

## **Class of 1967** **50<sup>th</sup> Reunion**

- iGen, Gen Z or Centennials: Born 1996 and later.
- Millennials or Gen Y: Born 1977 to 1995.
- Generation X: Born 1965 to 1976.
- Baby Boomers: Born 1946 to 1964.
- Traditionalists or Silent Generation: Born 1945 and before.

Most of us were born in 1945 and 1946. Those born in **1945** and before are called Traditionalists or the Silent Generation. Baby Boomers range from **1946** to 1964.

Beginning in 1945, here are some events/milestones we learned from our parents, in school, witnessed, and experienced.

### 1945

- Atomic bomb drops on Hiroshima and Nagasaki
- World War II ends (Germany surrenders May 7, Japan September 2)
- United Nations established
- Paramount introduces Casper in *The Friendly Ghost*
- What things cost – Car: \$1,250; Gasoline: \$0.21/gal; House: \$10k; Bread: \$0.09/loaf; Milk: \$0.62/gal; Postage stamp: \$0.03; Stock market: 152; Average annual salary: \$2,900; Minimum wage: \$0.40/hr
- World Series: Detroit 4, Chicago Cubs 3

### 1946

- Levittown, Long Island (First, mass-produced suburb, growing to 2,000 homes)
- Monochrome-compatible electronic television ('46-'53)
- The Cannes Film Festival debuts in France (Billy Wilder's *The Lost Weekend [1945]* is the first Best Picture Oscar-winning film to also win Cannes top prize.)
- Disney's releases first live-action feature film *The Song of the South*
- Director Frank Capra's classic *It's a Wonderful Life* was originally a box office flop
- Disposable diapers invented
- Michelin introduces steel-belted radial tires
- World Series: St Louis 4, Boston Red Sox 3

## 1947

- The Truman Doctrine and The Marshall Plan
- Taft-Hartley Act
- Invention of the first transistor at Bell Telephone Labs
- Chuck Yeager, in the Bell X-1, first to break the sound barrier in level flight
- First clinical use of a cardiac defibrillator by a Cleveland surgeon
- Jackie Robinson, first African-American to play on a major league team – Brooklyn Dodgers, April 15, 1947
- The Christmas-themed *Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street* released in theaters
- Tennessee Williams's play *A Streetcar Named Desire*, starring Marlon Brando, opens on Broadway
- Central Intelligence Agency established

## 1948

- Berlin Blockade and Airlift begins
- Truman defeats Dewey
- Birth of the Barcode
- The Provisional Government of Israel proclaims a new State of Israel
- Columbia Records introduces the 33 1/3 LP record (25 minutes of music per side vs. four minutes for the standard 78 rpm record)
- *Rope (1948)* was director Alfred Hitchcock's first Technicolor feature film, the first of four films with James Stewart followed by *Rear Window (1954)*, *The Man Who Knew too Much (1956)* and *Vertigo (1958)*
- Goodrich introduces tubeless tires

## 1949

- Communist Revolution in China
- NATO established
- First external cardiac pacemaker
- deHavilland DH 106 Comet – world's first commercial jetliner
- 45 rpm records sold in U.S.
- The film career of the Marx Brothers (Groucho, Chico and Harpo) extended from 1929 to 1949. Final film *Love Happy (1949)*, with a young 23-year-old Marilyn Monroe (in a walk-on bit role).
- *Hopalong Cassidy*, starring William Boyd, debuts on NBC as network's first Western series
- Road Runner and Wile E. Coyote first appear in Warner Bros cartoon *Fast and Furry-ous*
- The first Volkswagen is sold in the U.S.
- Chrysler introduces disc brakes on its Crown Imperial

## 1950

- Korean War begins (ends 1953)
- Senator Joseph McCarthy builds national fear of communism
- Comic strip *Peanuts*, created by Charles Schulz, was published for first time in October; ran as a syndicated column for almost 50 years
- U.S. has 40 million cars. GM, Ford, Chrysler...The Big Three
- World Series: NY Yankees 4, Philadelphia 0

## 1951

- *Catcher in the Rye* published
- U.S. tests hydrogen bomb
- Manufacture of transistors begins
- Disc jockey Allan Freed first uses the term “rock ‘n roll”
- Two major musicals open on Broadway – *The King and I* with Yul Brynner and *Gigi* with relatively unknown actress Audrey Hepburn
- Chrysler introduces power steering

## 1952

- First hydrogen bomb test on Eniwetok, an atoll in the Marshall Islands
- Dwight D. Eisenhower elected President
- A mechanical heart, mfg. by General Motors, first used to successfully operate on a patient’s heart
- First 3-D film shown (don’t worry about it; you never heard of it!)
- Paramount’s wrap-around *Cinerama* introduced (required three cameras, three projectors, interlocking, semi-curved [146 degrees] screens and four track stereo sound)
- TV show *Dragnet* debuts
- Arguably the best musical film, *Singin’ in the Rain* comes to theaters (only two Oscar nominations and no wins)
- Puerto Rico becomes a U.S. commonwealth

## 1953

- Execution of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg for treason
- Hugh Hefner launches *Playboy* magazine in December
- Armistice signed ending the war in Korea
- First use of a heart-lung bypass machine
- French physician develops first cochlear prosthesis
- Bob Hope hosts the first TV telecast of the Academy Awards
- Best Film *From Here to Eternity*
- GM’s Chevrolet division introduces the Corvette
- *The Tonight Show* debuts with host Steve Allen
- Dr. Jonas Salk announces vaccine to prevent polio

## 1954

- McCarthy hearings
- Brown v. Board of Education – ruling that racial segregation in public schools violated the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment
- Television becomes increasingly common
- World's first nuclear-powered submarine, the USS Nautilus
- Begin building the Saint Lawrence Seaway (completed 1959)
- First kidney transplant completed Boston hospital (patient lived another 11 years)
- Dorothy Dandridge, the first African-American nominated for Best Actress, for her role in *Carmen Jones*
- *On the Waterfront* nearly sweeps the Academy Awards with eight wins, including Best Picture, Best Actor (Marlon Brando), Best Supporting Actress (Eva Maria Saint), and Best Director (Elia Kazan)
- Nash *Rambler* stops production

