Meads Mill Middle School
Northville, MI

1999-2000

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P.T.A. “Reflections” Contest Winners

1st Row: Layne Scherer - Visual Arts: Honorable Mention
Justine Sheu - Literature: 3rd place,
Vanessa Sheu - Literature: Honorable Mention,
Lindsey Scheer - Photography: 1st place,
Nadia Makki - Visual Arts: 3rd place

2nd Row: Margaret Byal - Visual Arts: 1st place
Chris Phillips - Literature: 1st place
James Naigus - Music: 1st place
Casey Steslicki - Literature: 2nd place
Ashley Cacani - Visual Arts: 2nd place

Meads Mill Afghan School Project Committee

1st Row - Carlin Peterson, Danielle Alain, Jennifer Eccleston, Emily Harpe
2nd Row - Rachel Matlock, Neha Maheshwari, Sarah Dolmetsch, Kayla Scelfo,
Ashley Crawford, Amanda Walters.

Career Symposium
“The Parent’s Choice Award” Winners

1st row - Layne Scherer, Amanda Dekker, Genny Dillard

2nd row - Sean Shahrastani, Mike Subu, Matt Tanski

One small step toward a brighter future.

In March of 1998 after listening to a guest speaker from Afghanistan explain the situation for children in his homeland, these Meads Mill students were moved. They decided to help give the Afghan children a future. With Mrs. Nedam as a sponsor and Mr. Wardak as a liaison the students have been working on raising money to build a co-ed elementary school with a health clinic across the street.
Student’s Awards and Recognitions

Detroit Country Day Math Competition
Chris Berry, Adam Ajlouni, Kevin Poenisch, Matt Tomes

St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital recognizes the students of Meads Mill for their completion of another successful Math-A-Thon. Our students raised nearly $8,000.00 benefiting research efforts for the cure of pediatric cancers.

Respect Week Writing Award Winner
Kyle Hutchinson

National Geography Bee Winner
Tim Ford

Michigan Math League
1st row - Geoff Perrin, Mackenzie Fankell, Kyle VanHemert, Kevin Poenisch, Dan Roberts
2nd row - Matt Tomes, David Needham, Geoff Calkins, Chris Berry
Not Pictured: Tristan Sheperd

American Junior High Math Competition
2nd row - First Place Winners: David Needham, Not Pictured: Taylor Lebeis
- Second Place Winner: Takehiro Ishiguro
1st row - Third Place Winners: Kevin Poenisch, Shivani Agrawal, Jason Horowitz
Student Council Officers

1st Row: Andrea Watts, Alicia Watts, Lindsey Jones
2nd Row: Sean Shahrestani, Mr. Balutowicz

Student Council

1st Row: R. McTavish, N. Premo, D. Roberts, J. Lee, M. Subu, A. Millar, B. Statmiller
Science Olympiad

1st Row: Kyle Hutchinson, Michael Cullen, Chris Uberti, Walter Lin, Justine Sheu, Shivani Agrawal, Andrew Moore.

8th Grade Mentors

6th Grade KMO

1st Row: Mike Cullen, Alex Conrad, Tim Ford, Great Awk, Coach Stover, Christine Curran, Mike Stafford
2nd Row: Jeff Nash, Michael Cornelius, Charlie Thomas, Ashley Booms, Nicole Premo, Sandra, Shoukair, Priya Ahluwalia, Daniel Czerwinski

All School KMO

1st Row: Marc Earle, Alex Munk, Vanessa Sheu, Great Awk, Coach Stover, Jennifer Davis, H.B. Zeff
2nd Row: Shivani Agrawal, Lori Hoetger, Chris Hudson
3rd Row: Leslie Wetzel, Aram Sarkisian, Elizabeth Hoffman, Jim Stevenson, Matt Tanski, Tristan Shepard
Forensics

