

Timeline of the 90s, 1998

- **The unabomber pleads guilty**

He accepted a life term without parole and forgoes a right to appeal.

- **India resumes nuclear testing**

May 12th, violating a worldwide ban on nuclear testing

- **Gunman kills 2 guards in the Capitol building**

- **2 US Embassies in Africa bombed**

- **Clinton admits to Lewinsky affair**

After denying the affair for close to a year, the President held a press conference to admit to having sexual relations with Monica Lewinsky

- **The House approves impeachment inquiry**

The House of Representatives approved an inquiry into a possible impeachment trial, the Senate later did not approve the inquiry.

- **America bombs Iraq: AGAIN!**

Following a weapons inspector agreement by the UN, on December 17, in the middle of Clinton's impeachment trial, President Clinton orders American and British airstrikes on Iraq.

- **Louise Woodward returns**

Louise Woodward, the young British nanny who was found guilty in the murder of a baby, returned to the U.K.

- **The Wrath of Mother Nature**

1998 was a severe weather season. In the year, Hurricane Mitch devastated the Caribbean Coast, and Hurricane Georges did severe damage to the Florida coastline, the worst since Andrew in 1992. Tornadoes also do a lot of severe damage in the Southeast. A severe heatwave lasted all summer long, killing almost 90 people. Over a billion dollar of damage was due to the weather. It all had to do with El Nino.

- **Peace in Northern Ireland**

A historic agreement was made, which brought a final peace to Northern Ireland.

- **5,000th Episode**

Bob Barker's game show The Price is Right, aired his 5,000th episode on CBS in the summer.

- **No survivors on Swissair plane crash**

Swissair flight 111 took off from New York bound to Geneva. All 229 people on board were killed when the plane crashed off the coast of Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia. The mystery still remains of what caused the plane to crash, or who caused the plane to crash.

- **Newt Gingrich resigned**

Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich stepped down. Bob Livingston refused to take his place.

- **Texas Dragging Death**

In late June, three men associated with the Ku Klux Klan dragged a black man, James Byrd Jr. to his death. They were later sentenced to death

- **Clinton's Popularity Very High**

During the Clinton sex scandal, the president's approval rating with the public soared to an all-time high at nearly 76%

- **Italian Ski Jet Disaster**

An American military jet accidentally severed a ski tram in Italy, which killed 10 people. President Clinton apologized and later agreed to pay compensation for the victims' families.

- **Arkansas School Massacre**

Two young boys, aged 13 and 14, killed 5 people at a Jonesboro, Arkansas middle school after a hoax fire alarm. They were killed on the playground.

- **Record High Temperatures**

1998's summer temperatures were some of the highest on record. The so-called Texas Heat Wave killed many people, drought on the east coast killed many also, and temperatures went up to nearly 120, the hottest ever recorded.

- **John Glenn returns to space**

In late October, veteran astronaut Senator John Glenn, now 77, returned to space onboard the space shuttle Discovery. He became the oldest person to ever be in space.

- **Home Run Chase**

Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa both chased the homerun record set by Roger Maris in 1961, in the end, both broke it, with 70 and 66 home runs.

- **Busing ends in Maryland**

An U.S. District Judge Peter J. Messitte ordered the end to mandatory busing in Prince George's County, Md. concluding a 26-year-old government effort to desegregate the schools

- **First Commercial Black Female Pilot**

Melissa Ward becomes the first African-American female Captain in commercial aviation. Ward is a United Shuttle (B737-300) Captain for United Airlines and has been flying for United since 1992.

- **5 Become 4**

Geri Halliwell, aka Ginger Spice, announced through her lawyer that she would be leaving the Spice Girls due to differences in the band. She went on to have a successful solo career.

- **The Omagh Bombing**

Massacre of 29 men, women and children by the real IRA on 15th August 1998

- **Kurt Cobain Commits Suicide**

April 8 - Kurt Cobain, of grunge rock band Nirvana is found dead by self-inflicted gunshot wound.

- **US bombs Al-Shifa plant in Sudan over 20,000 die**

United States military bomb a pharmaceutical plant in Sudan. It produced more than 50% of Sudan's

medicine. Over 20,000 die (mostly children) because of not getting the medicine they needed for their curable diseases. The US government said it was "counter-terrorism" and later said it was an "accident". However the US did not pay for the damages they inflicted on the country's people and economy.

- **El Nino Warming**

El Nino-A periodic warming effects world climate, upsetting weather patterns.

- **First Harry Potter book is released**

- **Titanic Shatters Box Office Records**

Titanic Floods The Theaters And Breaks A World Record As 1 Of The Most Selling Movies In History.

- **Seinfelds Ends**

May 14 - The "Show About Nothing" ends, much to the dismay of millions of followers.

- **Matthew Sheppard**

In October 1998 Matthew Sheppard was lured from a bar by two heterosexual men, and was taken to an unpopulated region, tied to a fence, and beaten because he was homosexual. He was found the following day by a cyclist and rushed to the hospital, where he later died.

- **Michael Jordan Retires from N.B.A.**

Michael Jordan retires in 1998, but only for a few years.

- **Viagra, male impotence drug approved**

the best selling prescription drug of recent years approved by FDA

- **The '98 Ice Storm**

the '98 ice storm affected Quebec and some of southern ontario canada, laeving thousands without heat, elctricity, or homes.

- **Pakistan Nuclear Testing**

Pakistan successfully conducted five nuclear tests on May 28, 1998 in answer to India.

- **Launching of the International Space Station**

Launching of the first component of the Interntional Space Station, the Zarya Control Module, from Baikonour Cosmodrome, Kazakahstan, on November 20.

- **Bulls Dynasty Ends**

Coach Phil Jackson, Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen, Dennis Rodman, Steve Kerr, and Luc Longley all leave Chicago in the offseason and the Bulls can only muster a 13-37 record during a lock-out shortened season after winning 6 titles in 8 years.

- **Dorothy West Died**

Dorothy West Died in Martha's Vineyard. Famous African-American Writer.

- **Dale Earnhardt won the Daytona 500**

After 20 years of bad luck in the Great American Race Dale Earnhardt wins the Daytona 500.