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FACULTY AND STAFF
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE OCPM GRADUATION CLASS OF 1996

I am pleased to write this letter of congratulations to the graduating class of 1996. You are the product of the best educational program in our history and have been the recipient of some of the newer educational technologies available today.

You have been trained to be lifelong learners and have been given the tools necessary to compete in today's changing medical world. You are the future of Podiatric Medicine that will guide our profession through the beginnings of the next millennia. You will be a part of a technological breakthrough in information that will be unprecedented in contemporary history. Your future is exciting and indeed challenging.

I am confident that you will ensure that the foot health care of our citizens will be at the highest level available.

On behalf of the Administration, Faculty and Staff we congratulate you all and we are proud of your accomplishments.

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We would like to welcome the newest faculty member to the Surgery Dept. Chris Herbert, DPM.
Enjoying a nice day.

Never a boring moment with Spencer. This is his everyday look. HA!

Dr. Turlik is looking for his "partner in crime."

"Hey, this is pretty neat."

Well, here they are. Two peas in a pod.

Dr. Quade enjoys quiet time in the Library.

An intense conversation.
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Congratulations graduates!
DAY OFF ENJOYED AT CEDAR POINT

Paul, Animesh, Dave, Kisha, Tara, Lisa-Maria, & Joanne.

A big splash!!

Dave and Animesh get soaked.

MORE MEMORIES

Felicia participating in a surgery workshop.

Rob evaluating radiographs.

Brian Giesy working in surgery.

Joel and Freddy getting ready for the day.

Hi Hector!
Kirk visiting Israel.

Ray and Johnny enjoy the seminar.

Rudy, don’t blow it up.

Asha and Jennifer enjoy a quick lunch.

Hi Joanne, how is the review of instruments going?

Such nice guys. (Eric and Todd)

What is going on here? (Mark and Bill)

These three seem excited. (Mark, Zahid, and Joel)
It has become tradition for the school to have a ceremony of "Rights of Passage." This ceremony is to celebrate the advancement from second year to third year, where the Junior class will enter through the doors of the clinic and interact with patients on a professional level.
Mai got a rabbit for her birthday.

What is so exciting, Gary?

Valerie and Jeff are happy to be in the clinic.

One thing that is always enjoyed — FOOD.

“Who smells?”

“Where did everyone go?”

Patty, are you helping or hiding?
Such a serious game.

"This conversation is going nowhere."

"He's irresistible."

"He figured it out; I'm mighty mouse."

"We forgot how to play."

"I deem you my knight."

How sweet.

"Now we can be somebody."
"I'm getting some food."

"Maybe she'll stop talking in a minute."

"We came for the appearance that's all."

"Just buy a Club One Thousand book already!"

"Can you see me?"

"Cheese."

"No, we're not the three stooges."

"Clinic work makes for a long day."

"I'm so full of it!"

"Hey, we're over here in the corner."

"Now what?"
"Turn up the heat."

"He is trying to say he wrote it."

"Do you like my hair?"

"Happy to be here."

"He is not with us."

"MMMMMommmmm good."

"We're playing musical chairs."

"Do you see that pink elephant?"

"Can this be over already."

"I've got to finish this."
They look sweet ...

... but at night they become animals!

Coochy, Coochy, Coo!

"Tae, that Dr. Pepper ain't workin' for ya, bud."

"Are you listening to me?"

Chris Jones or Pat Riley?

Can you say, LAZY?!

Giving a hand for the clothing drive
Dennis gets a lift after he broke his fibula at the OPMSA picnic.

Billy is attended to after he sprained his ankle at the class picnic.

Shannon and Dora take a break after a long day.

Keeping up with all the second year classes is tough!

These three look a little confused.

These four guys look like trouble.

Jeremy sets up the volleyball

Carmelita takes a second for a picture, while Caroly keeps on typing.
"Don't worry this won't hurt a bit."

John and Annie find time to study between classes.

"What are you girls looking for in there?"

"Why are these two so smiley?"

Study buddies — Jamie and Andy!

The class picnic was a blast for Brian and his family.

What a class!
In case you were wondering, that's Wendy Morrison with Jeff.

"Dave, are you wearing your chick shirt?"

"Kristine, where's your other hand?"

"Things could be worse, Sean."

Great friends — Jody and Holly

The walk from class ...

... and across Carnegie is a daily routine.

"We're bigger; I think we can take them."

"Next time, let's get some fun in the box!"
"Ya know, it just doesn't get any better than this!"

"I'll have what she is having!"

"Shouldn't you girls be in class?"

Chez, Doctor's Inn

"I'll have what she is having!"
And they get paid for that!

"Mike, this is the wrong school for that."

Foosball — The frustration breaker

There is nothing humerus about gross anatomy!

I believe this is illegal in most states.

These 3 just can't get enough formaldehyde.
These guys are having a pow wow after an Indians victory.

He's happy to be a 1st year.

Jean looks anxious before class begins.

Doug, Mike, and Donald enjoy fresh Cleveland air between classes.

Anyway to relieve stress is a good way.

Good friends — Good times.

Lloyd instructs these guys about the glycolytic pathway.

Such a pleasant group.

Chassity makes sure she is keeping up with her studies.
These 1st years are a wild bunch

"They're behind me, aren't they?"

You can't study that way.

"Were we supposed to dress up?"

Pool sharks — Rondrick and Chris

Craig and Rich share a drink

"Pretend we're studying — maybe she'll go away!"

