
2000 – The New Millennium begins
• Y2K fears are unfounded
• Dow Jones reaches 11,722
• NASDAQ reaches all time high of 5048
• The end of the 90s DotCom boom begins and stocks start to plunge
• **George W. Bush wins the Presidential election**
  o November 9th – Al Gore requests recount of Florida ballots
  o December 12th – The United States Supreme Court overrules Florida Supreme Court on manual recount of under-ballots; George Bush is declared the winner of the Presidential Election
  o December 13th – Al Gore concedes election to George Bush

2001 – On September 11th Al Qaeda terrorists crash three planes into the New York’s World Trade Center and Pentagon
• Heroic passengers on fourth plane, United Flight 93, foil hijackers and plane crashes into a Pennsylvania field
• **Apple Computer Debuts iPod**
• In October U.S. begins military strikes in Afghanistan

2002 – U.S. Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba, known as Gitmo, opens as a detention camp for terrorist suspects captured in Afghanistan
• In his State of the Union address of January 2002, President Bush defines an Axis of Evil, which includes North Korea, Iran and Iraq
• President Bush addresses U.N. Security Council on Iraq, begins the run up toward war with Iraqi dictator, Saddam Hussein
• On October 11th 2002, the U.S. Congress passes the Joint Resolution to Authorize the Use of United States Armed Forces Against Iraq

2003 – On February 3rd 2003, Secretary of State Colin Powell lays out the case to go to war before the United Nations Security Council
• In March, UN Weapons Inspectors are withdrawn from Iraq
• **U.S. Launches war against Iraq on March 20th**
• George Bush declares the end of combat operations on May 1st
• **The National Human Genome Research Institute announces the successful completion of the Human Genome Project**
• Major power outage cripples New York City
• Arnold Schwarzenegger becomes Governor of California
• **Mark Zukerberg launches FaceBook**
• **My Space debuts**

2004 – **Google, Inc. goes public with stock offering**
• NASA Mars Rover lands safely on planet and begins exploring
• SpaceShipOne is the first private manned mission to space
• President George Bush wins re-election

2005 – Hurricane Katrina devastates New Orleans and Mississippi Gulf Coast
• John Roberts confirmed as Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court
• You Tube is launched by Chad Hurley, Steve Chen and Jawed Karim
• Congress begins investigation of performance enhancing drugs in American sports

2006 – Jack Dorsey launches Twitter
• Samuel Alito is confirmed as an Associate Justice to the U.S. Supreme Court

2007 – Bush begins surge in Iraq, American public divided over the war
• Barack Obama announces candidacy for President in February
• Apple Computer releases the iPhone in June
• Mortgage concerns hit U.S. markets and share indexes plunge amid fears that the failing U.S. mortgage market may cause a global credit crunch
• The official number of illegal immigrants in the U.S. reaches 11 million

2008 – Barack Obama wins U.S. Presidential election
• World markets and U.S. markets slide as economic recession looms on the horizon
• July 11th – U.S. oil prices reach a record $147 a barrel in July
• Lehman Brothers files for bankruptcy
• Stock market crashes and the Dow Jones tumbles from a historic high of 14198.10 in October 2007 to 7449 in December 2008
• President George Bush signs into law TARP the (Troubled Asset Relief Program) a $700 billion bank bailout bill in October

2009 – Barack Obama is inaugurated as America’s first black President
• America enters a deep recession
• Congress passes $787 billion stimulus package to help U.S. economy
• Two of America’s ‘Big Three’ car makers, Chrylser and General Motors, go through bankruptcy proceedings