1st Row: Leslie Wetzel, Walter Lin, Marc Earle, Sara Anker, Lauren Karoub, Joe LaRiche, Nika Frimenko, Carmen Gillespie
2nd Row: Nickie Brants, Jennifer Davis, Carlin Peterson, Katherine Champagne, Kristyn Dinger, Dann Wysocki, Katie Mues, Casey Jachimowicz, Carrie Banner, Coach Klokkenga
3rd Row: Jeff Ponder, Jessica Morga, Allison Jenney, Carolyn Kirkman, Suzie Boll, Joanie Shiah, Emily Harpe, Katelyn Turnbull, Lindsey Jones

Patriot Press

1st Row: Natalie Abboud, Justine Sheu, Kirsten Knisely, Teresa Carbone, Rami Bzein, Christine Curran, Mr. Wickens
2nd Row: Liz Catalano, Kelly Miencier, Shivani Agrawal, Carrie Frank, Katie Frank, Priya Ahluwalia, Lowell Steiner
Yearbook Committee

2nd Row: R. Abbey-Lee, T. Majewski, L. Jones, S. Boll, K. Kusuplos, L. Hoetger, A. Sherman
3rd Row: K. Bowen, K. Delaney, S. Shahrestani, C. Gillespie, Ms. Welch
Select Chorus

3rd Row: A. Jones, A. Sherman, J. Shah
Not pictured: M. Menghini, A. Rutan, A. Dick

Dance Class

Left group: B. Zuerlein, K. Mues, K. Larson, A. Spencer, L. Brandl, C. Kirkman, E. Watson, S. Boll
Center group: N. Timmerman, K. Turnbull, L. Nelson, K. Webber, N. Polidori, Mrs. McLaughlin


Solo and Ensemble


Meads Mill Singers


7th Grade Cheerleaders

1st Row: Katie Scheich, Stephanie Smith
2nd Row: Michelle Pike, Catherine Asteriou, Kim Sebastian
3rd Row: Ashley Handley, Mrs. Klokkenga, Stefanie Sherman

8th Grade Cheerleaders

1st Row: Carolyn Kirkman, Katherine Mues
2nd Row: Allison Jenney, Tara Majewski, Katherine Kudyba, Suzanne Boll
3rd Row: Mrs. Klokkenga, Ashley Dickinson, Ashlee Sherman, Lindsey Jones, Amanda Jones, Nicole Polidori
8th Grade Girls Basketball
1st Row: Danielle Alain, Jane McDougall, Laura LeBeau, Emily Watson, Jessica Morga, Nickie Brants.
2nd Row: Erica Catanach, Cara Taylor, Kim Larson, Megan MacLean, Laura Nelson, Christina Hatzis, Brigitte Chiroyan
3rd Row: Heather Kellogg, Carly Daggett, Marie Snyder, Coach Rowland, Andrea Watts, Genny Dillard, Amanda Dekker

7th Grade Girls Basketball
1st Row: Jessica Albosta, Cate Spurr, Katie Marshall, Kelly Hardenbergh, Kate O’Donnell.
2nd Row: Brooke Ziomek, Becca McNeilance, Chelsea Cummings, Laura Garbarz, Marie Defer, Molly Richardville, Jackie Demmer.
3rd Row: Lori Hoetger, Kristin Delaney, Tia Glenn, Coach Steve McDonald, Emily Weaver, Keli Bowen, Karen Paterson.
8th Grade Boys Basketball

1st Row: Jimmy Cicala, Nick Posa, Jason Gingell, Joe Carbott  
2nd Row: Mike Menghini, David Needham, Robert Lacey, Sean Shahrestani, Matt Lewicki, Andrew Moore  
3rd Row: Ken Schleh, Chris Berry, Brett Asher, Adam Vorst, Tim Singleton, Brandon Van Heyde, Coach Hall

7th Grade Boys Basketball

1st Row: Colin Ackerman, Kyle Van Hemert, Jason Lewarne  
2nd Row: James Hannah, David LeBeau, Garrett Anderson, Mike Presley, Jeff Richards, Ossama El-Saadi  
3rd Row: Steve Besk, Robert Terrell, Marc Hudson, Brandon Sabo, Mike Kelleher, Jay Mayfield, Coach Masi  
Not pictured: Brett Fortuna
Cross Country

1st Row: Matt Tomes, Evan Shepard, Ryan Hinds, Christine Curran
2nd Row: Karen Tonch, Shivani Agrawal, Andrew Moore, Lowell Stainer, Max Working, H. B. Zeff
3rd Row: Rachel Santer, Robert Steiner, Tristan Shepard, Kelly Lazur, Emily Harpe, Brian Bensette, Sam Daggett,
Coach Mr. Jack Wickens.