## 1955

- Warsaw Pact signed
- December 1, 1955 Rosa Parks refuses to give up her bus seat to a white man. Led by Martin Luther King, Montgomery bus boycott begins
- James Dean, first major role, *East of Eden* (Tragically dies in September at age 24 in a car accident.)
- In July, Disneyland opens in Anaheim, CA
- Bill Haley and the Comets begin writing hit songs, e.g., “Rock Around The Clock”
- Ford introduces the Thunderbird to compete with the Corvette
- World Series: Brooklyn 4, NY Yankees 3

## 1956

- Federal Interstate Highway Act enacted
- Elvis Presley becomes international star
- Ampex videotape recorder
- First submarine Transatlantic Telephone Cable System (TAT-1)
- The movie *Rock Around the Clock* was the first film entirely dedicated to rock 'n roll
- Elvis Presley makes his first appearance on *The Ed Sullivan Show*
- Bela Lugosi, *Dracula*, dies at age 73
- Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis breakup – made sixteen films together
- Best Film – *Around the World in Eighty Days*
- Jack Paar takes over *The Tonight Show* (leaves in 1962)

## 1957

- Civil Rights Act of 1957
- Federal troops sent to Little Rock
- Sputnik's I and II launched
- Boeing introduces its 707 jet airliner
- Humphrey "Bogey" Bogart dies from cancer complications at age 57
- Casio digital watch introduced
- Best Film – *The Bridge on the River Kwai*

## 1958

- NASA established
- *Billboard* debuts its Hot 100 chart. Ricky Nelson's "Poor Little Fool" boasts the first No. 1 record.
- Elvis Presley inducted into the U.S. Army
- U.S. drive-in theaters peaks at nearly 5,000
- *The Blob*, man-eating gooey monster from outer space, brings Steve McQueen his first starring role
- The national average price for a theater ticket was \$0.68!
- *Explorer I*, first American satellite launched
- American Motors Corp introduces the compact car Rambler
- Chrysler Imperial first car to offer cruise control

## 1959

- Cuban Revolution brings Fidel Castro to power
- First Grammy Award Ceremony (Frank Sinatra wins his first Grammy...Best Album for *Come Dance with Me*)
- Best Film, *Ben-Hur*, first film to win eleven Oscars
- After over 25 years of making low-budget films, The Three Stooges make their last film
- Doris Day and Rock Hudson paired for the first time in *Pillow Talk*
- Alaska becomes the 49<sup>th</sup> state and Hawaii the 50<sup>th</sup>
- Dodger pitcher Sandy Koufax strikes out 18 Giants in pennant race

## 1960

- First Sit-ins (Greensboro, NC)
- John F. Kennedy elected President
- FDA approves birth control pill for general use
- John Coltrane forms his own quartet and becomes the voice of jazz's New Wave movement
- Alfred Hitchcock's *Psycho* terrifies audiences
- The first Hollywood Hall of Fame Star was awarded to Joanne Woodward
- Harper Lee publishes only novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird*. In 1962, Gregory Peck wins Best Actor Oscar for his portrayal of Atticus Finch.

- Ford's *Edsel*, after only two years, stops production. ("Edsel" becomes a popular term for commercial failure.)
- Ford introduces its compacts Falcon and Comet
- Chevrolet introduces the Corvair, first rear-engine car in U.S.
- World Series: Pittsburgh 4, NY Yankees 3
- Cassius Clay (Muhammad Ali), as an 18 year old, wins first gold medal at Rome Olympics
- Wilma Rudolph wins three Olympic gold medals in the 100m, 200m and 4 X 100 relay

### 1961

- Berlin Wall erected
- Bay of Pigs invasion
- Freedom Rides begin
- Bob Dylan releases first album
- Russian Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin first human to cross into outer space in a single orbit around the Earth in a 108 minute flight
- Patsy Cline releases "I Fall to Pieces" and "Crazy"
- The Miracles "Shop Around" first hit bearing the Tamla Motown label, founded by Berry Gordy
- Kodak Instamatic camera hits the market
- Best Film – *West Side Story*
- Chrysler Corp's DeSoto ends production

### 1962

- Cuban Missile Crises
- February 20 – Col. John Glenn pilots the Mercury Friendship 7 spacecraft in the first U.S. human orbital flight
- Amid chaos, riots and National Guard troops, African-American James Meredith attends University of Mississippi ("Ole Miss"). Graduates in 1963.
- Best Film – *Lawrence of Arabia*
- Johnny Carson takes over "The Tonight Show" (through May 22, 1992)

## 1963

- Limited (Nuclear) Test Ban Treaty signed
- Rachel Carson begins environmental movement
- Equal Pay Act signed into law
- White supremacists bomb 16 Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, AL...four, young African-American girls killed
- March on Washington (“I have a dream.”)
- John F. Kennedy assassinated in Dallas, TX
- Paul Winchell, the ventriloquist and inventor, patented the first artificial heart
- Beatlemania hits the U.K.
- The Rolling Stones emerge as the anti-Beatles, with an aggressive, blues-derived style
- American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ACSII) – permits machines of different mfgs to exchange information
- Best Film – *Tom Jones* (other hits: *Cleopatra*, *8-1/2*, *Hud*; *It’s a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World*)
- Average cost for a gallon of gasoline from ’63 to ’67: \$0.30 to \$0.33
- Postage stamp 3 cents
- Porsche introduces the sports car 911
- World Series: Los Angeles 4, NY Yankees 0
- Jack Nicklaus wins first Masters Golf Tournament (Goes on to win a total of 18 major championships and 73 PGA Tour events.)

