

## **U.S. News 2000 – 2009**

### **2000:**

- **Mad Cow disease in alarms Europe**
- **North and South Korea sign peace accord**
- **Supreme Court declares Bush winner over Gore in presidential election**

### **2001:**

- **Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh is executed**
- **September 11<sup>th</sup> – the attack on the U.S. by terrorist groups led by Bin Ladin.**
- **U.N. tribunal in the Hague begins trial of Yugoslavian President Milosevic for war crimes.**

### **2002:**

- **Hugo Chavez from Venezuela ousted in coup, reinstated two days later.**
- **President Bush labels Iran, Iraq, and North Korea as “the Axis of Evil”**
- **Department of Homeland Security established.**
- **D.C. sniper kills 10 people and wounds others.**

### **2003:**

- **Secretary of State Colin Powell presents Iraq war rationale to the U.N.**
- **U.S. and British launch war in Iraq**
- **Space Shuttle Columbia exploded, killing all 7 astronauts on board.**
- **Hubble telescope finds the oldest known planet.**

### **2004:**

- **NATO admits seven new countries, all from the old soviet bloc.**

- **Yasser Arafat dies in Paris**
- **Hamid Karzai is inaugurated as Afghanistan's first elected president.**
- **Al Qaeda bombs railroad system in Madrid, Spain killing over 200 people**

### **2005:**

- **London is hit by terrorist bombing attack, killing 52 and wounding over 700.**
- **Pope John Paul II dies and Benedict XVI becomes next pope.**
- **Tony Blair becomes the first Labour Party Prime Minister to win three successive terms in the U.K.**
- **The Irish Republican Army announces ending the violent campaign for a united Ireland.**
- **Angela Merkel becomes the first female chancellor of Germany.**

### **2006:**

- **North Korea fires missile over the Sea of Japan (East Sea) and explodes nuclear device in mountains of North Korea.**
- **Saddam Hussein is convicted of crimes against humanity and is hung.**
- **Bombs go off on commuter trains in Mumbai, India.**

### **2007:**

- **Nancy Pelosi becomes the first female speaker of the house of representatives.**
- **Investigation accuses 89 former and current baseball players of using illegal performance enhancing drugs.**
- **Pakistan has three changes of government in a two-month period of time.**

## **2008:**

- **Kosovo declares its independence from Serbia.**
- **Fidel Castro steps down as leader of Cuba after 49 years of being in power.**
- **Barak Obama becomes the U.S. President by beating John McCain in the election.**
- **The stock market suffers major losses at the end of President Bush's tenure.**

## **2009:**

- **Australia has the worst wildfires in its history.**
- **Brazil wins the 2016 Olympic location. It is the first South American country to have the honor.**
- **Airways Flight 1549 is forced to land in the Hudson River. All passengers and crew members survive the landing by Sully Sullenberger.**
- **Michael Jackson dies at the age of 50.**
- **Senator Edward Kennedy dies at the age of 77 from brain cancer.**

## **Peoria and Arizona History**

- **2000: Challenger Space Center of Arizona built in Peoria.**
- **2001: Arizona Diamondbacks win the World Series.**
- **2002: Peoria opens up its first water treatment plant.**
- **2003: Lori Piestewa, a member of the Hopi Tribe became the first native American to be honored as a soldier. She was killed in action at the age of 23.**
- **2004: Rio Vista Community Park opened in Peoria.**
- **2004: Pat Tillman, former ASU athlete and Arizona Cardinal was killed in action in Afghanistan.**
- **2005: America West merges with U.S. Airways airline.**
- **2007: Peoria Center for the Performing Arts opened up.**
- **2007: Rio Vista Recreation Center opened in Peoria.**
- **2008: Light Rail begins in the Valley of the Sun.**
- **2008: Glendale hosts the Super Bowl.**