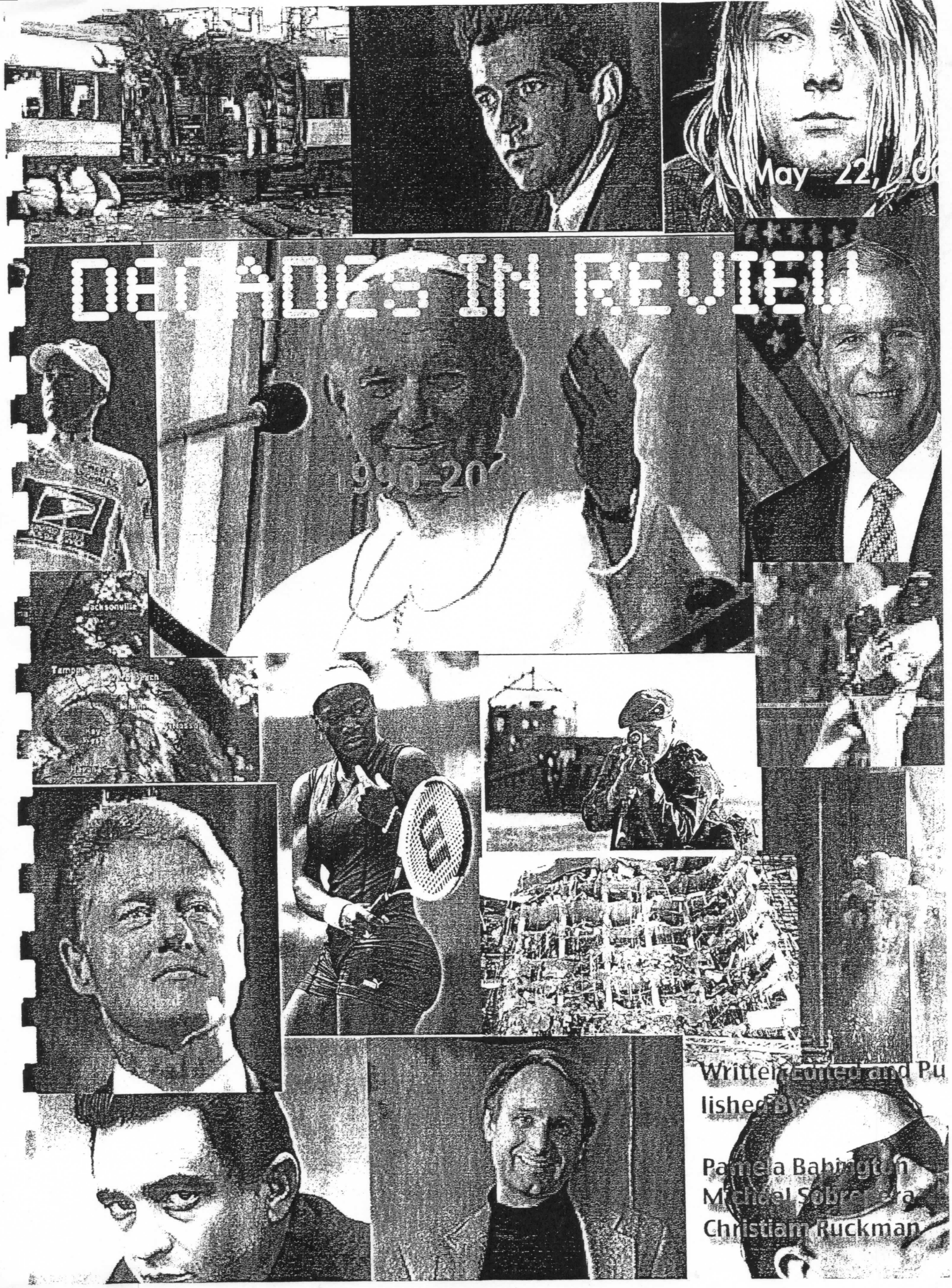


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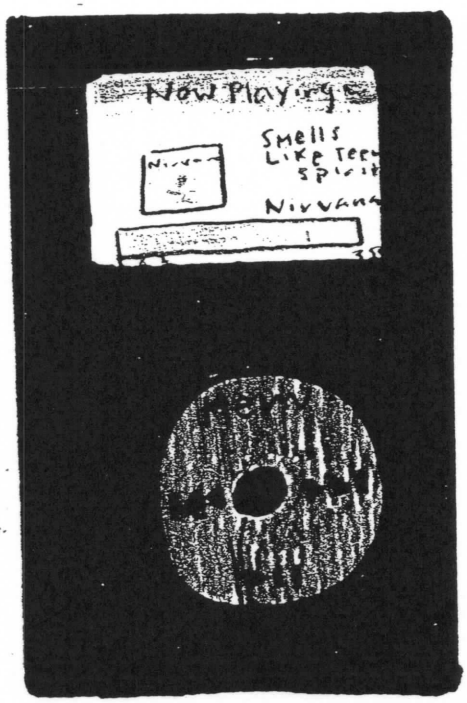


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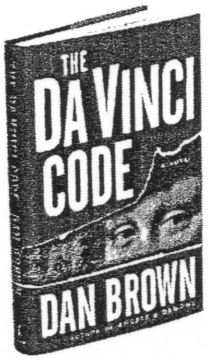


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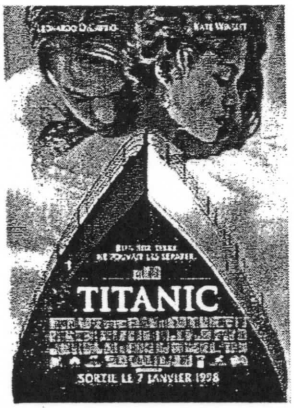


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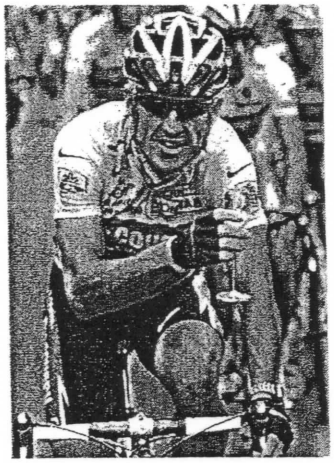

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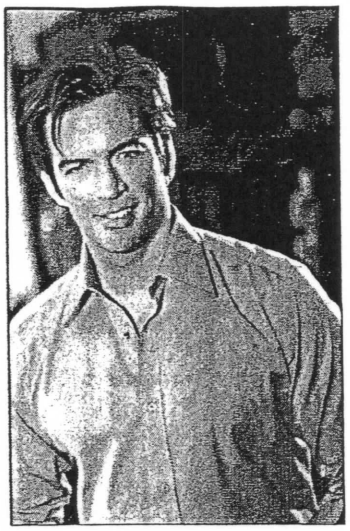

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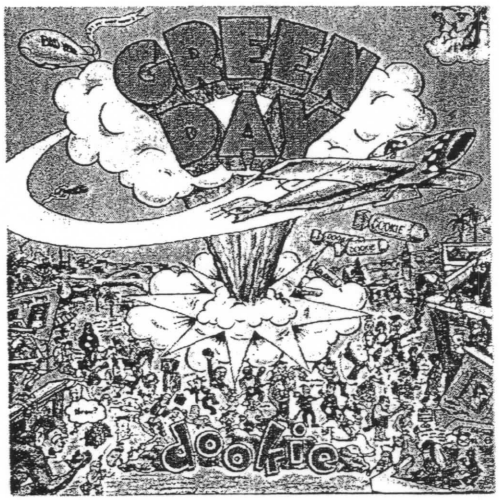


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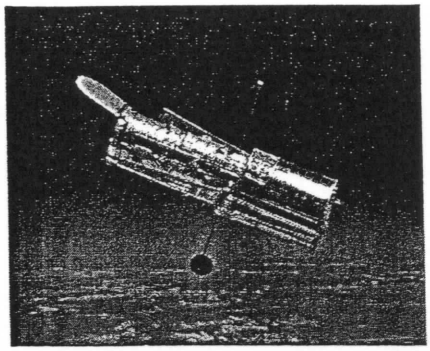
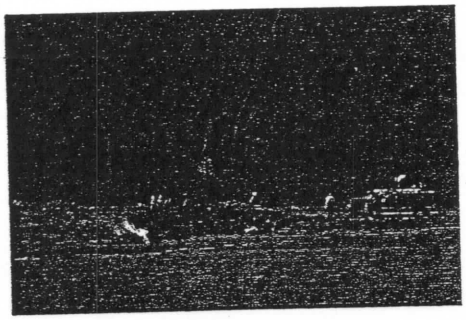


# NATIONAL NEWS

# The Day That Changed History

By: Pamela Babington

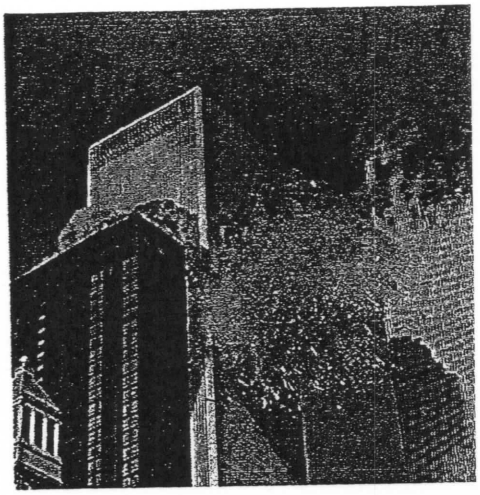
A day that will be remembered forever, The September 11th terrorist attacks, were the most devastating acts of terrorism ever carried out against the United States. Terrorists hijacked commercial jets and slammed into the two towers of the World Trade Center in New York City and into the Pentagon Building near Washington D.C. Another hijacked jet crashed in rural Pennsylvania. About 3,000 people were killed, and the World Trade Center towers and part of the Pentagon were destroyed.



**The plane crashed in Rural Pennsylvania.**

The terrorist attacks included four hijacked airplanes. The planes left airports on the East Coast within about 40 minutes of one another on the morning of September 11. The air crafts were flying to California. Nineteen terrorists secretly carried knives and box-cutters on the planes. Shortly after take off, the terrorists took over the jets. At least some of them were trained pilots; it is thought that they probably flew the planes.

At about 8:45 a.m., Flight 11 crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center, and less than 20 minutes later, Flight 175 hit the south tower. The 110-story twin towers were one of the world's tallest skyscrapers and were the most famous part of the World Trade Center, which was made up of-



**The Twin Towers drowned in smoke.**

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By: Christian Ruckman

Hurricane Katrina has devastated the Golf Coast taking many lives and destroying billions of dollars of property. Katrina took a path straight through Slidell, a suburb of New Orleans.

Hours after Hurricane Katrina made landfall, it was downgraded to a tropical storm with winds of 60 MPH. This wasn't enough to keep Katrina from defeating New Orleans's levees. Because New Orleans is mostly below sea level,

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# The Day That Shook Oklahoma City and The US

**By:Michael Sobrepera**

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|---|---|
| People Killed | 168 |
| Children Killed | 19 |
| Rescuers Killed | 1 |
| People Injured | 850 |
| Rescuers Injured | 85 |
| Children Orphaned | 30 |
| Children Lost a Parent | 219 |
| Aid Workers Helped in Recovery | 12,384 |

On April 19, 1995, the second anniversary of "The Waco Massacre" at 9:02 a.m., a large bomb detonated in a rental truck destroying half of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in downtown Oklahoma City. Having killed one hundred sixty eight people of which nineteen were children, the attack was the worst terrorist attack In the US up until the September 11 attacks in 2001 and is still the worst domestic terrorist attack. Seventy five minutes after the attacks; a Twenty seven year old named Timothy McVeigh was pulled over and arrested for driving without a license plate. McVeigh was supposed to be released on April 21st but before he was, he was recognized as resembling a suspect for the bombing, and was charged for the bombing. Terry Nichols, McVeigh's ex-Army buddy from the Gulf War, surrendered to police when he found out that they wanted to question him; he was also charged with the bombing.

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# Kennedy Dies in Plane Crash

**By: Christian Ruckman**

John Fitzgerald Kennedy Jr. died on July 16th 1999. Kennedy was piloting a plane off the coast of Massachusetts when sudden fog caused a terrible plane crash. He, his wife and his wife's sister did not survive. He is survived by his mother, Jacqueline Bouvier, and his sister, Carolyn Kennedy. This accident caused turmoil all over America because many people believed that he was going to run for high political office like his father.

