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Week of April 15, 1996



Sparing their lives for the killing of their parents, a jury decides the **Menendez Brothers** will spend the rest of their lives in jail. They have no hope for parole.

In Beirut - Two Israeli shells meant for Hezbollah guerrillas slam instead into a U.N. compound sheltering civilians, killing more than 75.

In what will be the largest U.S. corporate merger in history (so far) – Nynex Corp. Agrees to combine with East Coast rival Bell Atlantic in a deal valued at \$22 billion.

Palestinian police report that they had uncovered plots by Islamic militants to assassinate Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat and to carry out more suicide bombings in Israel. The attack was to occur during a scheduled visit to a Gaza City cemetery next Sunday.

Moscow G-7 Summit – The leaders of Russia and the Group of 7 industrial democracies agree to push for a ban on nuclear explosions and to work more closely to thwart the smuggling of bomb-making materials by terrorists.

Oklahoma marks the first anniversary of the bombing that tore through the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, killing 168 persons.

Sports – Hundreds attend the funeral for Rod Carew's daughter Michele (18), who died of leukemia last Wednesday.

Passing – Jimmy the Greek Snyder, the oddsmaker whose career came to an end because of controversial comments he made about black athletes. He was 77.

Killed – Stephen Z. Meyers, co-founder of the legendary Jacoby & Meyers law firm. The 53-year-old died after a head-on collision in New Fairfield, Conn.

New IPO's – Planet Hollywood International is up almost \$9 to close at \$25.875. Shares of CompuServe, which ranks behind online leader American Online, closes up \$3 to \$35.50



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F. Lee Bailey is released from jail on his 44th day behind bars after surrendering \$16 million in disputed stock and his 74-foot yacht.

Hi Tech - Netscape says its Internet Browser – versions 2.0 and 2.01 will have trouble with daylight savings time. Says a spokesperson – “This affects people that are accessing a page twice within an hour time span. It’s a bug and we’re working as quickly as we can to fix it.” A repaired version should appear in a few weeks. In the meantime, Netscape has posted temporary repair suggestions at

<http://home.netscape.com>.

DVD Rollout – Technical and marketing glitches threaten to delay the planned fourth-quarter rollout of the digital videodisc. The tech specs are still under review by the DVD hardware manufacturers and won’t be finalized until the end of this month or possibly later. DVD’s will be the same size as an audio CD.

Anthony Kiedis and Dave Navarro of the Red Hot Chili Peppers will be on the interactive talk show “Cyber-Talk” on American Online. Keyword: Warner (for Warner Bros).



Apple Computers say they will cut 2,800 jobs after a \$740 million loss.

Some best selling books –

Moonlight Becomes You – Mary Higgins Clark

Primary Colors – Anonymous

Neanderthal – John Darnton

In the Presence of the enemy – Elizabeth George

Dreams Into Action – Milton Katselas

The Search For Justice – Robert L. Shipiro

In Contempt – Christopher Darden with Jess Walter

The Zone – Barry Sears with Bill Lawren



Hollywood news – Actress **Halle Berry** (27) files divorce papers to end her marriage to Atlanta Braves outfielder **David Justice**. Married in 1993, they’ve been separated since March.

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TV Ratings –

Seinfeld – 17.2
ER – 15.9
Friends – 14.7
Caroline In The City – 14.5
Home Improvement – 14.4
Frasier – 13.9
Movie-Her Last Chance – 13.6
60 Minutes – 13.4
Movie-James Mink Story – 13.0
Walker, Texas Ranger – 13.0
3rd Rock From The Sun – 12.2
20/20 – 12.2
John Larroquette Show – 12.1
Law & Order – 11.9
Dateline NBC (Wed.) – 11.8
Grace Under Fire – 11.8
Roseanne – 11.2
Ellen (Wed.) – 11.1
Movie-Turning Point:Fugitive Song – 11.1
Prime Time Live – 10.7
Movie-Face of Evil – 10.6
Dateline NBC (Tue.) – 10.6
The Nanny – 10.6
Touched by an Angel – 10.6
Fresh Prince of Bel-Air – 10.5
X-Files – 10.5
Coach – 9.8
Cybill – 9.8
Dana Carvey Show – 9.8
Murphy Brown – 9.7
Mad About You – 9.6
NewsRadio – 9.6

