

1994 General Events by Date

- [January 1](#) - [North American Free Trade Agreement](#) (NAFTA) goes into effect
- [January 14](#) - [President of the United States Bill Clinton](#) and Russian President [Boris Yeltsin](#) sign the Kremlin accords which stop the preprogrammed aiming of nuclear missiles to targets and also provide for the dismantling of the nuclear arsenal in the [Ukraine](#).
- [January 17](#) - [1994 Northridge Earthquake](#), magnitude 6.7, hits the San Fernando Valley of Los Angeles at 4:31 am.
- [January 20](#) - In [South Carolina](#), Shannon Faulkner becomes the first female student to attend [The Citadel](#) but soon drops out.
- [January 21](#) - [Lorena Bobbitt](#) is found not-guilty by reason of temporary insanity for severing the [penis](#) of her husband John.
- [January 26](#) - A man fires two blank shots at [Charles, Prince of Wales](#) in [Sydney, Australia](#).
- [January 28](#) - The first trial of accused murderer Lyle Menendez ends in a mistrial. He and his brother Erik are later found guilty and sentenced to life in prison without parole.
- [February 1](#) - In [Portland, Oregon](#) [Tonya Harding](#)'s ex-husband Jeff Gillooly pleads guilty for his role in attacking figure skater [Nancy Kerrigan](#). He accepts a [plea bargain](#) admitting to racketeering charges in exchange for testimony against Harding.
- [February 5](#) - [Byron De La Beckwith](#) is convicted of the [1963](#) murder of [civil rights](#) leader [Medgar Evers](#).
- [February 22](#) - [Aldrich Ames](#) and his wife are charged with spying for the [Soviet Union](#) by the [United States Department of Justice](#). Ames would later be convicted to life imprisonment and his wife would receive a 5-years in prison.
- [March 4](#) - Four [terrorists](#) are convicted for their roles in the [World Trade Center bombing](#) which killed six and injured more than a thousand.
- [March 12](#) - A photo by Marmaduke Wetherell, previously touted as 'proof' of the [Loch Ness monster](#), is confirmed to be a hoax.
- [March 12](#) - The [Church of England](#) ordains its first female priests
- [March 23](#) - "Shock jock" [Howard Stern](#) formally announces his candidacy for the [New York](#) governorship under the [Libertarian Party](#) ticket.
- [March 24](#) - At an election rally in [Tijuana, Mexican](#) presidential candidate Luis Donaldo Colosio is assassinated. Mario Aburto Martinez is arrested for the crime and confesses on the same day.
- [March 31](#) - The journal [Nature](#) reports the finding in [Ethiopia](#) of the first complete *Australopithecus afarensis* skull (see [Human evolution](#)).
- [April 7](#) - Massacres of [Tutsis](#) begin in [Kigali, Rwanda](#).
- [April 26](#) - [South Africa](#) holds its first multiracial elections.
- [May 6](#) - The [Chunnel](#), which took 15,000 workers over seven years to complete, opens between [England](#) and [France](#). Travelers can now travel between the two countries in 35 minutes.
- [May 9](#) - [Nelson Mandela](#) is inaugurated as [South Africa](#)'s first black [president](#).
- [May 10](#) - [Illinois](#) executes [serial killer John Wayne Gacy](#) for the murder of 33 young men and boys.
- [June](#) - [Iraq disarmament crisis](#): UN weapons inspectors Ritter and Smidovitch learn, through [Israeli](#) intelligence reports, that [Qusay Hussein](#), [Saddam Hussein](#)'s son, is the key player in efforts by the Iraqi government to hide the country's alleged illegal weapons.
- [June 13](#) - NFL star [OJ Simpson](#)'s ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman were murdered outside Nicole's house in [Brentwood, California](#)
- [July](#) - The planet [Jupiter](#) is pelted by 21 large fragments of a comet over the course of 6 days.
- [July 7](#) - [Aden](#) is occupied by troops from North [Yemen](#).
- [July 18](#) - In [Buenos Aires](#), an explosion destroys a building housing several [Jewish](#) organizations killing 96 and injuring many more.
- [September 3](#) - [Cold War](#): [Russia](#) and the [People's Republic of China](#) agree to de-target their [nuclear weapons](#) against each other.
- [September 8](#) - A [Boeing 737](#) carrying USAir Flight 427 with 132 people on board, crashes on approach to [Pittsburgh International Airport](#). There are no survivors.
- [September 28](#) - The car ferry [MS Estonia](#) sinks in [Baltic Sea](#), killing 852.