Swim Team

2nd Row: Coach Scampa, E. Danaj, H. Zinser, M. Petroskey, S. Dechape, A. Flohr, E. Bazini, S. Shoukair, L. Mueller, C. Higgins,
A. Howley, B. Thompson, N. Brants, C. Kawatsu, L. Steiner, Coach Zatkoff.
8th Grade Girls Volleyball

1st Row: Carmen Gillespie, Suzie Boll, Lindsey Jones, Jane McDougall.
2nd Row: Erica Catanach, Jessica Morga, Amanda Jones, Kim Larson, Megan MacLean, Laura LeBeau.

7th Grade Girls Volleyball

1st Row: Laura Garbarz, Katie Marshall, Alicia Watts, Marie Defer.
2nd Row: Brook Ziomek, Kelly Hardenbergh, Caitlyn Crawford, Chelsea Cummings, Kate O'Donnell, Cate Spurr, Lori Hoetger.
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Career Symposium
winners of the Parent’s Choice Award
and other participants
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As part of Rome's continuing restoration, the city unveils a plan to create an 18,000-square-yard rambling space connecting the Imperial Forums with the Roman Forum.

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Leonardo da Vinci’s "The Last Supper" is unveiled in June after 21 years of restoration. The centimeter-by-centimeter rehabilitation cost $7.7 million and involved electronic microscopes.

In September, Russia begins a military campaign against Chechen nationalists to regain control of the breakaway republic. More than 200,000 people flee the region, but a fierce rebel resistance stays to fight for control of the capital, Grozny.

In June, Thabo Mbeki succeeds President Nelson Mandela, South Africa’s first democratically elected president.

In September and October, powerful earthquakes strike around the globe, killing 15,000 people in Turkey, 1,450 in Taiwan and at least 122 in Greece.

In August, the U.S. pays $4.5 million to victims of NATO’s accidental bombing of the Chinese embassy in Belgrade. Three Chinese are killed and 27 are wounded in the May 1999 bombing.

On December 31, the U.S. returns control of the Panama Canal to Panama. Opened to the world in 1914, the canal is considered one of the greatest construction achievements in American history.

Archaeologists excavate 105 mummies in a 2,000-year-old underground Egyptian tomb believed to contain a total of 10,000 mummies. The necropolis will shed new light on the Greco-Roman era and will allow scholars to chart demographic data and the incidence of disease.

In December, torrential rains cause Venezuela’s worst natural disaster of the century. Mudslides and flash floods kill up to 30,000 people, while damage estimates run into the billions of dollars.
In July, Hurricane Floyd strikes the East Coast in September, killing 51 people and destroying over 4,000 homes. North Carolina is hardest hit with total damages estimated at a record $6 billion.

The drought of 1999 causes severe damage to Northeastern and mid-Atlantic farms. Several states impose mandatory water use restrictions and emergency federal loans are made available in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia.

In August, a rare tornado strikes downtown Salt Lake City. Winds up to 112 miles per hour make it Utah's second-worst tornado in history.

In July, Air Force Colonel Eileen Collins, 42, becomes the first woman to command a U.S. space shuttle mission.

President Clinton announces the removal of the American bald eagle from the endangered species list. In 1999, there are over 5,800 breeding pairs, an increase from 417 in 1963.

Cartoonist Charles M. Schulz retires in January 2000, bringing an end to PEANUTS, America's most popular comic strip for almost 50 years. Schulz dies in February, the night before his last strip runs in the national newspapers.

As a way to boost tourism, Chicago displays 301 life-size, fiberglass cows decorated by local artists. The public art exhibit lasts all summer until the cows are auctioned for charity.

