

**1962** October 11, Vatican Council II, convened by Pope John XXIII, announced many liberalizing changes in Roman Catholic liturgy and practice; supported cautious involvement in ecumenical discussions with other Christians. Council lasted to 1965.

American Rachael Carson's book *Silent Springs* attacked pesticide use and stimulated a major environmental movement.

February 20, Lt. Col. John H. Glenn, Jr. in *Mercury 6* made the first orbital flight by an American. He orbits the earth three times. The first space flight by a human was on April 12, 1961 by Yuri A. Gagarin in *Vostok 1*.

April 23, United States *Ranger 4* launched; the first probe to reach the moon.

October 22-28, threat of nuclear war during the Cuban Missile Crisis was averted when Soviet Union agreed to withdraw missiles from Cuba.

President Kennedy sent U. S. marshals to protect James H. Meredith, a black student at University of Mississippi.

July 18, Harmon Killebrew and Bob Allison each hit a grand slam in the same Inning. The Twins beat Cleveland.

Eugenie Anderson was U. S. Minister to Bulgaria until 1964. She was the first American woman ambassador when she first served in Denmark from 1949-1953.

Soudan Mine closed. It employed over 1,800 men by 1890 when the mine reverted from open pit to an underground operation.

June 16, the \$100,000 restaurant The Sky Room opened by Mr. & Mrs. Jerome J. LaPlante at 1144 Mesaba Avenue. The decor was based upon a panoramic view of the Duluth harbor, sky and stars with a seating capacity of 160. It was sold and bought and sold and evolved, but was always a restaurant. Finally, it was called the Buena Vista Restaurant and Motel, but was sold for its site - meaning its view. Construction of condominiums was underway in 2005.

October 13, Jack Demsey, former world heavy weight boxing champion appeared at West Duluth. He also visited John O'Neill, a Duluth letter carrier, as the men both served in the US Coast Guard in 1943.

**1963** January 22, France and West Germany signed a treaty of cooperation that ended four centuries of conflict.

August 5, Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, official title: Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapons Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and Under Water was signed by Soviet Union, UK and US, at Moscow, and in force from October 10, 1963. As of 1999, at total of 124 additional nations have signed.

November 22, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas.

There were 15,000 U. S. military advisors in South Vietnam.

August 28, epic Civil rights March on Washington where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech.

November 24, presumed assassin of President Kennedy, Lee Harvey Oswald was Murdered by Jack Ruby.

Betty Friedan's book *Feminine Mystique* was published.

March 25, Karl F. Rolvaag was sworn in as governor, having beaten Elmer L. Andersen by 91 votes in the state's closest gubernatorial election. The recount took four months.

December 7, T. Eugene Thompson, a lawyer who helped to draft Minnesota's 1963 revised criminal code, began serving a life sentence in the Minnesota State Prison for hiring a man to kill his wife, Carol.

The Minnesota Opera Company was founded as a performing wing of the Walker Art Center. In 1979 it received an award for service from the National Opera Institute.

The Guthrie Theater was founded by the late Sir Tyrone Guthrie. It began as a repertory company.

September 24, President John F. Kennedy spoke at UMD on the subject of high unemployment in the northern Great Lakes area, where joblessness was about twice the

national average.

Duluth's National Guard would double in size under a proposed March 1 reorganization, but the 125th Field Artillery Battalion would be demobilized according to Sec. of Defense Robert S. McNamara, who said "the new setup will be designed to whip Reserve and Guard units into better shape for service in the cold war."

Harold "Bo" Conrad, 4 foot 10 inch, 81 pound 12 year old, out-drove a record field of 239 boys to win the 26<sup>th</sup> All-American Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio, to a wildly cheering crowd of 70,000. Duluth and Minnesota's first championship in the annual coasting event. Bo won a \$7,500 scholarship from the Chevrolet Motor Corp., national sponsor of the event, with a time of 27.60 seconds. He had to win five heats. He'll be in 8th grade at Ordeal Jr. High.

A new Duluth Cathedral High School opened and both girls and boys were educated under one roof for the first time.