Top syndicated shows –

Wheel of Fortune
Jeopardy!
Oprah Winfrey
Entertainment Tonight
National Geographic on Assignment

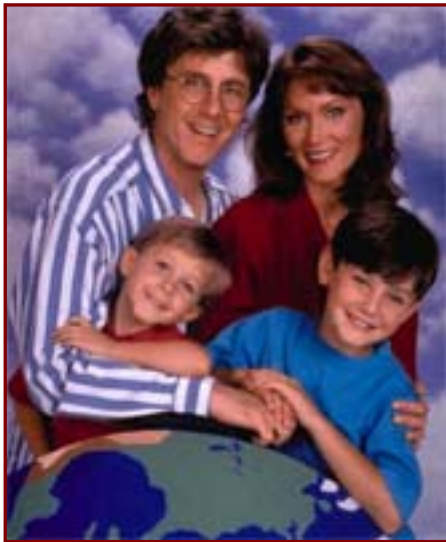


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WCW Wrestling
Inside Edition
Journeys of Hercules
Star Trek: Deep Space Nine
Xena

Television news – **Saturday Night Live** beats the premiere of Fox's **Saturday Night Special** starring Roseanne.



Wednesday night television –
CBS – **Dave's World**, My Guys, Walker, Texas Ranger, David Letterman
NBC – JAG, Dateline NBC, Law & Order, Tonight Show with Jay Leno
ABC – Ellen, Drew Carey, Grace Under Fire, The Faculty, Prime Time Live, Nightline
Fox – Gallup:Extreme Magic, Kindred
WB – Sister, Sister, The Parent "Hood, Wayans Bros., Unhappily Ever After
PBS – Frontline
E! – Late Night With David Letterman, Howard Stern, Talk Soup, News Daily, The Gossip Show
Family Channel – The Waltons, Highway to Heaven, Rescue 911, Newswatch Today
MTV – Singled Out, Most Wanted, Prime Time, Real World Specials

Sister Sister – Terrence and his girlfriend show-up at Lisa's Hawaiian condo.

Drew Carey – Drew finally gets his own assistant at work.

Grace Under Fire – Grace isn't so happy about help coming from her sister and boyfriend.

Late Show w/David Letterman – Danny DeVito. Bret Butler, John Michael Montgomery

Jay Leno – Actor Daniel Stern.

Music news – **Naomi Judd** makes her TV sitcom debut when she guest-stars on NBC's "3rd Rock From The Sun" May 7.



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After a nine-year absence from the music biz to deal with a divorce, the death of his father and his best friend – **Lionel Ritchie** is back with “Louder Than Words” on a new label – Mercury. He’ll also be seen in the movie “The Preacher’s Wife” – playing a friend to Whitney Houston’s character.

MTV will debut “MTV Unplugged” with Hootie & The Blowfish” on Monday.

The remains of Grateful Dead founder Jerry Garcia are strewn on the waters of the Golden Gate Bridge by the Guitarists’ family of friends. A small portion of Garcia’s ashes reportedly were deposited in India’s Ganges River on April 4 by his widow, Deborah.

Passing – Bernard Edwards – record producer, composer and bassist who organized the popular disco band Chic. He was 43 and found dead in his Tokyo hotel room.

Radio news- Howard Stern is accosted in New York by a man who first sought his autograph and then threatened to kill the shock jock. Stern’s limo driver grabbed Samuel Calca before he could reach Stern.

