1946

- Winston Churchill gives his *Iron Curtain* speech
- Bikinis go on sale in Paris
- Martin and Lewis stage first show as a comedy team
- Nuremberg Trials
- Dr. Spock publishes The Common Book of Baby and Child Care

1947

- Polaroid cameras invented
- Jackie Robinson first African American to play Major League Baseball
- Marshall Plan outlines US aid to Europe
- Downed UFO allegedly found in Roswell
- CIA created
- Chuck Yeager breaks sound barrier
- Howard Hughes performs maiden flight of *Spruce Goose*
- Hollywood 10 cited for contempt of Congress

1948

- Gandhi assassinated
- Berlin airlift begins
- "Big Bang" theory formulated
- Long playing records invented
- State of Israel founded

1949

- VW Beetle first introduced in US
- NATO established
- George Orwell publishes 1984
- First TV Western, *Hopalong Cassidy*, airs
- Beginning of Apartheid
- China becomes Communist
- First non-stop flight around the world
- Soviet Union tests its first atomic bomb

1950

- Advertising alters classical relationship of supply and demand
- Senator Joseph McCarthy begins Communist witch-hunt
- Korean War begins
- The comic strip *Peanuts* first published
- First modern credit card introduced
- First organ transplant
- **Median sized home 900 square feet; median price $8,500**

1951

- Truman signs Peace Treaty with Japan, officially ending WWII
- Gene Kelly film, *An American in Paris*, premieres
- *I Love Lucy* airs on CBS
- First US shopping mall opens
- Car seat belts patented