him back."

The angel message of "fear not" strikes a deep chord with Americans' yearning for spiritual growth and comfort in a stressful time. People enjoy angel collectibles, angel sites on the Internet, and angel books and magazines.

Some pretty cool people drink milk" is the message carried by high-profile ad campaign featuring a raft of popular celebrities sporting a white upper lip on behalf of the healthy beverage. The milk-moustache effect is created with latex, a rubber-based pain.