

A TIMELINE FOR GOLDEN, COLORADO

(Revised October 2003)

**"When a society or a civilization perishes, one condition can always be found.
They forgot where they came from." Carl Sandburg**

This time-line was originally created by the Golden Historic Preservation Board for the 1995 Golden community meetings concerning growth. It is intended to illustrate some of the events and thoughts that helped shape Golden. Major historical events and common day-to-day happenings that influenced the lives of the people of Golden are included. Corrections, additions, and suggestions are welcome and may be relayed to either the Historic Preservation Board or the Planning Department at 384-8097.

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PRE-1800

In Golden

320 – 270 Million Years Ago – The Ancestral Rockies dominate the landscape. Remnants of these mountains are found at Red Rocks Mountain Park and at Roxborough State Park.

72-40 Million Years Ago – The 14 mile long Dakota Hogback (Dinosaur Ridge) is formed as the current Rockies begin to rise and push up the horizontal layers that were deposited by an earlier inland sea

70 Million Years Ago - Dinosaur tracks / palm frond impressions left at what is now the Fossil Trace Golf Course.

70 – 50 Million Years Ago – The stress from drifting continental plates causes massive uplift of the land.

66 Million Years Ago – The Front Range of the Rocky Mountains is formed.

65.5 Million Years Ago – An asteroid hits the earth, probably near the Yucatan Peninsula, causing a worldwide catastrophic event and killing off the majority of the plant and animal species (including dinosaurs).

63 Million Years Ago - Lava flows out of fissures near Ralston Reservoir to form the cap rock of North and South Table Mountains.

130,000 – 14,000 Years Ago – Several ice ages sculpt the Colorado landscape.

3,000 B.C. - A.D. 1,000 - Native peoples occupy the Magic Mt. Site along Apex Creek near Heritage Square.

Historic Period - Native peoples, including the Ute, Cheyenne, Apache, Pawnee, Comanches and Arapaho, inhabit the region.

In Colorado

2.3 Billion years ago - Age of the oldest dated rocks in Colorado.

20,000 years ago - Most of the current topography of Colorado is established.

11,000 B.C. - First archaeological evidence of humans in Colorado.

A.D. 1 - 1300 - The Anasazi culture flourishes in southwestern Colorado.

1541 - Coronado reaches the southwestern borders of Colorado.

1682 - Explorer La Salle appropriates for France the area now known as Colorado's eastern plains.

1763 - All of Colorado claimed by Spain.

1775 - 1776 – Friars Dominguez and Escalante visit southwestern Colorado.

In General

2200 - 1750 B.C. – The First Chinese Dynasty, Xia, is established.

1352 B.C. - King Tutankhamen (a.k.a. Tut) becomes Pharaoh.

44 B.C. - Julius Caesar is murdered.

A.D. 79 - Pompeii is buried by lava and ash from Mt. Vesuvius.

1096 - 1221 - The Crusades spread throughout Europe and Asia.

1492 - Christopher Columbus lands on a Caribbean island.

1525 - Europeans are introduced to the potato, a plant cultivated in the Andes.

1541 - De Soto explores the southeastern United States.

1680 - Pueblo revolt against Spanish control in northern New Mexico.

1776 - The American Declaration of Independence is signed.

1800 - United States population is 5,308,000.

Quotes

He saw the cities of many men and knew their manners. **Homer**

I always considered the settlement of America with reverence and wonder, as the opening of a grand scene and design and providence, for the illumination of the ignorant and the emancipation of the slavish part of mankind all over the earth. **John Adams, 1765**

Young men, there is America, which at this day serves for little more than to amuse you with stories of savage men and uncouth manners. **Edmund Burke, 1775**

Sir, they are a race of convicts and ought to be grateful for anything we allow them short of hanging.

Samuel Johnson, 1776

1800 - 1849

In Golden

Native Peoples, including the Ute, Cheyenne, and Arapaho, inhabit the region

In Colorado

- 1800** - Spain cedes present eastern Colorado to France, retains the western portion.
- 1806** - Zebulon M. Pike attempts to reach the summit of the peak that now bears his name.
- 1820** - Explorer Major Stephen H. Long declares eastern Colorado to be part of the *Great American Desert*.
- 1821** - The Santa Fe Trail, extending from St. Louis to Santa Fe and going through SE Colorado, is established and serves as a major commerce and immigration route until 1880 when the railroads take over that function.
- 1825** - Beginning of the Fur Trade era.
- 1833** - The four Bent brothers build Bent's Fort along the Arkansas River near present day La Junta.
- Mid 1830's** - Due to overtrapping, beaver population sharply declines in the Rocky Mountains.
- 1842** - Lieutenant John C. Fremont undertakes first of his five exploration trips into Rocky Mountains.
- 1848** - Mexico cedes to United States most of that part of Colorado not acquired by the Louisiana Purchase.

In General

- 1800-1850** - United States population increases 33% to 36% every ten years.
- 1803** - Louisiana Purchase signed by President Thomas Jefferson (includes most of eastern Colorado).
- 1806** - Lewis and Clark return from the Pacific.
- 1809** - Beethoven's *Fifth* and *Sixth Symphonies* is performed for the first time.
- 1815** - Napoleon is defeated by Wellington at Waterloo.
- 1820** - Missouri Compromise - Missouri is admitted to the United States as slave state but slavery is barred in rest of Louisiana Purchase north of 36°30' N.
- 1821** - Mexico gains independence from Spain.
- 1821** - The French physicist, Joseph Nicéphore Niepce, creates the first known photograph (on metal).
- 1833** - The town of Chicago, with 350 people, is incorporated.
- 1836** - Mexican army besieges Texans in the Alamo.
- 1837** - Victoria becomes queen of Great Britain. The steel plow is patented by John Deere.
- 1838** - Frederick Douglass escapes from slavery.
- 1843** - First wagon train reaches Oregon. One in ten people die along the way.
- 1845** - Potato blight and famine in Ireland. During the 1840s and 1850s nearly one quarter of the population of Ireland moved to the United States.
- 1845** - Earliest known use of the phrase *Manifest Destiny*. This becomes the rallying cry for westward expansion and one of the justifications for removing the Native Americans.
- 1846 to 1848** - Mexican / American War.
- 1847** - Mormons establish Salt Lake City. Adolphus Kuhrs (a.k.a. Adolph Coors) is born in Germany.
- 1848** - Mexico cedes claims to Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Nevada, Texas, and California, to the U.S.
- 1849** - California gold rush begins. Edgar Allan Poe dies.