Ruth Quigley, loved and respected Dean of Women at Hibbing High School and Hibbing Junior College since 1943, died. She taught English and was a counselor for 42 years.

**1964** Arno Penzias and Robert Wilson found radio waves pervaded space, which proved to most astronomers that the Big Bang actually occurred.

June 11, South African statesman Nelson Mandela, born in 1918, was sentenced to life imprisonment.

The Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. won the Nobel Peace Prize.

24th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution prohibits a poll tax. The right of citizens of the United States to vote in any primary or other election for President or Vice President or for Senator or Representative in Congress, shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state by reason of failure to pay any poll tax or other tax.

Civil Rights Act of 1964 Title VII prohibited employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex and national origin. The Civil Rights Act of 1991 amended several sections of Title VII.

June 22, Mississippi Freedom Summer began with murders of three civil rights workers.

President Lyndon Johnson called for a "War on Poverty"

August 7, after alleged North Vietnamese attacks on U. S. Navy destroyers, Congress passed Tonkin Gulf Resolution that gave President Johnson a free hand in Vietnam.

September 27, the Warren Commission reported there was no conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy.

Rock and roll musicians The Beatles appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show.

September 29, St. Paul's first McDonald's Restaurant opened on Fort Road. A burger cost 15 cents.

The 1964 Taconite Tax Amendment required a state constitutional amendment. It went to voters and passed. It assured potential taconite producers that the existing law exempting taconite from ad valorem taxes was guaranteed for 25 years. The Amendment assured Minnesotans that the exemption would end in 25 years. Investment followed.

State boys basketball tournament all-time records, most rebounds, 69, Bob Laney of Proctor.

From 1957 to 1965, the annual deer take increased from 67,000 to 127, 000 animals. The number of hunters increased from 180,000 in 1957 to 290,000 in 1965.

WDSE educational television was established in Duluth.

March 6, a majority of Duluth service stations raised the price of gasoline one cent per gallon to 31.9 cents per gallon for regular and 38.9 cents for premium.

May 23, NEMDA, Northeast Minnesota Development Association, a million-dollar privately financed nonprofit corporation that promoted Northeastern Minnesota

employment opportunities was organized in Hibbing. It had the support of every segment of business, industry and labor in Northeastern Minnesota.

June 3, ground was broken near Eveleth for a \$45 million taconite-pellet plant constructed by Ford Motor Co. and Oglebay-Norton Co. Governor Karl F. Rolvaag and other state and local officials participated.

First C. E. Goodman Scholarship was awarded to a Virginia Junior College student in the biological sciences: Kay Listemaa of Gilbert. The scholarship was named for Dr. Charles E. Goodman who retired in 1964 after 36 years as Virginia school physician.

January 28, a revolutionary winter tire with built-in ice gripping steel studs, was demonstrated in Duluth. It claimed to give unprecedented control and performance.

Nat G. Polinsky Memorial Rehabilitation Center, 530 East Second Street in Duluth, opened. Named by A. B. Polinsky for his brother who died in 1964. The brothers were long-time owners of the Duluth's Minnesota Woolen company.

**1965** The "Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution" tried to impose a utopian egalitarian program in China and spread revolution abroad. Political struggle, often violent, convulsed China through 1968.

February 21, black-nationalist leader Malcom X was shot to death at Harlem rally in New York City.

April 28, U. S. Marines landed in Dominican Republic as fighting persisted between rebels and Dominican army.

August 11-16, Blacks rioted for six days in Watts section of Los Angeles, California. Violence left 334 dead, over 1,000 injured, nearly 4,000 arrested, and fire damages put at \$175 million.

July 1, medicare, U.S. senior citizen's medical assistance program began.

The movies *Dr. Zhivago* and *The Sound of Music* were in theaters.

Consumer activist Ralph Nader's book *Unsafe as Any Speed* was in bookstores.

Congress passed the Solid Waste Disposal Act; its first major solid waste legislation.

