Richard A. Breeden  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
Bowling Green State University

John Andrew Brem  
Toronto, Ohio  
John Carroll University

Nicholas Alton Brown  
Wooster, Ohio  
Allegheny, College

Alex T. Bui  
Houston, Texas  
University of Houston

Tracey Reneé Burns  
Lansing, Michigan  
Michigan State University

Turner Clay Butts  
Houston, Texas  
Stephen F. Austin State University
David Edward Canter  
St. Louis, Missouri  
Angelo State, University

Rodney Lynden Carlson  
Dayton, Ohio  
Wright State University

John Stephen Catafygiotu  
Smithfield, North Carolina  
North Carolina State University

Windy Elaine Cole  
New Middletown, Ohio  
University of Cincinnati

Peter Dai Dang  
Costa Mesa, California  
University of California at Irvine

Kirby Hudson Deeter  
Leawood, Kansas  
University of Kansas
Constantina Sophia Demou
Vermilion, Ohio
Ohio Northern University

Marc Dominick Dolce
Huron, Ohio
Bowling Green State University

Nancy A. Domanowski
Buffalo, New York
Canisius College

Timothy J. Donatelli
Hermitage, Pennsylvania
Indiana University of Pennsylvania

James Kevin Duncan
Almont, Michigan
Eastern Michigan University

Jeffrey Adam Feld
Woodbury, New York
Syracuse University
Stephen Morris Hayes
Tulsa, Oklahoma
University of Tulsa

Emory J. Hilton
Lake Norden,
South Dakota
Dakota Wesleyan
University

Arnold Alvin Horowitz
Rockaway Beach,
New York
State University of
New York at Stony Brook

Richard Franklin Jennings, Jr.
East Liverpool, Ohio
Bethany College

Jamal P. Jeter
Cleveland, Ohio
Hampton University

Tanya Nicol Johnson
Rochester, New York
St. John Fisher College
David Wayne Jones  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
Xavier University of Louisiana

William Dietrich Jones  
Jackson, Mississippi  
Xavier University of Louisiana

Cherie L. Kelly  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
Bethany College

Paul Christopher Lafata  
Reading, Pennsylvania  
Alvernia College

Estratios Demetrios Lagoutaris  
Canfield, Ohio  
Youngstown State University

Lloyd B. Landis  
St. Petersburg, Florida  
University of South Florida
Chassitty Lasha Loving
Valdosta, Georgia
Valdosta State University

Tuan Hoang Mai
Houston, Texas
University of Houston

Michael Allen Maier
Middleburg Heights, Ohio
Baldwin Wallace College

Mark Joseph Mazur
Columbus, Ohio
Ohio State University

Bradley Matthew Mehl
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
College of Wooster

Stephen Francis Mielich
Fort Wright, Kentucky
Thomas More College
C. Bryan Moore
Ashland, Kentucky
Marshall University

Michelle Reneé Murray-Clark
Hampton, Virginia
Howard University

Keith Wellington Myrick
Valley Station, Kentucky
Thomas More College

Glenn Thomas Ogg
Grafton, Ohio
Case Western University

Ketan Bakulbhai Patel
Stone Mountain, Georgia
University of Georgia

Thomas Clinton Pfennigwerth
Mars, Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown
Kim Erik Ploot  
Leadville, Colorado  
Michigan State University

Chris Michael Powell  
North Canton, Ohio  
Miami University

Samuel Brechbill Rameas  
McMurray, Pennsylvania  
Westminster, College

Susan Jeanne Rosso  
Jeannette, Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown

Sean Michael Roth  
Cleveland, Ohio  
Ohio State University

Alexander Paul Rusanowsky  
Merritt Island, Florida  
University of Central Florida
Andrew David Saffer  
Charleston, South Carolina  
College of Charleston

Athanasia Sarros  
Chicago, Illinois  
Loyola University

Anita Naheed Shah  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
Purdue University

Eymard E. Silva  
Wood Dale, Illinois  
Northern Illinois University

Angela Dean Smith  
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Maggi Halim Saad Smith  
Westlake, Ohio  
Wright State University
Brian Patrick Spencer
Chesterland, Ohio
Ohio State University

Amber Heather Tessmer
West Palm Beach, Florida
Mashall University

Mark Christopher Stanos, Jr.
Chardon, Ohio
University of Toledo

Jerry E. Toups, Jr.
Sheveport, Louisiana
Louisiana State University at Shreveport

Jonathon Kirk Stroebel
Bloomington, Minnesota
University of Wisconsin at Madison

Paul Cu Tran
Plattsburgh, New York
State University of New York at Plattsburgh
Stacy Aaron Uebele
Mecosta, Michigan
Michigan State University

Theresa Lynn Vacheresse
Columbus, Ohio
Ohio State University

Douglas Ira Vis
Munster, Indiana
St. Joseph's College

Jonathan Gordon Wash
Waco, Texas
Baylor University

Jason Meade Weber
Corapolis, Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh

Gary L. Williams
Orland Park, Illinois
Purdue University
The Rest of the Class of 1999

Cynthia Y. Olvera Avila  
Brownsville, Texas  
Texas Woman’s University

Paul Davis Brooks  
Panama City, Florida  
South Alabama University

Christopher Andrew Bush  
Stanhope, New Jersey  
East Stroudsburg University

Rick Laron Chandler  
Monroeville, Alabama  
University of Alabama at Birmingham

Bryan W. Danhires  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
Bethany College