Quotes

Each step which one takes from East to West, the size of all objects increases tenfold in volume. It seems that nature has made this corner of the terrestrial globe the most favorite of its immense sphere. The products which one discovers there in proportion as one goes into the interior are more majestic, more beautiful than elsewhere.

Louis Vilemont, 1802

It belongs of right to the United States to regulate the future destiny of North America. The country is ours; ours is the right to its rivers and to all the sources of future opulence, power and happiness.

New York Evening Post, January 28, 1802

The vast sandy desert which, for the distance of five hundred miles from the feet of the Rocky Mountains, presents a frightful waste, scarcely less formidable to men and animals than the desert of Zahara.

Benjamin Silliman, *Expedition of Major Long and Party to the Rocky Mountains*, 1823

1850-1859

In Golden

- 1858** - Tom Golden first settles along Clear Creek (probably near the School of Mines football field) in what would later become Golden.
- 1859** - First bridge is in place across Clear Creek (then called the Vasquez Fork).
- 1859** - The Boston Company, with owner George West, helps to establish Golden. The Boston Company Trading Post is built along Clear Creek on what would later become Parfet Park.
- 1859** - George West establishes the newspaper *The Western Mountaineer*, which preceded *The Colorado Transcript* / *The Golden Daily Transcript* / *The Golden Transcript*.
- 1859** - The first bridge across Clear Creek is built and operates as a toll bridge.

In Colorado

- 1850** - Federal Government purchases Texas' claims in Colorado, and present boundaries of Colorado established.
- 1851** - Village of San Luis established and is considered the oldest still occupied town in Colorado.
- 1854** - The failure of several treaties results in conflict as the Utes kill fifteen inhabitants of Fort Pueblo (current downtown Pueblo) on Christmas Day.
- 1856** - The safety match is invented.
- 1858** - Founding of Denver, Boulder, Pueblo and Arapahoe City (approximately two miles east of Golden).
- 1859** - Jefferson Territory established.
- 1859** - First stagecoach with mail for Cherry Creek settlements leaves Leavenworth, Kansas.
- 1859** - First newspaper in the region, the *Rocky Mountain News*, is published.
- 1859** - A huge gold discovery on North Clear Creek prompts the establishment of Black Hawk, Central City and Nevadaville.
- 1859** - William Russell discovers gold in the present-day City of Englewood. This starts the *Pike's Peak or Bust* gold rush with an estimated 50,000 people coming to Colorado in search of riches.

In General

- 1850** - California is admitted to the Union.
- 1850** - The Fugitive Slave Act is passed by Congress, requiring the return of escaped slaves.
- 1850** - Only half the children born in the U.S. until this time reach the age of 5 (this increased dramatically in following years).
- 1850** - The U.S. has 254 daily papers, up from 138 in 1840.
- 1854** - Chinese immigrants are prohibited from testifying against whites in California courts.
- 1852** - Uncle Tom's Cabin is published.
- 1857** - First Currier and Ives prints issued. The passenger elevator is invented by Elisha Graves Otis.
- 1858** - First stagecoach line from St. Louis to the West Coast.
- 1859** - Charles Darwin's *On The Origin of Species* is published.

Quotes

To be wholly devoted to some Intellectual exercise is to have succeeded at life.

Robert Louis Stevenson, 1850

The founders of a new colony, whatever Utopia of human virtue and happiness they might originally project, have invariably recognized it among their earliest practical necessities to allot a portion of the virgin soil as a cemetery, and another portion as the site of a prison.

Nathaniel Hawthorne, *The Scarlet Letter*, 1850

1860 - 1869

1861 Colorado Territory Population: 25,371

In Golden

- 1860** - First school established in Golden. Golden elects their first Mayor, J.W. Stanton.
- 1861** - Colorado Territory (consisting of the present boundaries of Colorado) is created by Congress.
- 1862** - Golden becomes the Territorial Capital and provisions for the legislators (ice and whiskey) are procured. It remained the Capital until 1867.
- 1864** - Golden Flouring Mill along Bear Creek is established and moves to Golden the next year.
- 1866** - Loveland Building (part of The Capital Grill), one of the first brick buildings in Golden, is completed.
- 1866** - The Burgess House (1015 Ford Street) is built.
- 1867** - Calvary Episcopal Church is built and the Fire Brick Works established in Golden. Astor House is built.

In Colorado

- 1860** - Gold is discovered in the vicinity of Leadville.
- 1861** - Congress establishes the Colorado Territory with the boundaries of the present State of Colorado.
- 1863** - Telegraph line links Denver with East; ten words to New York cost \$9.10.
- 1864** - Silver vein discovered in Georgetown.
- 1864** - Massacre of Arapaho and Cheyenne peoples along Sand Creek in southeastern Colorado.
- 1866** - Jefferson County has 1,782 people in it - Gilpin County had four times that population.
- 1867** - Denver becomes the Territorial Capital.
- 1867** - Denver declared "too dead to bury" as the Union Pacific by-passes Denver to go through Wyoming.
- 1869** - The Battle of Summit Springs is fought in northeast Colorado and becomes the last major confrontation with Plains Indians in Colorado.

In General

- 1860** - U.S. population (34 states) is approximately 31.4 million (36% increase over 1850) with another 32 million in the territories and 300,000 Native Americans.
- 1860** - South Carolina secedes from the Union.
- 1861** - Start of the Civil War.
- 1861** - Treaty of Fort Wise confines Cheyennes and Arapahos to a small triangle of land on the plains.
- 1862** - Passage of the Homestead Act.
- 1863** - President Lincoln delivers Gettysburg Address. Emancipation Proclamation issued. Roller skates invented.
- 1864** - Red Cross founded.
- 1865** - End of the Civil War. President Lincoln assassinated. Louis Pasteur publishes his theory concerning germs.
- 1866** - Transcontinental telegraph is completed.
- 1867** - Barbed wire (a.k.a. Devil's Rope") invented. It was patented in 1874.
- 1868** - Adolph Coors immigrates to New York to avoid service in the Prussian Army.
- 1868** - The Fourteenth Amendment is ratified, ending the three-fifths census counting rule for African Americans.
- 1869** - Transcontinental Railroad completed. The first college football game is played.
- 1869** - The first baseball team is organized in Cincinnati.

Quotes

Too weak to sit erect, he was placed upon a featherbed in an ox-wagon, sleeping in the open air every night; and when, after fifty-one days, he reached the Rocky Mountains, he was enjoying comfortable health.