"Whad'ya think about the waitress and the chick with the bone?"
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
The American Podiatric Medical Students' Association is composed of all podiatric medical students across the United States. The APMSA represents student concerns to the APMA and various bodies under its jurisdiction. The Ohio delegation represents OCPM at all APMSA national meetings. At the local level APMSA encourages student involvement, political activism, and community awareness programs. (T.M.)

OPMSA

The Ohio Podiatric Medical Student Association is dedicated to the representation of podiatric medical students at the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine. In conjunction with the Ohio Podiatric Medical Association, O.P.M.S.A. works to address issues facing today's podiatric medical student. In addition to representation on the local level in all areas encompassing the educational environment, O.P.M.S.A. serves students on the state level as well. O.P.M.S.A. also strives to define the network in which student organizations operate. (K.S.)

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to the
Class of 1996!!
The American Association for Women Podiatrists is composed of professionals and preprofessionals who are engaged in the practice or research of Podiatric Medicine and Foot Surgery. The AAWP provides a framework within podiatry where the organization can help network with each other and with other professionals organizations. They also have a scholarship for students based on financial need and academic excellence. The AAWP serves as a forum for communication, education and an organization to share common interests in podiatry.

Dr. Calise — 1995-96 sponsor

"Are you ladies enjoying the meeting?"

I bet you guys wonder what does on at AAWP meetings.
ACFAS

The American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons is an organization for students to gain some knowledge about the practice of surgery procedures. Some of the activities include a casting workshop and a suturing workshop. Dr. Kushner, Dr. Seisel, Dr. Spencer, and Dr. Herbert have been special guest lectures for the club.
SPORTS MEDICINE CLUB

The sports medicine club sponsors lectures on sports medicine, participates in local athletic events and promotes good athletic training. This year they held various meetings with hands-on experience. They look forward to volunteering their services at a few of the summer marathons.

It doesn't look good when you need two TA's.

Nancy is happy because she found STJ neutral.

Dr. Lichniak helps out

Shaky hands?

"Why me? Why now?"

"Ouch! What are you doing?"
The purpose of PI Delta is to promote high scholarship in podiatry and the podiatric sciences in order to progressively advance the profession. Membership in this organization can only be attained by high standards of intellectual and scholarly activity. Election into the Pi Delta Honor Society symbolizes and epitomizes high scholastic achievement.

**COMPUTER CLUB**

Officers: President — Rodney Roof, Vice-President — Scott Chaney, Secretary — Ketan Patel, Treasurer — Tuyen Huynh, Sergeant At Arms — Scot Bertolo, Faculty Liaison — Bryan Danhores

**DERMATOLOGY CLUB**

The American Society of Podiatric Dermatology or the “derm club” was founded at O.C.P.M. to further the education of dermatology among the students. In its goals are a commitment to expand the general knowledge base, providing the support to conduct research, and allowing students to develop their clinical skills. Through lectures, workshops, and research presentations members further their abilities while developing a spirit of fellowship with other professionals. The organization's greatest aspiration is that skills learned through ASPD sponsorship will go on to benefit the community and the profession. (J.F.)
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Everyone attending enjoyed the KTE Dinner.

Sharing good advice.

No business talk here.

Taking left-overs home.

These three never sat down.

Blair had a good time.

What a cute couple!

Another cute couple!

Chip, the wonder boy.
Dr. Siesel and Suhad monitored the competitions from the sidelines. They might have even played a few.

KTE Radiology conference snacks.

Enjoying the company and the dinner.

Even this group behaved.

Another two pleasant people enjoying the dinner.

What a crew!

People froze, but still had fun at flag football.

"This is crazy and cold, but FUN!"

There was a lot of eating dirt going on at HOT SHOTS volleyball.

This was actually a good play.

More football buffs.

This is actually a "PRO" in disguise.
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Group Photo!

Past President Todd Zeno with Paul and Missy
How cute

"Play that funky music ..."

"Oh what a night"

Say cheese.

What are you laughing at Kyle?

Whoa, look out Denise!
MEN'S BASKETBALL

We will miss you, Brian.

Did it go in?

Coach Shriner is hard at work!

Mark and Jeff warm up before the game!

“I got it, I got it.”

*Congratulations to Mark Eaton — Bedford Heights Community League Scoring Title for the 1995-96 Season!

1995-1996 Men’s B-ball Team
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Andrew Saffer '99
Alternates: Kirt Miller '97
Caesar Zuniga '97
Jamie Duncan '99
It's Dennis and Billy pull up their shirts and play some b-ball.

"That goes on your foot." Bobbi and Cathy make a great play!

"I am the team!"

Go lady Pods!

1995-1996 Women's B-ball Team
Denise Kohler
Viedra Ellison
Cathy Shuck
Bobbie Van Fossen
Mary Forbes
Sue Rosso
Missing: Evangelyn Williams
Sheryll Gildo
STUDENTS AT WORK ...
STUDENT ACTIVITIES
OPMSA SCIENTIFIC SEMINAR

Speakers: Jeffrey Robbins DPM, Alan Banks DPM, and Donald R. Green DPM

Speaker: Boni Elewski MD

C-YA LATER!!!
John and Jeremy are dressed to a tee.

Thanks guys, for the support.

Tom and Paul get ready to tee off.

Blair watches on as Rick takes another swing.

"Two sportin' Spencers."

"Finished so soon?"

"Buying new equipment can't help at this point Chris and Mark."

"Hey Andrew and Mark, are you two attached at the hip."

Doug and Brent try to blend in.
OPMSA HALLOWEEN PARTY

Tyler, Pat, & Vern — Saturday Night Fever.

A cow, Big Boy, & a cave women. You figure it out.