- [September-October](#) - [Iraq disarmament crisis](#): Iraq threatens to stop cooperating with UNSCOM inspectors and begins to once again deploy troops near its border with [Kuwait](#). In response, the U.S. begins to deploy troops to Kuwait.
- [October 12](#) - [NASA](#) loses [radio](#) contact with the [Magellan spacecraft](#) as the probe descends into the thick atmosphere of [Venus](#) [October 15](#) - After three years of exile in the US, [Haiti](#)'s president Aristide returned to his country.
- [October 15](#) - [Iraq disarmament crisis](#): Following threats by the U.N. Security Council and the U.S., Iraq withdraws troops from its border with Kuwait
- [October 26](#) - [Jordan](#) and [Israel](#) sign a peace treaty
- [October 29](#) - Francisco Martin Duran fires over two dozen shots at the [White House](#) (Duran was later convicted of trying to kill US President [Bill Clinton](#)).
- [October 31](#) - An American Eagle ATR-72 crashes in [Roselawn, Indiana](#), after circling in icy weather, killing 64 passengers.
- [November 3](#) - [Red Hat Linux](#) 1.0 is released.
- [November 5](#) - A letter by former US President [Ronald Reagan](#) is released that announces he has [Alzheimer's disease](#).
- [November 8](#) - [Georgia](#) Representative [Newt Gingrich](#) leads the [United States Republican Party](#) in taking control of both the [House of Representatives](#) and the [Senate](#) in midterm congressional elections: the first time in 40 years the Republicans secured control of both houses of [Congress](#)).
- The [Whitewater Scandal](#) investigation begins.
- Homosexual marriages legal in Sweden

1994 in Music

- Ini Kamoze - Here Comes the Hotstepper
- Ace of Base - The Sign
- R. Kelly - Bump n' Grind
- Celine Dion - Power of Love
- Sting - All For Love
- All-4-One - I Swear
- Lisa Loeb & Nine Stories - Stay
- Black Hole Sun - [Soundgarden](#)
- Loser - [Beck](#)
- Everyday - [Phil Collins](#)
- Come Out And Play - [The Offspring](#) "
- Found Out About You - [Gin Blossoms](#)
- Mr. Jones - [Counting Crows](#)
- All I Wanna Do - [Sheryl Crow](#)
- Without You - [Mariah Carey](#)
- All For Love - [Bryan Adams](#), [Rod Stewart](#) & [Sting](#)
- Until I Fall Away - [Gin Blossoms](#)
- Longview - [Green Day](#)

1994 in Film

- [October 3](#) - [George Lucas](#) begins writing the three [Star Wars](#) prequels.
- [Forrest Gump](#) starring [Tom Hanks](#)
- [Pulp Fiction](#) starring [Samuel L. Jackson](#), [Bruce Willis](#), [John Travolta](#) and [Uma Thurman](#)
- [Four Weddings and a Funeral](#)
- [Quiz Show](#)
- [The Shawshank Redemption](#)

1994 in Sports

Baseball

- A strike by [baseball](#) players results in the premature termination of the season and the cancellation of the [Baseball/World Series](#), for the first time since 1904.

Basketball

- [NCAA Men's Basketball Championship](#):
 - Arkansas wins 76-72 over Duke
- [NBA Finals](#):
 - [Houston Rockets](#) win 4 games to 3 over the [New York Knicks](#) to win the franchise's first championship.

Boxing

- [January 29](#) - Frankie Randall causes [Julio Cesar Chavez](#) his first defeat in 91 professional bouts, winning the [WBC](#) world Jr. Welterweight title in the process, by a split decision in 12 rounds.
- [November 5](#) - Forty-five year old [George Foreman](#) becomes [boxing](#)'s oldest heavyweight champion when he knocked out [Michael Moorer](#) in the 10th round of a [Las Vegas, Nevada](#) fight.