A.D. Richardson, *Our New States and Territories*

We found the workmen, with the regularity, of machinery, dropping each rail in place, spiking it down, and then seizing another. Behind them, the locomotive; before, the tie layers; beyond these the graders; and still further, in mountain recesses, the engineers. It was Civilization pressing westward -- the Conquest of nature moving toward the Pacific. **Albert D. Richardson, *Beyond the Mississippi***

We presume everybody in Colorado will rejoice when they are finally settled upon their reservations.
The Colorado Transcript, July 28, 1869

1870 - 1879

Golden's Population: 587

Colorado Territory Population: 39,864

In Golden

- 1870** - The population of Golden is described as follows: 484 *native* and 103 *foreign*, or 575 *white* and 12 *colored*.
- 1871** - Golden is incorporated. The Colorado School of Mines is established.
- 1872** - The first major smelter, The Golden Smelting Works, is established.
- 1872** - The First Presbyterian Church (now the Foothills Art Center) is built.
- 1872** - The Territorial Legislator changes the name from *Golden City* to *Golden*. The Clark Grocery (southside of Wood's Mortuary) is built. The northside, Smith & Taft Dry Goods, was built in 1877.
- 1873** - Adolph Coors opens a brewery in a former Golden tannery.
- 1873** - Everett Block (11th and Washington Ave.) is built. It served as a bank until its owner and Golden's mayor, Francis E. Everett, committed suicide in 1884.
- 1873** - The Smith Block, which was Rubey National (11th and Washington Ave.) is built.
- 1874** - Colorado School of Mines is established.
- 1879** - The Golden Opera House (Ace Hi Tavern) is built.

In Colorado

- 1870** - Nearly 40,000 people live in the Colorado Territory.
- 1870-1880** - Denver experienced a 388% increase in population in 10 years.
- 1870** - Railroad reaches Denver and Golden.
- 1873** - Joslin Dry Goods Company opens in Denver. One of the clerks is a young man named J.C. Penney.
- 1876** - Colorado becomes a state.
- 1877** - University of Colorado in Boulder holds its first classes.
- 1878** - Leadville is incorporated and the silver rush begins. Leadville's business census lists 31 restaurants, 17 barber shops, 51 groceries, 4 banks, and 120 saloons.
- 1879** - Leadville's Tabor Opera House is completed.

In General

- 1870** - U.S. population increases 27% since 1860.
- 1870** - The Democratic Party symbol, the donkey, first appears in a caricature of Boss Tweed.
- 1870** - Rockefeller establishes the Standard Oil Company. Denim introduced in San Francisco by Levi Strauss.
- 1872** - Yellowstone becomes the first National Park.
- 1876** - Colonel George Armstrong Custer loses his life along the Little Bighorn Creek in southeastern Montana.
- 1876** - National Baseball League formed and Mark Twain publishes Tom Sawyer.
- 1876** - Telephone invented by Alexander Graham Bell.
- 1877** - Thomas Edison invents the phonograph. The first recording was *Mary Had a Little Lamb*.
- 1879** - Thomas Edison creates the first electric light.

Quotes

Can anyone remember when the times were not hard, and money not scarce? **Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1870**

Patience and tenacity of purpose are worth more than twice their weight of cleverness. **Thomas Huxley, 1876**

The most advanced nations are always those who navigate the most. **Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1870**

Every man feels instinctively that all the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lonely action.
James Russell Lowell, 1870

"... Golden City by daylight showed its meanness and belied its name. It is ungraded, with here and there a piece of wooden sidewalk on posts, up to which you ascend by planks. Brick, pine, and log house are huddled together, every other house is a saloon, and hardly a woman is to be seen. **Isabella Bird, 1873**

1880 - 1889

Golden's Population: 2,730

Colorado's Population: 194,327

In Golden

- 1880** - The Golden vicinity has 5 smelters, 3 brick works, 6 coal mines, 3 flour mills, 2 breweries, 3 lime kilns, 2 quarries and 1 paper mill.
- 1881** - The State Industrial School (Lookout Mountain School) founded.
- 1881** - Golden has 22 industrial plants, 52 retail stores, and eight hotels.
- 1884** - The Belle Vista Hotel is built on site across the street from the Post Office. It has 75 rooms, a ballroom, and a billiard room. Never a success, the hotel was razed in 1920.
- 1889** - Ten men are killed when water floods the White Ash Coal Mine near what is now the CSM athletic field. Their bodies remain entombed 730 feet below the ground surface.

In Colorado

- 1880** - Colorado population increased 387% since 1870.
- 1881** - The Ute people are removed from their homeland.
- 1882** - Town of Grand Junction is founded.
- 1883** - First electric lights in Denver.
- 1886** - Two million sheep in Colorado.
- 1888** - The Wetherill Brothers discover Mesa Verde ruins. Town of Limon is founded.

In General

- 1880's** - Nearly 550,000 English and 440,000 Irish immigrate to the United States.
- 1880's** - 5.25 million immigrants enter the United States.
- 1880** - U.S. population up 26% since 1870.
- 1881** - The U.S. has more than 100 millionaires, up from 20 in 1840.
- 1884** - Mark Twain publishes Huckleberry Finn.
- 1885** - First automobile is built in Germany by Karl Benz. George Eastman markets the first box camera.
- 1885** - Chicago becomes the home of the first skyscraper (10 stories).
- 1886** - The Statue of Liberty is dedicated by President Grover Cleveland.
- 1886** - A new elixir, Coco Cola, is marketed as a hangover tonic.
- 1888** - The H.J. Heinz Company boasts of 58 varieties of canned food.

Quotes

The women were brave beyond belief, taken from all the things they had become accustomed to, leaving old home, friends, relatives, churches, schools, medical aid, they with Spartan courage burned their bridges behind them to follow and serve their loved...

Adda B. Doughty, Memories of Pioneer Days of 1886

The press, the machine, the railway, the telegraph are premises whose thousand-year conclusion no one has yet dare to draw.

Friedrich Nietzsche, 1880

We would not let ourselves be bound to death for our opinions; we are not sure enough of them for that. But perhaps for the right to have our opinions and to change them.

Friedrich Nietzsche, 1880

Found dead on a ranch east of Fred Claus about 3½ miles East of Golden on Clear Creek between North and middle Golden and Denver Roads. The body of a man identified as August Godesberg of Sweedish nativity who disappeared from Golden about November 24, 1891. He being mentally deranged and sick of liquor when last seen. **Jefferson County Coroner's Book of Records, January 21, 1892**

1890 - 1899

Golden's Population: 2,383

Colorado's Population: 412,198

In Golden

1892 - The Nankivel & Jones Building (on the northwest corner of Washington Avenue and 10th Street) is built as a grocery store with the motto "Quick Sales and Small Profits."

1896 - Clear Creek flood kills several people in the Golden / Morrison vicinity.

