

The week in history

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1946: The United States detonated an atomic bomb near Bikini Atoll in the Pacific in the first underwater test of the device.

1958: Bids were let for a new Student Union Building at Northern, which was planned to include a new "Wolves Den" gathering spot for students.

1965: Mobridge residents voted on leasing city land for a proposed feedlot and meat packing plant.

2002: Encouraged by a tapping sound coming up from the depths, rescuers in Somerset, Pa., brought in a huge drill in a race to save nine coal miners trapped 240 feet underground by a flooded shaft.

2002: Zacarias Moussaoui declared he was guilty of conspiracy in the September 11 attacks, then dramatically withdrew his plea at his arraignment in Alexandria, Va.

July 26

1952: Argentina's first lady, Eva Peron, died in Buenos Aires at age 33.

1968: The Harmonica Rascals were the headline entertainment for the Brown County Fair.

1988: Aberdeen library patrons who abused their borrowing privileges by keeping books 30 days or more past the due date would find themselves in small claims court beginning Sept. 1.

1990: President George H.W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

2016: The Democratic Party became the first major U.S. political party to nominate a woman for the presidency with Hillary Clinton getting the nod.

July 27

1789: President George Washington signed a measure establishing the Department of Foreign Affairs, forerunner of the Department of State.

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1909: During the first official test of the U.S. Army's first airplane, Orville Wright flew himself and a passenger, Lt. Frank Lahm, above Fort Myer, Va., for one hour and 12 minutes.

1967: The Aberdeen Police Department made its first arrest under a new city ordinance requiring motorcyclists to wear protective helmets

1971: South Dakota officials claimed that as many as 1,000 elm trees could be lost that year due to Dutch Elm Disease.

1981: 6-year-old Adam Walsh was abducted from a department store in Hollywood, Fla., and was later murdered. (His father, John Walsh, became a well-known crime victims' advocate.)

July 28

1914: World War I began as Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia.

1959: In preparation for statehood, Hawaiians voted to send the first Chinese-American, Republican Hiram L. Fong, to the U.S. Senate and the first Japanese-American, Democrat Daniel K. Inouye, to the U.S. House of Representatives.

1965: Construction on Aberdeen's Sixth Avenue was completed. The street had four lanes, a concrete surface and overhanging stop lights.

1967: Northern Electric Cooperative was ready to move into its new facility near Bath the next week.

2002: Nine coal miners trapped in the flooded Quecreek Mine in Somerset, Pa., were rescued after 77 hours underground.

July 29

1890: Artist Vincent van Gogh, 37, died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound in Auvers-sur-Oise, France.

1921: Adolf Hitler became the leader ("fuehrer") of the National Socialist German Workers Party.

1958: President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the National Aeronautics and Space Act, creating NASA.

2007: Cal Ripken Jr. and Tony Gwynn took their places in the Baseball Hall of Fame.

2014: South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley said that he was prepared to bring various counts of grand theft charges against former state official Richard Benda in the days before Benda's death last year.

July 30

1932: The Summer Olympic Games opened in Los Angeles.

1945: The Portland class heavy cruiser USS Indianapolis was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine during World War II; only 316 out of some 1,200 men survived.

1965: President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law the Medicare bill, which went into effect the following year.

1975: Former Teamsters union president Jimmy Hoffa disappeared in suburban Detroit; although presumed dead, his remains have never been found.

July 31

1930: The radio character "The Shadow" made his debut as narrator of the "Detective Story Hour" on CBS Radio.

1966: Deadly tornadoes in the area killed two people at Long Lake and one person south of Aberdeen.

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1971: Apollo 15 crew members David Scott and James Irwin became the first astronauts to use a lunar rover on the surface of the moon.

1972: Democratic vice-presidential candidate Thomas Eagleton withdrew from the ticket with George McGovern following disclosures that Eagleton had once undergone psychiatric treatment.

1991: President George H.W. Bush and Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev signed the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty in Moscow.

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