



**T**he 37th U.S. President, Richard Nixon, dies in April 1994. Nixon was responsible for restoring normal ties with the People's Republic of China following the signing of the Shanghai Communique in 1972.



Rick Phillips, The Jamestown Gazette

**A** rare white buffalo named Miracle draws crowds to the humble Wisconsin farm where it was born August 20. Native Americans believe the calf is the fulfillment of a Lakota Sioux prophecy. Five hundred years ago, White Buffalo Woman told her people that she would return as a white calf to usher in a new age of harmony between all races of mankind.



Weiner, Gamma Liaison

**T**he Flint River overflows, washing coffins out of a Georgia cemetery after torrential rains from tropical storm Alberto flood Georgia and the Florida-Alabama panhandle. Thirty-two people die, 40,000 are temporarily homeless, and 10,000 square miles are underwater, causing \$100 million in crop damage.

**F**ormer football star O.J. Simpson is charged with the June 12th stabbing death of his ex-wife Nicole and her friend Ronald Goldman, causing a non-stop media avalanche. The sensational case familiarized watchers with spouse abuse, a televised ride in a white Ford Bronco, "Kato" Kaelin, and DNA testing. Simpson faces the jury in January.



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**P**resident Clinton, with Republican leader Bob Dole, signs legislation implementing the U.S. role in an expanded General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), one of the most sweeping trade liberalization pacts in history. The legislation makes the U.S. a member of a new 125-member World Trade Organization. Protectionists worry that GATT may promote world trade but won't sufficiently protect American jobs.



The Secret Service considers restricting public access to the White House after a gunman fires 27 rounds at the building's facade in October. In September, a small Cessna airplane crashes on the South Lawn and comes to rest at the base of the White House below President Clinton's bedroom, killing the pilot.



The U.S. Food and Drug Administration blasts the tobacco company executives at a congressional hearing in March 1994 for denying that nicotine, a drug found in cigarette smoke, is addictive. Tobacco industry workers fear losing their jobs if the FDA succeeds in classifying and restricting cigarettes as a drug.





The U.S. Interior Department moves the bald eagle from its endangered species list to the less critical "threatened" category. The Pacific Northwest's spotted owl is left to fend for itself when in June a federal judge lifts the 1991 injunction that halted logging in the owl's habitat.

The fossil of a previously unknown dinosaur, the 25-foot-long *Cryolophosaurus ellioti*, is found in Antarctica.

Despite a so-called fitness craze, the National Center for Health Statistics confirms the American overabundance of food combined with a sedentary lifestyle is creating an epidemic of obesity. Since 1980, the number of overweight adults has ballooned to one-third of the population, with an alarming increase among children.

Some of the 599 newly revealed secret ingredients major cigarette-makers add to improve taste and texture: beeswax, butter, carrot oil, citronella oil, cocoa shells, corn silk, dandelion root extract, 31 chemicals that start with ethyl, oak chip oil, vinegar, and dimethyltetrahydrobenzofuranone.

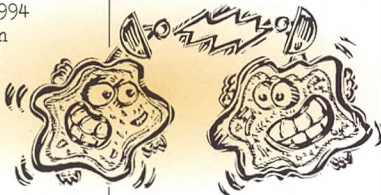
Three planets are discovered orbiting a pulsar star 3,000 light-years away in the constellation Virgo. One is the size of the moon and two are three times more massive than Earth; all are rocky worlds without an atmosphere.



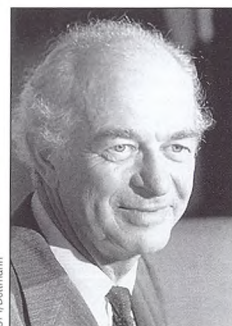
NASA

NASA's space shuttle mission 64 tests the operations of a Simplified Aid For Extravehicular Activity Rescue (SAFAR) device. Crew member Mark Lee maneuvers successfully outside the Discovery, while Carl Meade photographs him against the background of Earth.

Martin Rodbell and Alfred Gilman are awarded the 1994 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for developing a model of cell communication that has medical implications from cholera to cancer.



The Food and Drug Administration institutes new food labeling on almost all foods in response to consumer protest against the many misleading claims of food producers. The new readable labels provide realistic serving sizes, list calories from fat, and allow you to compare different nutrient values.



UPI/Beimann

The century's greatest chemist and antinuclear activist, Linus C. Pauling, winner of the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1954 and the Nobel Peace Prize in 1962, dies at the age of 93. His work on DNA laid the foundation for Crick and Watson's discovery of the double helix.



Institute of Human Origins

In Ethiopia, anthropologists discover the skull of a human ancestor, *Australopithecus ramidus*, 4.4 million years old. The new species has features midway between apes and humans and promises to provide clues to still earlier evolutionary stages.



Japan's "Love Love Simulation" computer program allows couples to take a non-scientific look at future offspring by digitally combining their own photos to predict a child's appearance.

Scientists