Twin Cousin Its?

He’s lost his mind, but not his I.D.

Kristen and Brian were having a great time.

These two seem an unlikely pair.

What kind of gang is this?

Sassy!!

Mike, the lab rat, got caught out of his cage.

Dora, the Burger Queen, was the winner of the costume contest.

Sheryl was clowning around.

Black-eyed P’s

The pimp & his #1 woman.
LOOKING BACK ...

Don't look so busy.

Did they do something to your food Jeff?

"What's the story?"

"Hands to yourself."

Seniors enjoying their last days.

Underclassmen studying.

Taking a break.

"How long can this go on?"

"What could be so interesting?"
"Can you believe that it's me?"

"Can we play now?"

"Mom it's me, Mass!"

"What's between your toes?"

"Is it Live... or is it Dead?"

"Just sign it already?"

Cool t-shirt

"I took some of her food while she wasn't looking."

"Do you think it will snow today?"

"I wonder if I can get some sympathy."

"Okay then, tell me the breakdown John."
I just don't see it.

He thinks I'm going to eat that?

Checking the results

Hi Louise!

Student Dr. Lambert I presume?

Heading home
Mmm food
Taking a break on the 6th floor.

Makin’ copies.
What was that?
After exams

Ta da!
Psst. Rudy, smile.
A great party 70's style — a great hit. Boogie woogie fever hit OCPM in a crazy way.
Rick,
Way to go bro! Now that you're out you can buy me a car. Kurt, 22 long years as a student but look what you accomplished.
XOXOXO's Mom

Veronica Maxwell
You are our pride and joy. We love you.
Grandpa Les and Carol

Dear Chris
Congratulations on a job well done. It's now time to move into another chapter of your life. Be the best D.P.M. that you can be. Have a great life.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Ronda

Dear Tim,
How proud and happy I am to call you "my son, the doctor." Congratulations, and don't forget to eat!!
Love you,
Mom

Veronica,
Good luck in the future with all of life's wonderful endeavors.
Love,
Dad

Todd,
You've become a very special young man. We're proud of you.
We love you,
Mom and Dad

Eagerly awaiting for your tender loving care.
Noberto,
We love you and are very proud of you.
Tim Kistler
You've come a long way, and have worked very hard. We knew you could do it. We are so proud of you.
"Congratulations Big Guy."
Love you,
Mom, Shelley, Kelly, and Anthony

Jennifer,
We are all proud of You! Love from all of us,
Mom & Dad, Edward, Alexander, Jonathan, and John Dennis

Chip,
I knew you would because you believed you could.
Love,
Diane

Dear Jodie,
Your mother and I and the rest of the family are so proud of you. Your unswerving dedication has seen you through to this day, and will serve you well in your practice.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Dear Rich,
Congratulations to our special son. We are so proud of you.
Love,
Dad & Mom Hammon

Dear Daisita,
We are all so proud of you! Since you were eight years old you said you would become a Doctor and you have accomplished your goal. May you continue to experience success in everything you do.
Que Dios te Bendiga Siempre! Con Mucho Amor!
Mami, Nati y Tata

Lisa Dadson,
You have come a long way baby! You should be very proud of all your accomplishments. We are. Congratulations and much success.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Dear Rene,
Your accomplishment today is another reason we are so proud of you. Always know God and we love you just the way you are. Mom & Dad
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Dear Lilly,
This day is just the end of one chapter in your life. Tomorrow is the start of an all new and wonderful chapter.
Love, Mom, Dad, and Sisters, Family

Dear Edgardo,
We are very proud of you. Congratulations and much success in your future life. God and the Blessed Mother bless you always.
We love you!
Papa, Mama, Francisco and Veronica,
Coca, Api and Aita

Dear Guy,
We are very proud of you. “One Day at a Time Brings Joy and Happiness.” God Bless you,
Love, Mom and Dad

Brian Dowling,
We’re very proud of you and your accomplishments. Be happy and have a wonderful future — you truly deserve it.
Love always,
Mom, Dad, and Missy

Dear Joel,
We are all proud of you. Best wishes from all of us
Love, Mother Shelly, Charlie, Charles, LuAnn and Children Chris

Tom,
Wishing you success and happiness in your career. We’re so proud of you. Congratulations! Love, Mom, Dad, and Brian

Veronica R. Maxwell
We are so proud of you, we love you and you are a winner. Grandma Irene & Grandpa Earl Maxwell

Veronica,
From your number one fan. Love, Aunt June & Uncle Dave
MY GIRL, Lisa Maria, 
Congratulations!! May the sun shine forever on your dreams and goals. 
God bless you.
   I love you, Mother
We’re proud of you sis!!
Love, Diana, Curtis, & Michelle
Congratulations Honey, I knew you would make it. 
Love Shaun

The Very Best To You 
Always 
Dalerie A. Wilkerson
We are very proud of you, our daughter, sister, and auntie. 
Love, 
Mom, Dad, Daryl, Effie, Daryan, Darian, and Alexandria

Dearest Zahid, 
You’ve brought joy, laughter and happiness into our lives! We’re bursting with pride for what you’ve done and with love for what you are. 
Congratulations from, 
Mum, Dad, Josh, Farry, Shelly, and Alyana

Congratulations Matt, 
It’s been a long bumpy road, but you’ve made it. 
Good job.
We love you, 
Mom & Dad

Dear Matt, 
We knew you could do it. 
Love, Pam, Mike, John, Robin, Angela, Amber, & Grandma