**John Fitzgerald Kennedy Jr.**

When John Kennedy was born on November 25th, 1960, his father JFK Sr. had just been elected president of the United States. In 1963, when "John-John" was three, his father was assassinated. At his father's funeral, John was seen saluting his father's coffin. This made newspapers and magazines all over the world.

Kennedy graduated from Brown University in 1993 with a bachelor degree in History. He also went to New York Law School and was an assistant prosecutor in the district attorney's office, but never pursued a political career like his father. He supported some charities and cultural organizations. With his mother and his sister, he started the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award for good public service. He later started his own magazine called *George* and during his bachelor years, dated many celebrities such as Daryl Hannah, Madonna, Brooke Shields, Julia Roberts and Sarah Jessica Parker.

**Caroline Bessette**

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seven buildings. The buildings held offices of many U.S. government agencies, businesses and organizations involved in finance and international trade. About 50,000 people worked in the twin towers.

After the Planes smashed into the buildings, they were quickly drowned in flames and smoke. Within minutes police, fire, and medical workers arrived. Many citizens helped by volunteering for the Red Cross. About an hour after being hit, the south tower, collapsed and within twenty minutes the north tower gave way.

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when several of the levees broke, the city flooded like a bowl filling with water. Once the water was in the city, it was trapped there by the levees. Katrina killed many people and affected anyone who lived in southeast Louisiana and southern Mississippi. Also, it affected people living in southern Mississippi and Alabama. The Mississippi Gulf Coast was swept with a flood surge of 20 feet or more leaving nothing but clean slabs where businesses and homes once were. Even a few miles inland, the surge tore through buildings and wrecked homes Even after the surge had passed, 15 feet of water was left in some places, to decay the area. If you view some of the lawns inland of the Mississippi Gulf Coast you will notice dry dirt has made an appearance instead of grass. The dirt is cracked and looks like you are standing on a different planet because there was a drought for a month after the storm.

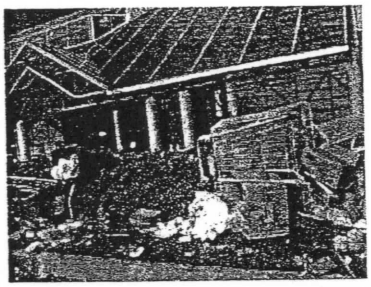
**Huricane Katrina makes landfall.**

The winds on the southeastern side is what damages New Orleans and surrounding areas so much. Wind blew toward the south coastline of Lake Pontchartrain and water was forced into the canals which, and at various places, tore through levees.

After the storm actually hit, there were many people stranded on roof tops awaiting rescue. Others fled to the sports center, the New Orleans Superdome and the New Orleans Convention Center. People waited days for buses to take them to shelters in other cities. Folks were not aware that inactive buses from schools and other areas of New Orleans were not being used to evacuate citizens. Also, elderly and sick people were stranded in hospitals without electricity and not much food. Many died because of this.

President George W. Bush contributed more than $60 Billion toward disaster relief efforts. The city of Houston, Texas was extremely generous to offer their schools and facilities to Katrina evacuees.

Michael Brown, the director of FEMA (The Federal Emergency Management Agency) was unaware of all the citizens trapped in the Convention Center. After Katrina, Brown resigned. President Bush and Governor Blanco discussed who would control the national guard going into New Orleans. The discussion turned into an argument. Overall, citizens view this reaction from the federal government as terrible. Even though many lives have changed, there is discussion that the cities affected will come back even stronger than before.



**Convention Center in New Orleans was used for shelter.**

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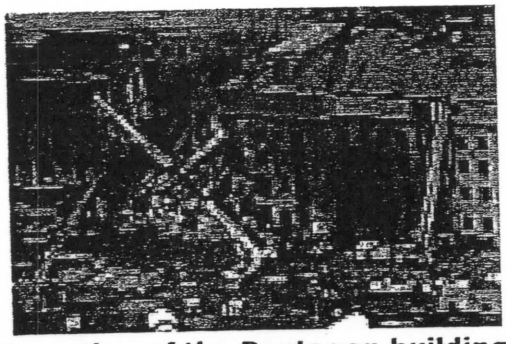
Other buildings in the area were also destroyed or heavily damaged. This catastrophe left about 2,800 people dead or missing, including 157 dead on the two hijacked planes.

At about 9:40 a.m., Flight 77 collided into the west side of the Pentagon Building, the nation's military headquarters near Washington D.C. Part of the building was destroyed killing 189 people. Flight 93 also crashed in a field in Somerset County in southwestern Pennsylvania at 10 a.m.; unfortunately every one was killed. Authorities believe the planned target of Flight 93 was most likely the White House or the U.S. Capitol.



**A section of the Pentagon building that was destroyed.**

The instant response to the terrorist attacks was that White House and offices of the federal government were evacuated and all nonmilitary air traffic was stopped. The major U.S. stock exchanges stopped trading, and many businesses and landmarks closed early and sent staff home. The U.S. government began a huge investigation to find those in charge of the attacks. United States officials later found out that Osama bin Laden and his Al-Qaeda terrorist organization were responsible. The September 11th attacks made United States homeland security more strict than it was before 9/11. In response to the attacks the United States launched the war on terrorism.

## KENNEDY FROM PG. 6

In 1996, Kennedy married Caroline Bessette who was a publicist for a fashion designer. Their wedding ceremony took place on an island off the Georgia coast.

Spain's *El Mundo* calls the Kennedys' history "the most tragic family saga" because of his father's death and his death. His brother, Michael Kennedy also died in 1997 due to a skiing accident.

Many people think that the Kennedys are cursed because of the numerous tragedies in the family, yet they believe it is the family tragedies that keep the family close.

## OKLAHOMA FROM PG. 5

On April 19, 1995 Timothy McVeigh was found guilty and convicted to death by lethal injection after surprisingly short testimony. Since the trial was so emotional and important, it got a large amount of national attention creating the possibility of the judge losing control and the trial not being fair. To solve these problems the judge, US

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District Judge Richard P. Matsch, banned cameras in the courtroom and restricted the amount of comments made by the attorneys outside of the courtroom to a bare minimum. The judge also moved the trial to Denver,

Timothy McVeigh

Colorado ruling that a fair trial could not be held in Oklahoma City because of the press and damage sustained by the court room from the bombs blast. McVeigh's defense was led by Stephen Jones and the prosecution was led by Joseph Hartzler. Some key pieces of evidence in convicting McVeigh were a fake driver's license made by McVeigh in the name of Bob Kling which is the same name that was used to rent the rental truck, a bill for 2,000 pounds of ammonium nitrate, which was used to make the bomb and residue from explosives were found on his clothing. The most important testimony was made by McVeigh's sister Jennifer McVeigh who told about how her brother had pledged to avenge the 80 Branch Davidian members who were killed in 1993 near Waco Texas when a fire consumed their complex during a siege by federal agent.

Terry Nichols was convicted of conspiracy and eight counts of involuntary manslaughter however the jury was unable to agree on what the sentence should be so the decision fell to US District Judge Richard P. Matsch who sentenced Nichols to life in prison without chance of parole Nichols was also ordered to pay $14 million to the government for damage to the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. The head of the prosecution was led by Larry Mackey. The defense was led by Michael Tigar. When the sentencing of Nichols fell to Judge Matsch, he could not legally sentence Nichols to death the defense asked for a maximum sentence of 7 years in jail. The prosecution asked for guidelines to be followed and for a life sentence to be given. Two other key witnesses in McVeigh and Nichols' trial were Michael Fortier, an ex-

Terry Nichols AP Photo

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army buddy of McVeigh and Nichols, and his wife Lori. Michael Fortier said in his testimony that McVeigh had asked him to help McVeigh and Nichols bomb a building. This important piece of testimony helped in the prosecution of McVeigh and linked Nichols to McVeigh and the bombing. Lori Fortier also testified saying that she watched McVeigh make a model of a bomb out of tincans in her kitchen. The main problem with both the Fortier's testimonies was that they both had admitted to taking drugs during the time when they were in contact with McVeigh. Michael Fortier received partial immunity for his testimony.and on May 27th was sentenced to 12 years in prison and a $200,000 fine for transporting stolen firearms, conspiracy to transport the firearms, lying to federal officials and knowing about the plans for the bombing and failing to report it. Since Michael Fortier had already served time he only had to serve 9 years after the trial. Lori Fortier received a full immunity.

On May 23, 1995 what was left of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building was imploded. The implosion went as was planned. Many have mixed feelings about the building for some it helped mourn the loss of others and did not want to see it go. Other people though it just better to move on with life and were happy to seethe building go. There were a suspected three unfound victims in the rubble when the building was imploded.

The Oklahoma City Bombing memorial is located on the old position of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. The memorial is composed of a reflecting pool with two huge gates on each side one has 9:01engraved on it and one has 9:03 engraved on it. The reflecting pool symbolizes the minute of 9:02 when the bomb went off. There are 168 chairs one for each person who died in the blast with the children's chairs being smaller that the adults. There is also a tree know as The Survivor Tree which is a tree that somehow survived the bombing. To show the horrific power of the blast that could be felt up to 30 miles away there is a piece of the foundation that was left.

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**Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building after explosion**

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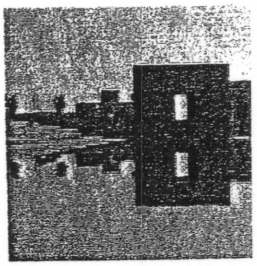

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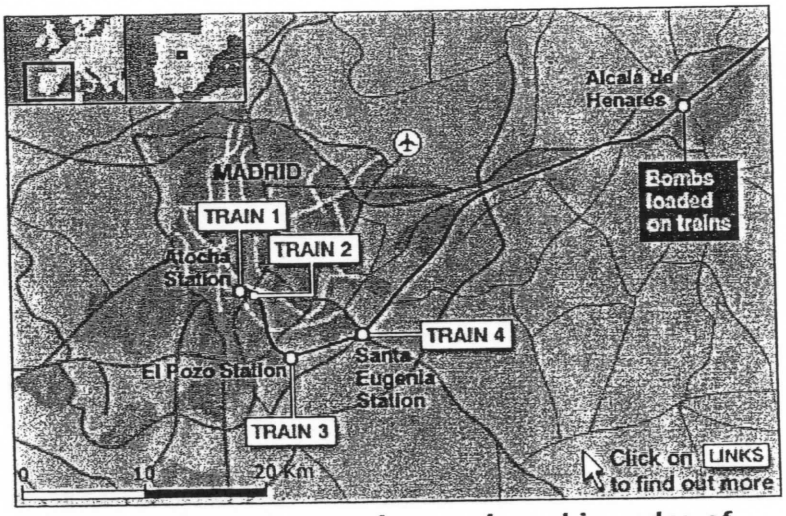
# MADRID BOMBINGS CHANGES ELECTION

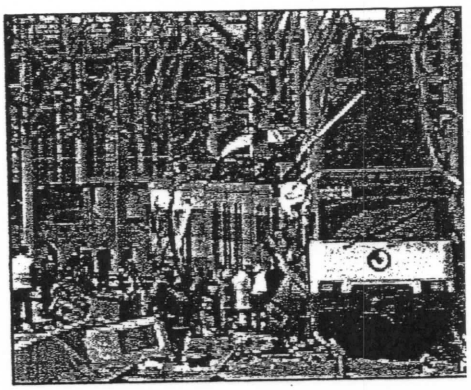
At 6:00 am GMT in Madrid Spain on March 11, 2004 the first of four trains loaded with bombs left the Alcala de Henares station (which is in the outskirts of Madrid). The other three trains departed by 6:15.

The first set of explosions occurred at 6:39 am on a train inside the Atocha station. The blast was created by three bombs. At the same time as the first set of explosions four more bombs detonated on a train 500 meters from the Atocha station. The second train was running late and if on time would have been in the Atocha station at the time of detonation. The explosion inside the station killed at least 30 people and injured many more. The explosion on the train outside of the station killed at least 59 people and injured others. There were three undetonated bombs found at the site of the blast; they were safely destroyed.




**A map of the train attacks numbered in order of the time they occurred.**

At 6:41 am two bombs detonated in a train in the El Pozo station. The blast killed at least 70 people and injured many others. A minute later a single bomb detonated in a train in the Santa Eugenia station. The blast killed 17 people and injured a few others. The total number of reported deaths from the terrorist attacks was 201 people and over 1400 were injured. It was the worst terrorist attack in Spain's history.