1899 - Ordinance passes prohibiting donkeys, cows and sheep from running loose in the streets.

In Colorado

1890 - Denver's population reaches 106,713 (up from 35,000 in 1880), representing one quarter of the state's population.

1890 - Colorado population increases 113% in ten years.

1891 - Gold discovered in Cripple Creek.

1892 - The Brown Palace Hotel opens.

1892 - First asphalt street paving in Denver.

1893 - Colorado becomes the second state to extend suffrage to women (Wyoming was the first).

1894 - Colorado State Capital Building is built.

1895 - The Ice Palace in Leadville, covering 5 acres, is completed.

In General

1890 - The U.S. had 125,000 miles of railroad in operation.

1890 - Yosemite becomes a National Park. Aspirin is marketed by the Bayer Aspirin Company, Germany.

1890 - U.S. population increases 26% in ten years.

1890 - The Battle of Wounded Knee in South Dakota becomes the last major battle for Indian peoples.

1892 - Ellis Island opens; serves as processing center for 12 million immigrants over the next 30 years.

1893 - Financial crash and widespread panic as the Sherman Act leads to the devaluation of silver.

1893 - First car tested by Henry Ford. New Zealand becomes the first country to grant women the vote.

1893 - 1897 - Severe financial depression in the United States.

1895 - Sigmund Freud experiments with psychoanalysis.

1896 - Edison introduces the vitascope – the first motion picture apparatus in the United States.

1898 - Hawaii is annexed.

1898 - Spanish-American War fought.

Quotes

The Golden Prohibition club meets every Saturday night in the hall over Nankivel & Jones' store. All who are interested in the cause of Prohibition are invited to attend. The following subject will be open for discussion on next Saturday evening: Resolve, that the saloons of Golden are a benefit to the town.

Colorado Transcript, January 20, 1892

To Watson and Gibson, New York: Denver, June 28 -- Inside of sixty days 150,000 men will be out of employment. 500,000 people will be entering the verge of starvation. We will repudiate all our bonds and obligations due to the east, as we have no money to even pay the interest. It will bring about a new Declaration of independence and the establishment of a Western Empire.

E.R. Holden, Rocky Mountain News, June 29, 1863

The Mission of the United States is one of benevolent assimilation.

William McKinley, 1898

It is by the goodness of God that in our country we have those three unspeakably precious things: freedom of speech, freedom of conscience, and the prudence never to practice either. **Mark Twain 1897**

1900 - 1910

Golden's Population: 2,152

Colorado's Population: 541,483

In Golden

- 1900** - The Golden Illuminating Company installs the first incandescent streetlights in the state.
- 1901** - Alferd Packer, recently paroled, works as a ranch hand on the Rooney Ranch.
- 1902** - The Table Mountain Resort opens with bowling and evening dance.
- 1905** -
- 1905** - Golden High School has 21 graduates; largest class in history. School of Mines graduates 48 engineers.
- 1906** - Coors Building (north portion of The Capital Grill) is built as a saloon by Adolph Coors.
- 1906** - George West, one of Golden's founding fathers, dies.
- 1906** - Guggenheim Hall (the one with the gold top) on the School of Mines campus is built.
- 1908** - The 104' x 107' letter **M** on Lookout Mountain is created.

In Colorado

- 1900 - 1930** - Denver's population has more than doubled in the last 30 years.
- 1900** - Colorado's population increases 31% in ten years.
- 1902** - There are 200 automobiles in Denver. A year subscription to The Rocky Mountain News is \$1.00.
- 1902 - 1907** - President Roosevelt establishes 14 National Forests in Colorado.
- 1903** - Huge strikes by coal miners in the northern and southern coal fields (Cripple Creek and Trinidad areas).
- 1904** - Arvada incorporated.
- 1906** - First coins are issued by the U.S. Mint in Denver. Mesa Verde National Park is established.
- 1907** - Design for state flag is adopted.
- 1909** - Mother Cabrini begins work on an orphanage in Mt. Vernon Canyon just south of Golden.

In General

- 1900 - 1940** - U.S. population increased by 73% during these 40 years.
- 1900** - U.S. population is up 21% in ten years.
- 1900** - The average age of death in the U.S. is 47. Sigmund Freud writes *Interpretation of Dreams*.
- 1900** - Boxer Rebellion in China.
- 1900** - U.S. population reaches 76 million.
- 1901-1910** - 8,795,000 immigrants come to the U.S.
- 1903** - The Wright Brothers fly their first airplane.
- 1905** - Albert Einstein introduces the theory of relativity.
- 1906** - San Francisco earthquake.
- 1908** - Henry Ford introduces the Model "T".

Quotes

In fact, a good part of the population consists of people who were sent out to this country to die. After remaining a short time they concluded this was a pretty decent sort of world after all, braced up, and developed into robust and substantial citizens. **Illustrated Golden and Vicinity, 1902**

Golden has been subject to something over its quota of "knocking" in days gone by, and it cannot be denied that a considerable amount of this emanated from her own citizens. Some were possessed of the evil spirit of greed and avarice to such a degree that prospective industries were driven elsewhere. Others calmly fell into a lethargic stupor... **Illustrated Golden and Vicinity, 1902**

It is doubtful whether Golden will ever become a business town of much consequence. It is shut in on the west, north, and south by a sparsely settled country, and on the east by the great city of Denver, and these permanent features of its surroundings limit and circumscribe the area which it can control in trade to a small compass. Therefore the strongest card that can be played by those interested in the city's welfare is to do everything possible to make it an attractive residence town. **The Colorado Transcript, July 1903**

1910-1919

Golden's Population: 2,477

Colorado's Population: 799,044

In Golden

- 1911** - The Gem Theater (with the Golden Athletic Club on the second floor), now a Starbucks, is built. During the Depression, sacks of groceries were given to winning ticket holders.
- 1912** - The Lookout Mountain Funicular opens. It has two cars and seats 32 people.
- 1913** - The National Guard Armory Building, made from local cobblestones (possibly the largest cobble stone building in the country) is built for \$30,000.
- 1913** - A funicular to transport people to Castle Rock is completed. The ride, which cost 25 cents, is in an open car with the descending car pulling up the ascending car. The Lava Lane Dance Hall is built at the summit. The funicular ran for two years and the Dance Hall burned down in 1927.
- 1913** - The Adolph Coors Company is incorporated.
- 1913** - Foss Drug established. The original building was only 1,320 square feet but by 2003 it expanded to over 50,000 square feet.
- 1913** - Two days of blizzards leave 15' drifts on Mount Zion.
- 1914** - The Lariat Loop trail, a winding road up Lookout Mountain, is built by "Cement Bill" Williams
- 1916** - Colorado goes dry and nearly 17,400 gallons of beer is liberated into Clear Creek. The Coors Brewery waits out prohibition making malted milk, near beer, pottery and porcelain.
- 1917** - William "Buffalo Bill" Cody is buried on Lookout Mountain.
- 1918** - The worldwide flu epidemic hits Golden particularly hard.