Congratulations Matt, 
We know how hard you and your family have worked and sacrificed to reach this goal. We are all so very proud of you and look forward to the future with you. 
Love, 
Mom and Jack 
Christine, Eric and girls 
Catherine and Lorin

Congratulations and continued success. You can be very proud, as we are. 
All our love, 
Dad, Mom, Scott, Jay, & Kyle

Dear Ralph, 
With God all things are possible. Your dream has come true. We are very proud of you. 
Love, 
Dad, Mom, Grandmother, & Grandfather
Tara,  
You are a God sent blessing, a sister and daughter that every family dreams of having. We are proud of you!  
Love,  
Mom, Jim, and David

Lillian,  
God granted us a wonderful gift of love and we were so happy when you entered into our lives. You, our bouncing/bubbly Baby Girl was special, and we knew that the rainbow would be within your reach.  
God Bless You and “Keep on Keeping On.”  
We are proud and Love You.  
Mom, Dad, Brothers and Aunt

Taissa,  
You have made so many people very proud and happy, especially Andy.  
Congratulations! Mnohaya Lita!  
Andy, Mama, Tato, Borys, and Ooch.

Steve,  
Always shoot for the moon, and even if you miss, you'll still land among the stars.  
We are very proud of you.  
Love,  
Mom and Dad

Veronica,  
We are all very proud of you. You will always be a winner to me!  
Love,  
Mom

Mark,  
I'm very proud of you and all you've accomplished. Life is never boring — on to the next phase!  
Love,  
Susan

Mitchell  
We knew you could do it.  
Your dream has come true.  
We're all very happy to say, how very proud we are of you.  
You put heart and soul into your studies, for years your life stood still.  
Well now you've earned your diploma,  
BE PROUD, BE HAPPY, BE THRILLED.  
We wish you the best in all you do.  
May good fortune always find you.  
Anything you'll set out to do.  
You know your family is always behind you!!

LOTS OF LOVE AND CONGRATULATIONS  
Mom, Dad, Mark, Linda, Stanley, Courtney & Chelsea

CONGRATULATIONS, EDGAR!!!  
Love and Pride  
Mom
Tony,
I am so proud of you. You are every mother's dream of the perfect son. I'll love you always and forever.

Mom

Tony,
We are very proud of you. You have done a great job. Best wishes and much love.
Your Grandmother and Your Late Grandfather

Dear Tony,
We are very proud of you. You have always been a great son and we know your going to be a great doctor.
Love Dad and Mom

Tony,
You've made me proud brother. I love you very much.
Your sister
Carmeleua
and your late brother
John

Tony,
We are all proud of you. Best wishes and much love.
Your Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins

Best wishes Tony. We are proud of you.
With love, Your
Mother-in-law,
Sister-in-law, grandma,
grandpa, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Congratulations Babe! I love you and I am very proud of you.
Your wife — Michelle
Jennifer,

WE LOVE YOU!

Mom, Dad, Edward, Alexander, Jonathan, and John Dennis

Congratulations to my daughter, Jennifer Joan Perez Abejar, for continuing the Abejar accomplishments.

Love,
Mom
(Mrs. Philippines, USA 1995-96)
Tracy Geoghan Benz- 
ing: 
From a precious child 
to an extraordinary 
woman. We are so 
proud of you. 
All our love, 
Mom & Dad

Javier: 
We wish you the best 
and we are all proud of 
you. God Bless you. 
With Love, 
Papi, Mami, 
Tito e Ivelisse

Scott, (John Phillips) 
We’re so very proud 
of you. Your dream 
came true, good luck 
and God Bless. 
Love, 
Mom and Dad

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EDITOR'S LETTER

A yearbook is something that may not seem as important to a student at the time of publication, unless you're one of the people putting it together, but years down the road it is a book that is nice to look back on. I hope that this book will hold at least one pleasant memory for you.

Finishing this yearbook really made reality sink in, this is my class's final time here at OCPM. With this being a busy year, it definitely was trying at times to get everything taken care of, but there were many people willing to contribute to helping. Contributions ranged from picture taking, picture donating, helping with the lay-out, and odd jobs here and there. It was a great pleasure to include some of those helpful people on the OCCOPODIAN page. I'm hoping since the involvement with the yearbook included someone from every class there will continue to be participation in the publication and increase awareness as well as quantity and quality of the OCCOPODIAN. I would like to personally thank all of you!

A special thanks to Shelly Muchnicki and Ali Marie Latiak for letting people drop things off for us with them and contacting us when necessary. Matt Bosso for taking pictures for us even though it added to his work load, and all of the faculty and staff for putting up with the cameras flashing every time they turned around. Although I was hoping for the entire class to participate, I was pleased with the turn out of pictures of the senior class. I would like to thank each one of you for your contribution. Also, a very special thanks to the seniors' families that participated in the "Congratulations" pages.

Our class (Class of 1996) has really been through some times, good and bad. You are all to be congratulated and should feel proud of your accomplishment. You should know that your families are very proud and wishing the best for you. Hold your head high and have confidence in the contributions that you are about to bestow on the Podiatry profession. Know that you have done the time with studying and preparing for your life as a Podiatrist. I believe that the Class of 1996 can really have a positive impact on our profession and I wish each and every one of you the best that life has to offer. Know that with faith, dedication, and persistence there will be success.

Enjoy your yearbook!

Lisa Maria Griffith
Heads of many of the 186 member nations gather in New York to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the United Nations in October.

In a powerful address to the U.N.'s Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China, attended by 30,000 women from 180 countries, U.S. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton declares, "Women's rights are human rights," to a desk-thumping, applauding audience.