Corey Endres  
Seattle, Washington  
University of Washington

Bryan Vincent Fallis  
Edgewood, Kentucky  
Northern Kentucky University

Ross B. Feinman  
West Bloomfield, Michigan  
Oakland University

Megan Huang  
Burr Ridge, Illinois  
University of Illinois at Chicago

Michael S. Husar  
Youngstown, Ohio  
Youngstown State University

Jonathon Scott Logan  
DuQuoin, Illinois  
University of Evansville

David Evans Miller  
Brogue, Pennsylvania  
Western Maryland College

Michael Eugene Munson  
Toledo, Ohio  
Ohio University

Hoang Kim Nguyen  
Dayton, Ohio  
Saint Louis University

Paul Vincent Perns  
Chicago, Illinois  
Northeastern Illinois University

Rodney Allen Raker  
Newnan, Georgia  
Valdosta State University

Donald Lee Stone  
Akron, Ohio  
Mount Union College

Paul Serdoncillo Vallejo  
North Hollywood, California  
University of California at Los Angeles

CONGRATULATIONS!
Above: Preparing for life as a doctor.

Above: Want to see my 15 wood?

Above: Last meal at the Doctor's Inn.

Above: Don't Ask.
Farewell Class of 1999

Rambo, D.P.M.?

Two more days and counting.

I'm just watching daddy!
Windows on the River
May 26, 1999
Graduation Day
May 28, 1999
O.C.P.M.
CLASS OF 2000

1998-1999 Class Officers
Standing: Mike Goddard - Clinical Representative, Mitch Revelle
- President, Rich Kunig - Treasurer
Seated: Debbie Cook - Secretary, Megan Evans - Vice President
Jeff - after hearing about the Mt.Sinai bankruptcy

Lois and Clark

Now what are we getting ourselves into

I thought for sure they said tonight
More Candids...
Left: "You think I'm kidding?" Sweet Daddy Dom

Below: Sweet Daddy Dom

Day 3 -
We're still waiting for 2 grilled cheese sandwiches.

Lisa and Brandon enjoy an evening at the Rain Forest
So, who's corrupting whom?

...and this little piggy goes....
You said "RIGHT"

Even Dan begins to doubt Jeff's story

Bummer, not even bun length!
"She's got toe jam!!!!!!"

Being from Kentucky, Heiko marvels at his first exposure to power equipment.
Sai......

Where's your blue jacket?
Christy's taking growth hormone supplements
Married

Bhaskar and Ann Bhattacharyya
July 31, 1998

Randy and Tammy Carlson
July 25, 1998

Art and Melinda Viscusi
December 27, 1997

James and Lori Duncan
September 12, 1998

Wedding Sketch
EKP '99

Randy and Kari Hall
July 25, 1998
O.C.P.M.
CLASS OF 2001

1998-1999 Class Officers
Standing: Jeff Dull, Danielle Meyka, Matt Eller
Seated: Mark Moss, Tim Blackerby
Above: I want to pump YOU up.

Left: The future board of directors, American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons.

Below: Dirk Diggler and date.

Fred must not have noticed that Barney Rubble stole his outfit.
Below: "Two people laughing."
...you should see us on Halloween.
Center: It’s tough being a podiatry student. Here we see Charlie attempting to sell his Christmas presents outside the science museum.

Bottom: Mark stands speechless as Rob balances a 40oz. beer on his head.
Tony Alberelli shows us that even big boys can have a soft touch when handling patients.

Well, I guess it's a reading assignment.

Jason conserves his energy as he prepares to lunge over the desks to reach the Grum's
Above: Couples Night at OCPM, part 2.

Below: Why did Pete just rub my shoulders?!?!

Below: It just goes to show you John will hit on anything.
Looks like Gary's roll-on rolled off.

Above: This is why it is so important to know your limit.
Below: Tim is testing the new third-floor classroom chairs for their sand-repulsion capabilities.

Podiatry Student Extraordinaire

Left: "Yes Mr. Wilusz, this is a foot. It is attached to the leg."
O.C.P.M.
CLASS OF 2002

1998-1999 Class Officers
Andrew Bartell - Treasurer, Ingie El-Khashab - Secretary
Amy Miller - President, Jon Smedley - Clinical Director
Jesse practicing for Physical Diagnosis. (We think Trevor is too.)

A Pearl-Drops moment.

Left: Have you heard the one about the Invisible Man and Wonder Woman?

Above: Some Cleveland nights are longer and colder than others.

Left: Andrew and Kristin complete the Designated Drunk Driver Course.

Left: Have you heard the one about the Invisible Man and Wonder Woman?
Above: Is Yoo-Hoo dairy?... I think I may be lactose intolerant!?!
Below: Minoxidil (Rogaine) launches its new product, the roll-on chest applicator, at a local bar.

Below: At the 1999 "Annual Gala for the Members of the North Coast Pimp Society," these daddy-o's pose for a candid.

Above: This year's 'Dance Marathon for the Ozone Layer Above Central Western Arkansas National Postal Library' winners.

Left Opposite: Jump-Jive, we're the walking Gap ad.
Right:
Travis "Body by Jake" Montgomery relaxes for an exam.

Below: Kazu shows Christine his naked gun

Right: Ted smiles about what's going on below
BASKETBALL
SNPMA

Student National Podiatric Medical Association spends an evening at the Rain Forest
The fun for AGK members goes on and on and on.
AGK

Officers: (Front Row, left to right) Tony Sgambati, Christy Gonglof, Krysia LePoer, Kent Picklesimer, Lynette Souders, Megan Evans, Bernabe Canlas, Bronwyn Wilke, Roxanne Burgess, and Pete Wilusz (Back Row, left to right) Matt Eller, Mark Moss, and Aaron Chokan

If you think this is bad wait until you get to clinic!

Where’s Waldo?
FREE DRINKS?