## 1964

- Twenty-Fourth Amendment (prohibited poll taxes) ratified
- Gulf of Tonkin Resolution
- “Mississippi Burning” murders – three missing volunteers found eventually buried in an earthen dam
- Civil Rights Act of 1964 (includes Title VII)
- Lyndon B. Johnson elected President (defeats Goldwater)
- LBJ launches his Great Society (’64-’68), including establishment of Medicare, Medicaid, Food Stamps and dozens of other programs
- High-definition television
- Verrazano-Narrows Bridge – at the time, the longest suspension bridge
- Japanese introduce the first “Bullet Train” (130 mph)
- Bob Dylan becomes increasingly popular
- The Beatles appear on *The Ed Sullivan Show*
- New York World’s Fair – IBM introduces the Selectric typewriter
- Best Film – *My Fair Lady* (other hits: *Goldfinger*, *Mary Poppins*, *Zorba the Greek*)
- GM’s Pontiac introduces the GTO, the first “muscle-car,” designed by John DeLorean

## 1964 (cont.)

- Ford introduces the Mustang, a two-seater to replace the Thunderbird, conceived by Lee Iacocca
- World Series: St Louis 4, NY Yankees 3
- At age 22, Muhammad Ali wins first boxing heavy weight title

## 1965

- Malcolm X assassinated in NYC
- US air strikes ordered against North Vietnam
- Selma Freedom March – 600 African-American protesters and Alabama state troopers clash
- Voting Rights Act of 1965 (prohibited literacy tests)
- Immigration Act of 1965
- Ralph Nader publishes *Unsafe at any Speed*, attacking unsafe General Motors cars
- Cesar Chavez and United Farm Workers begin Delano grape strike
- Best Film *The Sound of Music* (other hits: *Cat Ballou*, *Doctor Zhivago*, *The Great Race*, *Thunderball*)
- World Series: Los Angeles 4, NY Yankees 3
- Jets sign quarterback Joe Namath
- “Hullabaloo” premieres on NBV-TV
- Winston Churchill buried
- Peter Jennings, 26, becomes anchor of ABC’s nightly news
- Righteous Brothers’ “You’ve Lost That Lovin’ Feelin” hits #1
- Peggy Fleming wins US female Figure Skating championship
- First U.S. combat forces arrive in Vietnam (3,500 Marines)
- Approx 60% of all Army inductees for the Vietnam War were drafted
- T.G.I. Friday’s first restaurant opens in NYC
- Cosmonaut Aleksei Leonov becomes first person to walk in space
- Willie Mays hits 512<sup>th</sup> HR, breaks Mel Ott’s 511<sup>th</sup> NL record
- The Campbell Soup Company introduces SpaghettiOs
- Muhammad Ali Kos Sonny Liston in 1<sup>st</sup> round for heavyweight title rematch
- “Wooly Bully” by Sam the Sham & the Pharaohs hits #2
- Rolling Stones release “(I Can’t Get No) Satisfaction,” goes to #1
- Sony Corp introduces its home video tape recorder at \$995
- Sonny & Cher make their first TV appearance on American Bandstand
- President Lyndon Johnson signs bill requiring cigarette makers to print health warnings on all cigarette packages about the effects of smoking
- Morley Safer sends first Vietnam report indicating the U.S. is losing
- Beatles play to 55,000 at Shea Stadium
- Auschwitz trials end with six life sentences



## 1965 (cont.)

- Today Show's first color broadcast
- First Subway sandwich shop opens in Bridgeport, CT
- CBS premieres "Hogan's Heroes"
- "Get Smart," with Don Adams, premieres
- USSR launches Luna 7; crash lands on moon
- 90,000 soldiers sent to Vietnam
- Walt Disney launches Epcot Center
- Kellogg's Pop Tarts pastries created
- Largest newspaper – Sunday NY Times at 946 pages (50 cents)

## 1966

- National Organization of Women (NOW) founded
- Interactive video games
- Best Film *The Sound of Music* (other hits: *Born Free*, *Fantastic Voyage*, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, *Grand Prix*, *Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolf*)
- World Series: Baltimore 4, Los Angeles 0
- Jerry Lewis hosts first Muscular Dystrophy Labor Day telethon...raise \$1M
- "Sounds of Silence" reaches #1
- "Batman," starring Adam West, Burt Ward as Robin and Cesar Romero as The Joker debuts on ABC
- Indira Gandhi elected India's 4<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister
- First operational weather satellite launched by U.S.
- First soft landing on Moon (Soviet Luna 9)
- Dow Jones hits record 995 points
- Wilt Chamberlain breaks NBA career scoring record at 20,884 points
- 215,000 U.S. soldiers in Vietnam
- Barry Sadler's "Ballad of the Green Berets" becomes #1 for thirteen weeks
- U.S. sub locates missing H-bomb in Mediterranean
- Selective Service announces college deferments based on performance
- U.S. Supreme Court rules "poll tax" unconstitutional
- First B-52 bombing of North Vietnam
- Bill Russell becomes first African-American coach in NBA history
- Mamas & Papas "Monday Monday" hits #1
- Medicare goes into effect
- LBJ signs Freedom of Information Act
- Jim Ryun sets mile record at 3 minutes 51 seconds
- Charles Whitman kills 16 and wounds 31 at University of Texas
- Last Beatle tour of U.S.
- "Star Trek" premieres on NBC-TV in September (ends June 3, 1969)