French transportation workers strike against their government throughout the month of December, shutting down the airlines and the metro system, after France increases the retirement age from 50 to 55 and lengthens the work week from 37 to 39 hours in efforts to cut spending.

In late May, a doctor performs emergency surgery aboard British Airways flight 32 using a coat hanger, a knife and fork, and a scissors sterilized in brandy to save a woman whose life is threatened by a collapsed lung.

Marxist Cuban President Fidel Castro abandons his Havana cigar and military fatigue for a suit and tie on a diplomatic visit to New York in October, where he tries to convince the U.S. to lift its 33-year-old trade embargo on still-communist Cuba.

Shock waves hit the Middle East when Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is shot and killed while leaving a peace rally in Tel Aviv November 4. His murderer, Jewish extremist Yigal Amir, fanatically opposes peace negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Madman Shoko Asahara, leader of the Japanese apocalyptic religious cult, Aum Shinrikyo, is arrested on May 16 and charged with the Tokyo subway nerve-gas attack that left 12 people dead and injured 5,500 more in March.

Pope John Paul II visits New Jersey, New York and Maryland, and addresses the United Nations. He speaks out on social, economic, political and moral themes.


Tahitian protests escalate into riots after France detonates a nuclear test device 750 miles from the South Pacific island. France's September resumption of tests after a three-year moratorium brings global condemnation.

Fifty years after the end of World War II, Japan remembers those killed by the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima. A solitary building left standing after the blast, now a memorial called the Atomic Bomb Dome, symbolizes the horrors of war and the price of peace.
An earthquake kills 51 people on the resort-studded Pacific coast of Mexico. The quake measures 7.5 on the Richter scale and is felt 330 miles away in Mexico City.

The first U.S. president to visit Northern Ireland, President Clinton receives a warm Christmas welcome for his show of support for peace between Irish Protestants and Catholics.

Hurricane Marilyn inflicts millions of dollars of damage in the Virgin Islands in September. Winds up to 127 miles per hour severely damage half the homes on St. Thomas.

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In July, without public explanations, Burma's military rulers free the country’s most famous political prisoner, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, leader of the pro-democracy movement and Nobel peace laureate, after six years of house arrest.

Russian figure skater Sergei Grinkov, 28, collapses and dies from a heart attack during practice with his wife-partner Ekaterina Gordeeva on November 20. The pair won two Olympic gold medals and four world pairs titles.

Great Britain's Princess Diana shocks Buckingham Palace with a tell-all BBC interview. Defying royal protocol, she discusses her marriage to unfaithful husband, Prince Charles, her struggle with depression and bulimia, and an extramarital affair. The majority of English people express their support and sympathy.

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While competing in an international balloon race in September, two hot air balloonists, one English and one American, are shot down when their balloon floats off course over Belarus. The Belarusian army sees the balloon as a security threat and fires without warning. The balloonists fall to their death.

More than four years after Desert Storm, Iraq's President Saddam Hussein remains in power, though two of his sons-in-law defect to Jordan on August 8 and call for Hussein's overthrow.

Hope blooms for peace in Bosnia when Bosnia’s President Homalovic (left) shakes hands with Serbia’s President Milosevic on the opening day of the November cease-fire talks in Dayton, Ohio. Croatia's President Tudjman looks on. The ensuing Paris peace agreement of December sends 60,000 NATO peacekeeping troops to the war-torn country.

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San Francisco sewer line under pressure from battering rainstorms, creating a monster sinkhole that swallows a $2-million house in the Sea Cliff district. One-hundred-mile-per-hour winds knock out power to tens of thousands of homes and nearly blow a truck off the Bay Bridge.


U.S. Senator Bob Packwood of Oregon resigns on September 7, the day after the Senate Ethics Committee voted unanimously to expel him for sexual misconduct, embarrassingly detailed in his diaries, which were made public.

The nation comes to a standstill on October 3 as more than 150 million people watch live TV coverage of the outcome of the nine-month-long trial of the century. After less than four hours of deliberation, the jury finds former football star O.J. Simpson not guilty of the murders of his ex-wife Nicole and her friend Ronald Goldman.

Illinois suffers a record heat wave in July, with temperatures as high as 104°. The heat takes the lives of 457 people statewide. At Wrigley Stadium, Jaime Navarro helps faithful Chicago Cubs fans stay cool.

After a year of fame as a conservative revolutionary, Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich slumps in popularity, tainted by the government shutdown, his stalled Contract With America, and investigations into his political action committee and his financial affairs.

Two-thousand volunteer firefighters battle a raging wildfire in eastern Long Island, New York, for three days in August. The fire, following a 21-day drought, consumes 5,500 acres of pine barrens and damages a dozen homes. There are no injuries or fatalities.

The federal government repeals the national 55-mile-per-hour highway speed limit, enacted in 1974 during the oil embargo. The legislation allows states to set their own limits. On Montana highways, speed limits are eliminated completely.

Air Force Captain Scott O'Grady (right) is rescued from pursuing Bosnian Serb forces by U.S. Marines on June 8, six days after his plane is shot down over Bosnia. O'Grady survived on insects, plants, and rainwater.
As more Americans invest, Wall Street enjoys a bull market. In November, the Dow-Jones Industrial Average hits 5000, a milestone indicating healthy corporate profits and low interest rates.

On April 30, the adoptive parents of four-year-old “Baby Richard” comply with an Illinois court order to turn the child over to his biological parents.

The government shuts down for six days in November after the President and Congress fail to agree on how to balance the federal budget. The shutdown affects non-essential federal services, including the National Park Service. A longer shutdown follows in December.

