

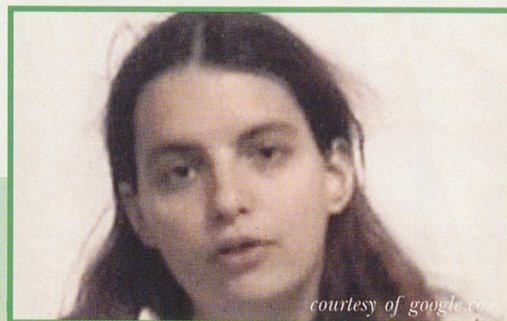
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2/28- STUDENTS IN NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana, celebrate Mardi Gras. The celebration caused controversy among state and local governments, as many lawmakers felt the money spent on the celebration should have gone toward rebuilding the city damaged by Hurricane Katrina. "I'm glad they had a Mardi Gras celebration in New Orleans because it showed that the city didn't die," said Jordan Sirkin, 11.



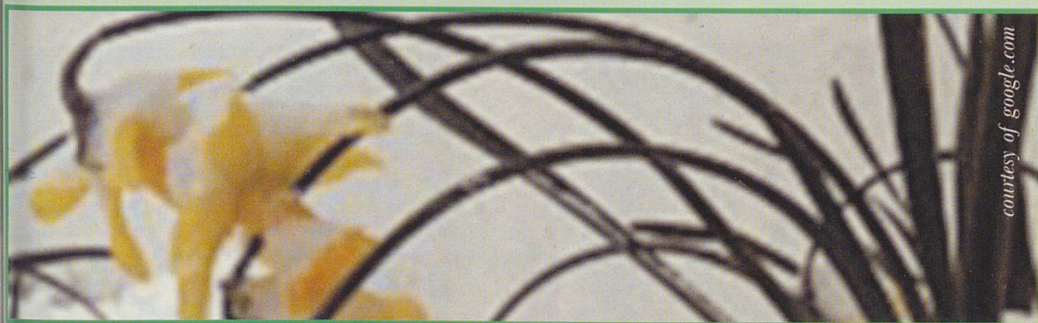
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3/21- SNOW COVERS THE CINCINNATI AREA, CAUSING THE ONLY SNOW DAY OF THE year. Although it only snowed for a few hours in the morning, enough covered the roads to prevent buses from making their rounds. Students enjoyed this unusually late day off with snow and sun activities. "It was a perfect snow day because I could still go out and hang out with my friends. It was awesome!" said Javier Valez, 11.



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3/30- JILL CARROLL, FREELANCE WRITER, is released by Iraqi captors. Carroll was held prisoner for almost three months, and Iraqi radicals had pledged to hold her captive until US officials released Iraqi prisoners. Fortunately, Carroll was returned home, unharmed, and the US was forced to make no POW trades. Carroll's family and friends were overjoyed to have her home.



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5/20- PROGRESS COMES TO THE IRAQ WAR WHEN A NEW, permanent government is elected. Nari al-Maliki was inaugurated as the first postwar Iraqi prime minister as part of a coalition government. "There is a lot of work to be done, but the future looks good," said Benjamin Rosen, 9.



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5/16- RECORD AMOUNTS OF RAINFALL CAUSE FLOODS IN NEW England. Many residents abandoned cars in favor of boats to escape the worst floods the area had seen in over 70 years. Thousands were forced to flee their homes in the wake of the flooding.



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