**Rescuers around destroyed station outside of the Atocha stati**

To deal with the injuries a temporary hospital was set up at a sports center on Tellez Street (near the Atocha station) and at the stations. Severely injured people were medavaced to hospitals. At 8:40 am with their supplies running low the Red Cross put out a

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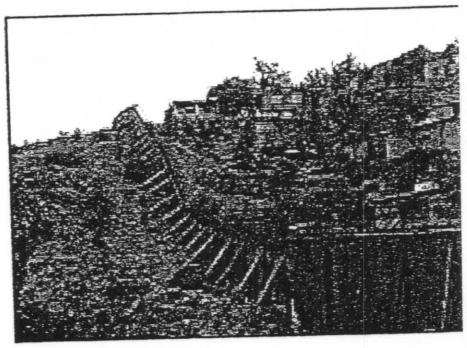
# CROSSING THE BORDER

**By: Pamela Babington**

Illegal immigration has become a big concern in the United States and Mexico. The U.S-Mexican border has the highest number of both legal and illegal crossings of any other land border in the world. It is estimated that there are 2.3 to 2.4 million illegal Mexicans working the the U.S. These immigrants are motivated to cross the border because they are so close and there is such a difference in living standards between the two countries. The U.S border patrol does not have enough staff or money to effectively fight illegal immigration. There is only an average of four agents per mile on the border leaving large percentages of the border almost unguarded.

**Illegal Immigrants waiting to cross the border.**

In October 1994, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) launched Operation Gatekeeper stop people from entering the country through San Diego, California. Locking down the border with more border patrol agents forced immigrants to cross through the Imperial Desert or over the mountains north of Tecate. The number of immigrant deaths has increased over 600 percent since 1994. Several thousands have died along the U.S.-Mexico border since Operation Gatekeeper was started. Mexicans have drowned in canals and rivers and have died of dehydration, hypothermia and heat strokes in the desert. Some have been shot by ranchers in Arizona and Texas. In the year 2000, 369 unknown illegal immigrants died trying to cross the border. Because of the rise of border patrol officers and equipment, many illegal workers are staying longer in the U.S., because of this they can't return to see their families for long periods of time, increasing the illegal immigrant population.



**This is the U.S-Mexican border in California.**

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# Pope John Paul II Pasess Away

*By:Michael Sobreperea*

Pope John Paul II died on April 2nd 2005. He passed away due to heart and kidney failures. At the time of death, he was 84 and had served as pontiff for 26 years making him the third longest serving pope ever.

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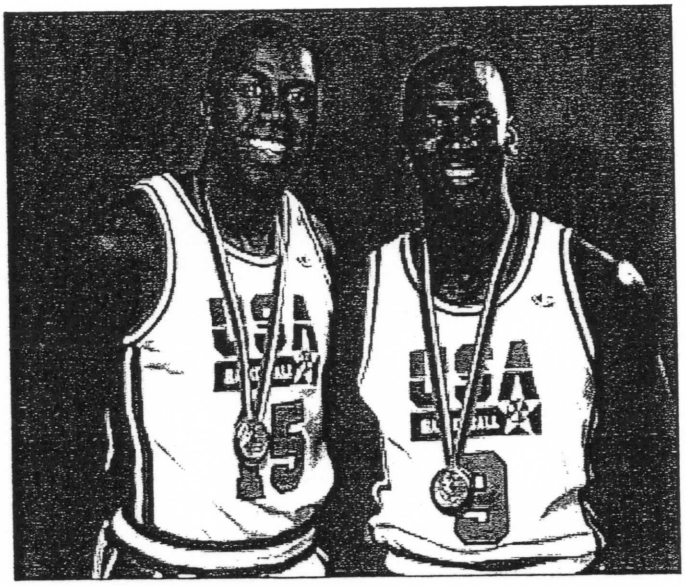
# The '92 Olympics Attract Many

By: Christian Ruckman

The summer Olympics of 1992 attracted citizens' attention because many communist countries in Europe became democratic. Because of this final turn out, there was peace in Europe The teams that skipped the 1984 and 1988 summer Olympics participated in the 1992 summer Olympics.



**Earvin "Magic" Johnson(Left) Michael Jordan(Right)**

This Olympics took place in Barcelona, Spain on July 25th until August 9th. The Unied Team consisted of Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan and was created because the countries in it were not ready to compete individually.

The 1992 Olympics broke the record for the number of athletes competing with ten and a half thousand athletes competing from 171 nations. This was also the first Olympics since 1972 to have all nations participating.

Cuba sent a full team to the 1992 Olympics and amazingly, Fidel Castro, the Cuban dictator, actually came to the XXV Olympiad and watched the games. This was very out of character for Castro because he was vulnerable to assassination by exposing himself in such a public area without much protection let alone protection from gunfire. Nevertheless, Castro was untouched after the games.

Spain's King Juan Carlos I gave a speech prior to the games and then a flaming arrow was shot into a gas-fed dish lighting the gas and the Olympic flame. Thus beginning the 92 Olympic games. This was the first year that the USA sent NBA players to the Olympics for basketball. This team consisted of the well known Earvin Johnson, Michael Jordan and Larry Bird as well as other star players in America.

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call for blood. After the attacks, in the hopes of making it possible to quickly move the injured to hospitals, the interior ministry asked all motorists to stay of the road

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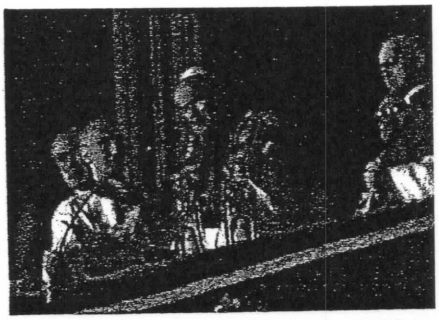
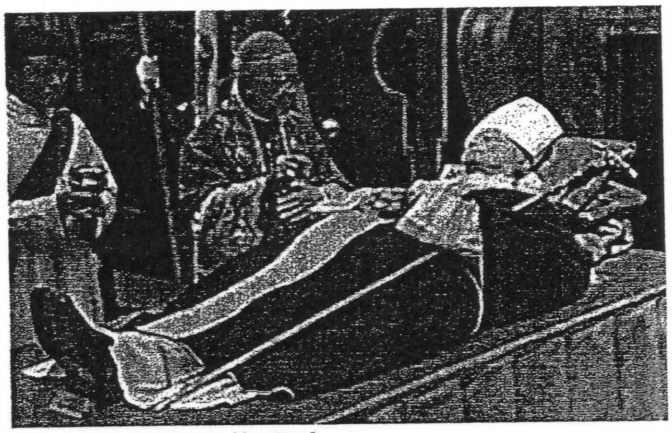


**Pope during his inaguaration**

He was succeeded by Pope Benedict the XVI formerly Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger.

He was laid to rest in the crypt underneath Saint Peter's basilica. He was buried in a cypress coffin, which was put into a sealed zinc coffin and covered by an oak casket with a cross and an M on top for Mary. His burial point is marked by a simple stone head plate. The coffin contains medals imprinted with dates of pontificate and a parchment with a summary of the pope's life sealed in a led tube. At least 300 people attended the funeral in St. Peters Square. Included in the crowd were four kings, five queens, at least 70 presidents and prime ministers and more than 14 non catholic religious leaders. In the weeks surrounding the pope's death, an estimated 5 million pilgrims traveled to the Vatican.


**Pope in Apostolic Palace**.

The pope, previously Karol Josef Wojtyla, was born on May 18th 1920 in Wadowice, Poland. He lost his mother and brother when he was very young. In his late teens and early twenties, he studied philosophy and literature. When Karol was about 23 years old, his father died. After his father's death, Karol began to study to become a priest. After becoming a priest Karol received a master's degree and doctorates in theology and philosophy.

In 1962 he was appointed archbishop of Krakow. He became a cardinal in 1967. On October 16, 1978 he was voted in as the new pope by the College of Cardinals; he took the name John Paul II. The pope was the first Slavic pope ever and the first non Italian pope in 455 years.

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## MADRID FROM PG. 14

All four trains originated from or passed through the Alcala de Henares station. After the attacks police found a van with 7 bomb detonators and an Arabic language tape at the station. Because of these two pieces of information police believe the bombs were loaded at the Alcala de Henares station.

The bombs were loaded onto the train in backpacks. Each explosive device contained about 10 kg of explosives. At the El Pozo station a bomb was diffused allowing police to get insight into were it originated from and how it worked. The bombs were made by taking one cell phone, connecting it to two copper detonators connected to explosives and placing fragments of metal around the explosives. The design of the bomb makes it obvious they were detonated by calling them.

Police tracked the sim card in the phone used in the bomb to two men who had previously sold 14 sim

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## IMMIGRATION FROM PG. 13

In July 2001, the President of Mexico, Vicente Fox asked President Bush to consider granting U.S citizenship to about three million illegal Mexicans. U.S. Congressman Luis Gutierrez supported a bill that would grant citizenship to immigrants who could obey the laws. Other congressmen pushed for a guest worker program, where Mexican workers could freely come and go across the border but would not be allowed to stay in the U.S. permanently.

**Illegal Immigrants crossing the border.**

The economy of the United States has needed service workers, manufacturing workers, farm laborers, and skilled artisans. Many Mexican Americans work blue-collar jobs, such as restaurant workers, janitors, truck drivers, gardeners, construction laborers, material moving workers, and other manual labor in states such as California, Texas and Arizona. Illegal immigrant workers are meeting the needs of the U.S economy, yet there taking advantage of social welfare programs. Some employers even prefer to hire Mexican residents, because they don't have to pay for work mens' comp. and workers do not demand minimum wage.

Hospitals are overwhelmed with thousands of illegal immigrants too. The national cost of illegal immigrants using Medicare and Medicaid is $3.7 billion. "The only person getting the short end of the stick in this whole bargain is the taxpayer and disadvantaged Americans who rely on public health centers to stay alive, illegal aliens are showing up for free health care and then going home. If a U.S. citizen tries to do that the hospitals would find ways of extracting payment from you, by hook or by crook." states a CNN reporter.

In December, 2005, the U.S. House of Representatives voted to build a separation barrier along parts of the border. The Senate vote was scheduled for February 2006. Supporters hope that the barrier will decrease illegal immigration into the United States, yet however much money is used for border patrol, immigrants will always find a way to sneak in.

## POPE FROM PG. 15

**Pope with Fidel Castro during his visit to Cuba.**

One of the other things the pope was against was homosexual marriages saying they "were a part of a new ideology of evil." He also apposed cloning,

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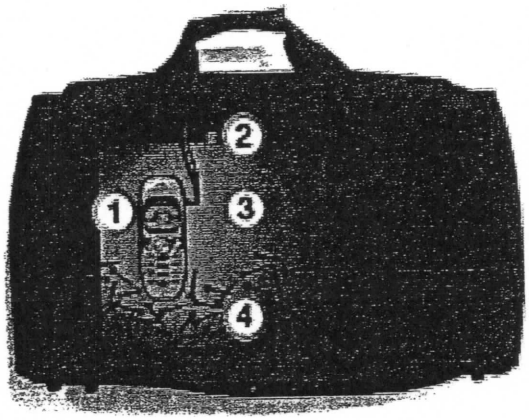
## MADRID FROM PG. 15

Police tracked the sim card in the phone used in the bomb to two men who had previously sold 14 sim

identical to the one found. The men had sold the cards to Jamal Zougam, Mohamed Chaoui and Mohamed Bekkali. The explosives were tracked to a mine in northern Spain.

On April 3rd 2004 police raided a building suspected of housing some of the bombers. Seven terrorists blew themselves up including Serhane ben Abdelmajid Fakhet who is believed to be the leader of the bombers. Around 70 people have been arrested in connection with the bombings.




1= Phone used for remote detonation

2=Copper detonators

3=Explosives

4=Metal fragments used to enhance damage

The bombing greatly affected the parliamentary elections. The day of the attacks the government found a tape containing a claim by Al-Quidea of responsibility. The Spanish people believed that the ruling party, the popular party led by Jose Maria Aznar, who supported President Bush and the Iraq war, had made Spain a target. Because of this the elections took an unexpected turn and the socialist party led by Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero beet the favored popular party. Mr. Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero promised to pull out all Spanish troops in Iraq except the ones under the control of the UN. Mr. Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero's pledge combined with the belief that if the popular party were to be elected there would be more attacks resulted in his election.

The Abu Hafs al-Masri Brigades have claimed responsibility for the attacks and say they carried them out on behalf of Al-Qaeda. The attackers say they will not carry out any more attacks on Spain because the Spanish people voted for the canadet against the war against Islam and in doing so have chosen peace.