April 3, Eddie Rickenbacher, WWI flying ace spoke at Hotel Duluth at Scottish Rite Masons 75th Anniversary on "Current ills of the world and the lack of personal initiative."

Lyndon B. Johnson was U. S. president with Minnesotan, Hubert H. Humphrey vice president. In 1968, Humphrey ran for president losing to Richard Nixon.

Minnesota Hungarians, Hungarian Catholic League, and remnants of Gabor Baross Society all celebrated the anniversary of the 1956 revolution. In 1979 they revised bylaws to use English rather than Hungarian at meetings.

August 21, the English rock group The Beatles performed in Minneapolis in Metropolitan Stadium to an estimated crowd of 4,000.

U. S. Steel's Soudan Mine was donated to the state for a state park: 982 acres included surface and underground portions. The mine was 2,400 feet below the surface.

February, *The Mesabi Daily News* of Virginia turned 72. Its name was adopted in the mid-1940s: it continued the *Enterprise*.

September 21, Duluth City Councilman Donn Larson urged that Duluth's mayor receive a salary increase. The mayor was paid \$12,000 annually.

Cooley Butler died at 97; a mining industry pioneer and last of the six Butler Brothers and Butler Mining Co. The Iron Range town of Cooley was named in his honor.

**1966** Jack Nicklaus won the British Open golf tournament -- also in 1970 and 1978.

National Organization for Women (NOW) was founded.

Congress passed Rare and Endangered Species Act.

Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey spoke at UMD commencement.

The Minnesota State Arts Council was created by the Minnesota legislature. It was reorganized and became the Minnesota State Arts Board. In 1986, the Board distributed \$797,300 to the various councils around the state. Region 3 remains the Arrowhead Regional Arts Council.

February 7, the Duluth City Council Planning Committee approved rezoning an 18-acre site in the Duluth Heights neighborhood from residential to commercial to accommodate construction of the 540,000 square foot Miller Hill Mall Shopping Center.

April 1, the Duluth Air Defense Sector changed its name and became the 29th NORAD Air Division.

August, the \$6.1 million Duluth Arena Auditorium (5,600 see arena, 2,300 seat auditorium) was completed. Pioneer Hall was added in 1976.

The once top-ranked Spalding Hotel in downtown Duluth was razed. It was named for William W. Spalding, first president of the DM&IR railroad, who financed its construction and owned it.

Eveleth Taconite (EVTAC) Company opened its Thunderbird Mine and processed taconite at the Fairlane Plant near Forbes.

November 13, the Soudan Mine, off highway 1/169, Tower Soudan State Park, Breitung Township, was named a National Historic Landmark on the National Register of Historic Places.

Col. Ralph M. Jerome, base detachment commander, said the Air National Guard contributed \$5 million in payroll, supplies, services and new construction to the Duluth area's economy.

Paul Sramek Meadowlands' mayor for the last 25 years, died.

**1967** May 30, Biafra secedes from Nigeria.

June 5, Israeli and Arab forces battled. Six-day war ended with Israel occupying Sinai Peninsula, Golan Heights, Gaza Strip, and east bank of Suez Canal.

June 17, Red China announced explosion of its first hydrogen bomb.

S. Manabe and R. T. Wetherald predicted that increased amounts of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere would lead to global warming.

January 27, three Apollo astronauts, Col. Virgil I. Grissom, Col. Edward White II, and Lt. Cmdr. Roger B. Chaffee were killed in spacecraft fire during simulated launch.

April 27, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., criticized U. S. involvement in the Vietnam War in a speech at the University of Minnesota St. Paul campus.

Green Bay defeated Kansas City in the first ever Super Bowl football game.

April 15, October 20-22, hundreds of thousands of anti-war protesters marched on Washington.

July 23, Racial violence in Detroit; 7,000 National Guardsmen aided police after night of rioting. Similar outbreaks occurred in New York City's Spanish Harlem, Rochester, New York., Birmingham, Alabama, and New Britain, Connecticut.

United States Steel's Minnesota Ore Operations Minntac Plant began producing taconite pellets. By 1972 it was the largest taconite pellet plant in America.

