

Time Line of the 1990s

1990

- Smoking was banned on domestic airplane flights.
- The spotted owl was added to the threatened-species list.
- Dr. Jack Kevorkian became known for assisting patient suicide.
- The Hubble Space Telescope was launched.
- The Clean Air Act was passed.

1991

- The United States bombed Iraq; the Persian Gulf War began.
- The Motion Picture Association reported that only 16% of American movies were fit for those under age 13.
- Courtroom Television Network began broadcasting.
- Three out of four U.S. homes had VCRs.
- Queen Elizabeth II became the first British monarch to address the U.S. Congress.

1992

- 65 million personal computers had been sold to date.
- Riots followed the not-guilty verdict of police officers after the videotaped beating of Rodney King.
- Compact disc music sales passed cassette tape sales.
- The Michelangelo virus disabled computers worldwide.
- Cable television revenues reached \$22 billion.
- America Online™ (AOL) reported 200,000 subscribers.
- Bill Clinton defeated Republican incumbent George Bush for president.

1993

- A siege at Waco, Texas, resulted in the deaths of cult members.
- Combat roles became available for women in the U.S. military.
- An explosion at the World Trade Center in New York killed six and trapped tens of thousands.

1994

- Amazon.com™ began selling books online.
- Almost one-third of all American homes had computers.
- The existence of black holes was proved.
- The Whitewater Scandal investigation began.
- A massive earthquake hit Los Angeles.

1995

- O.J. Simpson was found innocent of murdering his ex-wife and her friend.
- Sony™ demonstrated flat-screen television.
- The major U.S. dailies created a national online newspaper network.
- Audio of live events became available on the Internet.
- The bombing at the Oklahoma City federal building killed 168.
- Dr. Bernard A. Harris, Jr., became the first Black American astronaut to walk in space.

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1996

- U.S. athletes won 101 medals at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia.
- Two were killed in the Olympic Park bombing.
- Flight 800 from New York crashed, killing all aboard.
- The Unabomber, Theodore Kaczynski, was arrested in Montana.
- More than 100,000 World Wide Web sites were available, and there were 45 million Internet users, including 30 million in the United States.
- The U.S. military barracks in Saudi Arabia were destroyed when a truck bomb exploded outside the barracks, killing 19.

1997

- The first successful clone of an animal was performed in Scotland.
- An IBM computer defeated world chess champion Garri Kasparov.
- Kodak™ produced the first point-and-shoot digital camera.
- Timothy McVeigh was found guilty of the Oklahoma City bombing.
- AOL™ boasted 10 million subscribers.
- 43% of U.S. homes had computers.
- O.J. Simpson was found guilty of wrongful death in a civil suit.

1998

- Apple™ unveiled the colorful iMac™ computer.
- The Unabomber, Theodore Kaczynski, pleaded guilty and accepted life in prison without the chance of parole or the right to appeal.
- The House of Representatives approved the impeachment of President Clinton.
- Two young boys killed five people at a Jonesboro, Arkansas, middle school.
- 1998's summer temperatures were the highest on record.
- John Glenn, veteran astronaut, returned to space at the age of 77 on the space shuttle *Discovery*, becoming the oldest person to travel in space.

1999

- The Senate acquitted President Clinton, and he remained in office.
- A shooting spree at Columbine High School resulted in 15 deaths.
- Viruses continued to attack computers: Melissa, worst to date.
- Great sums were spent to solve Y2K problems.
- An Egyptian air flight crashed off the coast of Nantucket, killing all 217 aboard: cause not determined.
- The Panama Canal was given back to Panama.
- The first nonstop, around-the-world trip in a balloon was completed.
- A Colorado grand jury failed to indict anyone for the murder of 6-year-old Jon-Benét Ramsey.
- Texas Governor George W. Bush, son of former President George H. W. Bush, announced he would run for president in the 2000 primaries.
- By the end of the year, more than 40 million American households were on the Internet.