POPE FROM PG. 16

stem cell research, abortion, euthanasia and the ordination of women.

During his historic visit to Cuba in January of 1998 the pope met with Fidel Castro and encouraged all Cubans to find "new paths of reconciliation." While in Cuba the pope also voiced his opposition to the US embargo on Cuba and the lack of religious freedom, in Cuba.

The pope was also strongly against communism. On many occasions, he encouraged anti-Communist groups in Communist countries. A few times he actually helped the movements. His encouragement and aid to the groups actually helped in the downfall of many Communist governments and in the end contributed to the end of the cold war.

The pope asked for forgiveness from all Jews for not helping them during W.W.II. This was the largest pardon ever asked for by a pope. He also asked for forgiveness from heretics, women and native peoples for the way Catholics had treated them.

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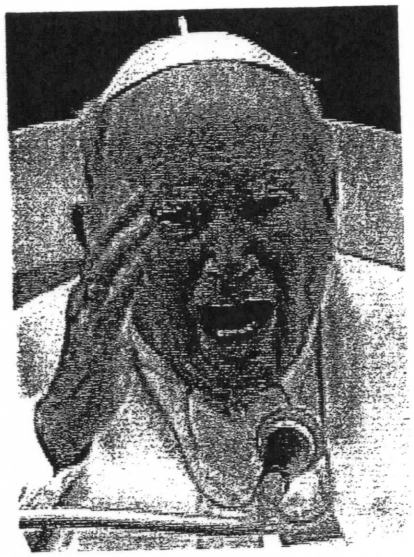
In May of 1981, while circling St. Peters Square, the pope was shot and had to spend 22 days in the hospital. After he recovered, he visited the Turkish gunman (Mehmet Ali Agca) who had shot him and offered his forgiveness.

Pope John Paul II was not only a pope, but also a world leader. People from all religions and nationalities came to see him which was previously unheard of. He spoke 8 languages and in 1994 was named man of the year by Time magazine.

Pope John Paul the second will go down in history as being one of the most important popes ever for "saving" the Catholic Church, modernizing the Vatican and so much more.



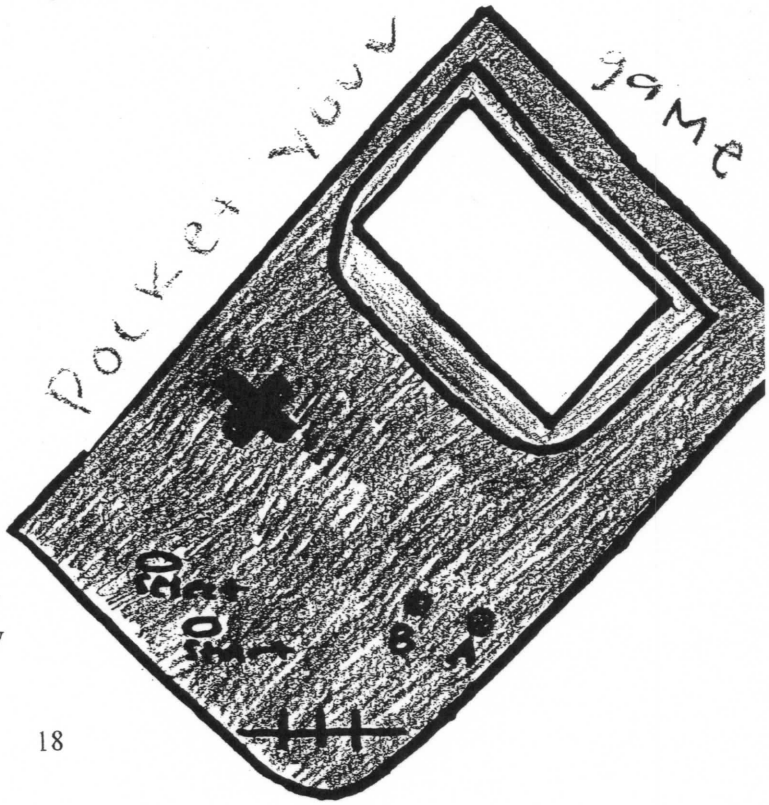
**Pope John Paul II presiding a mass.**

## OLYMPICS FROM PG. 14

Cuba did well in boxing and baseball while USA dominated in basketball and the United Team did excellent in gymnastics. The USA also did exceptionally well in track and field. The Unified Team from the Soviet countries won the most medals with 45 gold medals, 38 silver medals and 29 bronze medals for a total of 112 medals. The United States followed with 108 medals. Germany followed the United States with 82 total medals.

Some people think it was stupid of Castro to watch the games out in the open. They say he could have been killed very easily since many people hate him for how he treats Cuba and it's citizens. Castro would freeze banks from activity and take money out from citizens' accounts. Also he wouldn't let citizens leave because many wanted to go to America. Castro would take all foreigners' property as well as citizens' property for himself. Shortly after he took control, he captured all of the USA's oil refineries in Cuba.

Because of these actions, Fidel Castro is disliked by many individuals all over the world. There have been assassination attemepts however to this day he is still untouched.



# ARTS

# COUNTRY ICON WILL ROCK ON FOREVER

By: Pamela Babington

Johnny Cash died at the age of 71 on September 12, 2003 due to complications from diabetes, which resulted in respiratory failure. He was hospitalized at Baptist Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. Cash was given a Kennedy Center Honors award in 1996 having been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. He also had Shy-Dragger syndrome, a degenerative nerve disease that attacks the nervous system. He is survived by his children, Rosanne, Kathleen, Cindy, Tara and John Carter.

Johnny Cash performing in 1994 for the Folks.

Cash recorded more than 1,500 songs; his career lasted five decades. He not only recorded country songs but rock and roll, blues, rockabilly, folk and gospel. His diversity was recognized in three major music halls of fame: the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the Country Music Hall of Fame and the Songwriters Hall of Fame. Only ten performers are in both of the first two, and only Hank Williams Sr. and Jimmie Rodgers are in all three. His talent is also recognized by the Rockabilly Hall of Fame.

In his early early years Johnny Cash helped found Rockabilly and Rock and Roll. Later on he became the representative of country music and in the end a legend. Cash has influenced many artists. Cash is respected and praised by many of the greatest popular musicians of our day. "In plain terms, Johnny was and is the

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# Caught in the Middle

★★★★

**By: Michael Sobrepera**

In *The Patriot Games* former CIA agent Jack Ryan is now a professor at the Naval Academy at Annapolis. After making a speech for the Royal Navy Academy an assassination is attempted on part of the royal family in front of jack and his family by rouge members of The IRA (Irish Republican Army). Jack rushes into action and prevents the attack from succeeding. During the attack Jack captures one terrorist named Sean Miller and kills his

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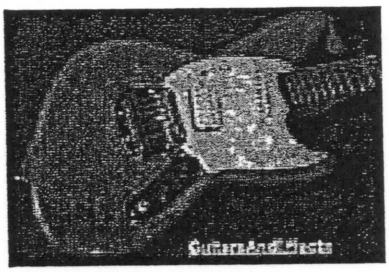
# TEEN SPIRIT STILL ROCKS

By: Christian Ruckman

Nirvana

The alternative band Nirvana was formed in 1987 in small town called Aberdeen, Washington. The front man, Kurt Cobain, sang and played guitar, Dave Grohl played drums and Krist Novoselic played bass. Nirvana's first album, Bleach, released in 1989, didn't attract much attention.

Nevermind came out in '91 and drew a huge amount of attention to Nirvana. The most popular song on the album was called Smells Like Teen Spirit. Nirvana was signed to DGC records. Nirvana was expected to sell five hundred thousand copies of Nevermind, but instead sold over three million copies becoming instant rockstars partly because of their new single, Smells Like Teen Spirit.



The Jag-Stang

Smells Like Teen Spirit influenced a fashion phenomenon called grunge. It hit number one on the charts for several weeks and was voted best single of the year in the village voice Pazz & Jop critic's poll. At the MTV music video awards, Nirvana won the awards, "Best New Artist" and "Best Alternative Group" in 1992. Rolling Stone ranked Smells Like Teen Spirit ninth in it's list of top 500 songs of all time. The Guinness Book of World Records said that it was the most played music video on MTV in Europe.

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# Style Watch 1990-2000

By: Pamela Babington

A must have in any wardrobe during 1990 was definitely anything fluorescent paired with skinny fit stone wash jeans for girls. Great accessories were fanny packs which came in a rainbow of colors and hoop earrings! Guys, the trends for you were black and white tees with a jean jacket. The freshest hair style for girls was long, straight hair, with bangs. The bowl cut was the hottest for guys.

By 1991 fluorescent colors were totally out. In style colors were coral, hot pink, and turquoise. Parachute pants ruled. They have a relaxed fit, tapered leg pants with a drawstring waist, perfect to just lounge in. They're great to just throw on with a one of those awesome heat sensitive shirts that change color.

The alternative band, Nirvana, influenced a style revolution called grunge, the most popular style in the 90s. Looking

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## CASH FROM PG. 20

North Star; you could guide your ship by him the greatest of the greats then and now." - Bob Dylan

*Walk the Line*, an Academy Award-winning film about Johnny Cash's lifetime was released in the U.S. on November 18, 2005. In addition to its Oscar nominations, both Phoenix and Witherspoon have won various awards for their roles, including the Golden Globe for Best Actor in a Musical or Comedy and Best Actress in a Musical or Comedy. They both performed their own vocals in the film. Cash personally chose Phoenix to play him, and June personally chose Witherspoon to play her.

Walk The Line came hit theaters last fall.

Lou Robin, Cash's manager, stated that in honor of the family's privacy, the visitation and funeral services for Cash were private, however a public memorial was planned. In recognition to his lifelong support of SOS Children's Villages, his family invited friends and fans to donate to that charity in his memory.

## PATRIOT FROM PG. 20

brother also a terrorist. For his actions the Queen of England invests Jack KCVO, Knight Commander of the Victorian Order,. After the attack Sean Miller is broken out of prison while he is being transferred to Albany Prison in a convoy. The convoy is attacked by a band of terrorists and they head out into the English Channel in a small boat. After successfully breaking out Miller, the terrorists go to Africa were they begin training a small military force. Once out of jail Miller's first objective is to get revenge. Miller leads an attack on Jack and his family Jack is fine, his wife Cathy Ryan sustains a concussion and their daughter Sally has to have her spleen removed. After the failed attack by Miller on the Ryans, he joins the rest of the terrorists in North Africa and is infuriated when he finds out all of the Ryans survived. After the attack on his family Jack pledges to find and kill the terrorists especially Sean Miller who is obsessed with avenging his brother. To achieve his goal Jack goes back into the CIA. In a final attempt to capture Lord Holmes the terrorists attack while he is at the Ryan's house to celebrate Sally coming home and to present a medal to Jack. During the party it is storming, and the power goes out; but there's some thing wrong the boat house. Lights are still on. When Jack and Robby Jackson, one of the professors at the Naval Academy, go to investigate. They find Watkins, one of Lord Holmes' assistants was the snitch who had been helping the terrorists plan their attacks and is now helping them with this one. Using his

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## PATRIOT FROM PG. 22

cunning Jack is able to get everyone out of the house and hidden. He then starts up one of the terrorists' two escape boats and begins to drive of. The three main terrorists follow Jack and when they realize jack is alone and Lord Holmes is back on the land the two terrorists still loyal to the mission try to force Miller to turn around. However he kills them determined to complete his mission (killing Jack). Miller caches up to Jack and boards Jack's boat they fight it out and Jack kills Miller.

Harrison Ford

The Patriot Games take place in Annapolis, Maryland in the CIA head quarters in Great Britain, and North Africa in the early 1990s. In the movie everyone is tense, confused, frightened and determined.

Jack Ryan, the lead character, is played by Harrison Ford who started in The Indiana Jones series, the Star Wars Trilogy and other notable films. Cathy Ryan is played by Anne Archer who stared in Fatal Attraction (1987) and Paradise Alley (1978). Sean Miller is played by Sean Bean who stared in Stormy Monday (1988) and Scarlett (1994). Sally Ryan is played by Thora Birch who stared in Paradise (1991) and American Beauty (1999). Kevin O'Donnell the head terrorist is played by Patrick Bergin who starred in Robin Hood (1991). Lord Holmes is played by James Fox IV who stared in The Mighty Quinn (1989). Robby Jackson is played by Samuel L. Jackson who starred in Pulp Fiction (1994) and Jurassic Park (1993). Annette Kevin's wife and one of the main terrorists is played by Polly Walker who starred in The Woodlanders (1997) and Sliver (1993). The directors are Phillip Noyce who received a National Board of Review Award for Best Director multiple times and David R. Ellis. The Patriot Games is based on Tom Clancy's novel, The Patriot Games. The executive producer is Charles H. Maguire.

