

Faces News



➤ Miss Virginia Nicole Johnson is crowned Miss America 1999 in Atlantic City. The 24-year-old diabetic wears an insulin pump on her hip and plans to spotlight diabetes awareness during her reign.



➤ Fifty-six-year-old Linda McCartney, photographer, animal rights activist and wife of famed Beatle Paul, dies of breast cancer on April 17, 1998.



➤ Seventeen-year-old Katie Hnida is named Chatfield Senior High School's Homecoming Queen as well as starting kicker for the varsity football team. The No. 1-ranked kicker in the state of Colorado, Hnida hopes to play Division I college football next year.



➤ After dropping out of the third grade in 1902 to care for her 11 younger siblings, retired nanny and housekeeper Eugenie Garside finally receives her high school diploma at age 98.



➤ NBC's "News Radio" star and former "Saturday Night Live" cast member Phil Hartman dies from a gunshot wound inflicted by his wife in May 1998.

Flash

Canadian Tobin Belanger escorts a mannequin to his high school prom. He names her Jen, picks out her dress and corsage and arrives in a limousine.

Minnesotan David Weinlick "advertises" for a wife and chooses pharmacy student Elizabeth Runze from 23 hopefuls who travel to the Mall of America in Minneapolis for the event. Runze and Weinlick marry the same day.



➤ Beloved puppeteer Shari Lewis dies of cancer on August 2. Her creations include her trademark Lamb Chop, Hush Puppy and Charlie Horse.



➤ Olympic gold medalist figure skater Tara Lipinski takes part in an anti-tobacco rally with area school children on Capitol Hill in May 1998. The rally is sponsored by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.



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