Despite Americans’ doubts and fears, U.S. troops head for Bosnia in December. The 20,000 U.S. forces, serving under NATO command beside 40,000 European allies, face the task of keeping peace among the country’s warring Serbs, Croats and Muslims.

The State of South Carolina sentences Susan Smith to life in prison for the drowning murder of her two young sons in 1994.

An anonymous donor sends St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis $1 million in the form of a winning ticket from McDonald’s November “Monopoly” sweepstakes game.

In the wake of a growing number of random attacks from assailants with knives and guns, White House security is forced to close Pennsylvania Avenue to traffic.

After allegedly ignoring federal pollution regulations for years, General Motors agrees under threat of an $11-million fine to recall 500,000 Cadillacs at a cost of $45 million.

American women celebrate the 75th anniversary of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which granted women the right to vote. Women’s suffrage leader Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906) first organized the fight for suffrage in 1848.
A woman in the Netherlands gives birth to twin boys, each from a different father. The result of an improperly cleaned test tube at a fertility clinic.

A stunning photograph from the Hubble Space Telescope captures a moment in the birth of a star in the Eagle Nebula, 7,000 light years from Earth. Light from the young star's nuclear furnace lifts towering pillars of hydrogen gas and interstellar dust.

A team of American researchers announce that they have isolated a gene in mice linked to obesity. Mice with a mutated OB gene are injected with the hormone leptin, resulting in dramatic weight loss. The public is tantalized at the prospect of leptin as a slimming treatment for use in humans.

Archaeologists discover a 3,000-year-old tomb in May that is believed to hold the remains of 52 sons of Ramses II, Pharaoh of Egypt. 

In a procedure known as tissue engineering, scientists grow a human ear under the skin of a laboratory mouse. Researchers hope the procedure will play an important role in the future of transplant surgery.

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The world’s first test-tube gorilla is born at the Cincinnati Zoo in October as part of an effort to save the western lowland gorilla, an endangered species that numbers fewer than 450 animals.

Media attention focuses on melatonin, a naturally occurring hormone used to induce sleep and slow the effects of aging. Laudered as a wonder drug, a kilogram of synthetic melatonin sells for as much as $10,000.

As a protective measure against counterfeiting in the era of digital publishing, the Treasury Department redesigns U.S. currency bills, to be issued over the next five years, starting early 1996 with the new $100 bill.
Former rivals in space become comrades in space after the historic docking of the U.S. space shuttle Atlantis and Russia's Mir space station on June 29. Astronaut Robert Gibson (in red) greets cosmonaut Vitali Dezhurov.

Buyers rush to stores for the new computer operating system Windows 95, spurred by Microsoft Corp.'s $700-million publicity barrage and the promise of a friendlier interface.

In June, volcanic eruptions give birth to a baby island. A new member of the Tonga Islands emerges near New Zealand, 900 feet high and 140 feet wide.

The movie Apollo 13 opens in the summer after filming many of its scenes inside NASA's "zero gravity" plane, which mimics the weightlessness astronauts experience in space by diving into a 23-second freefall.

In November, Visa introduces a cash-storage card that eliminates a pocketful of loose change. A chip in the plastic card tracks the amount of available cash, which is accessed with a reader at the place of purchase. The card can be taken to the bank and reloaded.

Now virtual reality comes in a handy travel size with Nintendo's latest, Virtual Boy, a portable 3-D video-game system with stereophonic sound.

New research shows that the meat-eating Tyrannosaurus rex did not loom upright, but stalked along lower to the ground. The discovery is reflected in the reopened exhibits of the famed dinosaur halls of New York's American Museum of Natural History after three years of redesign.

Astronomers using the Hubble Space Telescope observe new moons orbiting the giant planet Saturn, adding at least 2 moons and possibly 4 to Saturn's previously known total of 18.

A team of French and British explorers believe they have found an ancient breed of horse previously unknown to scientists. In November, the four-foot high horse with a triangular head, which resembles the vanished horses of European Stone Age drawings, is named Buiache for its home region in Tibet.

October satellite photographs show the recent rapid deterioration of the earth's ozone layer above Antarctica. Pollutants produced mostly by the U.S. cause the hole in the atmosphere's protective layer to increase to the size of Europe.
A well known for her appearances in Aerosmith music videos, 19-year-old Alicia Silverstone achieves stardom with the 1995 summer movie hit *Clueless*.

Millions of Americans tune in to Martha Stewart's TV show, subscribe to her magazine, and read her books. The popular cooking and home-decorating entrepreneur builds an empire by packaging a distinctive American nostalgic style.

With $150,000 saved during her 75 hardworking years as a washerwoman, Oseola McCarty establishes a scholarship fund for African-American students at the University of Southern Mississippi. For her selflessness, she is awarded the Presidential Citizens Medal.


Faulkner singlehandedly attempted to bust the gender barrier at the all-male South Carolina military institution.

Hot actor Antonio Banderas falls in love with another screen sex-symbol Melanie Griffith during the filming of *Two Much*. Banderas will co-star with Madonna in the film version of *Evita* and will star in Steven Spielberg-produced *Zorro*.

Sandra Bullock follows up her star-making role in *Speed* with the gentle romance *While You Were Sleeping*. Bullock's fresh, wholesome image earns her an "Entertainer of the Year" nomination from *Entertainment Weekly* magazine.
America is disappointed in its high hopes for Colin Powell's 1996 presidential candidacy. At the close of his whirlwind book tour for My American Journey, the General and his wife Alma announce in November that he will not seek the Republican nomination.