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## FASHION FROM PG. 23

The Spice Girls influenced Cool Britannia.

David Beckham, Ginger Spice and her Union Jack dress, Princess Diana, Oasis, Tony Blair made fashion statements called the 'cool Britannia' which began to appear in the British press at the end of 1996, shortly after Newsweek declared London to be the coolest capital city on

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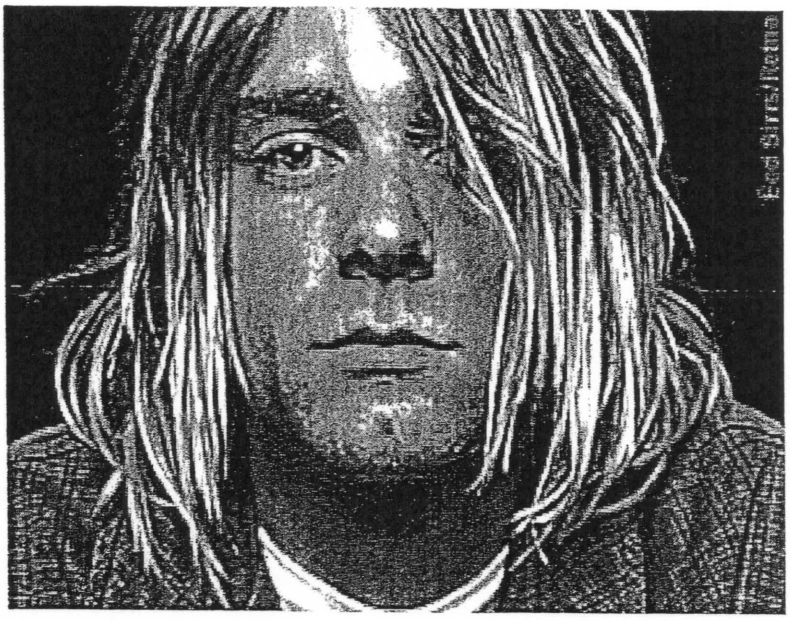
## NIRVANA FROM PG. 23

In a Rolling Stone interview with Kurt Cobain, Cobain admits that 'Teen Spirit was an attempt to try to mimic pop music, specifically the Pixies.

In '94 before Nirvana's In Utero tour Cobain decided to combine the designs of the "Jaguar" and "Mustang" electric guitars. Cobain called it the "Jag-Stang". Fender finished the signature model in '95 after Cobain's death and was mass produced for guitarists all over the world to use.



Kurt Cobain

The vocals of *Smells Like Teen Spirit* feature Kurt Cobain's melodic sad voice during the verses of the song while the pre-chorus and chorus are much different, featuring Cobain's much changed, scream. *Smells Like Teen Spirit* starts with an intro that moves into the first verse and is followed by the chorus. Then there is a second verse followed by the chorus once again. This time, the chorus is launched into a phenomenal guitar solo by Cobain. Right after the solo, there is a last verse and one last chorus that trail to the ending of *Smells Like Teen Spirit*.

The song was named *Smells Like Teen Spirit* because Cobain's friend, Kathleen Hanna, the lead singer of Bikini Kill, spray-painted "Kurt smells like teen spirit" on Cobain's wall. Cobain did not know that Teen Spirit was a deodorant brand but named one of the songs after. After he released the album, he eventually found out what teen spirit was and regreted having a song called that. *Smells Like Teen Spirit* was a very popular song the most part, teenagers. Most older adults were not fond of this new type of music. This song is still remembered and very popular. Today, you will find adults and teens listening to it today. This song is energetic and unique. There is no surprise that it became so popular.

## PATRIOT FROM PG. 24

The Patriot Games is distributed by Paramount pictures. The movie is 116 minutes long in color. The MPPA has rated The Patriot Games R. The Patriot Games Brought in $82,690,527 at the box office. The Patriot Games is part of Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan series of books and

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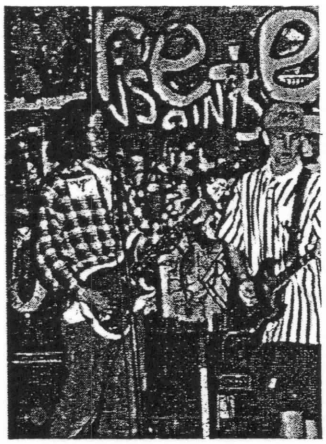
## FASHION FROM PG. 24

the planet. Anything with a red, white and blue flag was trendy. Americans started talking in English accents and Ben & Jerry ice-cream even named their vanilla, strawberry and chocolate shortbread ice cream 'Cool Britannia'.

A model sporting Polo Ralph Lauren.

In the late 90s punk clothing was in. We recommend shopping at Hot Topic. Black Dickies or Bondage pants were worn with black t-shirts and black low Converse shoes. Kids cut there hair short, spiked it, and dyed their hair colors such as blue, green, red, and bright pink for a rebellious look. A Goth style became popular along with punk. Long black hair, black shirts, black work pants, black work boots, and black trench coats were a fresh new look, accented with dark makeup and studded belts. Both of these styles survived into the 2000s.



Kids wearing the grunge style.

The preppy look made a comeback in 1997, from the 50s and 60s. The preppy look was closely associated with the Tommy Hilfiger clothing line. Tommy Hilfiger t-shirts and jeans were staples of the preppy look in 1997. Other preppy brands were Polo Ralph Lauren, Lilly Pulitzer, and Lacoste. Want a new hair make-over? We suggest dying your hair any shade of blonde and keeping it short. Lots of guys and girls wore collared shirts with kakis and cords. Preppy really caught on in the mid 90's and continued into 2000s. Other girls also liked pairing spaghetti strap tanks with low rise jeans, skorts and capris. Looking back on all of the major trends in the 90s, fashion has changed dramatically, and will keep changing as time goes on.

## PATRIOT FROM PG. 25

movies. The Patriot Games won the ASCAP Award for top box office films awarded to James Horner. It was also nominated for the Young Artist Award for Best Young Actress under ten in a Motion Picture for Thora Birch.

The movie shows who the IRA are, what they do and how they do it, which is informative. The movie also shows how desperate the IRA became in the early nineties; however the main purpose of the movie is to entertain, which it does well except for the unrealistic survival of the good people probably attributed to the time period the movie was made in.

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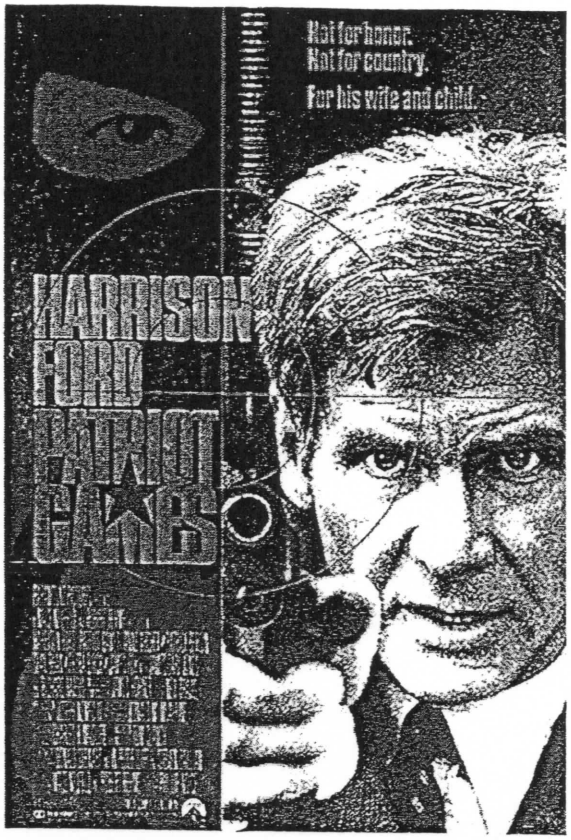
## PATRIOT FROM PG. 26

The Patriot Games shows the attitude in the early nineties with the recent end of the cold war and the large amount of military camps in northern Africa. The resent soviet break up is also snuck in when Jack is saying during his speech that the Russian Navy was unpredictable, and talking about the changes in it. It is also evident that the movie takes place in the early nineties by the fear and amount of raids going on in Europe. The movie shows the style in the early nineties in America which was formal and plain. it is interesting the way cars have changed from small cars in the nineties and before to the big SUVs today. Overall The Patriot Games is very good and keeps the watcher hooked. It is a must see for any one old enough to watch it.