I'm there!!!!
AGK Bone Fixation Workshop

Justin waits anxiously for his turn with the bone.

AGK Halloween

Mount Krysia...noun or verb?

AGK Initiation...for some, the beginning of the end...
KTE

Officers:
Back Row: Karen Kellogg, Gina Weatherly, Judy Outsa, Shannon Morel, Tim Blackerby
Seated: Lori Duncan, Debbie Cook, Jennifer Ryder, Rupal Patel

Below: The Champs.

"The Contenders"

"The Gimp"
1998-1999 OPMSA OFFICERS
President: Ryan Pereira
President-Elect: John Allen
Secretary: Karen Kellogg
Treasurer: Kent Picklesimer
Director of Local Affairs: Kevin Davis
Director of Social Affairs: Jeff Baker
Director of Clinical Affairs: Dominic Rizzo
Director of Clinical Affairs-Elect: Ben Brownel
Director of Communications: Khase Wilkinson

El Presidente In Action

The "Old" Executive Board

A Little of The "New" Exec., A Little of The "Old"
1998-1999 OPMSA Golf Outing

“A Master of His Own Domain”
Above: Haim Cohen displays his newly acquired surgical skills during the bone fixation workshop, one of the many events held at this year's symposium.

Left: Dr. Hetherington answers a question of Loan Nguyen, Class of 2000, concerning the correct performance of a fixation procedure.
The Ohio Podiatric Medical Student's Association
1998 Ohio Podiatric Clinical Symposium

Featured Speakers (left to right):
Boni Elewski, D.P.M., Kenneth Malkin, D.P.M.,
Barry Scurran, D.P.M., and Jeffery Robbins, D.P.M.
Tarick and Kevin assess “walker’s foot syndrome.”
SPORTS MEDICINE

Heather Whitesel, Amanda Mudry, Matt Cox, Paul Gorby, Mike Goddard, Nick Campatelli, Jeff Baker
the DIABETIC FOOT

PAD OFFICERS
Kevin Hopson, Jason Roy
Danielle Meyka, Lisa Ballard
Clockwise from top left (opposite):
Dr. Larry Osher
Dr. Vincent Muscarella
Dr. Robert Weaver
Dr. Conway McLean
Jill Davis
Staff at the Foot and Ankle Clinic
Dr. Donald Kushner
Dr. Bryan Caldwell

Clockwise from top corner: Dr. Thomas V. Melillo, Dr. Vincent Hetherington, Mary Sharon Shumacher, Linda Beveridge, Candace Arnburg, Lois Epstein, Sylvia Kehr
The Cleveland Foot and Ankle Clinic
Della and Len

Donna and Judy

Devon

Roger and Bob

Willie and Chet

Louise, Frank and Sandy

Janice, Barbara, Frances and Arlene

Gail and David
To Mommy,
Jimmy found me on the street,
Then you took one look at my feet.
You saw 24 phalanges
The union then born was as blessed as the Ganges
Ever since you’ve been so sweet
That now I love you more than Alpo’s canned meat.

Congratulations & I love you,
Cobault

And I married a podiatrist, how perfect!
Good luck to the most lovely podiatrist!
John

Congratulations Mark
Your dream has always to become a doctor. You have achieved your goal. We are so proud of you and all the choices you have made.

May God continue to bless you as we celebrate your achievements.

Love
Dad, Mom, Jamie & Tim

Sue
We made it!!
You got us through with flying colors.
We love you.

Mom and Dad

Craig,
We are all very proud of your accomplishments. You are now about to start the journey of the rest of your life, and we wish you happiness & much success.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Tricia
Congratulations Nancy!

We are all so proud and happy that your dream has become a reality. With all your hard work and the encouragement of your special husband John, YOU MADE IT!

May God continue to shine his blessings on both you and John.

With all our love,
The Domanowski, Zakrzewski, Frank and Phillips families.

Don,

We are very proud of your accomplishments!
In October 1988, you came home from school and announced that you were going to be a doctor. You were fifteen years old!
You set goals and worked very hard. Your entire family is proud of you.
They send their best wishes!

Love,
Mom & Dad
The secret to getting Michael Bennett’s attention in the 4th grade was tying him to his chair. Since then, Michael has been using that rope to lasso his dreams. We are very proud of your achievements, Michael, and wish you continued success in all your future endeavors.

Love,
Mom & Dad
Congratulations Rodney
We are so proud of you. You have given us joy every day of your life. As a husband you blessed us with a beautiful daughter-in-law. As a father you blessed us with a precious granddaughter. Now as a podiatrist you will be able to look after our feet. We love you with all our hearts. May your future be filled with happiness and success. All our love,
Mom and Papa

Congratulations Rick
We knew you were destined to be more than another Van Halen. With the utmost love and respect.
The Jennings
Dad, Mom and John

Congratulations Chassity Loving
You have proven that through prayer, diligence, determination, lots of money, hard work and true grit...

"Dreams really come true"

Here's to setting the pace in our family
Love
Big Sister & family
Tina,

Congratulations on "A stunning impressive accomplishment." May your dreams guide you to a future that's filled with success and happiness. You make our family very special. Your dad and mom are very proud of you now and always. God bless you with health and happiness.

Love,
Steve and Marlene Demou

Jon,

It is never easy reaching for dreams, but those who reach touch the stars. You have touched the stars and you have reason to be very proud of yourself and your accomplishments. May your future bring you success, happiness, and love. Your family is very proud of you.

Congratulations!

Dad, Mom, Sis, Brian, G-ma, G-pa, and your entire family
Dearest Jeffrey,

As you advance confidently in the direction of your goals and dreams to live the life which you have imagined, you have and will continue to meet with success. In other words, you “done good” and we are all very proud of you. We celebrate your hard work, dedication and accomplishments.