Actress Demi Moore becomes the highest paid woman in Hollywood, able to command $12.5 million per movie, even after this year's flop at the box office The Scarlet Letter, loosely based on Hawthorne's classic.

A 10-year-old St. Louis schoolboy, Larry Champagne III, becomes a hero by taking control of his school bus after the driver suffered a stroke. Champagne is later awarded a $10,000 scholarship by the bus company.

Calvin Klein's provocative CK Jeans campaign causes an uproar in August, bringing nasty headlines, threats of retailer boycotts and an FBI investigation. The scandal only seems to help sales.

Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley announce their divorce almost a year after their surprise marriage. The tabloids have a field day speculating about the reasons for the marriage (was it a cold-hearted career move?) as well as the causes for the break-up (was he after Elvis' fortune?).

Breaking the Surface, the autobiography of Greg Louganis, former U.S. Olympic gold-medal diver who revealed earlier that he has AIDS, debuts at No. 2 on the best-seller list.

Popcorn magnate Orville Redenbacher, who transformed popping corn into a gourmet item, dies on September 19 from heart failure.

Two Chinese women set a new Guinness world record in November by living in a room for 12 days with 888 poisonous snakes. The previous world record, set in Singapore in 1987, was 10 days with 209 snakes.

John F. Kennedy, Jr., is cofounder and editor-in-chief of George, a glossy new magazine covering American politics. He ended his life by the press, Kennedy joins their ranks, contributing a feature interview to each issue.

Favori3te of America's heartland for his You Might Be A Redneck Fl... jokes, Georgia-born stand-up comic and author Jeff Foxworthy gets his own ABC sitcom in which he plays himself.

Model Becksford Tyson, singled out by Ralph Lauren for his all-American looks, signs an exclusive contract with the fashion designer in 1996.

Miss Oklahoma Shawntel Smith is crowned Miss America on September 16. During the broadcast of the 75th pageant, viewers phone in their votes to retain the swimsuit competition.
Batman Forever, with Val Kilmer in the title role and Chris O’Donnell as Robin, becomes the third Batman movie and the summer’s top-grossing film.

After an unpromising start, Conan O’Brien quietly gains popularity as host of NBC’s “Late Night,” a slot previously filled by David Letterman. Letterman’s current show on CBS slowly loses viewers.

Whitney Houston stars in the December film release, Waiting to Exhale, adapted from Terry McMillan’s best-selling novel about the lives of four middle-class African-American women. Houston sings the title song for the movie soundtrack, which enjoys brisk sales.

Denzel Washington, critically acclaimed for his performances in films Crimson Tide and Devil in a Blue Dress, receives highest praise from the City of Los Angeles, which honors him with the Martin Luther King, Jr., Award for his philanthropic work on behalf of children.

Although ABC cancels her TV series “My So-Called Life,” 17-year-old Claire Danes hits the big screen in How to Make an American Quilt, To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday, and Romeo and Juliet with Leonardo DiCaprio as her co-star.

In the suspense-thriller Seven, heartthrob Brad Pitt attracts a wide male audience with his performance as a detective on the trail of a serial killer whose murders are based on the seven deadly sins.

Disney Pictures continues its line of animated blockbusters with the Native American legend Pocahontas. The picture previews in New York’s Central Park to an outdoor audience of 200,000.

Three 1995 movies bring Jane Austen classics to the silver screen: Clueless, based on Austen’s novel Emma, and Sense and Sensibility.

The fifth actor to play 007 in the enduring film series begun in the 1960s, Pierce Brosnan abandons his Aston Martin for a BMW Z3 Roadster in Goldeneye, the latest and, some say, best James Bond movie.
Jen years after creating the popular comic strip "Calvin and Hobbes," cartoonist Bill Watterson retires in December.

N BC's hospital drama "E.R." continues to draw high ratings throughout 1995 thanks to its dramatic realism and the appeal of handsome George Clooney (middle right), supermodel Cindy Crawford's latest date.

Disney Entertainment spends $19 billion to purchase the ABC television network in July.

Toy Story is the world's first entirely computer-animated film. Released by Disney during the Christmas season, it features the voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, and Don Rickles.

Horror-fiction author Stephen King signs a deal with Signet books to release his upcoming story, The Green Mile, as a paperback series.

Disney Pictures from Shooting Star

The popular NBC TV series "Friends" returns for a second highly rated season. Its runaway success inspires less successful imitations by other networks.

Fox TV's "The X Files" stars David Duchovny as an FBI agent who investigates supernatural phenomena. The show becomes a surprise hit, giving millions of viewers reason to look forward to staying home on a Friday night.

According to a Roper Youth Poll, the two hottest TV shows among teens this season are the daytime soap "Days of Our Lives" and the evening soap "Melrose Place."

"The Jon Stewart Show," a late-night talk show aimed at Generation X, fails to catch on. During the final taping, host Stewart says, "To all those people who said my show wouldn't last, I have only one thing to say. Good call."

Ten years after creating the popular comic strip "Calvin and Hobbes," cartoonist Bill Watterson retires in December.

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Mariah Carey's **Daydream** sells over 5 million copies, taking number-one spot on the **Billboard** album chart. Carey performs with Boyz II Men on the hit single "One Sweet Day."

**Flash**

R.E.M.'s summer tour is interrupted by medical emergencies for three of the band's four members. The tour, their first in five years, is eventually completed with all members in good health.