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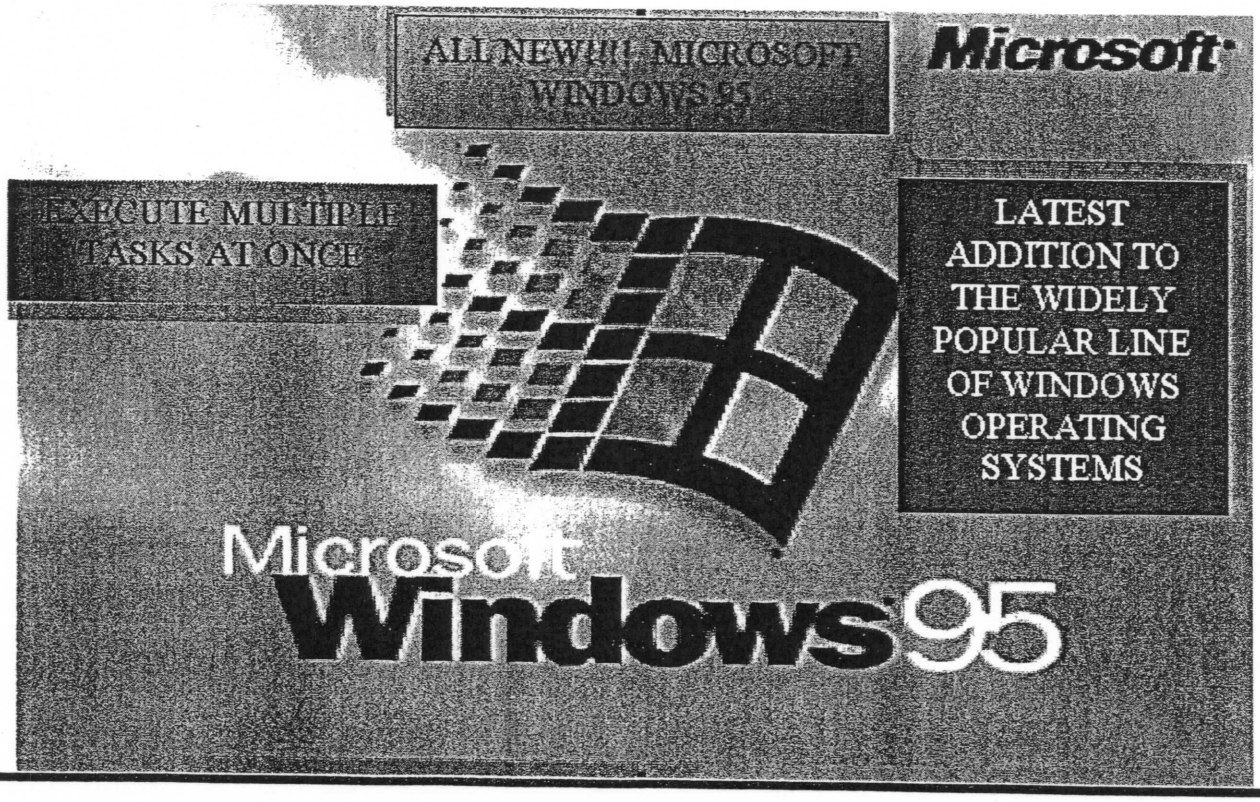
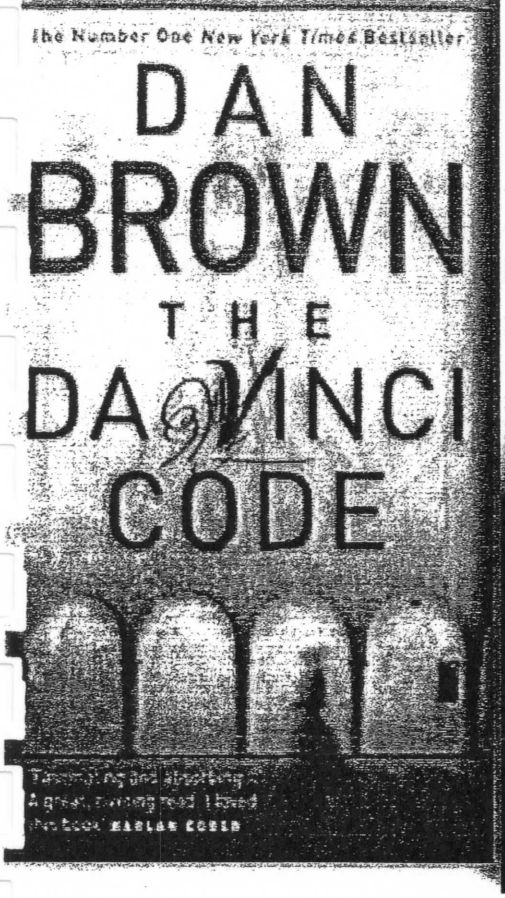
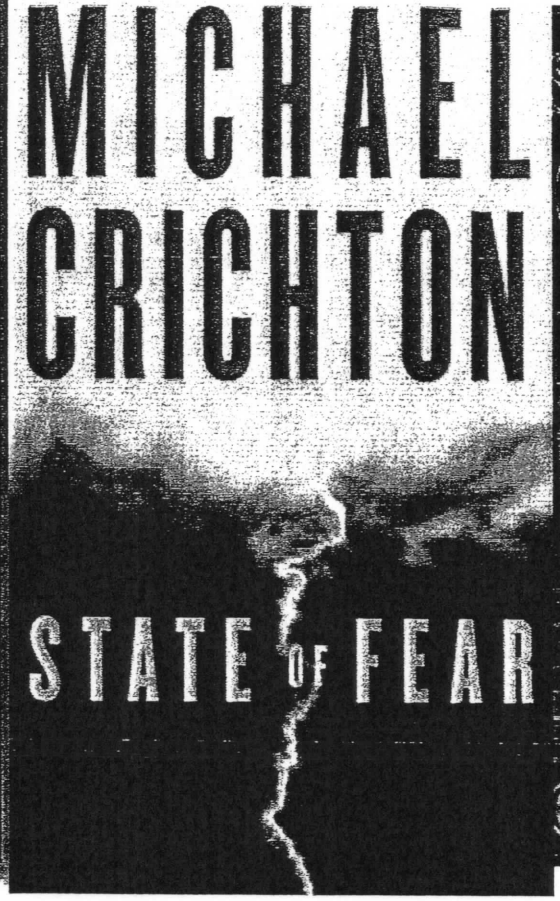
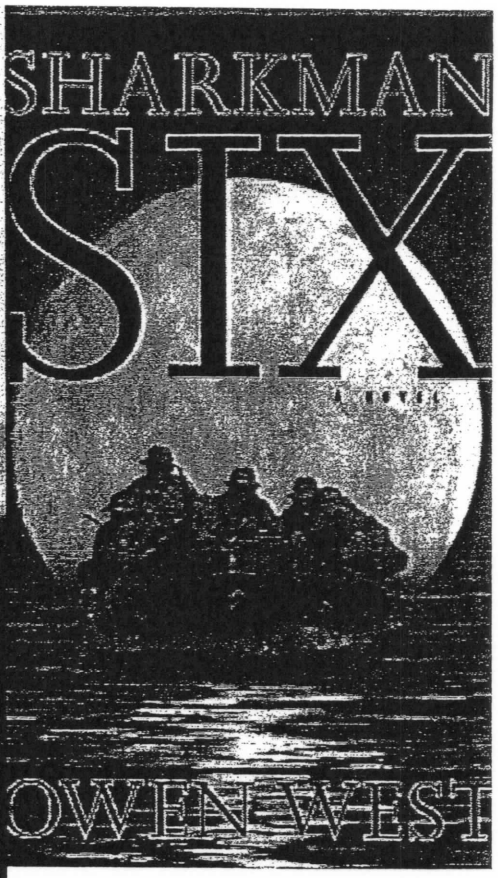




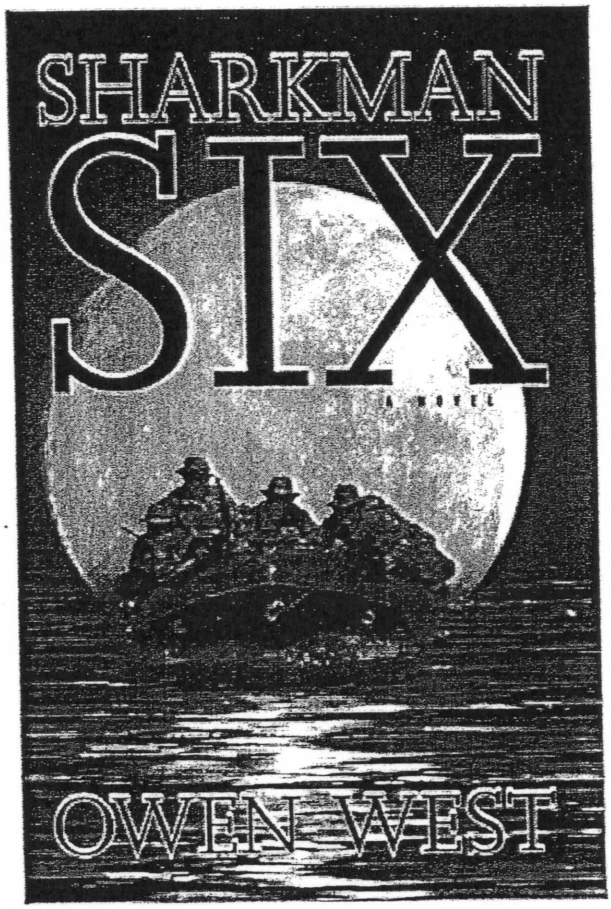

# Book Reviews

Sonic, the coolest hedgehog around

# Horror of War Intrigues Readers

By: Michael Sobrepera

In *Sharkman Six* Lieutenant Gavin Kelly is the Leader of a Marine recon platoon that is part of Operation Restore Hope. Their mission is to feed the people not to remove the gangs from power, in Somalia. In Somalia the enemy rules ruthlessly on the Somali public causing a man made famine, and yet the UN forces must follow strict rules of engagement and treat the gang lords as allies and legitimate rulers. Lieutenant Kelly's Platoon is the first marine platoon to land on Somalia. They land just outside of Mogadishu on December ninth 1992. Once on the beach there is a frenzy of reporters. Lieutenant Kelly orders one of the squad leaders named Armstrong to go patrol the road ahead. While patrolling Armstrong spots two Somali body guards armed with AK-47s. He tries to radio someone of higher command in the platoon however Lieutenant Kelly and his Gunnery Sergeant, Gunny, are busy trying to keep the press under control and are unable to respond. Because Armstrong is unable to get orders from a higher authority, he kills one of



Cover of Sharkman Six

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# Thrilling Novel Fascinates Readers

BY: PAMELA BABINGTON

The novel, *The Da Vinci Code*, opens when Robert Langdon, a professor of symbology at Harvard University, is

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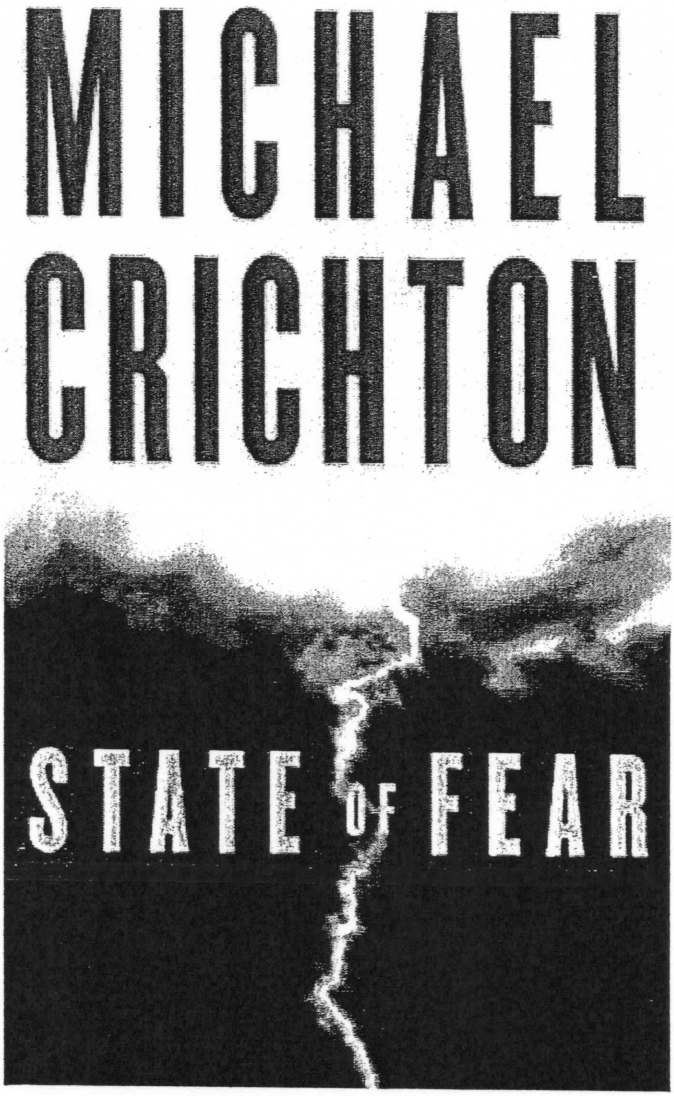
# Fear is a Thriller

**By: Christian Ruckman**

Michael Crichton, author of *State of Fear*(published in 2004), was a star basketball player in high school and earned a scholarship to Harvard University. He chose to take English at Harvard. While having a rough time in one of his papers, he decided to plagiarize the famous novelist, George Orwell. His professor did not catch the plagiarism and gave it a B-. Crichton thought getting a B- from turning in a famous writer's novel was ridiculous and decided to start his studies in anthropology instead of taking English.




**Cover of State of Fear**

*The Wall Street Journal* calls *State of Fear* "*The Da Vinci Code* with real facts, violent storms and a different kind of faith altogether." The Wall Street Journal is right about State of Fear having real facts, violent storms and a dif

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## *DA VINCI* FROM PG. 29

woken up by a phone call informing him of an important visitor at 2 woken up by a phone call informing him of an important visitor at 2 a.m. Robert is soon involved in the mysterious murder of Jacques Sauniere, one of the Louvre's best curators. Sauniere left several clues near his body, but the most intriguing one said "P.S. find Robert Langdon." With the help of Jacque's granddaughter, Sophie Neveu, she and Langdon decipher the other clues, and discover that Sauniere left more clues behind, in works by Leanardo Da Vinci, leading to the Holy Grail.

Robert and Sophie search through London, parts of Scotland and Paris with a long time friend, Sir Leigh Teabing. Teabing, a former British Royal

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## *SHARKMAN* FROM PG. 29

the Somali armed body guards with a bayonet and captures the other. After attacking the Somalis Armstrong finds they had press passes making the attack a war crime. Since Lieutenant Kelly believes Armstrong is vital to his platoon and that he needs to earn the trust and respect of his platoon, he orders the passes destroyed. The investigation into the matter says that Armstrong is innocent and NBC takes full responsibility, because the Somalis were on their payroll. On their first mission at a food distribution center, Lieutenant Kelly's platoon becomes arch enemies with one the gang lords who taunts and tries to kill them throughout the novel. During his time in Somalia Lieutenant Kelly learns things about himself, his family and his friends that he never thought possible.

In Somalia, Lieutenant Kelly and his platoon experience the horrors of war, the horrors of hunger, and all other horrors related to poor people and a leadership that does not care about its people. The UN Base of operations is an airport just outside of Mogadishu from which children can be heard wailing every night and can be seen during the day dying. Lieutenant Kelly's platoon also sees fire pits were all waste including human is burned. This environment contributes to Lieutenant Kelly's platoon's desire to eliminate the gangs.

Sharkman Six is a very interesting story it follows Lieutenant Kelly, a young lieutenant who thinks himself not fit to lead a highly trained recon platoon. The story is told through Kelly's eyes. Kelly has his sense of unworthiness from desert storm where he lost one of his men, and because he feels as if he is a coward which he thinks he inherited from his father both which reasons are explained during flashbacks.