## 1967

- More than 75 urban race riots occur
- Dr. Christiaan Barnard of South Africa, performs the first human heart transplant
- The Grateful Dead and Jefferson Airplane enjoy great success
- Twenty-Fifth Amendment to the Constitution ratified (procedures for filling vacancies in the presidency and vice presidency)
- Best Film *In the Heat of the Night* (other hits: *Bonnie and Clyde*, *Cool Hand Luke*, *The Dirty Dozen*, *The Graduate*, *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?*)
- Super Bowl I – Green Bay 35, Kansas City 10
- After 164 years, automobile mfg. Studebaker closes its doors
- Chevrolet introduces the Camaro to compete with the Ford Mustang
- World Series: St Louis 4, Boston 3
- “Milton Berle Show” last airs on ABC-TV
- Albert DeSalvo (Boston Strangler) sentenced to life in prison
- Fire in the Apollo I Command Module kills astronauts Grissom, White and Chaffee during a launch rehearsal
- Treaty signed banning military use of nuclear weapons in space
- “Smothers Brothers’ Comedy Hour” premieres on CBS
- Bob Seagren sets pole vault record at 17’3”
- Teamster president Jimmy Hoffa begins 8 yr. jail sentence for defrauding the union and jury tampering (commuted Dec 1971)
- U.S. Dept. of Transportation begins operation
- First Boeing 737 rolls out
- 100,000,000<sup>th</sup> U.S. phone connected
- U.S. bombs Hanoi
- “Mister Roger’s Neighborhood” debuts on NET (now PBS)
- Robert “Evil” Knievel, on his motorcycle, jumps 16 automobiles
- Six-Day War between Israel and Arab neighbors begins
- U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ends law against interracial marriages
- The world’s first ATM installed in Enfield, London
- Israel annexes East Jerusalem
- Robert Lawrence, Jr. named first African-American astronaut
- Beatles’ “Sgt Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club” hits #1 for 15 weeks
- Doors’ “Light My Fire” hits #1
- 45,000 U.S. soldiers sent to Vietnam
- Naomi Sims first African-American model on a U.S. cover (Fashion of the Times)
- Final TV episode of “The Fugitive” starring David Janssen; watched by 78M people

## 1967 (cont.)

- U.S. Senate confirms Thurgood Marshall as first African-American Supreme Court Justice
- “Mission Impossible” premieres on CBS-TV
- 64<sup>th</sup> World Series highlights: St Louis Cards beat Boston Red Sox 4 games to 3; record 3 consecutive HRs by Red Sox Carl Yastremski, Reggie Smith and Rico Petrocelli; Lou Brock steals a record 7 bases in one game.
- “Hair” opens on Broadway
- All white federal jury convicts 7 in murder of 3 civil rights workers in Meridan, MS
- “Cool Hand Luke”, starring Paul Newman, George Kennedy and Strother Martin, released
- Julie Nixon & David Eisenhower announce their engagement
- “The Ice Bowl”, Packers beat Cowboys 21-17 in NFL championship game (-13-degrees)

## 1968

- My Lai Massacre
- Tet Offensive
- Martin Luther King, Jr assassinated in Memphis, TN
- Robert F. Kennedy assassinated in Los Angeles, CA by Sirhan Sirhan
- Fair Housing Act of 1968
- Shirley Chisholm becomes first African-American to be elected to Congress
- Brutal beatings of protestors at Chicago Democratic National Convention
- Richard M. Nixon elected President
- The Volkswagen Type 1 is nicknamed “Beetle” in the U.S.
- Plymouth introduces the muscle car Road Runner
- Arthur Ashe becomes first African-American to win U.S. singles championship (At age 49, dies in 1993.)
- Best Picture: “In the Heat of the Night” starring Sidney Poitier and Rod Steiger

## 1969

- Stonewall Riot (NYC) – beginning of gay rights movement
- *Apollo 11* - first manned spacecraft moon landing (Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldren in the lunar module; Michael Collins pilots the command module)
- Woodstock (more than half a million attend)
- Birth of the Internet
- Electronic quartz wristwatch
- Concorde makes its first supersonic flight
- National Moratorium anti-Vietnam demonstrations held across the country

## 1970

- Invasion of Cambodia
- Kent State Massacre – four students shot to death by National Guardsmen
- Environmental Protection Agency established; first Earth Day protests
- Clean Air Act of 1970
- The Beatles break up
- U.S. passes the “Clean Air Act” that limits pollution caused by cars and calls for phasing out leaded gasoline and for the adoption of catalytic converters.

## 1971

- Twenty-Sixth Amendment – right to vote to any citizen at least 18 years of age
- *M.A.S.H.* begins its run as the most popular television show in American history
- Jim Morrison dies in Paris at age 27
- The Allman Brothers’ Duane Allman dies in a motorcycle accident at age 24
- Women dominate the 1971 Grammy Awards, taking all four top categories. Carole King won Record, Album and Song of the Year, while Carly Simon takes the Best New Artist award.
- Super Bowl V – Baltimore Colts 16, Dallas 13
- Disney World opens in Orlando, FL October 1
- “Pentagon Papers” released by Daniel Ellsberg and hit the front page of *The New York Times*

## 1972

- President Nixon first US president to visit the People’s Republic of China
- Congress approves the Equal Rights Amendment
- SALT I Treaty signed by President Nixon and Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev
- Watergate break-ins
- Shirley Chisholm first female and first African-American to run for president
- The Volkswagen “Beetle” becomes the best selling car of all times
- At Munich Olympics, Mark Spitz wins 7 gold medals in an equal number of events

## 1973

- *Roe v. Wade* – federal protection for pregnancy termination during the first trimester
- Vietnam Peace Settlement
- Watergate hearings
- War Powers Act of 1973
- Passage of Endangered Species Act
- American Indian Movement seizes Wounded Knee, SD
- First large scale economic crises since Great Depression lasts through the 1970s

## 1973 (cont.)

- FedEx opens in Memphis, TN with 14 planes connecting 25 cities
- Honda introduces its Civic
- The Oldsmobile Toronado introduces the air bag
- In tennis, Billie Jean King defeats Bobby Riggs

## 1974

- President Nixon resigns
- Gasoline in the U.S. costs \$0.54/gal
- Lee MacPhail takes over as American League president
- 60<sup>th</sup> Rose Bowl: #4 Ohio State beats #7 Southern California, 42-21
- President Nixon imposes 55 mph speed limit
- In response to the 1973 energy crises, daylight savings time commences nearly four months early in the U.S.
- “Happy Days” begins 11 year run on ABC
- Panel reports 18-1/2 minute gap in Watergate tape, 5 separate erasures
- Peter Benchley publishes *Jaws*
- Christian Barnard transplants 1<sup>st</sup> human heart
- Patty Hearst (19) kidnapped by Symbionese Liberation Army
- U.S. Figure Skating Championship won by Dorothy Hamill
- Hank Aaron ties Babe Ruth’s home-run record by hitting his 714th