In October, David Bowie and Nine Inch Nails wrap up the U.S. portion of Bowie's world tour. At each show, Bowie and Trent Reznor's band play a set together. In December, Bowie tours Europe with Morrissey as his opening act.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers tone down their trademark bawdiness in their newest album, **One Hot Minute.**

Former Nirvana drummer Dave Grohl plays a new sound as guitarist and lead singer in the Foo Fighters, an alternative rock band that enjoys three singles off their self-titled debut album in 1995.

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**History**

A hard-luck story turns into overnight success in the case of Canadian Shania Twain, born in poverty to an Irish mother and an Ojibway Indian father. Twain's 1995 hits include "Who's Bed Have Your Boots Been Under?" "Any Man of Mine" and the title tune to her 3-million-selling album **The Woman In Me.**

Success doesn't mellow the style of alternative rock band Green Day, who release their anxiously awaited fourth album **Insomniac,** their fastest and darkest album to date.

Seal's hit off the **Batman Forever** movie soundtrack, "Kiss From a Rose," is all over the summer playlists. The single propels the artist's self-titled album to the double-platinum mark.

With the record-setting sales of his album **Fresh Horses,** only three musical acts in U.S. history outsell country music icon Garth Brooks: the Beatles, the Eagles, and Billy Joel.

Selena, the 23-year-old Tejano music queen, is gunned down in Corpus Christi in March 1995 by Yolanda Saldivar, former president of her fan club. The July release of a collection of Selena's hits, **Dreaming of You,** sees some of the fastest sales in music history.

Dedicate their single "Lightning Crashes" to victims of the Oklahoma City bombing. The rock band's **Throwing Copper** album yields three hit singles; **Billboard** Music Awards names them Rock Artist of the Year.
International soccer star Michelle Akers, world's top woman player, leads the U.S. women's soccer team to a 2-1 sudden-death victory over Norway in the U.S. Cup title game in August.

Jeff Gordon, 24, dominates the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing's Winston Cup, winning 7 of NASCAR's 31 races and earning $4.3 million in 1995, a record for the sport.

The University of Nebraska demolishes the University of Florida, 62-24, in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl to win their second consecutive national college football title and cap Cornhuskers coach Tom Osborne's 23rd season.

The Houston Rockets, led by center Hakeem Olajuwon, win their second consecutive National Basketball Association championship in June, sweeping the series with the Orlando Magic in four games.

Super Bowl XXX, the heavily favored Dallas Cowboys beat the Pittsburgh Steelers 27-17. Dallas running back Larry Brown ices the game for the Cowboys with the second of his two interceptions, and is named MVP for his heroics.

Twenty-one-year-old tennis champ Monica Seles, returning to competitive play two years after being stabbed at a tournament in Germany, wins the 1995 Australian Open.

Hall-of-Famer Mickey Mantle, a switch-hitter and one of the great sluggers in baseball history, dies of cancer on August 13. Mantle hit 536 home runs in his 18-year career and compiled a lifetime batting average of .288.

In May 1995, Peter Blake's New Zealand in "Black Magic 1" defeats Dennis Conner's team in "Young America" in the first 5-0 sweep in the 144-year history of the America's Cup.

The most controversial moves are off the field this season as the Cleveland Browns NFL franchise announces its move to Baltimore and the Houston Oilers announce their move to Nashville.

The New Jersey Devils win the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup, beating the heavily favored Detroit Red Wings in four straight games.
The Atlanta Braves edge the Cleveland Indians 1-0 in game six to win the World Series on October 28. Closing pitcher Mark Wohlers leaps for joy.

Known for his temperamental personality, his many tattoos and his aggressive playing style, basketball center Dennis Rodman (91) debuts with the Chicago Bulls after his trade from the San Antonio Spurs.

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Former L.A. Lakers point guard Earvin "Magic" Johnson announces a return to basketball in January 1996. Johnson retired in 1991 when he discovered he was HIV positive.

The Northwestern University Wildcats—long a gridiron laughingstock—pile up ten victories in 1995 and go to the Rose Bowl for the first time since 1949.

In his first fight in four years, former world heavyweight champ Mike Tyson disposes of challenger Peter McNeeley in 89 seconds. Tyson, who in March finished a three-year jail term for a rape conviction, earns $25 million for the August boxing match.

German tennis star Steffi Graf, who won three of five Grand Slam titles in 1995, ends the professional tennis season ranked number one in the world.

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The most recent fad in purses takes the form of small backpacks.

Designer water spreads to the pet world. Doting pet owners buy tuna-flavored bottled water for Fluffy and beef-flavored bottled water for Spot.

Girly things enjoy a surge in popularity with young women, who wear baby barrettes, knee socks, tiny t-shirts, little jumpers, and funky Maryjanes; and kid around with "Hello Kitty" accessories.

Taking her place among controversial talk-show hosts as the "Oprah for the junior set," Ricki Lake speaks to such concerns as, "Mom, when my boyfriend gets out of jail, I'm taking him back."

The angel message of "fear not" strikes a deep chord with Americans' yearning for spiritual growth and comfort in a stressful time. People enjoy angel collectibles, angel sites on the Internet, and angel books and magazines.

Diners are treated to variations on theme cafes, as Hard Rock Cafe is joined by Fashion Cafe, Planet Hollywood, Harley-Davidson Cafe, and London's Cyberia Cafe where patrons sip coffee and surf the Internet.

Young people continue to follow the wide-leg jeans trend, forsaking tight jeans for a loose baggy fit.

"Some pretty cool people drink milk" is the message carried by a high-profile ad campaign featuring a raft of popular celebrities sporting a white upper lip on behalf of the healthy beverage. The milk-moustache effect is created with latex, a rubber-based paint.