Lewis and Clark's Native American guide Sacagawea is featured on a new gold-colored dollar coin released into circulation in early 2000.

Beginning in 1999, the U.S. Mint releases specially designed state quarters, the first five representing Connecticut, Georgia, Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. By 2008, each state will have its own quarter.

In November, a 60-foot log tower collapses at Texas A&M University, killing 12 students and injuring 27. The tower was to be burned at a traditional bonfire pep rally.

In July, John F. Kennedy Jr., 38, his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, 33, and her sister, Lauren Bessette, 34, die in an airplane crash in the Atlantic Ocean near Martha's Vineyard. Kennedy, a relatively inexperienced pilot, is believed to have become disoriented in heavy fog.

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On April 20, 1999, the nation mourns after two students go on a shooting rampage at Columbine High School in Colorado, wounding 23 and killing 15, including themselves. Schools across the country take extensive security measures to ensure the safety of students and staff.

In an effort to ease the burden on the traditional courts, most states now offer teen court for juvenile offenders. After determining guilt, a jury of teens along with a judge decides the sentence, typically community service and financial restitution.

In November, protesters at the World Trade Organization (WTO) summit in Seattle provoke a show of force by local, state and federal officers. Protesters blame the WTO for eroding human rights and labor and environmental standards.

In August, a female panda is born at the San Diego Zoo. Hua Mei, which can mean “China USA” or “Splendid Beauty,” is the first panda born in the Western Hemisphere in nearly a decade.

Despite 30 years of official denial, in December a jury finds the assassination of Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. was the result of a conspiracy, not the act of a lone gunman.

In the first such admission by a cigarette manufacturer, Philip Morris publicly concedes tobacco is addictive and can cause serious diseases.

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In September, Microsoft Corp. Chairman Bill Gates and his wife Melinda announce the creation of the Gates Millennium Scholars Program. The Gateses will donate $1 billion over the next 20 years to finance scholarships for minority college students.
FEELit technology allows users to experience computer technology through their mouse: Users can "feel" buttons, text, the weight of a stuffed desktop folder and the groove of a scroll bar.

Fifteen-year-old Amber Ramirez undergoes surgery in which half of her brain is removed to stop the spread of a rare neurological disease. Doctors hope the remaining portion of Ramirez's brain will compensate for the removed tissue.

In August, NASA releases photos from the Chandra X-ray orbiting telescope of a hot cloud of gas from a star that exploded more than three centuries ago. The telescope took 23 years and $1 billion to develop.

The Java Ring contains a computer chip providing electronic access into buildings for students. Eventually the ring could be used as a library card, digital wallet, electronic ID and authentication for students' online homework.

In an epilepsy treatment breakthrough, surgeons implant a "pacemaker" into the chest with a seizure-preventing nerve stimulator connected to the brain. The computer-controlled, battery-powered unit can last up to five years.

In August, U.S. surgeons begin using computer-enhanced robotic technology for heart bypass surgery. Because the chest cavity is never opened, this technique reduces pain and shortens recovery time.

Researchers announce in July the creation of a cancerous human cell by genetically altering a normal one. This significant breakthrough is an important step toward developing drugs that could potentially wipe out cancer.

In December, IBM announces a $100 million research initiative to build a supercomputer 500 times more powerful than current models.

On August 11, the last total solar eclipse of the millennium crosses the globe. Thousands of people from Canada to India experience daytime darkness during which the moon completely covers the sun.
Parents, with help from their doctor, select the gender of their baby using a technique called MicroSort, which separates X-bearing (female-determining) and Y-bearing (male-determining) sperm. The success rate is about 92 percent for females and 69 percent for males.

Researchers report they have successfully altered the learning and memory behavior of mice by inserting a gene into their brains. This genetic-engineering breakthrough may be helpful in treating human learning disorders and Alzheimer's disease.

Researchers at Massachusetts General Hospital reveal in July that they have successfully regenerated the central nervous system of lab rats with severed spinal cords. Applications for human paralysis treatment are very encouraging.

A new board game, Infection, hits stores in July. Fun and educational, players race around the board catching diseases, described in detail, and trying to be cured.

