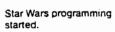


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1986

1988

ABACUS Time Line is denounced as frivolous.

South Africe bans black-onwhite computer displays.

Manufacturer announces the Unary computer, with half the symbols and twice the speed of binary.

End of Cobol predicted.

U.S. Commerce Department grants export license for FNIAC

DoD orders ultra-high-speed printer 1987 using invisible ink.

End of Fortran predicted.

Star Wars software certified correct.

Stanford professor discovers purpose of local area networking.

University computer, denied tenure, destroys student records.

DoD classifies Stanford LAN report as Top Secret.

Amiga develops Friendly Love computer. End of Cobol predicted.

Last human grand master is disqualified for slow playing in international chess competition. First computer is admitted to graduate school. Seeks degree in English literature.

End of Fortran predicted.

Antique punched-card deck brings \$ 100,000 at auction.

IBM acquires 14 failing firms. including Exxon and General Motors.

Grain-of-sand-size \$ 14 billion Cray

Star Wars software tested.

1990

IMB buys Florida.

Star Wars software

reprogramming started.

Departments of Commerce and Education are merged into the Department of Information Processing

End of Cobol predicted.

U.S.Justice Department sues IBM for restraint of trade.

End of Fortran predicted.

IBM acquires Justice Department.

Supreme Court upholds Tennessee law prohibiting teaching computer evolution. 64 is accidentally lost in rug during Congressional hearing.

Star Wars corrected software

certified correct.

CIA is indicted for unauthorized entry into 14-year-old's secret computer files. 1992

Last university mathematics department is renamed "Department of Computer Science."

Last high-school grammar-andspelling class is replaced by

word-processing course.

Crisis ends as last employment

End of Cobol predicted.

advertisement for computer science faculty member is withdrawn.

Church group condemns

End of Fortran predicted.

computer idolatry.

Star Wars corrected software tested.

1994

Turing test demonstrates that the president of a major firm is an artificially intelligent robot.

Star Wars corrected software reprogramming started.

Last native-born U.S. citizen in computer

End of Fortran predicted.

1996

End of Cobol predicted.

science graduate school gets degree.

DoD announces unbreakable secret encryption scheme.

Japan announces 13th-Generation Computer Project.

Charles Babbage, nine-year-old MIT undergraduate, breaks new DoD code.

DoD announces 13th-Generation Computer Project.

DoD prohibite publication of Babbage solution.

End of Cobol predicted.

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People's Republic of China joins Japan in banning export of computer technology to the U.S.

Ada documentation exceeds capacity of all toxic waste dumps.

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