## 1975

- April 30 - U.S. embassy Marine guards and last U.S. civilians evacuated from South Vietnam
- First iteration of the Chrysler *Imperial* ceases production (introduced 1955)
- Haldeman, Ehrlichman convicted of Watergate crimes
- “Wheel of Fortune” debuts on NBC-TV
- “All in the Family” premieres on CBS
- John Denver’s “Thank God I’m a Country Boy” hits #1 (Dies in plane crash, October 1997)
- Construction of Trans-Alaska Pipeline begins
- “The Rocky Horror Show” in NYC
- Microsoft is founded as a partnership between Bill Gates and Paul Allen
- *Jaws*, directed by Steven Spielberg, hits movie theaters
- “Saturday Night Live” premieres on NBC with George Carlin as host
- “Good Morning America” premieres on ABC with David Hartman and Nancy Dussault
- “MacNeil-Lehrer Report” premieres on PBS
- Sara Jane Moore sentenced to life for attempting to shoot President Ford

## 1976

- President Jimmy Carter elected president
- Development of VHS, a world standard for home video recording
- Super Bowl X – Pittsburgh 21, Dallas Cowboys 17 (Steelers won Super Bowls IX, X, XIII)
- *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest,* starring Jack Nicholson and Louise Fletcher, wins Best Picture

## 1977

- Apple introduces Apple II, the first prominent personal computer
- *Saturday Night Fever* sparks the disco inferno
- Elvis Presley dies at Graceland. He was 42.
- Jimmy Carter inaugurated as 39<sup>th</sup> president
- Panama Canal turned over to Panama
- *Star Wars (Episode IV: A New Hope)* opens in theaters
- The mini-series *Roots* airs on ABC-TV, Jan 23-30, starring LaVar Burton as the young Kunta Kinte

## 1978

- Camp David Accords – peace agreement between Egyptian president Anwar Sadat and Israeli prime minister Menachem Begin
- The M.R.I. is invented
- Sony introduces the Walkman, the first portable stereo
- Honda introduces the Accord to the U.S.
- Larry Bird drafted by the Boston Celtics (12-time NBA All-Star, 3-time MVP)

## 1979

- SALT II Treaty signed (Congress never approved)
- Iranian radicals take over American embassy, hold dozens of American hostages until 1981
- Three Mile Island incident – near nuclear meltdown ends period of nuclear power growth in U.S.
- Compact disc audio player
- Texas Instruments' Speak and Spell
- The U.S. government saves Chrysler from bankruptcy

## 1980

- Mt St. Helens erupts
- President Ronald Regan elected
- President Regan launches "War on Drugs"
- In NYC, John Lennon shot dead
- Sony Walkman
- Al Michael's legendary call, "Do you believe in miracles? YES!" as the U.S. Olympic hockey team defeats Russia at Lake Placid and goes on to beat Finland, and to win the Gold Medal

## 1981

- IBM releases the first personal computer, the IBM PC
- First case of AIDs reported in U.S.
- Present Regan signs the Economics Tax Recovery Act
- The reusable Columbia Space Shuttle launched from the Kennedy Space Center, FL
- MTV goes on the air running music videos around the clock
- Sandra Day O'Connor first women seated on the U.S. Supreme Court
- President Reagan shot in the chest by John Hinckley, Jr.
- Epson HX-20 – the world's first laptop
- Super Bowl XV – Oakland 27, Philadelphia 10

## 1982

- Michael Jackson releases *Thriller*
- Sony Watchman – CD player
- AT&T agrees to divest itself of 22 Bell System companies
- Air Florida 737 takes off in snowstorm, crashes into 14<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge In D.C, falls into Potomac, killing 78
- Super Bowl XVI: SF 49ers beat Bengals 26-21 in Pontiac, Michigan. (With 58 seconds left in game, Dwight Clark makes a fingertip catch for a touchdown from Joe Montana.)
- U.S.' Scott Hamilton wins Men's Figure Skating Championship
- Falklands War: Argentinian forces land on South Georgia Island, precipitating war with U.K.
- Steven Spielberg's "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" opens in movie theaters
- Supreme Court rules all children, regardless of citizenship, are entitled to a public education

## 1983

- Strategic Defense Initiative announced
- Invasion of Grenada
- Introduction of the noise-free compact disc
- Sally Ride becomes the first American woman to ride into space
- Commodore 64 computer
- AL Governor George Wallace becomes governor for a record 4<sup>th</sup> time
- "A-Team" with Mr. T premieres on NBC-TV
- Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie arrested in Bolivia
- Dow Jones closes above 1100 mark for first time
- OPEC cuts oil prices for first time in 23 years

## 1984

- Rutan Model 76 Voyager – first aircraft to fly around the world without stopping or refueling
- Jessie Jackson runs for president...and again in 1988
- Geraldine Ferraro – first woman nominated as vice president of a major party
- Sony Disc-man
- Michael Jordan drafted by the NBA's Chicago Bulls (5 MVP's, 10 All-NBA First Team designations, etc, etc!)

## 1985

- Live Aid concerts in Philly and London (shows benefit African famine victims)
- *Back to the Future* highest grossing film of the year
- Bruce Springsteen's *Born in the U.S.A.* best selling album
- New TV shows: *The Golden Girls*, *MacGyver*, *Larry King Live*
- Microsoft releases Windows 1.0 (\$99) – poorly received (“Like pouring molasses in the Arctic.”)
- Nintendo releases *Super Mario Bros*
- *Pictionary*, the popular guessing word game, debuts
- U.S.' first mandatory seat belt law goes into effect
- The Internet's Domain Name System is created

## 1986

- Space shuttle *Challenger* explodes 73 seconds after liftoff, killing all seven crew members
- Tax Reform Act of 1986
- Iran-Contra scandal comes to light
- Oprah Winfrey launches syndicated talk show
- Bose noise cancelling headphones
- Super Bowl XX – Chicago 46, New England 10