In Colorado

- 1910** - The population of Colorado has quadrupled in the last 30 years.
- 1910** - First airplane flight into Denver.
- 1912** - Denver establishes the first of many Mountain Parks in Jefferson County.
- 1914** - As labor troubles escalated, federal troops open fire on the Ludlow mining camp near Trinidad, killing several civilians, including 2 women and 11 children.
- 1915** - Rocky Mountain National Park created by Congress.

In General

- 1910** - The permanent wave for hair takes 8-10 hours and cost \$1,000. Mark Twain dies at age 74.
- 1910 1912** - U.S. population increases 20% in ten years.
- 1914** - World War 1 begins. Edgar Rice Burroughs publishes first Tarzan novel. Panama Canal opens (50.7 miles)
- 1916** - Mechanical home refrigerator marketed for first time at cost of \$900.
- 1917** - United States enters World War I.
- 1918** - World War 1 ends- Colorado lost 1,009 soldiers. Charles Strite, invents first automatic pop-up toaster.
- 1919 - 1921** - Russian civil war--*Red Scare* widespread in the U.S.

Quotes

Denver just now wants to annex only 40 acres of Jefferson County, but I've a notion that's simply an opening wedge. The big grab will come sooner or later if people are willing to stand for it.

The Colorado Transcript, November 13, 1917

When the Germans torpedoed the Lusitania and America went to war, Adolph Coors' allegiance to Germany came to an abrupt end. Overnight the official language of both family and brewery changed to English, and Germany, the enemy of his adopted country, became his enemy in every sense of the word.

William Coors, Rocky Mountain News, April 4, 1982

My only direct personal interest comes from the fact that the mines in two of our counties alone have made several hundred orphans in the last four years and these orphans come to me in the Juvenile Court in many instances.

Judge Ben Lindsey, The New York Times, May 24, 1914

1920-1929

Golden's Population: 2,484

Colorado's Population: 939,191

In Golden

- 1920** - Coor Porcelain established.
- 1922** - Plans are underway to pave Ford Street.
- 1922** - Sixty members of the Ku Klux Klan hold a ceremony just south of Golden.
- 1922** - William Geick, whose still is discovered on the east side of North Table Mountain, tells police that he brewed 45 bottles a week but that it was strictly for home use.
- 1923** - The Ku Klux Klan is particularly active in Golden, with the Castle Rock a favored place for cross burning.
- 1924** - The Berrimoor Hotel, which becomes the LaRay Hotel, the Holland House and, currently, the Table Mountain Inn, is built.
- 1924** - The Golden Junior High building (now the Colorado Mountain Center) is built. It later becomes the first accredited high school in the state.
- 1924** - The Fair 5 and 10 Store opens in downtown Golden (it is now the Spirits in the Wind Gallery).
- 1924** - Washington Avenue is paved for the first time.
- 1924** - The Kiwanis clean up the city dump to create a park named for their former president, Parfet.
- 1925** - Coors Porcelain begins operation and Parfet Park created.
- 1927** - The proposed Golden Woodmen Lodge (Buffalo Rose) is built. The building later housed the municipal swimming pool (The Golden Plunge). The pool, minus the water, is still located under the dance floor.
- 1927** - The Lava Lane Dance Hall on Castle Rock, long since abandoned, burns.

In Colorado

- 1921** - Disastrous flood in Pueblo. More than 100 people were killed and damage exceeding \$20,000,000.
- 1922** - First commercial radio license in Colorado issued.
- 1927** - Moffat Tunnel completed at a cost of \$18,000,000.
- 1929** - Mattie Silks, Denver's most notorious Madam, dies at age 88. Construction begins on Trail Ridge Road.

In General

- 1920** - U.S. population increases by 17% in ten years.
- 1920** - Women's right to vote recognized.
- 1920 - 1933** - National Prohibition.
- 1925** - 40,000 Ku Klux Klansmen march on Washington D.C.
- 1925** - Al Capone takes over as boss of Chicago bootlegging and Rudolph Valentino dies.
- 1927** - Charles Lindbergh makes first solo non-stop flight from New York to Paris. First Television.
- 1927** - Mae West found guilty of lewd improvisations.
- 1929** - Stock market crashes on Black Thursday (October 24). Birdseye offers the first frozen food.
- 1929** - First color T.V. demonstrated and Wyatt Earp dies at age 80.

Quotes

To the itinerant worker, or the bored "vacationists" - those people who visit hundreds of towns each year - Golden is one of the most beautiful and interesting spots that one may see. Surrounded by the wonders of nature and filled with people that are home loving and hospital, Golden is truly a city worthy of the mighty state of Colorado in which it lies. **Arthur S. Rudd, University of Oregon student, Colorado Transcript, July 27, 1922**

Civilization and profits go hand in hand. **Calvin Coolidge, Speech, November 27, 1920**

Your next door neighbor is not a man: He is an environment. He is the barking of a dog; he is the noise of a pianola, he is a dispute about a party wall; he is drains that are worse than yours, or roses that are better than yours. **G.K. Chesterson, 1920**

History repeats itself, historians repeat each other. **Phillip Guedalla, 1920**

1930-1939

Golden's Population: 2,426

Colorado's Population: 1,035,791

In Golden

- 1931** - Train service between Golden and Central City/Blackhawk discontinued.
- 1931** - The **M** on Lookout Mountain (created in 1908) is temporarily lit for the first time.
- 1932** - Woods Mortuary holds an Open House in April.
- 1935** - Golden West Real Estate building constructed.
- 1937** - Central School, which later became Mitchell Elementary School, is built.
- 1937** - Frederick Allen "Heinie" Foss takes over the management of Foss Drug Store.
- 1938** - Some great prices at Koenig's Grocery Store (the Loveland building where the Capital Grill is now located): beef pot roast, 20 cents a pound; lunch meat, 30 cents a pound; jumbo dills, 5 cents each.
- 1939** - Train service between Golden and Georgetown/Silver Plume discontinued.

In Colorado

- 1930** - There are eight cities in Colorado with populations of 10,000 or more.
- 1932 - 1938** - Drought and dust storms ravage eastern Colorado.
- 1932** - Great Sand Dunes National Monument created.
- 1933** - Cherry Creek floods causing substantial damage in downtown Denver.
- 1933** - Colorado National Monument and Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument created.
- 1935** - Baby Doe Tabor found frozen to death at the Matchless Mine in Leadville.