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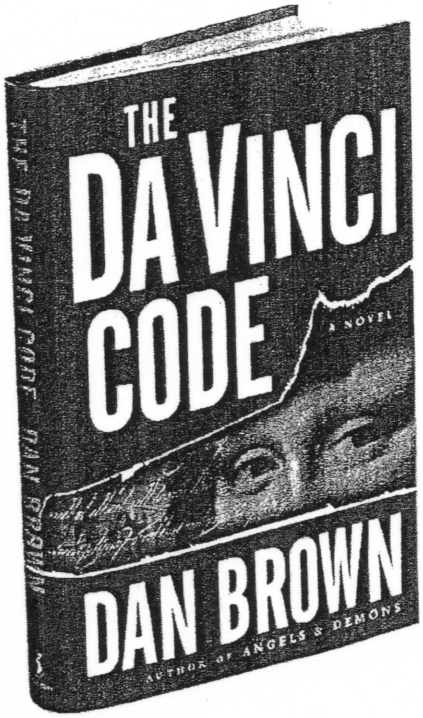


***The Da Vinci Code* has sold over 40 million copies.**

## *DA VINCI* FROM PG. 30

Historian, studies the comes dangerous when they realize someone else is after the grail, who wants to destroy it. Sophie and Langdon must decipher the mystery quickly to reveal the Priory's secret that will change history forever.

*The Da Vinci Code,* is a thrilling novel. Once you start reading, it is

hard to put the novel down. The puzzles leading to the Grail are well

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## FEAR FROM PG. 30

ferent kind of faith. However, many people think State of Fear has too many facts in it specifically when a character called John Kenner explains data and other information to some of the other characters to prove them wrong. Some of these explanations are pages long and can get stifling. The novel is full of thrills just like *The Da Vinci Code.*

**Michael Crichton**

In the first few chapters of *State of Fear*, Michael Crichton tries to explain subtly to the reader a few facts about what happens later in the book by using characters that never appear in the story again. As the reader progresses through these chapters, he or she will not understand how the chapters relate to each other until late in the novel. A few of the chapters have to be read before the real plot starts. Some people will say the story is somewhat confusing.

Peter Evans, the protagonist, is definitely portrayed as a three dimensional character. The reader is able to find out a lot about his personality and lifestyle by seeing how he handles his everyday life. However, other characters aren't quite as intriguing at first. Through the first half of the novel, the reader knows very little about some of the characters, such as John Kenner, a man who Peter will later work with. Later, in the second half of the novel, the reader will find out more about John Kenner and how he is tied into the plot. Peter Evans is a dynamic character because throughout the earlier part of the plot, he could be immature and a little egotistical. As the plot stretches into the later area of the novel, Evans is faced with some extreme situations and experiences that change him.

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Owen West is a former Marine who attended Harvard with a ROTC scholarship. He has commanded an infantry platoon, an infantry company and a reconnaissance platoon. This greatly influenced the way the book is written. West having been in the marines also gives the book an extra sense of realism.

At The beginning of each chapter there is a small caption which does not have much to do with the story but is usually funny, an example of one of them is

"Arthur: Now stand aside worthy adversary.
Black Knight: 'Tis but a scratch.
Arthur: A scratch! Your arm's off!
Black Knight: No, it isn't.
Arthur: What's that, then?

Black Knight: I've had worse."
The date is also written at the beginning of each chapter which is very helpful

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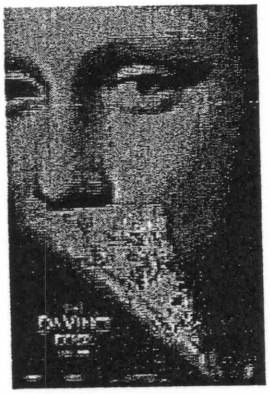
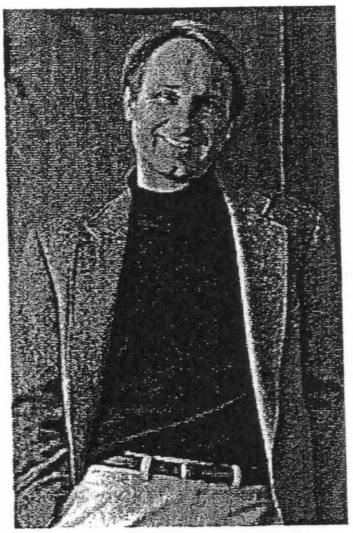


**This is *The Da Vinci Code* movie poster.**

are thought out, and throughout the book there are many surprises; character not always who they appear to be. This piece of fiction is filled with suspense, and Dan Brown creates this suspenseful atmosphere in many different ways. He keeps the chapters short, switches back and forth between other subplots, and some information is revealed in flashbacks.

Dan Brown's book is also controversial, rocking the Catholic Church's beliefs, by suggesting Jesus and Mary Magdalene married and had a child whose bloodline survives to this day. Other parts of the plot are based on facts; his references to Opus Dei, artwork, architecture, documents, and secret rituals are true. It is hard to tell how much is fact and fiction.



**Dan Brown**

"Mystery and Wonderment That Serve Our Souls" The prominent theme in this novel is faith. People believe in things, or are inspired by things, which cannot be proven true. They put their faith in religion's promise that the Grail exists. Mystery and wonderment make our lives more interesting and that can be more important than real facts at times. Clearly, this theme intrigues many readers since the book has sold over forty million copies making it the #1 worldwide bestseller for three years, it was made into a blockbuster film, which is going to be released on May 19, 2006.

Dan Brown was born on June 22, 1964 in Exeter, New Hampshire where he attended the prestigious school, Phillips Exeter. He is the son of a prominent math professor, and a musician. Brown graduated from Amherst College in 1986, then married his wife, Blythe, an art historian and painter, which helped to develop his interest in art history. He also was a professor at Exeter and later became a full time writer in 1996. Dan Brown's other works include *Angels and Demons, Digital Fortress, and Deception Cod*

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*State of Fear* is greatly about how many of the characters must look at each

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others' ideas. For example, many characters think global warming is a threat to the earth but John Kenner uses his laptop to pull up raw data and shows many people how global warming is not a threat to the earth.

Michael Crichton creates a very complicated plot. He makes it seem as if there is more than one climax. Many ex citing events happen to create a sort of subplot within the plot. By creating subplots leading to more than one climax. Crichton keeps the reader engulfed in suspense after all major events except for the last. The plot is the most important element in *State of Fear* and can be described as a "roller coaster".

*State of Fear* takes place in various places of the United States, Antarctica and New Guinea. The reader will feel like they are part of the action due to unbelievably sharp detail. The setting is very important because in some areas, the characters will be in a thin and cold atmosphere while in other areas they will be in a hot and wet atmosphere.

If you have read *The Da Vinci Code* and like it, then this novel is recommended for you. *State of Fear* is written more for adults. Due to profanity and suggestive scenes and elements not suitable for young children. Overall, this book has many thrills but has some somewhat slow scenes overflowing with facts. If the reader has some patience, he or she will like the book as they get into it.

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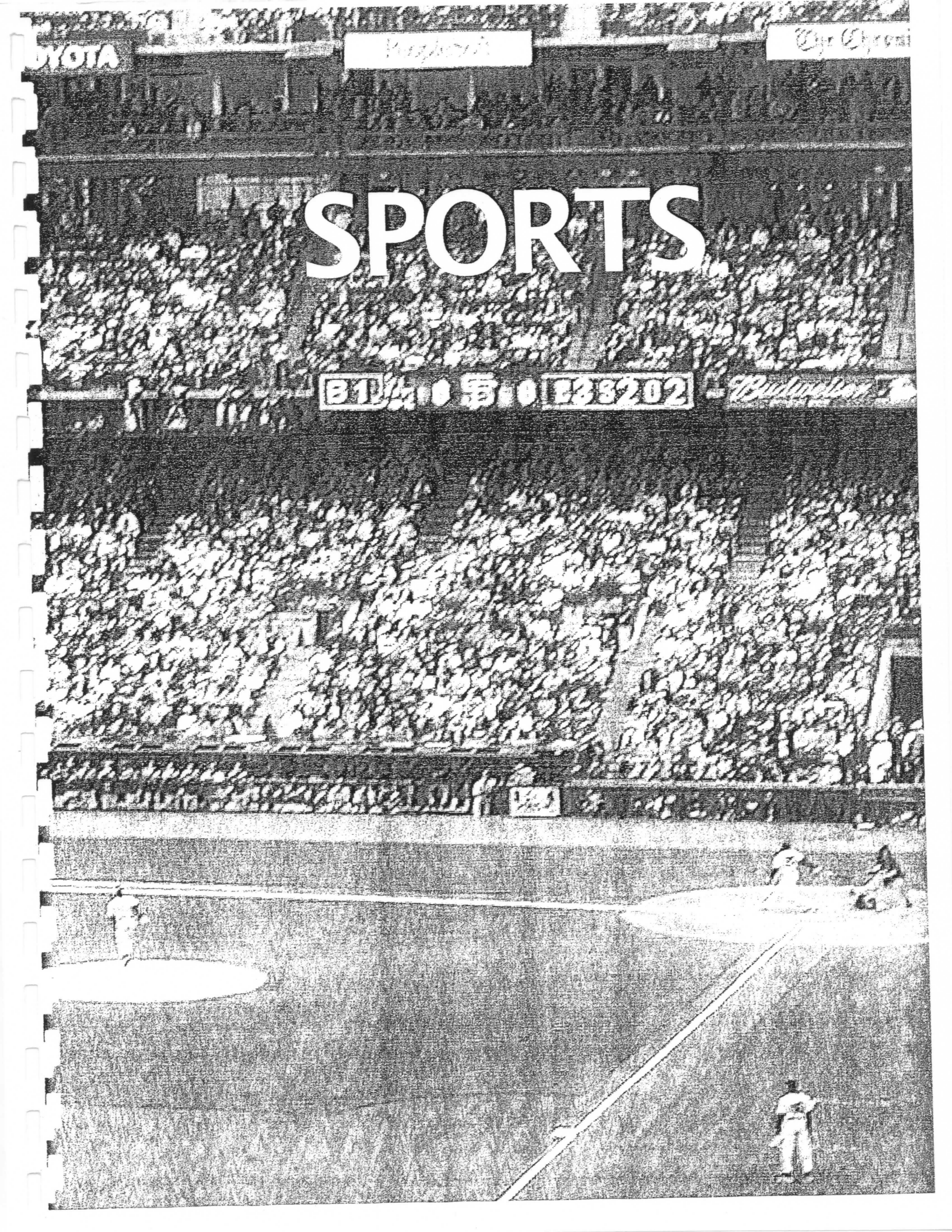
since the story does not give the reader a very good idea of what the date is and how long events have been going on.

The novel is very descriptive which includes a lot of blood and gore, for example, a quote from the novel is ÒI feel for the pulse out of some television habit and notice that my hand can almost fully encircle his neck. The NVGs don't provide depth perception up close and my thumb sinks into his neck wound about an inch before I yank it away. He's still warm, a cherry pie." The blood and gore, although sometimes gross, helps with the realism of the novel. The novel also has a lot of very strong vulgar language. Also included in the novel is rape; however it is not described in detail. Therefore the novel has the potential to disturb people who are disturbed by blood, gore and vulgar language.