## 1987

- Iran-Contra Hearings
- Stock market crash (“Black Monday”) - DJIA loses almost 22% in a single day
- Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces Treaty signed
- In a speech in Berlin, President Reagan challenges Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to “tear down this wall.”
- Sony super VHS camcorder



## 1988

- George H. W. Bush elected 41<sup>st</sup> president
- Pan Am Flight 103 destroyed by a terrorist bomb over Lockerbie, Scotland (243 passengers, 16 crew members and 11 people on the ground die)
- CDs outsell vinyl records for the first time
- Digital mobile phones
- American Motors Corporation (AMC) closes it's doors (Rambler, Gremlin, Pacer, Marlin, AMX and Javelin)

## 1989

- Exxon *Valdez* oil spill – 10-million gallons leaks into Prince William Sound, Alaska
- Fall of the Berlin Wall
- Bell Boeing introduces the Tiltrotor aircraft, the V-22 Osprey
- World Wide Web
- Average cost of gasoline: \$1.00/gal
- Ford acquires Jaguar

## 1990

- Start of Persian Gulf War *Desert Storm* (ends February 1991)
- Nintendo Game Boy
- General Manuel Noriega surrenders to U.S. authorities
- Tower of Pisa closed to public after leaning too far
- Who, Simon & Garfunkel, 4 Seasons, 4 Tops, Hank Ballard, Platters, The Kinks inducted into R&R Hall of Fame
- Galileo flies by Venus
- Nelson Mandela freed February 11 after 27 years of imprisonment
- Carole Gist is first African-American to be crowned Miss USA
- "In Living Color" premieres on FOX-TV
- Hubble space telescope placed into orbit by shuttle Discovery
- "Seinfeld" debuts on NBC-TV

## 1991

- World Wide Web goes public
- Soviet Union collapses
- Hearings held concerning sexual harassment allegations brought by Anita Hill against Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas
- Super Bowl XXV – New York 20, Buffalo 19
- Baseball officially bans Pete Rose from being elected to Hall of Fame for betting on baseball
- Eastern Airlines goes out of business after 62 years
- Exxon pays \$1B in fines and cleanup of Valdez oil spill
- Dow Jones closes above 3,000 for the first time
- Jeffrey Dahmer confesses to killing 17 men

## 1991 (cont.)

- Carl Lewis runs 100m in 9.86 seconds
- “Carol Burnette Show” premieres on CBS-TV
- Pan American World Airways ceases operations

## 1992

- Los Angeles Riots (Rodney King)
- Bill Clinton elected president
- Automated DNA sequencing technique invented
- Fiesta Bowl: #6 Penn State beats #10 Tennessee, 42-17
- AT&T releases video-telephone (\$1,499)
- Best Picture: “Silence of the Lambs”
- Final episode of “Golden Girls” airs on NBC-TV
- Jay Leno becomes host of “The Tonight Show”
- Dan Quayle, relying on faulty card, erroneously instructs Trenton, NJ elementary student to spell “potato,” “potatoe” during spelling bee
- “Howard Stern Radio Show” premieres in Las Vegas

## 1993

- World Trade Center bombing – kills six, injures 1,000
- President Clinton signs North American Free Trade Agreement
- Janet Reno first woman to hold office of Attorney General
- Internet becomes prominent
- After 51-day standoff with federal agents, Branch Davidian compound in Waco, TX burns to the ground, killing 80 cult members
- Dyson vacuum cleaner

## 1994

- Ice skater Nancy Kerrigan clubbing, injures her knee (“Why, why, why?”)
- Digital cordless telephone
- Aldrich Ames sentenced to life imprisonment for spying for the Soviet Union
- Steven Spielberg’s *Schindler’s List* wins 7 Oscars, including Best Picture
- President Nixon dies at 81
- Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis dies of cancer at age 64
- O.J. Simpson acquitted of killing Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman

## 1995

- Oklahoma City bombing (Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building) – 168 people killed, including 19 children
- The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Museum opens in Cleveland
- Million Man March, Washington, DC
- Grateful Dead front-man Jerry Garcia dies
- Mickey Mantle, Jonas Salk die

## 1996

- President Bill Clinton signs Welfare Reform (The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act)
- Defense of Marriage Act - defined marriage as “a legal union between one man and one women...”
- Jazz great Ella Fitzgerald dies
- Super Bowl XXX – Dallas 27, Pittsburgh 17
- First flip phone, the Motorola StarTAC, goes on sale
- Gene Kelly dies at 83
- First surface photos of Pluto (Hubble Space Telescope)

## 1997

- Kyoto Protocol Treaty – aimed at reducing greenhouse gasses in the coming years
- Madeleine Albright sworn in as first woman secretary of state
- Toyota introduces its hybrid vehicle, the Prius
- WNBA tips off
- FOX-TV cartoon series “Simpsons” airs 167<sup>th</sup> episode, the longest running animated series in cartoon history
- Tiger Woods, at 21 years old, wins his first Masters Golf Tournament
- The Supreme Court upholds doctor-assisted suicide ban
- “Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone” is published, the first installment of the best selling series by J.K. Rowling
- Diana Spencer, Princess of Wales, killed in Paris car crash

## 1998

- President Clinton and Monika Lewinsky make headlines (Cigar sales tumble)
- President Clinton impeached, then acquitted
- Frank Sinatra dies of a heart attack at age 82
- All California bars, clubs and card rooms must be smoke-free
- “Unabomber,” Ted Kaczynski sentenced to four life sentences, plus 30 years (just make sure ☺)
- Nominated for 14 Academy Awards, *Titanic* wins 11, including Best Picture
- Google formally incorporated by Larry Page and Sergey Brin, two students at Stamford University

## 1999

- Columbine shooting – 14 students, 2 shooters and 1 teacher killed
- Honda introduces its hybrid vehicle, the Insight
- DVR by TiVo
- Eagle Talon withdrawn from marketplace by Chrysler Corp
- Women’s U.S. soccer team wins second World Cup (In exuberance, Brandi Chastain rips off her jersey after game-winning penalty kick.)