In General

- 1930s** - Worldwide economic depression.
- 1930** - U.S. population increases by 16% in ten years.
- 1930** - The planet Pluto is discovered.
- 1930** - The Empire State Building, with 102 stories, opens.
- 1930** - The following foods appear for the first time: Biscuit, Snickers, Twinkies, and sliced Wonder Bread
- 1932** - Hattie Wyatt Caraway of Arkansas is the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate, to fill a vacancy caused by the death of her husband. She is reelected in 1932 and 1938.
- 1932** - Amelia Earhart completes first solo nonstop transatlantic flight by a woman.
- 1933** - Prohibition ends.
- 1933** - New Deal measures are enacted by Congress.
- 1934** - Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker are killed in a police ambush.
- 1935** - Oklahoma City installs the country's first parking meter.
- 1936** - Spanish Civil War begins.
- 1939** - World War II begins. First Digital computer invented.

Quotes

And from this, the plains were burned as if fire had swept them clean... here and there, ranch homes stood out above the flatness... and they were in many cases deserted, the windows broken. the door barred, the windmills still, not turning in the prairie wind, and the few trees planted near the ranches were dead or dying; the whole countryside looked as if a terrible plague had struck it. **Dorothy C. Hogner, Westward: High and Dry**

There is nothing the matter with Americans except their ideals. The real American is all right; it is the ideal American who is all wrong. **G. K. Chesterton, 1931**

SOME SWELL SANDWICHES: *Swell* is slang but it's the word the family applies to sandwich fillings brightened with bananas. ...deviled ham and banana slices, salmon or tuna fish combined with celery and diced bananas, mixed together with mayonnaise. **The Colorado Transcript, May 1938**

The Girls Friendly Society will meet Monday night at the home of Miss Mary Hoyt.
The Colorado Transcript, 1933

1940-1949

Golden's Population: 3,175

Colorado's Population: 1,123,296

In Golden

- 1940** - Golden Post Office is built. There is an identical one in Elko, Nevada.
- 1941** - Red Rocks Amphitheater opens.
- 1945** - Meyer's Hardware and Sporting Goods Store opens.
- 1946** - Piggly Wiggly store opens in Golden.
- 1946** - Twenty-one moveable apartment buildings that had been used by officers during the war are moved to Golden to accommodate 80 veteran G.I. School of Mines students.
- 1947** - Golden's rapid growth necessitates the addition of more phone lines and three new switchboard operators.
- 1947** - Meyer Hardware opens. Ham is 49 cents a pound and a box of Ritz crackers is 13 cents at Safeway.
- 1948** - The **M** on Lookout Mt. begins its nighttime glow on a regular bases. It currently takes 1,653 light bulbs.
- 1949** - Golden establishes the first zoning ordinances. The Harmsens start the Jolly Rancher Company on Washington Ave.
- 1949** - Downtown Golden's Welcome Arch (conceived by Lu Holland of the Holland House Hotel) built.

In Colorado

- 1940** - Fifteen radio stations serve Colorado.
- 1942 - 1945** - The Granada Relocation Camp (Amache) in southeast Colorado detains up to 7,000 Japanese-Americans.
- 1945** - Skiing in Aspen gains popularity.
- 1946** - The Colorado Emergency Polio Committee recommends closing all public playgrounds, swimming pools, amusement parks, Sunday schools and other places children congregated.

In General

- 1940** - U.S. population increases by 7% in ten years.
- 1940** - The U.S. imports 70% of the world's coffee crop, up from 50% in 1934.
- 1941** - The United States enters World War II following the attack on Pearl Harbor.
- 1941** - First nylon stockings go on sale in the United States.
- 1943** - Rodgers and Hammerstein premiers "Oklahoma".
- 1942** - Jose and Ruth Garcia give birth to a bouncing baby boy, Jerry.
- 1945** - Atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. World War ends.
- 1946** - First meeting of the United Nation's General Assembly. Winston Churchill's *Iron Curtin* speech marks the beginning of the Cold War.
- 1948 - 1949** - Berlin airlift.
- 1949** - Volkswagen begins commercial production and their cars are introduced in the U.S. - two cars sell.

Quotes:

NO RESTRAINTS WOULD MEAN POVERTY FOR ALL: A lot of selfish people want all restrictions of government removed - they are usually very well to do - and are the ones who have profited most from the safeguards of our democratic form of government. 'Get while the getting is good, no matter who it hurts,' is their motto. These people want all the benefits of government but none of the restrictions.

The Golden Transcript, August 1, 1946

Men are only as good as their technical development allows them to be. **George Orwell, 1940**

The future is made of the same stuff as the present. **Simone Weil, 1940**

The individual whose vision encompasses the whole world often feel nowhere so hedge in and out of touch with his surroundings as in his native land. **Emma Goldman, 1940**

1950-1959

Golden's Population: 5,238 Colorado's Population: 1,325,089

In Golden

- 1950** - First building codes in Golden established.
- 1951** - Safeway moves from downtown (Ford and 13th Streets) to Ford and 19th Streets.
- 1951** - Last year of classes at the Guy Hill School in Golden Gate Canyon.
- 1954** - Golden Planning Commission established.
- 1955** - City Council grapples with parking problems in downtown Golden and traffic congestion on city streets.
- 1957** - Hested's Department Store built.
- 1958** - The Colorado Railroad Museum founded.
- 1958** - First Interstate Bank/Goldenbank/Norwest bank/Wells Fargo building completed.
- 1958** - The Colorado Railroad Museum opens.

In Colorado

- 1950** - Colorado population increases 26-31 % each decade for the next thirty years.
- 1950** - Thirty-seven separate school districts are combined into one district: Jefferson County R-1.
- 1951** - Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant begins operation.
- 1952** - Cherry Creek Dam and Reservoir completed. First televisions introduced in Colorado.
- 1955** - U.S. Air Force Academy established in Colorado Springs and NORAD completed.

In General

- 1950** - Korean War begins. Diners Club founded.
- 1952** - Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant begins production of nuclear weapon components.
- 1953** - Senator McCarthy's anti-communist witch-hunt consumes the Congress.
- 1953** - Watson, Crick and Franklin discover the structure of DNA.
- 1954** - Brown vs. The Board of Education begins the unraveling of US racial segregation.
- 1955** - The U.S. has 30,000 motels, up from 10,000 in 1935.
- 1955** - Disneyland opens in Anaheim, California and Jonas E. Salk discovers polio vaccine.
- 1957** - Russia launches the world's first satellite, Sputnik I
- 1958** - The first Boeing 707 goes into service.
- 1959** - Alaska and Hawaii become states.

