1970

1965
- Watts race riots in Los Angeles
- Malcolm X, Black Muslim leader, assassinated
- Medicare and Medicaid signed into law
- Northeastern US loses electrical power; increased birth rate nine months later
- US sends combat troops to Vietnam
- *California Dreamin* released by The Mamas & The Papas

1966
- Black Panther Party established
- Mao Zedong launches Chinese Cultural Revolution
- Thousands protest against US draft
- *Star Trek* TV series airs
- National Organization for Women (NOW) founded

1967
- Che Guevara killed
- First heart transplant
- First Super Bowl
- Six-Day War in Middle East
- American Indian Movement founded

1968
- Martin Luther King Jr. assassinated
- Robert F. Kennedy assassinated
- Riots and police brutality during Chicago Democratic convention
- My Lai Massacre
- Mini skirt remains fashionable
- Violence escalates in Northern Ireland

1969
- ARPANET, precursor of the Internet, created
- Hundreds of thousands protest war in Vietnam
- Neil Armstrong first man on Moon
- Massive rock-and-roll concert held at Woodstock
- Senator Edward Kennedy leaves Chappaquiddick accident
- *Sesame Street* first airs on TV
- Stonewall riot in NY sparks Gay Liberation movement

1970
- Hospital costs in US reach $81 per patient day
- Beatles break up
- Computer floppy disks introduced
- First Earth Day
- Palestinian group hijacks five planes
- Hundreds of US universities and colleges strike
- National Guard kill four students at Kent State

1971
- VCRs introduced
- Attica prison riots
- Charles Manson guilty of Sharon Tate murder
- Astronomers discover two "new" galaxies

1972
- *M*A*S*H* premiers on TV
- Swimmer Mark Spitz wins record seven gold medals
- Pocket calculators introduced
- Terrorists attack at Olympic Games in Munich
- Watergate scandal begins

1973
- Abortion legalized in US
- US pulls out of Vietnam
- Vice President Spiro Agnew resigns
- Major world energy crisis begins

1974
- Patty Hearst kidnapped by Symbionese Liberation Army
- President Nixon resigns
- "Streaking" fad in US

1975
- Arthur Ashe first African American man to win Wimbledon
- Microsoft founded
- Atlantic Salmon return after long effort to end pollution

1980

1976
- Socialist Republic of Vietnam formed
- Legionnaires Disease identified
- Thousands riot against South Africa's Apartheid

1977
- Elvis found dead
- Miniseries *Roots* airs
- *Star Wars* movie released

1978
- First "test-tube baby" born in England
- California voters approve Prop. 13 cutting property taxes 57%
- Peoples Temple Massacre in Jonestown, Guyana

1979
- Iran takes American hostages in Tehran
- Margaret Thatcher first woman Prime Minister of Great Britain
- Mother Theresa awarded Nobel Peace Prize
- Nuclear accident at Three Mile Island
- Sony introduces the Walkman

1980
- Failed US attempt to rescue hostages in Tehran
- John Lennon assassinated
- Mount St. Helens erupts
- Rubik's Cube popular
- Ted Turner establishes CNN
- *Dallas* fever sweeps nation with "Who shot J.R.?"

1981
- Assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II
- Assassination attempt on President Reagan
- Iran releases all 52 hostages
- Prince Charles and Lady Diana wed
- Sandra Day O'Connor first woman appointed to US Supreme Court
- New plague identified as AIDS
- Pac-Man popular computer game
- Personal Computers (PC) introduced by IBM

1982
- *E.T.* movie released
- Falkland Islands invaded by Argentina
- Michael Jackson releases *Thriller*
- Reverend Sun Myung Moon marries 2,075 couples at Madison Square Garden

1983
- Reagan announces defense plan called Star Wars
- Sally Ride first American woman in space
- Compact disc created
- US Embassy in Beirut bombed

1984
- Indira Gandhi, India's PM, killed by bodyguards
- Apple Macintosh microcomputer with mouse introduced
- PG-13 movie rating created
- Vietnam War Memorial opens in Washington, DC

1985
- FDA approves AIDS blood tests to screen donations
- *Live Aid* pop concerts for famine relief in Ethiopia
- Hole in Ozone discovered
- American naturalist Dian Fossey murdered in Rwanda
- Wreck of Titanic located in North Atlantic

1986
- Challenger space shuttle explodes
- Chernobyl nuclear accident
- Ferdinand Marcos flees Philippines
- Iran-Contra scandal unfolds
- US bombs Libya
- USSR launches Mir Space Station