In October, Sea Launch Company, a multi-national consortium, launches the first commercial satellite into space from a floating platform in the Pacific Ocean. Boeing is a major partner in the venture, along with companies in Russia, Ukraine and Norway.

In October, biologists isolate one of the enzymes that sets Alzheimer's disease in motion. This scientific discovery will lead to new treatments and, possibly, a cure. Over 4 million Americans, including former President Ronald Reagan, are living with the disease.

In June, scientists announce the creation of two new elements. The nucleus of new, super-heavy element 118 decays into element 116 within a millisecond.

Scientists studying Albert Einstein's preserved brain report it has unique characteristics. The region governing mathematical ability and spatial reasoning is significantly larger than normal.

To mark the 30th anniversary of the first moon landing, astronaut Neil Armstrong's lunar footprint is featured on a 1999 postage stamp.

The jawbones of two kangaroo-sized dinosaurs are discovered in Madagascar in October. Dated to the early Triassic period, 220 million years ago, the bones could be the oldest dinosaur fossils ever found.
Video game fans snap up a record 15,000 copies of Sega's highly anticipated Dreamcast system in the first 24 hours after its launch in September.

ABC's summer fill-in quiz show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," with host Regis Philbin, returns in November and is a huge hit with viewers. By January 2000, several major networks launch quiz shows of their own.

Launched in January 1999, MTV's "The Tom Green Show" becomes one of the season's most popular shows. The Canadian host's bizarre man-on-the-street pranks are the show's main attraction.

After 19 nominations, Susan Lucci finally wins an Emmy Award for best actress in a daytime drama series for her role as Erica Kane on the ABC soap opera "All My Children."

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Tom Hanks and Tim Allen return as the voices of Woody and Buzz Lightyear in the animated feature Toy Story 2. The sequel breaks box-office records during its Thanksgiving release and wins a Golden Globe award.

In a botched stunt, WWF wrestler Owen Hart falls from the rafters at Kemper Arena and dies in front of 16,300 fans.

In June, Mike Myers' sequel Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me proves to be a bigger hit than the 1997 original. Dr. Evil's alter ego Mini-Me is extremely popular even though he has no lines.

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Michael J. Fox announces in January 2000 he will leave the popular ABC sitcom “Spin City” at the end of the season to promote awareness of Parkinson’s disease in hopes of finding a cure.

After 10 seasons, Fox cancels the hit show “Beverly Hills, 90210.” The show followed characters through high school, college and careers.

In December, actor Jim Carrey portrays zany comedian Andy Kaufman in “Man on the Moon.” Carrey wins a Golden Globe award for his performance.

In September, the New Roc City entertainment center opens in New York. The complex includes an amusement park ride on the roof, two skating rinks, 19 movie screens, restaurants, an arcade, a health club, a supermarket and a hotel.

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“Set in 1980, the critically acclaimed NBC show ‘Freaks and Geeks’ follows two groups of teens trying to make their way through high school.”

“The Talented Mr. Ripley,” starring Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law and Cate Blanchett, opens in December and earns popular and critical praise.

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Britney Spears' album "Baby One More Time" is the second-best-selling album of 1999, earning Spears the Billboard Music Awards Female and New Artist of the Year Awards.

A computer games feature big music stars on their soundtracks. Sheryl Crow contributes her talent to the "Tomorrow Never Dies" soundtrack. Metallica to "Hot Wheels Turbo Racing" and Naughty by Nature to "NBA Live 2000."

1. U.S. sales of music by Latin artists shoot up 48 percent in the first quarter of 1999 thanks to artists such as Ricky Martin, Jennifer Lopez, Enrique Iglesias and Marc Anthony.

1. Released in June, Santana's "Supernatural" shoots up the Billboard album chart, sells over 6 million copies, and earns 10 Grammy nominations.

1. Limp Bizkit leads the way in the resurgence of rock music, along with Kid Rock and Korn. In September, MTV showcases the trend by airing "1999: Return of the Rock," which examines the history and future of rock music.