Quotes

There is a hate layer of opinion and emotion in America. There will be other McCarthys to come who will be hailed as heroes. **Max Lerner, 1950**

Sure the people are stupid: the human race is stupid. Sure Congress is an inefficient instrument of government. But the people are not stupid enough to abandon representative government for any other kind, including government by the guy who knows. **Bernard Devoto, Sometimes They Vote Right Too, 1955**

It is the awareness of the unfulfilled desire which gives a nation the feeling that it has a mission and a destiny. **Eric Huffer, The Passionate State of Mind, 1955**

We mean by politics the people's business - the most important business there is. **Adlai Stevenson, 1955**

The concept of public welfare is broad and inclusive. The values it represents are spiritual as well as physical, aesthetic as well as monetary. It is within the power of the legislature to determine that the community should be beautiful as well as healthy, spacious as well as clean, well balanced as well as carefully patrolled.

U.S. Supreme Court, 1954

In America any boy may become President and I suppose it's just one of the risks he takes.

Adlai E. Stevenson, 1952

1960-1969

Golden's Population: 7,118 Colorado's Population: 1,753,947

In Golden

- 1961** - Buildings housing City Hall, Police and Fire Departments, and Recreation Center are built.
- 1962** - Hested's Luncheonette advertises a Pork Chop Dinner (with golden French fries, crisp salad, roll and butter) for 99 cents.
- 1963** - Bell Middle School built.
- 1966** - The new Jefferson County Courthouse on north Washington Avenue is dedicated.
- 1967** - The Transcript, which has been published since 1870, moves from the Colorado Transcript Building at 1115. Washington Avenue to its current location on 10th Street
- 1967** - Golden becomes a home rule city.
- 1968** - The original First Presbyterian Church building is converted into the Foothills Art Center.
- 1968** - The Beverly Heights Estates (below the "M") subdivision begins with 112 lots and custom homes selling for \$20,000 - \$40,000.
- 1968** - City Council passes an ordinance approving PUD (Planned Unit Development) zoning.

In Colorado

- 1960** - Denver Broncos first year.
- 1962** - Vail ski area opens.
- 1962** - Lutheran Hospital, the first hospital in Jefferson County and the birthplace of Rose Kalasz, opens.
- 1968** - Interstate 70 through Mt. Vernon Canyon is completed.
- 1969** - Lakewood incorporated as a City.

In General

- 1961** - Yuri Gagarin of the Soviet Union is the first person to orbit the Earth, on April 12.
- 1962** - John Glenn is the first American to orbit the Earth, on February 7.
- 1962** - Cuban Missile Crisis.
- 1963** - President John F. Kennedy assassinated in Dallas, Texas.
- 1964** - Civil Rights Act passed. The Beatles make their first trip to America.
- 1964** - Start of the U.S. involvement in Vietnam.
- 1964** - G.I. Joe introduced by Hasbro.
- 1965** - U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) formed.
- 1965** - The following foods appear for the first time: Cool Whip, Gatorade, SpaghettiOs, and Tang
- 1966** - Twiggy and miniskirts fill the fashion pages.
- 1968** - Volkswagen captures 57% of the U.S. import car market.
- 1969** - Woodstock takes place in New York.
- 1969** - Men land on the moon.

Quotes

We shape our buildings: thereafter they shape us.

Winston Churchill, Time Magazine, 1960

The mark of a true politician is that he **is** never at a loss for words because he is always half-expecting to be asked to make a speech.

Richard Nixon, 1960

If we want everything to remain as it is, it will be necessary for everything to change.

Guiseppe Tomasi Di Lampedusa, The Leopard, 1960

1970-1979

Golden's Population: 9,817 Colorado's Population: 2,209,596

In Golden

1970 - The original Golden Public Library building built.

1970 - Heritage Square opens.

1972 - Golden Landmarks Association, and the voters of Golden, save the Astor House from becoming a parking lot.

1973 - The City of Golden encompasses 4,438 acres, 900 of which are undeveloped.

1973 - The Golden City Council adopts the first subdivision regulations.

1976 - The Guy Hill School is moved from Golden Gate Canyon to a location near the former Mitchell Elementary School. It is later moved to the Clear Creek Park Ranch.

1977 - A public hearing is held to discuss annexation of Pleasant View to Golden.

1979 - The Loveland Building (now the southern portion of The Capital Grill) becomes the Mercantile Company restaurant.

In Colorado

1972 - Governor Lamm headed a successful fight against Colorado hosting the 1976 Winter Olympics.

1973 - The Eisenhower Tunnel opens.

1974 - Desegregation of schools begins.

1976 - The Big Thompson River Canyon floods resulting in 145 deaths.

1978 - The Broncos lose the Super Bowl to the Dallas Cowboys.

In General

1970 - The Environmental Protection Agency is established.

1972 - Watergate break-in leads to President Nixon's resignation.

1972 - The following foods appear for the first time: Egg McMuffin, Top Ramen and Tuna Helper

1974 - Patty Hearst kidnapped by the Symbionese Liberation Army.

1975 - Saigon falls and the Vietnam War ends. The movie *Jaws* is released.

1976 - Israeli raid at the Entebbe Airport in Uganda frees 105 hostages.

1976 - Viking I lands on Mars and sends back photographs.

1977 - West Point allows females to enroll. The first *Star Wars* movie is released

1979 - 1981 - Iran Hostage crisis.

Quotes

While metropolitan Denver engulfs the area with its accompanying problems of growth, Golden, with its unique boundaries and a cohesive population, refuses to be completely absorbed. It is one of the few communities in the area to retain a small town atmosphere and a cross section of people.

The League of Women Voters, Golden: Challenging Past and Future, 1973

The Jefferson County Board of Adjustment gave the final nod to allow gravel mining to begin mining gravel and aggregate atop North Table Mountain, but the special attorney for the City of Golden vowed he would seek a court injunction to stop it.

The Golden Daily Transcript, January 11, 1973

1980-1989

Golden's Population: 12,237

Colorado's Population: 2,889,733

In Golden

- 1982** - Public hearings held on proposed development of the Foss land in north Golden (a.k.a. Mesa Meadows).
- 1983** - Historic Preservation ordinance passes.
- 1983** - The Twelfth Street Historic District is established.
- 1988** - Tripp Ranch development approved by City Council.
- 1988** - O.R. Goltra submits plans to open the 320 acre Sheep Mountain quarry just west of Golden.
- 1989** - Public hearings held on Canyon Point development.
- 1989** - Burger King opens in Golden.
- 1989** - Golden Urban Renewal Authority (GURA) established.