## 2000

- Bombing of USS *Cole* – 17 sailors killed
- George W. Bush declared president
- The first draft of the human genome was announced. Three years later, it was declared complete.
- The last original “Peanuts” comic strip appears in newspapers one day after Charles M. Schultz dies
- Accurate GPS access no longer restricted to the U.S. military
- Sammy Sosa becomes the second player to hit 50 or more home runs in three consecutive years, joining Mark McGwire
- United States wins most medals (97) and most gold medals (40) in Summer Olympics held in Sydney, Australia

## 2001

- Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 (Bush tax cuts)
- **September 11 – World Trade Centers, Pentagon, Shanksville, PA**
- Operation “Enduring Freedom” (Afghanistan)
- Office of Homeland Security established
- Congress passed the USA Patriot Act
- Segway Human Transporter introduced
- Colin Powell becomes first African-American secretary of state
- Apple iPod
- Super Bowl XXXV - Baltimore Ravens 34, New York 7
- Chrysler closes down its Plymouth division (founded 1928)

## 2002

- PlayStation 2
- Euro banknotes and coins become legal tender in twelve of European Union’s member states
- President Bush signs into law the No Child Left Behind Act
- Michael Jackson receives the Artist of the Century Award at the AMAs
- 19<sup>th</sup> Winter Olympic Games open in Salt Lake City, Utah
- NASA’s Mars Odyssey space probe begins to map the surface of Mars
- U.S. invasion of Afghanistan (March 2-19)
- President Jimmy Carter visits Cuba for five days of meetings with Fidel Castro (First U.S. president to do so since Castro’s 1959 revolution.)
- 101<sup>st</sup> Women’s French Open: Serena Williams beats Venus Williams (7-5, 6-3)

## 2003

- US invasion of Iraq
- Saddam Hussein captured
- Apple Computer introduces Apple iTunes Music Store...allows folks to download songs for 99-cents each
- Space shuttle *Columbia* explodes upon reentry, killing all seven astronauts
- Blackberry 6210
- Tesla debuts its electric car "Roadster"
- The Human Genome Project is completed with 99% of the human genome sequenced to an accuracy of 99.99%.
- "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl" opens in movies theaters
- Arnold Schwarzenegger becomes Governor of California (serves 2 terms until 2011)
- Mother Teresa of Calcutta is beatified by Pope John Paul II

## 2004

- Four hurricanes devastate Florida and other parts of the southern U.S.
- After 119 years, GM closes its Oldsmobile division
- After hosting the show for over 30 years, Casey Kasem gives up the hosting duties of "American Top 40" to Ryan Seacrest
- The world's largest ocean liner, RMS Queen Mary 2, makes its maiden voyage
- *Opportunity* Mars Exploration Rover, lands successfully in January. As of January 2017, it is still operational and mobile.
- Mark Zuckerberg launches Facebook from his Harvard dorm room
- Terrorists bomb Madrid rail network, killing 190
- The Republic of Ireland becomes the first country in the world to ban smoking in all work places, including bars and restaurants
- Google introduces Gmail
- The final episode of "Frasier" is watched by 33 million people (and three gerbils)
- Massachusetts becomes the first state to legalize same-sex marriage
- The World War II Memorial is dedicated in Washing, D.C.
- Ken Jennings begins 74-game winning streak on "Jeopardy"
- President Reagan's funeral is held at Washington National Cathedral
- The cornerstone of the Freedom Tower is laid on the site of the World Trade Center

## 2005

- Condoleezza Rice serves as the first female African-American secretary of state
- Hurricane Katrina wreaks catastrophic damage on Mississippi and Louisiana; 80% of New Orleans flooded
- Xbox 360
- Average cost of gasoline: \$2.30/gal
- YouTube launched in the U.S.
- Steve Fossett becomes first person to fly solo around the world without and stops, without refueling
- 119<sup>th</sup> Wimbledon Men's Tennis: Roger Federer beats Andy Roddick (6-2, 7-6, 6-4)
- 92<sup>nd</sup> Tour de France: no winner. Lance Armstrong retires after winning a record seventh consecutive victory, but disqualified in 2012 for doping

## 2006

- U.S. Census Bureau estimates U.S. population at 300 million
- Super Bowl XL – Pittsburgh 21, Seattle 10
- North Korea tests its first nuclear device
- Passings: Floyd Paterson, Gerald Ford, Lou Rawls, Wilson Pickett, Coretta Scott King, Maureen Stapleton, James Brown
- Kobe Bryant scores career-high 81 points
- Postage stamp 39 cents
- Al Michaels joins NBC's "Sunday Night Football" broadcast with John Madden
- At least six men stage Britain's biggest robbery ever, stealing approx. \$92.5M
- Phil Mickelson wins the 70<sup>th</sup> Masters Golf Tournament
- "30 Rock" debuts on NBC-TV with Tina Fey, Alec Baldwin and Tracy Morgan

## 2007

- The Great Recession (December 2007-June 2009)
- Hillary Clinton announces her candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination
- Democrat Nancy Pelosi becomes the first women Speaker of the House of Representatives
- Male student kills 32, injures 23 others, at Virginia Tech
- Apple iPhone introduced
- Coen brothers film "No Country for Old Men" premieres at Cannes Film Festival
- Stanley Cup: first time winners Anaheim Ducks defeat Ottawa Senators 4-1
- "The Sopranos" series finale on HBO (infamous "cut to black" ending)

## 2007 (cont.)

- AOL, once the largest ISP in the U.S, officially announces plans to refocus company as an advertising business
- “The Big Bang Theory” premieres on CBS-TV
- New England Patriots become first team in NFL to finish the regular season at 16-0

## 2008

- Barack Obama becomes first African-American elected president
- Dow Jones Industrial Average tumbles 4.4% in one day (777.68 points)
- Beats by Dre
- Danica Patrick becomes first woman to win IndyCar Race
- UConn women’s basketball wins 90 in a row (2008-2010)
- Fidel Castro retires as the President of Cuba after nearly 50 years
- Usain Bolt sets new 100 meters world record of 9.69 seconds at Beijing Summer Olympics
- Paul Newman dies
- SpaceX launches first ever private spacecraft, the Falcon 1, into orbit
- Delta Air Lines merges with Northwest Airlines, creating the world’s largest airline