Love and xxxxx’s,

Mom, Dad, Shari and Jeff

Congratulations Doug!

We are very proud of your accomplishments and all that you have achieved at OCPM. We pray that God continues to guide you to success and happiness in all of your future endeavors.

We love you,
Mom and Dad
Paul Serdoncillo Vallejo

Congratulations, Bong
We are very proud of you.
We Love You and May God Bless You Always......

Serdoncillo-Vallejo Family
Congratulations

Paul V. Perns DPM

Success is the progressive realization of a worthy idea and you realized your ideal goal.

We love you,
Your family

Congratulations Michelle,
Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. You said you could do it and you did. Love, Joy, Peace and Happiness be yours always.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Tommie,
Chanda & Lee

Congratulations Sean

Your determination was never a doubt. May your future hold nothing less than great success. We are so very proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Bret
Congratulations, Dr. Deeter

What a wonderful accomplishment ...and certainly well deserved. As always, you continue to be a wonderful source of pride for us and, as always, we look forward to your continued success...

One foot at a time.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Christina,

Congratulations on your great accomplishments. May your future bring you love, happiness and success as you go out into the world. You have always made us so proud of you. Keep up the good work.

We love you Toso, Toso, Toso

Love,
Mom, Dad & JoAnn

Congratulations Jamie

On a job well done!!!!
Sometimes it was tough, but we knew you could do it.
No one is more proud of you than we are.
May God Bless You and always be by your side.

We Love You !!!!
Mom, Dad, & Karen
Congratulations Eymard

We share the special joy of this important day with you. The pride and dreams of your grandpa came true. Wishing you a lifetime of success, love and happiness. We are all so proud of you. We all love you and with the talent, patience and determination you possess, you are sure to achieve a future of success and happiness.

With all our love,
Dad, Mom, Elmer, Elma, Jun, & Brandon

Congratulations!

Jamie, Paul, Hoang & Ketan
Congratulations Windy!
Ever since you were old enough to talk, you said you wanted to be a doctor. We are so proud of you for achieving a lifetime goal. We love you and wish you much happiness.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Nicky

Congratulations Jamie !!
From your aunt and uncle who are so very proud of you. Go forward with God’s greatest blessings.

Love,
Aunt Sue and Uncle Mark

Congratulations to a beautiful, intelligent woman who has brought much happiness into my life. Go forth now, Shay, and take what the future holds for you.

Melinda Bauman

There is not enough darkness in all the world to put out the light of one small candle.

Congratulations Chastity

Burn brightly,
Burn well,
Light the world.

Love you,
Your second mother
Amy Marshall
Congratulations Jonathan-

Your family is very proud of you and your tremendous accomplishments. We look forward to watching you and Jennifer continue to work together as a team in your professional endeavors. We congratulate you and Jennifer in your support of one another in reaching another milestone in your lives together.

Chassity L. Loving

You did it! We knew you could. As you confront both the highlights and trials of the world, know that we will always be there for you. We love you and we are proud of you.

Congratulations,
Mom and Dad
Jerome Jr.
Mark,

Congratulations on your graduation!
We’re incredibly proud of your accomplishments in academics, spirituality and maturing character. You’re “one class act” to follow and we’re sure you will continue to soar!

Your Loving family,

Mom, Maggie, Mike, Mary Jo, Marty, Monica & their families.

Congratulations Terre

Lots of hard work and you did it. We are all so proud of you. The future is all yours. May your dreams come true.

We love you,

Dad, Mom, Dean, John, Mike, Maria, Susanne, Angela and your nieces and nephews.

Congratulations Arnold

On all your great accomplishments and all that you have achieved.

May the future bring you love, happiness and success as you go out into the world.

Keep up the good work. We are proud of you.

Love,

Mom, Harold & Carl
Chassity,
I am very proud of you, and I wish you all the success in the world. Go with the confidence that God is with you always.

Love,
Mrs. Foster

Congratulations Tommy,

We are very proud of you.

Love,
Mum, Heidi and Puppie

Ode to Doctor Barb

Barb becomes a doctor today
Her dream is near fruition.
Due to proper management of School, family and tuition.

Commuting on the interstate
150 miles per day
Now you can buy a new car
With your doctor's pay.

The podiatric talk at suppertime
Was so inspiring:
Of ulcers, mold and fungal rot
We lost 10 pounds without dieting.

Reflecting on the years gone by
Would you dared to dream
Your future was to chip and clip
And prescribe foot cream.

Although the years were trying
You really did come through
Words alone cannot express
How proud we are of you.

Your loving husband and children,
Ray, Chris and Laura

Glenn,
Congratulations on reaching one of your life's goals. May life continue to be good to you in all that you do. We love you,
Mom and Dad

Congratulations
Barb Yeager
Congratulations Maggi for your great accomplishments and for all you have achieved. We are proud of you and proud of your future.

Love,
Mom Janete, Dad Halim Saad, Christopher, Sally, Darshan & Anjani

Much success to our son Michael. He has worked hard at no one's expense but his own. Nose to the grind stone, eye on the prize but still able to enrich the lives of everyone around him.

We love you,
Proud parents
Bob and Janet Munson
Every once and awhile some parents get lucky and have the ideal son. The kid that does it all perfectly right down to marrying the sweetest girl. We are very proud of you being number 1 in your class and all the choices you have made. We pray that God continues to bless you. We love you.

Your family,
Mom, Dad, Susan, J.P.,
Missy, brothers-in-law and children

Congratulations Paul - we have always been proud of your accomplishments, but on your graduation day we want to say - "Way to Go Paul".
Another touchdown!!!!
Good luck and continued success.
May your future bring you health, happiness and prosperity.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Toph, Greg, and Gram
Tracey,
With each step you have taken, we have been incredibly proud of you.