The way that the flashbacks are arranged can be confusing and may require the reader to read a section of the novel more than once. There are also a number of editorial mistakes which can be read through without too much dificulty by any one reading carefully. Sharkman Six is very entertaining and is informative to some extent. The story is so interesting, though, that it easily out weighs any and all of the novels negatives.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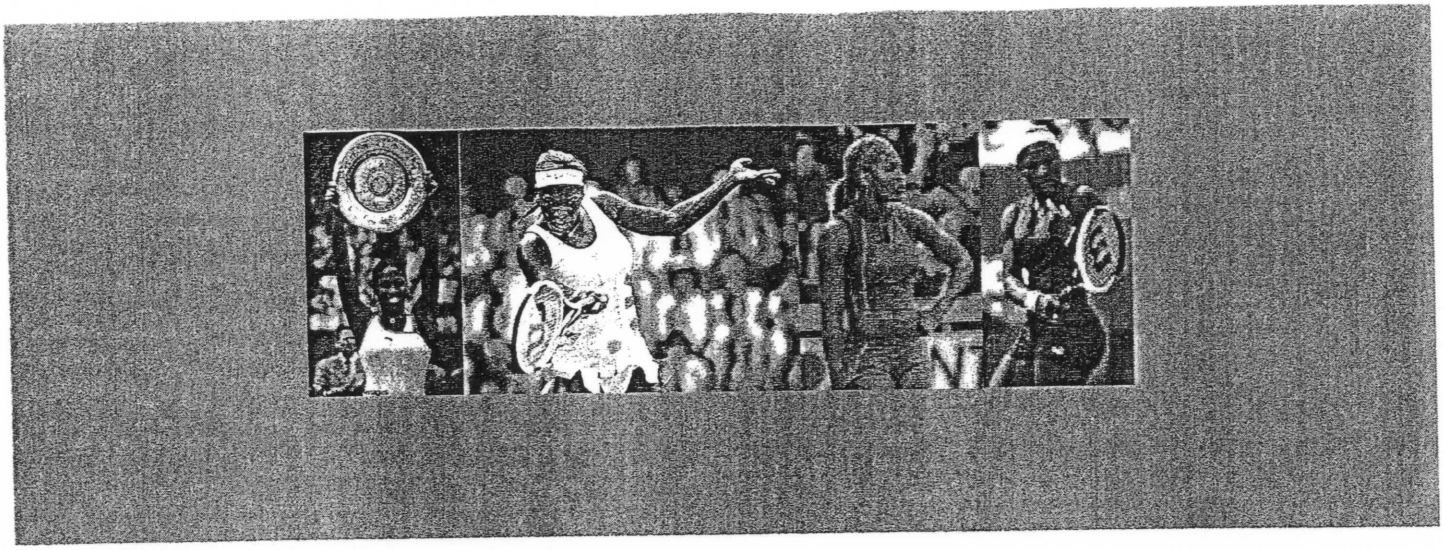
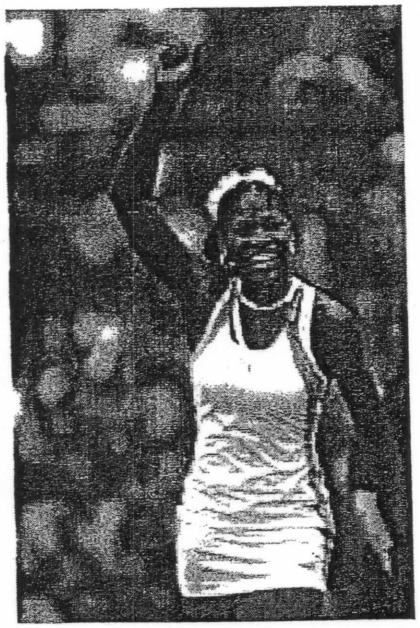


Today I have the opportunity to sit down with Serena Williams, the tennis legend known for winning all four Grand Slam tournaments in a row and who was ranked Number one of the Women's Tennis Association in July of 2002. When she and her four sisters were young, their parents, Richard and Oracene, took them to the poor and sometimes violent Los Angeles suburb of Compton. Serena's father dreamed of making at least one of his daughters a tennis superstar, hoping that involvement in sports would give them an opportunity to get out of that neighborhood.

*Q: How old were you when you first started playing tennis?*



. victory for Serena Williams at the U.S open.

A: Well when I was five and a half, I started playing at neighborhood courts in Compton, California. My parents taught my sisters and I how to play.

*Q: Can you share a story about when you were growing up there?*

A: I remember when Venus and I played each other at the Great Western Forum. I was nine and she was 11 and we went on before Connors and McEnroe. So now whenever I'm around a Laker arena, I think of that; I was really excited.

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# Steroid Use Shocks The Country

By: Michael Sobrepera

The steroid debate was really kicked off in 1998 when Mark McGwire admitted to using an over the counter muscle-building supplement, and said he used the drug during

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**By: Christian Ruckman**

After winning his 7th Tour De France in a row, I was lucky enough to sit down with this amazing cyclist. Lance Armstrong was born on September 18th, 1971. His mother, Linda, became pregnant with Lance at 16 years old and bore him at 17. When he was two, his father, Eddie Gunderson, left his mother. Lance later took on the name of his stepfather, Armstrong. Linda worked hard to earn money forraising and educating Lance.

Q: *How did you first start your career?*
A: My mother, Linda, encouraged me to try myself out at the triathlon races. That's where I was first noticed. Later, in '91, I started my professional career on the Motorola cycling team.

**Lance Armstrong wins his 7th Tour De France.**

Q: *What were your major life achievements besides winning the Tour De France seven times?*
A: Well, my first major achievement was in 1993, where I was able to win the cycling World Championships in Oslo, Norway and in '95 I won the Tour Dupont which was my first tour. Luckily, I was able to win again in '96.

Q: *I have heard that a good friend of yours passed away in the '95 tour. Can you explain to us how this made you feel?*
A: Oh yes, my close friend, Fabio Casartelli. It is very unfortunate that he had to crash. I was very sad after this event but I couldn't let this tragedy affect my career.

Q: *Describe your battle with cancer.*
A: Yes, in '96 I was practically living in the hospital. The the testicular cancer later spread to my brain and lungs. The doctors said that I had a less than 50% chance of living. Amazingly, I was cured and thought about weather I should retire or continue my career. Of course, I decided to continue my career as a cyclist.

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***Q: What's your most memorable experience in tennis?***

**A: My most memorable experience is winning Wimbledon in 2002. I remember when I was little my father told me to pick a tournament I wanted to win, and I said Wimbledon.**

***Q: Is it kind of scary that you still have a long way to go in your game, and what do you need to improve the most?***

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In his record breaking 70 home-run season. In the late nineties even though foot ball and basketball had them the MLB had no anti steroid rules or any procedure to check for steroids.

Also in 1998, a steroid scandal unfurled at the 85th tour de France when more than 400 capsules and vials of performance enhancing drugs were found by border patrol in the car of Willy Voet the Festina Teams masseur. As a result of the steroid use, the Festina Team was expelled from the tour on July 17th by director Jean-Marie Leblanc. The TVM team was also investigated. Police questioned the physician and director of the TVM team. Four TVM team members were taken to a hospital for drug testing. The TVM team members' rooms were searched. On July 30th the TVM team dropped out of the tour. In the end, only 14 of the original 21 teams remained in the tour.

**From left: Lance, Isabelle, Grace and Luke(In back)**

One of the worries about steroids is not sports related at all but health related since steroids, if used improperly, have been proven to cause health problems. For example, some of the East German female Olympic swimmers have suffered complications from steroids. In Berlin Germany in august 1998, a court convicted two former East German swim coaches and two

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Q: *When you recovered, how were you able to get back on track and compete in the Tour De France?*
A: Well, after i decided not to retire, I went back to America to my coach, Chris Carmichael and trained for the Tour even though many people were asking the question who will beat me? instead of will I win? because i had just gotten over the cancer.

Q: *Were you able to win the Tour in '99?*
A: Believe it or not, yes I was able to win. I was on the US postal team.

Q: *Who do you think is the biggest influence in your life?*
A: I think that influence would be my mother because she would always work hard and try to earn money to raise me properly. I think I have inherited that hard work ethnic and that's why I have been able to accomplish

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A: Yeah, volleys and serves. I don't come to net nearly enough. That's scary. I have great volleys and have won five Grand Slam doubles titles. It's not scary for me; it's scary for other people.

*Q: Most players thing that you are now the toughest on tour. Do you agree?*

A: Maybe. I never give up,I stay focused and always believe I can win. Even when I lose and am shaking hands with somebody I find it hard to believe.

*Q: Who's your favorite tennis player?*

A: Pete Sampras

*Q: Can you tell me about your clothing line?*

A: Its called Aneres, my first name spelled backwards. It's sold in boutiques in Miami and Los Angeles. Venus modeled for my clothing line too.

Serena Williams hitting a killer backhand.

*Q: How is your attitude different on and off tour?*

A: On the court I'm more focused, serious and have a tenacity about me that makes me want to fight. I'm the type of person who believes you should leave everything on court. I leave all my emotions in the match and then, when I step off, I'm done and I'm Serena again, easy going and laid back. That's why I try to be really tough out there and give everything so when I leave, I know I've given everything.

*Q: What do you do during your time off?*

A: I'll rest for a week, but I always have to be doing something -- not necessarily tennis, but I have to keep moving. Different things -- acting, modeling, print ads -- I always keep my sketch book with me.

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team physicians. The former coaches and doctors were convicted for inflicting grievous bodily harm. The coaches and doctors forced the swimmers to take steroids and other performance enhancing hormones between 1978 and 1989 resulting in complications later in their lives.

In 2004 even though it was apparent that MLB players were on steroids, the league did nothing to crack down on the problem.

According to court rulings and his own word, Barry Bonds did not take steroids or any other illegal performance enhancing substances. Although "innocent" bonds has said the same thing as other players have said saying that he, "never knowingly took performance enhancing substances." This statement suggests that whoever the athlete's trainer was could have

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so much in my life

Q: *What are your interests outside of cycling?*

A: I am head of the Lance Armstrong Foundation and I am part of President Bush's cancer advisory committee.

Q: *Do you have any plans for retirement?*

A: Yes, I am going to retire and spend time with my kids which i haven't been able to do because my career demands so much time.

Q: *You were just dating superstar, Sheryl Crow. How has that been?*

A: No comment.

Q: *Thanks for letting us talk to you. I hope we didn't disrupt your schedule.*

A: No problem. Have a good day.

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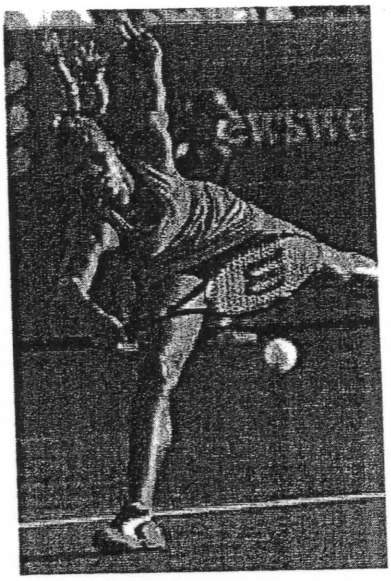
***Q: Who's the tennis player you look forward to playing the most?***

**A: Maria Sharapova, she's a great tennis player. It's definitely a challenging match.**

***Q: Well thank you so much for your time and good luck!***

**A: No problem its always a pleasure, and thank you; I can't wait to play another match.**

**Well I am honored to be able to interview Serena Williams. She's defiantly one of the most looked up to female tennis players in the decade.**



**Serena diving for a shot to win the Australian open.**

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given him or her steroids saying that it was medication. Such is the case with Bonds who some say used the cream and the clear thinking they were medicine for his arthritis and fatigue. He was given the medicine by his personal trainer Greg Anderson who has been proven to be associated with steroids. Bonds said if the substances were steroids they did not work very well, and did not help his arthritis nor did it help his fatigue.

Armando Rios, Benito Santiago, Bobby Estalella, Jeremy Giambi and Jason Giambi all admitted that they took steroids, and claimed they received them from Greg Anderson. The players made the testimony under immunity.

In February 2004 a federal grand jury accused Victor Conte, James J. Valente, Greg Anderson, and Remy Korchemny of a conspiracy to distribute misbranded drugs and illegal steroids. Victor

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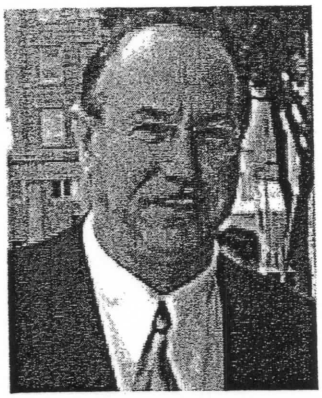
Conte, James J. Valente and Greg Anderson were also accused of distributing human growth hormone to athletes and money laundering. Prior to accusing the four men, several athletes testified. In 2004, no athletes were accused of any crimes having to do with performance enhancing substances.

In 2005, Victor Conte, James J. Valente, Greg Anderson, and Remy Korchemny plead guilty to the charges against them. Conte was sentenced to four months of house arrest and four months in prison. Valente was put on probation. Anderson was sentenced to three months in prison and three months of house arrest. Korchemny was also put on probation.

According to authorities, the illegal substance THG (tetrahydrogestrinone) was created by Conte. THG was undetectable until a track and field coach provided authorities with a syringe of the substance and names of athletes who were on it. Authorities were able to use the contents of the syringe to create a test capable of detecting the drug.

During 2005, members of Congress held meetings on the issue of steroids in sports. They threatened to impose strict laws on testing and harsh punishment for violations. As a result, the MLB created a rule requiring players to be tested twice annually and a 50-game suspension for first offense, 100-game suspension for second offense and a lifetime ban for the third.



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