In Colorado

- 1982** - *Black Sunday* hits on May 2 as Exxon pulls out of the oil shale Colony Project and starts a ripple effect that results in the oil bust.
- 1983** - First automated teller machine (ATM) in Colorado.
- 1989** - Production of nuclear weapon components ceases at Rocky Flats.

In General

- 1980** - Mount St. Helens erupts. CNN goes on the air.
- 1981** - Walter Cronkite goes off the air after almost two decades as the CBS news anchorman.
- 1981** - First space shuttle flight. AIDS is first identified.
- 1981** - IBM introduces the first personal computer.
- 1982** - American public first becomes aware of AIDS. Break up of AT&T.
- 1986** - The space shuttle Challenger explodes shortly after launch.
- 1987** - Gary Hart drops his bid to become president.
- 1989** - The oil tanker, Exxon Valdez, runs aground in Prince William Sound in Alaska. The Berlin Wall dismantled.

Quotes

In the minds of most, if not all major retailers, a store in Golden is considered a store in downtown Denver. When they look at our demographics and count our rooftops, they decide we don't have the population base they need to start a new business here since we're this close to Denver. And that's what has killed us from a retail standpoint. We need more bodies.

Ed Enger, Golden Transcript, publisher and member of the Golden Economic Council, Denver Business, February, 1986

It's damn near as hard to get anything built here as it is in Boulder.

Paul D. Barron, Golden developer, Sunday Camera Magazine, February 16, 1986

A local entrepreneur will ask officials of this historic city to consider a multimillion dollar redevelopment plan, featuring a hotel-convention center and a monorail system "just like the one at Disneyland", the Rocky Mountain News has learned. Ronald Weiszmann said he hopes his plan will prevent Golden - Colorado's first capital - from becoming "a ghost town".

The Rocky Mountain News, December 23, 1986

Christmas is a time when kids tell Santa what they want and adults pay for it. Deficits are when adults tell the government what they want—and their kids pay for it. **Governor Richard Lamm, 1985**

We have seen the rapid change from a small rural town... We hope it's for the better, but we can't help feeling nostalgic about the sleepy little college town which has disappeared into the mists of our memories.

Betty Bloom 1980

1990-1999

1990 Golden's Population: 13,116

Colorado's Population: 3,294,394

2000 Golden's Population: 17,159

Colorado's Population: 4,301,261

In Golden

- 1991** - By just 13 votes, voters approve a tax to rebuild Washington Ave. and build a new community center.
- 1991** - Table Mountain Inn is built out of the old Holland House.
- 1992** - Downtown streetscape project completed. Plans for the Clear Creek Living History Ranch Park underway.
- 1993** - Golden City Brewery founded as the *Second Largest Brewery in Golden*.
- 1993** - Vision 2010 Comprehensive Plan adopted. Jefferson County Courthouse (a.k.a. Taj Majal) is completed.
- 1994** - Golden Community Center completed.
- 1995** - New public restrooms (a.k.a. Taj MaStall) opens downtown.
- 1995** - Community held a series of meetings concerning growth.
- 1995** - Steve's Corner's (Starbucks) white horse burns and is replaced with a black horse.
- 1996** - On January 1st the 1% growth limitation goes into effect.
- 1996** - In February the water gets a bit chunky. Bottled water is provided for ten days until the problem is fixed.
- 1997** - Golden's new public library is created in the old community recreation center.
- 1997** - Mitchell Elementary School is closed. It was torn down in 1998.
- 1998** - The Golden Hotel opens in downtown Golden. King Soopers opens on South Golden Road.
- 1998** - Nike considers a huge facility on South Table Mountain.
- 1999** - South Golden Road undergoes extensive renovation, including several traffic circles.

In Colorado

- 1990** - Colorado population increases 14% since 1980.
- 1990** - Voters approve limited stakes gambling in Black Hawk, Central City, and Cripple Creek.
- 1992** - The voters of Colorado pass a citizens' initiative to limit the growth of state and local governments with the passage of the TABOR amendment to the state constitution.
- 1993** - The Colorado Rockies baseball team has their first season.
- 1995** - Denver International Airport opens.
- 1997** - Stevinson's Denver West Village shopping center opens along west Colfax in Lakewood.
- 1999** - In April, two gunmen open fire on students at Columbine High School, killing 12 students and a teacher.

In General

- 1990** - East and West Germany reunited after 43 years of separation.
- 1990** - Soviet Union begins to fall apart. U.S. prisons have 1.3 million inmates, twice as many as in 1980.
- 1991** - Operation Desert Storm begins February 24 and lasts 100 hours. U.S. population tops 250 million.
- 1991** - Clarence Thomas faces Anita Hill during his Supreme Court confirmation hearings.
- 1992** - U.S. national debt tops \$3 trillion.
- 1994** - Baseball players go on strike, canceling the World Series for the first time in 90 years.
- 1994** - Los Angeles rocked by earthquake measuring 6.8 on the Richter Scale.
- 1994** - O.J. Simpson arrested and put on trial for the murders of his ex-wife and an acquaintance of hers.
- 1995** - The Federal Building in Oklahoma City is bombed, killing 164 people.

Quotes:

Information, usually seen as the precondition of debate, is better understood as its by-product.

Christopher Latsch, *The Lost Art of Political Argument*, 1990

One of the extraordinary things about human events is that the unthinkable becomes thinkable.

Salman Rushdie, 1990

We live in a world where amnesia is the most wished for state. When did history become a bad word?

John Guare. 1990

2000-2003

1990 Golden's Population: Colorado's Population:
2000 Golden's Population: Colorado's Population:

In Golden

2000 - New Ford Street bridge over Clear Creek is completed.

2000 - Kenrows, a well-known downtown restaurant, burns down in July.

2000 - Golden voters support a new outdoor recreation campus that includes a new outdoor pool (The Splash) and a municipal golf course (Fossil Trace).

2000 - Hilltop Café opens.

2001 - Dinosaurs, who have been dead about 65 million years, rear their heads once more and have their footprints preserved.

2002 - As the drought continues, Golden battles with it's neighbors over Clear Creek water rights.

2003 - The Washington Avenue bridge over Clear Creek is replaced.

In Colorado

2002 - Colorado Mills, along west Colfax in Lakewood, opens.

In General

2001 - September 11, terrorists kill over 3,000 people in New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania

Quotes:

Yeah, he probably was a cad. Many people were. I suppose I would be too if I went without a bath for several weeks. It's part of history. It's a piece of art. **Ed Ramstetter, Golden Councilman, 2000**