Congratulations!
Love,
Dad & Mom

David,
Congratulations on another great accomplishment! We are so proud of you. May God continue to bless you in all of your endeavors.
Love,
Dad, Mom, Kenneth, Laurie, Kirsten, Cameron and Justin

Look how far you’ve come, Batman!
Congratulations! We always knew you could do it!

Love
Tim, Mom, Irene and Michelle
French high school students demand more teachers, better equipment and buildings and a lighter course load in an October protest in Paris. The French government designates $40 million annually over the next four years, as well as 1,000 new teaching posts.

A total collapse of the Russian ruble sends world markets into chaos. Boris Yeltsin asks Viktor Chernomyrdin to head the government to help restore political and economic stability.

After a U.N. drug summit in which 150 countries endorse an anti-drug campaign, the U.S. vows to spend an estimated $1 billion over the next five years on anti-drug advertising, corporate and civic partnerships and promotion.

In a dangerous escalation of hostile feelings in the area, India begins nuclear bomb testing in response to Pakistan’s testing of the Ghauri missile.

A discotheque fire in Gothenburg, Sweden, kills 67 teens and injures several more, making it the deadliest fire in modern Swedish history. Arson is the suspected cause of the October fire.

A memorial commemorating the first anniversary of the death of Princess Diana and Dodi Fayed is put on display in London’s Harrods department store, which is owned by Dodi’s father.

On September 2, Swissair Flight 111 crashes in the sea in Peggy’s Cove, Nova Scotia, Canada, killing all 229 passengers and crew aboard. A cockpit wiring fire is the suspected cause of the disaster.

In retaliation for the African embassy bombings, the U.S. attacks a suspected chemical weapons factory in the capital of Sudan and a terrorist training camp in Afghanistan, and launches a worldwide search for suspected mastermind Osama bin Laden.
On August 7, powerful bombs explode outside the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania killing 248 people, including 12 Americans, and injuring more than 5,000.

NASA and Russia will conduct 45 missions to launch and assemble the International Space Station Alpha. Set for completion by 2004, the station will be powered by almost an acre of solar panels and will weigh almost one million pounds.

The remains of Czar Nicholas II and his family, killed in 1918 in Central Russia and buried in a mass grave, are exhumed and laid to rest in St. Petersburg.

President Clinton becomes the first U.S. leader to visit China since the Tiananmen Square massacre in 1989. Many criticize Clinton for his apparent leniency toward China's human rights restrictions.

The worst summer flooding in China since 1954 kills 3,000 people, destroys 17 million homes and affects one-fifth of the country's population.

Hurricane Mitch ravages parts of Central America and kills more than 10,000 people, making it the second deadliest storm in the region's history.

After months of negotiations, Swiss banks and Jewish groups reach a $1.25 billion settlement in a lawsuit filed by thousands of Holocaust survivors to recover lost savings.

John Hume and David Trimble, Northern Ireland's two main political party leaders, win the Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts to end the violence that has plagued the British province for three decades.


On January 1, 1999, the euro debuts as the new currency in 11 European Common Market countries. It will be three more years before euro coins and cash are officially put into circulation.

After a stop in Mexico City in January 1999, Pope John Paul II arrives in St. Louis, Missouri, and celebrates Mass with over 100,000 people in attendance.

In January 1999, an earthquake that measures 6.0 on the Richter scale hits Colombia killing over 1,000 people.
Convicted killer Martin Gurule escapes death row and is later found drowned in a nearby river. Gurule is the first Texas inmate to escape death row since 1934.

President Clinton becomes the second president in history to be impeached. The House of Representatives charges him with two counts of obstruction of justice and perjury. The Senate acquits Clinton after a five-week trial.

President Clinton declares the entire state of Florida a disaster area after fires bum over 300,000 acres and damage or destroy 150,000 homes.

Sixteen of the 24 glass beads that historians believe were used to buy Manhattan Island from Native Indians in 1626 are donated to the Indian Museum of North America located at the Crazy Horse Memorial.

The U.S. Treasury unveils a new $20 bill designed to be much harder to counterfeit and more capable of withstanding heavy abuse.

A massive Millennium Clock in New York City's garment district counts down the days, hours, minutes and seconds to the year 2000.

After 50 years of work, the face of Crazy Horse is revealed at the South Dakota monument. When completed, the memorial, carved out of a mountain, will be the largest sculpture in the world.

In June, African-American James Byrd Jr., 49, is chained to the back of a truck and dragged to his death in Jasper, Texas, by three men, two of whom have ties to white supremacists.
Mentally unstable Russell Eugene Weston Jr. charges into the U.S. Capitol building on July 24 and fatally shoots Special Agent John Gibson and Officer Jacob Chestnut.

Reform Party candidate Jesse Ventura shocks the nation when he wins the race for governor of Minnesota in November. Ventura is a former Navy Seal, pro wrestler and action movie actor.

Northwest Airlines pilots strike for 17 days in August and September causing more than 27,000 canceled flights and a loss of $338 million.

In September, Hurricane Georges crashes through the Florida Keys and Mississippi. The killer storm causes the largest mandatory evacuation in Florida history, and Mississippi victims receive over $131 million in aid.

In response to family pressure, DNA testing confirms that remains buried in the Tomb of the Unknowns are those of Michael J. Blassie, an Air Force pilot shot down in Vietnam.

In summer 1998, North Texas temperatures exceed 100 degrees for 45 days. The state's heat death toll climbs to 132 and fires burn over 344,000 acres.