## 2009

- Michael Jackson dies
- Sonia Sotomayor becomes first Hispanic Supreme Court Justice
- At age 77, Ted Kennedy dies of brain cancer
- Twitter
- Fiat buys Chrysler
- GM goes bankrupt and is rescued by the government
- Passings: Farrah Fawcett, Mary Travers, Michael Jackson, Walter Cronkite
- Chesley Sullenberger safely lands US Airways flight on the Hudson River (“Miracle on the Hudson”)
- Captain Richard Phillips’ ship, the *MV Maersk Alabama*, was boarded and hijacked by Somali pirates. Navy Seal Team 6 killed three of the pirates and rescued Phillips and his crew.
- All television broadcasts in the U.S. switch from analog to digital transmission

## 2010

- Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (“ObamaCare”) enacted
- Deepwater Horizon oil spill in Gulf of Mexico kills 11
- Senate repeals “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” military policy that forbids openly gay men and women from serving in the military
- Apple iPad
- Checker Motors Corp, known for its sturdy taxi cabs, closes (founded in 1922)

## 2010 (cont.)

- Hummer ceases production (founded 1992)
- GM closes its Pontiac division (*Sunbird, Bonneville, Catalina, Firebird, Grand Am, Grand Prix, GTO, LeMans, Safari, Tempest, Trans Am*, others)
- As a subsidiary of GM, Saturn Corp halts production

## 2011

- Osama Bin Laden killed
- Last of US troops leave Iraq
- Whitney Houston dies
- Legendary crime boss, James “Whitey” Bulger found and arrested
- Kindle Fire introduced
- Super Bowl XLV – Green Bay 31, Pittsburgh 25
- Average cost of gasoline: \$3.53/gal

## 2012

- Black Lives Matter movement created
- Hurricane Sandy causes at least 132 deaths and an estimated 82-billion in damages
- Sandy Hook Elementary School, Newtown, CT, site of killing 20 children and 6 teachers/school personnel
- Wikileaks begins disclosing 5 million emails from private intelligence company Stratfor
- Kim Jong-un appointed Supreme Leader of North Korea
- Passings: Neil Armstrong, Robin Gibb, Whitney Houston

## 2013

- Edward Snowden releases NSA documents
- Lance Armstrong admits to doping
- Boston Marathon bombings: 3 killed, 183 injured. Terrorists killed.
- Detroit files for bankruptcy...\$18.5B
- Pope Benedict XVI announces his resignation
- Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio elected new pope; takes papal name of Pope Francis
- Born without a trachea, Hannah Warren, at 2, becomes the youngest patient to receive a stem cell bioengineered organ.
- Wal-Mart becomes the largest company by revenue on the Fortune 500
- U.S. Senate passes bill enabling taxing of online sales
- “Frozen,” the highest-grossing animated film of all time, is released

## 2014

- President Obama announces 2016 date when US troops will be withdrawn from Afghanistan
- Russia annexes Crimea
- Police shoot 18-year-old in Ferguson, MO – violent protests



## 2014 (cont.)

- Ebola outbreak in West Africa
- After 23 seasons, Jay Leno's makes final appearance as host of "Tonight Show"
- Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 with 239 people, loses contact and disappears
- Passings: Robin Williams, Shirley Temple
- "The Tonight Show," starring Jimmy Fallon premieres on NBC-TV
- R&R Hall of Fame inductees: Cat Stevens, Hall & Oats, Kiss, Linda Ronstadt, Nirvana, The E Street Band
- Christopher Columbus' flagship, the *Santa Maria*, discovered off the coast of Haiti
- U.S. Supreme Court rules that police cannot examine the digital content of a cell phone without a court order.
- November 3: New York's 104-storey One World Trade Center officially opens 13 years after September 11 attacks

## 2015

- Supreme Court rules Marriage Equality extends to same-sex marriages
- New England Patriots investigated for using under-inflated footballs during AFC Championship Game (Patriots beat Colts 45-7)
- San Bernardino shooting
- "It ain't over 'til it's over." – Yogi Berra dies
- Winner of 13 Grammy's, B.B. King dies
- Tesla releases software for self-driving features on its cars
- Queen Elizabeth II becomes Great Britain's longest reigning monarch (63 years)
- Terrorist attack in Paris on the offices of satirical newspaper "Charlie Hebdo" kills 12, injures 11
- Super Bowl XLIX: New England 28, Seattle 24
- Jon Stewart leaves "The Daily Show"
- After being discredited, *Rolling Stone* magazine retracts its "Rape on Campus" story about a gang rape at the University of Virginia
- Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders announces they will run for the Democratic nomination for president
- After 33 years, David Letterman hosts the "Late Show with David Letterman" for the last time
- Nine people are shot and killed inside the Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, SC
- The Confederate flag is taken down for the last time from the South Carolina Capitol

## 2016

- Super Bowl 50 – Denver 24, Carolina 10
- World Series: Cubs 4, Indians 3
- Paris Agreement on climate change signed in New York
- Donald Trump elected President
- Chevrolet introduces the Bolt electric car
- Passings: David Bowie, Fidel Castro, George Michael, Muhammad Ali, Prince
- "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" breaks North American box office record, passing the \$760.5M taken by "Avatar"
- First case of Zika contracted on U.S. mainland (Texas)
- Bill Cosby is ordered to stand trial in a sexual assault case in PA
- 70<sup>th</sup> Tony Awards: "Hamilton" wins 11 awards after record 16 nominations
- Verizon announces \$4.83B purchase of Yahoo
- Michael Phelps ends his career at Rio Olympics after winning his 23<sup>rd</sup> Gold medal as the world's most decorated Olympian
- Mother Teresa canonized by Pope Francis
- Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg and his wife Priscilla Chan pledge \$3B to medical research
- AT&T buys Time Warner for \$85.4B

## 2017

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