1. Sheryl Crow, Eric Clapton and the Dixie Chicks are a few musicians who rock Central Park in a first-ever trimulcast concert seen and heard on the radio, television and Internet.

1. Superstar Mariah Carey releases "Rainbow" in November and begins a world tour in February 2000. Carey is named Billboard Music Awards Artist of the Decade and is awarded the distinguished American Music Award of Achievement.

1. Backstreet Boys' "Millennium" wins the Billboard Music Awards Album of the Year and becomes the best-selling album of the year with over 10 million copies sold.

1. Saturday Night Live: The Musical Performances Volumes 1 and 2 are released in September. The CDs feature 30 of the 600 musical acts that have appeared on SNL over the past 25 years.
After a successful New Year's Eve reunion performance, the Judds begin their first tour in almost 10 years in February 2000. Since they disbanded in 1991, Naomi has recovered from Hepatitis C.

Best New Artist Grammy nominee Christina Aguilera gives an exciting performance during the Super Bowl XXXIV halftime show.

Lou Bega's rhythmic "Mambo No. 5" hits the Top 40 in August after selling 2 million copies overseas and topping the chart in 15 countries.

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Lance Armstrong wins the 1999 Tour de France in July. Armstrong, who survived a three-year battle with testicular cancer, becomes the second American to win the event.

David Cone of the New York Yankees pitches a perfect game against the Montreal Expos in July. Cone's feat is the 14th perfect game in modern baseball history.

Golf champion Payne Stewart is killed in a bizarre airplane accident in October. After the airplane's takeoff from Florida, an apparent loss of cabin pressure incapacitates everyone aboard. The aircraft flies on autopilot for four hours until it runs out of fuel and crashes in South Dakota.

The Dallas Stars beat the Buffalo Sabres 2-1 in triple overtime to win the 1999 Stanley Cup championship, four games to two.

The St. Louis Rams stop the Tennessee Titans at the 1-yard line on a final play to save their 23-16 Super Bowl XXXIV victory.

Both Detroit Lions running back Barry Sanders and German tennis star Steffi Graf announce their retirement in 1999.

On February 7, 2000, Tiger Woods wins his sixth consecutive PGA Tour event, tying Ben Hogan's 1948 winning record.

The Houston Comets earn their third straight WNBA championship in September, beating the New York Liberty 86-47 to win in three straight games.

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Dale Jarrett wins the 1999 NASCAR Winston Cup championship after a four-victory season.

In September, tennis phenom Serena Williams, 17, overpowers Martina Hingis to win the 1999 U.S. Open title.
A The U.S. team beats the European team to win golf's Ryder Cup at Brookline, Massachusetts, in September. The American's stirring comeback is marred by unruly galleries and a premature victory celebration.

The New York Yankees win the 1999 World Series in a four-game sweep against the Atlanta Braves.

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In July, many major league baseball umpires announce their resignation as a labor protest. The strategy backfires when owners accept the resignations and in September, 22 umpires lose their jobs.

In January 2000, Michael Jordan returns to pro basketball as part owner and President for Basketball Operations of the NBA's Washington Wizards.

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Fearing the collapse of the world's banks, utilities and transportation systems, thousands of people stock up on food, water, money, ammunition and generators. After midnight, it soon becomes apparent that the preparations were unnecessary.

As time zones welcome the new millennium on January 1, the world celebrates with grandeur, pageantry and spectacular fireworks. President Clinton gives a hopeful speech in the minutes before midnight at the Washington Monument, and 2 million people gather in Times Square to watch the specially built 1,000-pound Waterford crystal ball drop at midnight.

The FBI warns of possible terrorist acts on New Year's Eve and stays on national alert throughout the celebration. After the arrest of one man with bomb-making materials, Seattle decides to cancel its Space Needle celebration.

The public and private sectors spend hundreds of millions of dollars to ward off the Y2K bug. The world lets out a sigh of relief after midnight strikes and no major computer malfunctions occur.

A surprising number of people, appalled by the exorbitant costs of travel and events, decide to stay home on New Year's Eve. Many companies and performers drastically slash prices as a last-minute lure.