In August, General Motors Corporation and United Auto Workers reach an agreement that ends an eight-week strike.

President Clinton announces the federal government ends the 1998 fiscal year with a budget surplus of $70 billion, the first surplus since 1969.

More than 280 colleges now admit some or all of their applicants without regard to SAT or ACT scores. Many schools say the system improves the academic quality and diversity of their student bodies.

DNA tests determine that Rebecca Chittum was unknowingly switched with Callie Conley at a Virginia hospital after their births three years ago. This case prompts a national debate on the need for stricter hospital procedures.
An analysis of Eastern Seaboard weather shows it really does rain more frequently on weekends than during the week, an average of 22 percent more. Automobile emission patterns are suspected cause of the phenomenon.

NASA's Lunar Prospector finds scattered pockets of ice beneath the lunar surface. The presence of water could enable astronauts to use the moon as a kind of space-based filling station.

Apple's translucent aqua-blue iMac personal computer, its first consumer offering in years, is marketed mainly for Internet usage and, therefore, doesn't come with a disk drive. Its popularity soars and it soon becomes available in several other colors.

The comet Tempel-Tuttle causes a meteor storm when it passes by Earth. The comet will be visible again in fall 1999, after which it won't reappear for another 32 years.

John Glenn, 77, becomes the oldest astronaut when he undertakes a space shuttle mission in October, 36 years after his first space flight. Later, Glenn retires from a 24-year career in the U.S. Senate.

A computerized T-shirt, woven with fiber optics and electrically conducted thread, may soon monitor the health of soldiers, rescuers, the elderly and others who are medically vulnerable.

A study demonstrates that the more hours people spend on the Internet, the more depressed, stressed and lonely they feel.
The USDA announces that a 25-millisecond blast of 270-degree steam applied to meat kills 99.99 percent of the bacteria. This process follows the unpopular method of irradiation.

The FDA withholds medical approval of St. John's Wort, the popular herbal supplement widely believed to relieve depression. However, American consumer demand has led to its use in everything from lipstick to potato chips.

Chemistry professor Claude Yoder co-authors "Interactive Chemistry," a CD-ROM that uses animation to lead students through chemistry problems, eliminating the need for a textbook.

Researchers reveal a new technique that determines the sex of a baby before conception. This technique uses a laser detector that measures the DNA in sperm cells.

Researchers discover a gene that may cause the aggressive behavior of "killer bees." This knowledge may help tame African bees, whose sting has deterred beekeepers from tending hives.

On August 12, the $1 billion Titan 4 rocket explodes 42 seconds after liftoff. The rocket payload included a highly classified Defense Department satellite.

Paleontologists in Argentina discover thousands of shards of fossilized dinosaur eggs. Several shards contain the fossilized remains of unhatched embryos and their never-before-seen embryo skin.

Astronomers discover and photograph a planet outside our solar system that is about 450 light years away from Earth.

Alabama hairstylist Philip McCory discovers that human hair soaks up oil from water, which prompts NASA to investigate ways to use human hair to clean oil spills.

In August, renowned Houston heart surgeon Dr. Denton Cooley performs open-heart surgery which is broadcast live on the America's Health Network Internet web site.

David Scott, who lost his left hand in a fireworks accident, receives the first U.S. human hand transplant in January 1999. Scott has regained limited motion in his donor hand.
Lovegety, a palm-sized matchmaking device, is the latest craze with Japanese teenagers. When it comes within 15 feet of another Lovegety, high-pitched beepers go off, lights flash, and the "love detectors" display whether the users' preset interests match. It's now available in the U.S.

A USA Today investigation reveals that many of the nation's safe drinking water regulations are not being enforced. The report reveals that even the worst violations have just a 1 in 10 chance of drawing legal action.

PlayStation's "Crash Bandicoot: WARPED" supersedes its popular predecessors. Also new is Crash's sister Coco who gallops along the Great Wall of China and cruises through enemy-infested waters.

Furby, the year's must-have interactive toy, has a vocabulary of 200 words in both English and its own language, "Furbish." Furby knows when it is being petted, when the lights go out, when music starts, and if there's another Furby in the room.

In December, Selective Service activates online registration. Eighteen-year-olds can now register instantly instead of filling out forms at the post office that take two to three months to process.

Consumer groups demand the recall of Olestra from the market, or at least the adoption of strict guidelines as to its use, after thousands of people become sick from eating the popular fat substitute. However, studies suggest that chips made with Olestra do not cause greater stomach problems than regular chips.

Appearing in malls in 33 states, job kiosks dispense employment opportunities for interested applicants. Job seekers enter their skills and ambitions and the machine scans its database for a match.

WildEyes contact lenses feature several designs, including a starburst, black eight ball and cat's eyes. The $165 lenses come in prescription and non-prescription and don't interfere with eyesight.
As the need for toll-free numbers greatly increases, the 887 prefix joins the 800 and 888 prefixes already in use.

A sleek, redesigned version of the '60s Volkswagen Beetle enters the market. Despite a May 1998 recall for wiring problems, the New Beetle is wildly popular.

Cargo pants invade stores and become the must-have piece of apparel for teens across the nation.

Pilates, a low-impact form of exercise that uses unique equipment and deep stretching techniques, becomes popular with men and women.

Bicycles and dragonflies are the hot motif in the fashion world appearing on everything from clothes and bags to hair accessories and jewelry.

For $20-30 a day, trained professionals at dog and cat day cares will play with, read to, feed and pamper pets in their care.

Mr. Payroll is the first ATM that can cash a check—even for someone without a bank account. The machine "memorizes" facial features and matches them with a social security number to verify the user's identity.

