



Above: Wildfires swept through Southern California in November. The 26 major fires scorched patches from Ventura County to the Mexican border. Flames consumed a total of 200,000 acres and damaged or destroyed more than 200,000 acres and damaged or destroyed more than 1,000 buildings.

Right: The 11-member crew of the space shuttle Endeavor had one mission: repair the Hubble Space Telescope. The Hubble was launched in 1990, but defects in its reflective mirrors prevented sharp images of faint stars at the edge of the universe. The Endeavor was launched on December 2 and chased the Hubble for 820,000 miles before it was plucked from a 367-mile high orbit . . . The crew labored in pairs through a record five spacewalks as the \$1.6 billion, 43 foot telescope rode in the open shuttle cargo bay . . . The \$629 million repair mission was a success.



## World Events



Above: Forty seconds that shook Los Angeles. At 4:31 on the morning of January 17, an earthquake registering 6.6 on the Richter Scale jolted residents of Southern California from their sleep. It was not The Big One, but it left at least 55 people dead, brought down major freeways, and destroyed or damaged thousands of homes. The quake caused an estimated \$30 billion in damage.

Right: The AIDS virus continues to spread. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate there will be 40,000 to 80,000 new HIV infections in the United States this year. President Clinton appointed Kristine Gebbie as his AIDS policy coordinator, also called the AIDS czar, to oversee government AIDS programs.



Clockwise from right: **David Letterman**, darling of the late-night television audience, left his nitch an NBC and moved over to the newly refurbished Ed Sullivan Theater that CBS renovated for him. He changed networks for a reported \$15 million contract. . . . Enemies for three decades, Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization opened a new era in their blood-soaked history by recognizing each other's legitimacy. Prim Minister Yitzhak Rabin and the P.L.O chairman, Yasser Arafat, signed a treaty at the White House. **The Mideast Accord** was the creation of an autonomous Palestinian homeland in the Gaza Strip and Jericho. . . . **Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman** was the accused leader of a group of terrorists that exploded a bomb in the World Trade Center. The Egyptian sheik had been linked to dozens of terrorist plots around the country, including plots to bomb other New York City buildings, the United Nations and Lincoln and Holland tunnels. . . . **Nancy Kerrigan**, who won a silver medal for figure skating in the 1994 Olympics was the victim of an unidentified assailant just before the national figure skating championships in early January. Kerrigan was bashed on the knee by the assailant and it was later found that Tonya Harding, who came in fourth at the 1992 Olympics, and Harding's former husband, Jeff Gillooly were responsible for the attack. . . . **Pearl Jam** swept the 10th annual Video Music Awards with four awards for "Jeremy." . . . Floods hit the midwest in late spring and early summer causing thousands of farms and homes to be lost. The states hit the hardest were Iowa, Illinois, and Missouri, causing billions of dollars worth of damage.







Clockwise from right: **Al Gore** became the nation's 45th vice president, bringing to the White House an expertise in environmental and technology issues. . . . Seattle's sainted grunge trio, **Nirvana**, released a new album "In Utero" which resumed the groups punk tirades introduced on its debut album "Bleach." . . . The Toronto Blue Jays won the **1993 World Series**. Joe Carter became the second player to end a World Series with a home run, hitting a three-run shot off Mitch Williams in the ninth inning of Game Six that gave the Blue Jays their second straight championship with an 8-6 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies. . . . Lumberjacks clashed with environmentalists in the Northwest part of the country over the fate of some of the nation's oldest forests which have provided both timber for the **logging industry** and homes to the threatened spotted owl and other species. . . . The Dallas Cowboys became only the fifth team to repeat as Super Bowl champions with a 30-13 victory over the Buffalo Bills in **Super Bowl XXVIII** at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta. The loss extended the Bills' record to four straight Super Bowl losses. Emmitt Smith of the Cowboys won the MVP award. . . . In September the **Bosnia** parliament rejected an international peace plan for that devastated republic. The move, postponed a settlement that would have ended the 18-month-old war that has partitioned the country into three ethnic states for Croats, Muslims and Serbs.





Clockwise from below: Russian President **Boris Yeltsin** dissolved parliament in an unprecedented move in late September and announced new elections in a bold move to end his long running feud with hard-liners. In a televised speech that stunned the country, Yeltsin said he was dismissing the legislature to pull the country out of its political and economic crisis. Riots broke out several days later and Yeltsin called in the army to restore peace. . . . **Ruth Bader Ginsburg** became the second female Supreme Court Justice. Ginsburg, 60, is the 107th high court justice. . . . **Janet Reno** is the first women attorney general of the United States. The 55-year-old prosecutor — a self described “awkward old maid” — has become a crusader for America’s children. . . . **Pope John Paul II** visited the United States for the third time since becoming pope 15 years ago. The 73-year-old pontiff attended World Youth Day, a week-long pilgrimage that brought nearly 200,000 youths from around



the world to Denver. . . . **Mohamed Farrah Aidid**, the feared warlord in the devastated country of Somalia, eluded United Nations military forces for months. A U.S. -led multinational force arrived in the war-torn country last year to help feed starvation population and bring peace to a country that was run warlords. More than 350,000 Somalis died from the fighting and famine. . . . Praised by President Clinton as a “brilliant investigator, a tough prosecutor, a born leader.” **Louis Freeh**, 43, was sworn in as the head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Freeh, who gave up a lifetime federal judgeship to take the job, was a popular choice within the bureau, thanks to his six years as an agent.