WABC radio in New York fires **Bob Grant**, the popular afternoon talk host. Grant (66) was been criticized by minority groups, particularly after reports of a possible survivor in the plane crash that killed Commerce Secretary Ron Brown, Grant said: “My hunch is that he is the one survivor. Maybe it’s because at heart, I’m a pessimist.” Grant later apologized for the remark.



Top video rentals –

Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls

Braveheart

The Usual Suspects

Dangerous Minds

Assassins

Babe

A Walk In the Clouds

To Wong Foo, Thanks For Everything! Julie Newmar

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Top movies this week in

1996:

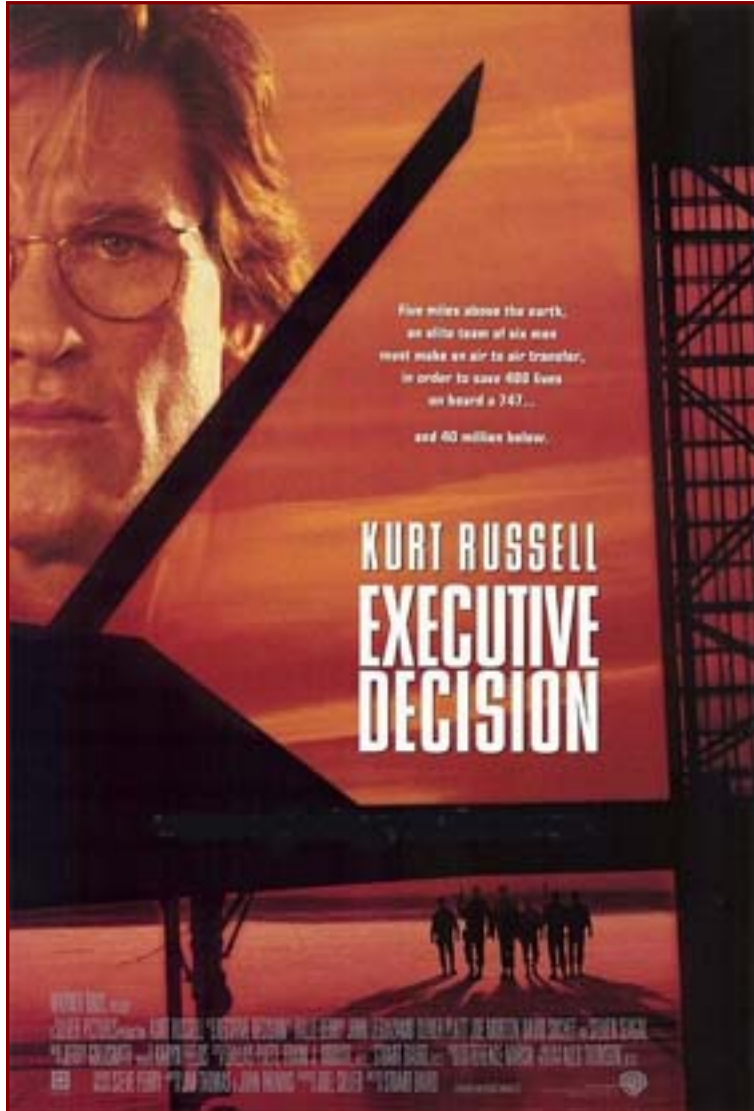
Primal Fear
James and the Giant Peach
The Birdcage
Fear
Thin Line Between Love and Hate
Sgt. Bilko
Executive Decision
Flirting with Disaster
Oliver & Company
 Fargo
Up Close and Personal
A Family Thing
Dead Man Walking
All Dogs To Go Heaven
Jumanji

Top hits in Britain –

Firestarter – Prodigy
The X-Files – Mark Snow
Return of the Mack – Mark Morrison
Children – Robert Miles
Give Me A Little More time – Gabrielle
Ooh Aah... Just A Little Bit – Gina G
You've Got it Bad – Ocean Colour Scene
X files – DJ Dado
How Deep Is Your Love – Take That
Something Changed - Pulp