In hopes of reducing the divorce rate, the Florida legislature passes the nation's first law requiring that high school students be taught marital and relationship skills.

In the wake of grim automobile accident statistics, California is one of several states to pass stricter teenage licensing laws.

Spurred by fierce competition, colleges and universities are going online to offer students a new way to get an education. Florida State and New York University are a few jumping on board.

The average home Internet user spends 25 hours a year waiting for web pages to load.
C Heartthrob George Clooney announces 1998-99 will be his last season on NBC's award-winning television drama, "ER."

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C Tom Hanks stars in Steven Spielberg's Saving Private Ryan, an authentic recreation of World War II's D-Day. The film receives 11 Oscar nominations.

C Trail Burner, a hand-held mountain bike racing game, uses motion sensors to turn corners and jump hills and water pits. Crashes make the handlebars vibrate.

C Adam Sandler stars in the surprise hit The Waterboy, which earns a record $39.1 million in its November opening weekend.

C Britain's best Scrabble players commemorate the popular board game's 50th anniversary in October by playing in London's Wembley Stadium using letter tiles the size of dining tables.

C Karl Malone and Dennis Rodman face off in a World Championship Wrestling tag-team match. The event pits Rodman and Hollywood Hulk Hogan against Malone and Diamond Dallas Page.

C In November, ABC's "Spin City" star Michael J. Fox, 37, reveals he has Parkinson's disease. Fox underwent brain surgery in March 1998 in an attempt to relieve severe tremors.

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Walt Disney's *A Bug's Life* is one of at least 15 animated feature films that will flood the nation's theaters in the next two years.

Players of Vertical Reality, a combination video game and amusement ride, shoot at moving targets on a 24-foot-tall screen and sit in chairs that rise with each successful hit. The winner rides to the top for a grand view.

In June, Keiko arrives in his native Iceland to begin his assimilation to his new surroundings. The move concludes a four-year campaign to release the five-ton star of the movie *Free Willy*.

The wildly popular stars of The WB network's "Dawson's Creek" hit the big screen, filming eight feature films during hiatus. Magazine covers by *TV Guide*, *Seventeen* and *Interview* fuel the craze.

The coming-of-age drama "Felicity" quickly gains popularity with teens. The WB show revolves around a young woman and her new experiences at college.

Actor Rick Schroder replaces Jimmy Smits on ABC's "NYPD Blue." The fate of Smits' character in his last episode — he dies when a heart transplant fails — became a source of nationwide speculation.

¡Yo Quiero Taco Bell!

Taco Bell's talking Chihuahua becomes a favorite teen advertising icon and sparks a surge of interest in the breed.

Megastars Bruce Willis and Demi Moore announce their separation in June after almost 11 years of marriage.

The American Film Institute rates the top 100 movies of the 20th century. The top ten include: *Citizen Kane*, 1941; *Casablanca*, 1942; *The Godfather*, 1972; *Gone With the Wind*, 1939; *Lawrence of Arabia*, 1962; *The Wizard of Oz*, 1939; *The Graduate*, 1967; *On the Waterfront*, 1954; *Schindler's List*, 1993; *Singin' in the Rain*, 1952.

Fans flock to theaters to see the two-minute trailer for *Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace* and many leave without staying to watch the main attraction. The prequel to the wildly popular *Star Wars* trilogy opens in May 1999.
Thanks in part to their 42-city tour, The Backstreet Boys' self-titled album sells nine million copies making it the third best-selling album of the year.

Singer and actor Frank Sinatra dies at the age of 82 on May 14, 1998.

Alanis Morissette's new album, *Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie*, is released in November and vaults to No. 1. The album sells 469,000 copies in the first week.

In January 1999, the group 'N Sync wins Favorite New Pop/Rock Artist at the American Music Awards.

The Dixie Chicks' *Wide Open Spaces* is the fastest-selling debut album by a country music group. The group wins the Vocal Group of the Year award from the Country Music Association.

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Spice Girl Geri Halliwell, better known as Ginger Spice, announces in May 1998 that she is leaving the popular group for creative reasons.

Sharp and Sony introduce portable MiniDisc recorders. This digital alternative to audiocassettes records customized music compilations and doesn't skip when bumped.
Swing dancing makes a big comeback with the help of music from bands like Cherry Poppin' Daddies (shown) and the Brian Setzer Orchestra.


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In November, Garth Brooks' new album Double Live enjoys first-day sales of over 500,000 copies, the industry's best one-day tally. Brooks makes special TV and Wal-Mart closed-circuit TV appearances to promote the release.

Natalie Imbruglia wins Breakthrough Artist honors at the MTV Video Music Awards in September. Her album, Left of the Middle, features hits "Torn" and "Wishing I Was There."

Psychologists discover a connection between musical training and verbal memory. Children trained to play a musical instrument grow up to have 16 percent better word memory than other adults.

Movie soundtracks account for nearly half of the Gold and Platinum certification. Some of the top soundtracks include Titanic and Return to Titanic, City of Angels, Armageddon, Hope Floats, Dr. Dolittle and The Wedding Singer.

Whitney Houston's My Love Is Your Love is her first studio album in eight years. The album includes the hit duet with Mariah Carey entitled "When You Believe."

Actor/rapper Will Smith wins three American Music Awards, including Favorite Pop/Rock Album, Favorite Soul/R&B Album and Favorite Soul/R&B Male Artist.
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Lindsay Davenport, 22, defeats Martina Hingis in the U.S. Open in September and becomes the No. 1-ranked player in the world.

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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.

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.

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.
In 1853, chef George Crum creates potato chips in New York after a customer keeps requesting thinner French-fried potatoes. The U.S., with over 700 varieties on the market, consumes the most potato chips worldwide.