Football (American)

- [Super Bowl XXVIII](#): [Dallas Cowboys](#) won 30-13 over the [Buffalo Bills](#)

1994 in Television

- [January](#) - [Green Day](#) premieres "[Longview](#)" on [MTV](#).
- [March 31](#) - [Madonna](#) appears on [The Late Show with David Letterman](#) making headlines for her foul mouthed, profanity laced interview. [Robin Williams](#) later described the segment as a "battle of wits with an unarmed woman."
- [June 17](#) - [OJ Simpson](#)'s flees from police in a white Ford Bronco live on television. He later surrenders to police at his mansion in [Brentwood, California](#).
- [September 10](#) - The first episode of the [Magic School Bus](#) cartoon series is released
- [Friends](#) premieres on [NBC](#).

1994 Deaths

- [January 5](#) - [Thomas P. 'Tip' O'Neill](#), [Speaker of the House](#)
- [January 15](#) - [Harry Nilsson](#), musician
- [January 22](#) - [Telly Savalas](#), actor
- [January 25](#) - [Stephen Cole Kleene](#), American [mathematician](#)
- [January 27](#) - Claude Akins, actor
- [January 30](#) - [Pierre Boulle](#), author
- [February 6](#) - [Jack Kirby](#), [comic book](#) writer
- [February 6](#) - [Joseph Cotten](#), actor
- [February 11](#) - Antonio Martin, Spanish cyclist
- [February 11](#) - Sorrell Brooke, actor
- [February 11](#) - William Conrad, actor
- [February 14](#) - [Andrei Chikatilo](#), [Russian serial killer](#) ([executed](#))
- [February 17](#) - Randy Shilts, author, [AIDS](#) activist
- [February 22](#) - Papa John Creach, musician
- [February 24](#) - Dinah Shore, actress, singer
- [February 25](#) - [Jersey Joe Walcott](#), world champion [boxer](#)
- [March 4](#) - [John Candy](#), comedian and actor

- [March 22](#) - [Walter Lantz](#), cartoonist ("[Woody Woodpecker](#)")
- [March 28](#) - [Eugene Ionesco](#), playwright
- [April 2](#) - [Betty Furness](#), author
- [April 5](#) - [Kurt Cobain](#) ([suicide](#)) lead singer of the rock band [Nirvana](#)
- [April 22](#) - [Richard Nixon](#), former [President of the United States](#)
- [April 30](#) - [Roland Ratzenberger](#), [Formula 1](#) driver
- [May 1](#) - [Ayrton Senna](#), [Formula 1](#) car racing champion
- [May 7](#)- [Clement Greenberg](#), art critic
- [May 8](#) - [George Peppard](#), actor
- [May 10](#) - [John Wayne Gacy](#), [serial killer](#) ([executed](#))
- [May 15](#) - [Gilbert Roland](#), actor
- [May 19](#) - [Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy](#), [First Lady of the United States](#)
- [May 21](#) - [Johan Hendrik Weidner](#), Belgian born hero of WW II
- [May 29](#) - [Erich Honecker](#), former leader of [East Germany](#), while in exile in [Chile](#)
- [July 8](#) - [Kim Il Sung](#), [North Korea](#)'s leader
- [August 17](#) - [Elias Canetti](#), buried next to [James Joyce](#)
- [September 11](#) - [Jessica Tandy](#), actress
- [September 12](#) - [Boris Yegorov](#), [cosmonaut](#)
- [September 15](#) - [Alain Berdarin](#), owner of "[Le Crazy Horse Saloon](#)" - [Paris](#)
- [October 20](#) - [Burt Lancaster](#), actor
- [November 12](#) - [Wilma Rudolph](#), American athlete
- [November 28](#) - [Jeffrey Dahmer](#), [serial killer](#)

Nobel Prizes

- [Physics](#) - [Bertram N. Brockhouse](#), Clifford G. Shull
- [Chemistry](#) - George A Olah
- [Medicine](#) - Alfred G Gilman, Martin Rodbell
- [Literature](#) - [Kenzaburo Oe](#)
- [Peace](#)- [Yasser Arafat](#) , [Shimon Peres](#) (Israel) and [Yitzhak Rabin](#)
- [Economics](#) - [Reinhard Selten](#), [John Forbes Nash](#), John Harsanyi