Top Modern Rock

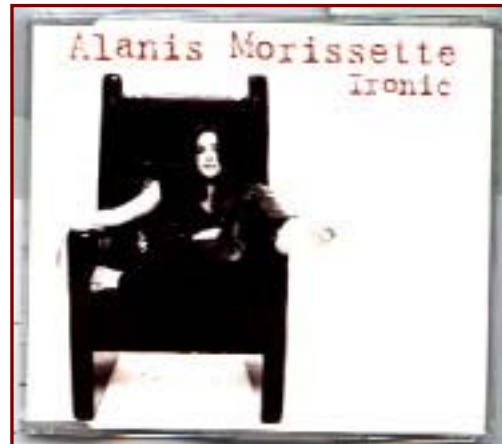
Big Bang Baby – Stone Temple Pilots
Champagne Supernova – Oasis
In The Meantime – Spacehog
Big Me – Foo Fighters
Zero – Smashing Pumpkins



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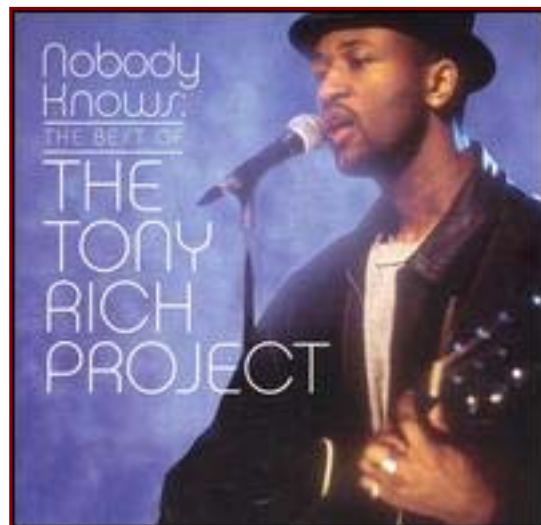
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Santa Monica (Watch The World die) –
Everclear
Ironic – Alanis Morissette
Flood – Jars of Clay
Sweet Lover Hangover – Love & Rockets
Brain Stew/Jaded – Green Day
What Do I Have To Do” – Stabbing
Westward



Top Country this week in 1996 –
Hypnotize the Moon – Clay Walker
No News – Lonestar
You Gotta Love that – Neal McCoy
Heart's Desire – Lee Roy Parnell
You Win My Love – Shania Twain
What Do I Know – Ricochet
To Be Love By You – Wynonna
Too Much Fun – Daryle Singletary

Pop music this week in 1996 –
Nobody Knows – Tony Rich Project
Because You Loved Me – Celine Dion
Always Be My Baby – Mariah Carey
Sittin' Up In My Room – Brandy
Down Low (Nobody Has To Know) – R.
Kelly/Ronald Isley
1,2,3,4 (Sumpin' New) – Coolio
Not Gon' Cry – Mary J. Blige
Doin It – LL Cool J
Ironic – Alanis Morissette
Follow You down/Til I Hear It From You –
Gin Blossoms
Missing – Everything But The Girl
All the Things (Your Man Don't Do) – Joe
Lady – d'Angelo
Count On Me – Whitney Houston & Cece Winans
Woo-Hah!!! Got You All In Check/Everything Remains Raw – Busta Rhymes
1979 – Smashing Pumpkins
One Sweet Day – Mariah Carey & Boyz II Men



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Top albums this week in 1996 –

Anthology 2 – The Beatles
Jagged Little Pill – Alanis Morissette
Tiny Music... Songs From The Vatican
Giftshop – Stone Temple Pilots
The Coming – Busta Rhymes
The Score – Fugees
What's The Story Morning Glory? – Oasis
All Eyez On Me – 2Pac
Daydream – Mariah Carey
Waiting to Exhale – Soundtrack
Sixteen Stone – Bush
The Woman In Me – Shania Twain
Mercury Falling - Sting