Slang of the 1800s includes coot, crazy as a loon, critter, bub and sis, bully for you, and hummer. Popular phrases today are da bomb, cool and phat.

Before sweat glands are clearly understood in the 19th century, perfume is used to mask the odor of sweat. Introduced in 1888, Mum™ is the first product to ward off underarm moisture and odor. In 1997, Americans spend $1.48 billion on deodorant.

Swing dancing, popular in the 1930s, makes a comeback in 1998.

Nine percent of households own a TV in 1950. That number rises to 98 percent by 1995. On average, 98 percent of today's teens watch TV for 11.4 hours a week.
In the 1000s, engagements are arranged at age seven and marriage follows at age 12 for girls and 14 for boys. Today, the average age at marriage for women is 24.5 and 26.9 for men.

Average life expectancy in the 1000s is 30. In 1997, it rises to 79 for females and 73 for males.

In 1374, the entire population of a European city goes into a pathological frenzy, dancing in the streets until too exhausted or injured to continue. Slam dancing and mosh pits are common manias at today's concerts.

Parrots, canaries, monkeys and fluffy dogs are the preferred pets of the 1500s. Exotic pets of today include iguanas and tarantulas.

In the 1800s, chaperones accompany girls on their dates. In later years, ice cream parlors become popular date hangouts. Today's hot spots are shopping malls.

In 1910, fewer than 50 percent of people complete grade school. In 1996, 81.7 percent of people complete high school.

In the 1700s, both sexes wear powdered wigs, rouge and red lipstick. They also etch their whitened faces in blue to bring out the veins. Worldwide annual sales of cosmetics today exceed $80 billion.

The world population in 1600 totals 545 million compared to over 5.9 billion in 1998. The U.S. population in 1790 totals 3.9 million compared to over 270 million in 1998.
Atari introduces Pong, the first commercial video game, in 1972. Today's home video game systems include Sony PlayStation®, Sega Saturn® and Nintendo 64®. About 63 percent of teens play video games an average of 3.9 hours a week.

James Naismith invents basketball in 1891 using a soccer ball and two peach baskets. Basketball is now America's most popular sport.

In 1920, the New York Yankees pay George "Babe" Ruth $125,000. In 1997, 21-year-old Kevin Garnett signs a seven-year contract worth $126 million with the Minnesota Timberwolves.

The first roller coaster, built in 1892 at Cedar Point® in Sandusky, Ohio, stands 25 feet high and travels 10 miles per hour. The Riddler's Revenge® at Six Flags Magic Mountain® is the tallest and fastest stand-up roller coaster, standing 156 feet and hitting a top speed of 65 miles per hour with a maximum of 4.2 gravity forces.


In 1978, a federal judge rules that high school girls may participate on teams with boys. Women take further strides in sports with the first WNBA game on June 21, 1997.

In 1993, The Passion Play at 30 minutes is the longest movie produced at this time, with average films running three or four minutes. The 1997 movie Titanic runs about three-and-a-half hours.

Court jesters first appear in 1202. Modern jesters come in the form of comedians, such as Jerry Seinfeld whose TV show, Seinfeld, ends its nine-year run in 1998.
Oriental spices are used to disguise the bad taste of spoiled meat in 1499. Meat sold in the U.S. today must pass USDA standards.

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Not until the year 1000 did Indian mathematician Sridhara recognize the importance of zero. Since we began counting the years with one, rather than zero, the new millennium officially starts in 2001, not 2000. Excitement is building for New Year’s Eve 1999, but so is the fear that computers may recognize the year 2000 as 1900.

Doctors in the 1000s use an astrological chart to determine a patient’s treatment. Medicine is ingested only when the moon is in a favorable position. Many people today carry on the astrological tradition through horoscopes.

Yellowstone National Park, the first park in the National Park System, is established on March 1, 1872, and covers 2.2 million acres. The National Park System now covers 83 million acres.

Surgery in the 1800s is performed on blindfolded patients under no anesthesia by surgeons who wipe instruments clean. Many people now elect to have cosmetic surgery. In 1997, 37 percent of cosmetic surgery patients undergo multiple procedures.

Thomas Edison patents the phonograph in 1878. Sharp introduces a minidisc player in 1998 that records music from compact discs and the Internet.
Issued in 1950, The Diner’s Club is the first general purpose credit card. By 1996, there are over 119 million credit card holders and about 1,390,000 ATM terminals in the U.S.

The Factory Act of 1833 states children under age nine may not work in the textile industry, ages 9-13 may work nine hours per day, and ages 13-18 may work 12 hours per day. Today’s 10th to 12th grader works an average of 19 hours a week.

Julius Caesar creates a calendar with April 1 as the first day of the year. In 1582, a new calendar is devised with January 1 as New Year’s Day. Those who continue to celebrate New Year’s Day on April 1 are considered fools, hence April Fool’s Day.

In 1675, Massachusetts law prohibits men from wearing long hair. Russia taxes men with beards in 1698. Hairstyle is a personal choice today.

In 1697, a Connecticut law states people may not leave home on Sunday except for church or an emergency. Many stores are now open 24 hours, 7 days a week.

Women first gain the right to vote in New Zealand in 1893, with American women gaining the right in 1920. The voting-age population of the U.S. today is over 193 million.

The earliest African slave arrives in the U.S. in 1509, followed by 10-15 million Africans in the largest forced migration in history. People from around the world come willingly, with almost one million immigrants entering the U.S. in 1996 alone.

In the 1400s, books are symbols of prestige and are considered treasures due to small print runs. People trade vineyards and herds of cattle for one book. Today, the average teenager spends four hours a week reading for fun.