A sled dog race between Anchorage and Nome, Alaska was organized and evolved in 1973 into the current Iditarod. The 1,100 mile race partially follows a dogsled mail route of 1910. In 1976 the US Congress designated the original Iditarod Trail as a National Historic Trail.

January 22, during the era of rock 'n roll, KSJR began broadcasting from St. John's University in Collegeville as a station devoted to classical music and the fine arts. KSJR developed into Minnesota Public Radio, one of the largest and most successful public radio systems in the country.

Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra conductor of 17 years, Herman Hertz resigned. The DSSO was organized in 1932, under conductor Paul Lemay who served 9 years, and was killed in action in WWII.

Somebody's House restaurant at 1600 Woodland Ave, (at the Mount Royal Shopping Center) opened in February by partners Richard and Beatrice Ojakangas and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Alspach.

Pioneer Mine in Ely closed.

**1968** April 4, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated by James Earl Ray in Memphis, Tennessee.

June 5, Senator Robert F. Kennedy was shot by Sirhan B. Sirhan in Los Angeles after winning the California primary. Robert Kennedy died on June 6.

June 8, indicted murderer, James Earl Ray was captured in London.

August 20, Czechoslovakia was invaded by Russians and Warsaw Pact forces to crush liberal regime.

Don Wetzel invented the ATM.

Indian Civil Rights Act, extended to individual Indians some protections of the U.S. Bill of Rights in their relations with their tribal governments. Tribes may have an established religion; and free counsel was not required in court cases. Amended so states could not assume legal jurisdiction over tribes without their consent.

The rock musical *Hair* was on Broadway.

*The Graduate* was in movie theaters.

March, President Lyndon Johnson made a surprise announcement that he would not seek nor accept nomination to another term as president.

The College of St. Scholastica went co-ed officially in the fall. It opened its doors to male students full-time. Eight men were enrolled.

November 24, Mountain Iron Mine, off 1st street and Mountain avenue, Mountain Iron was named a National Historic Landmark on the National Register of Historic Places.

Chester and Clara Congdon's 1905 Jacobean-style house Glensheen, 3300 London Road in Duluth, was given to UMD in 1968 and opened to the public for tours in 1979.

**1969** U. S. and Soviet Union began Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) in Helsinki, Finland.

June 28, Stonewall riot in New York City marked the beginning of the gay rights movement.

July 20, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil A. Armstrong, Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr., and Michael Collins take man's first walk on the moon.

July 18, Senator Edward M. Kennedy plead guilty to leaving the scene of a fatal accident at Chappaquiddick, Massachusetts, in which Mary Jo Kopechne was drowned. Kennedy received a two-months suspended sentence on July 25.

President Richard M. Nixon appointed Robert T. Smith's successor, David W.

August 15-18, Woodstock music festival near Bethel, New York drew 400,000 young fans.

Oberlin, administrator of the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.

Vine DeLoria published his book *Custer Died for Your Sins: An Indian Manifesto*.

Duluthian Margaret Culklin Banning [Salsich] (1891-1982) published her book *MESABI*.

*Minnesota Geographic Names: Their Origin and Historic Significance* by Warren Upham originally published in 1920, was reprinted by the Minnesota Historical Society.

Warren Burger, formerly of St. Paul, was named to the U. S. Supreme Court.

Save Lake Superior Association was formed by Duluth activists brother and sister Alden Lind and Arlene Lind Lehto and colleagues.

Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra and Chorus under Conductor Joseph Hawthorne presented the opera *La Boheme*.

The St. Louis County Heritage & Arts Center began as the Area Cultural Center. It was initially supposed to use the vacant, former SOO Line depot building, designed by Bell, Tyrie & Chapman of Minneapolis that opened in 1910 on Superior Street in Duluth.

November, the Bellows Restaurant, opened by owners Don M. and Verna Bellows at 2230 London Road. It received a Silver Plate award in February 1971, and was sold June 1, 1974 to B & D Corporation of Duluth.

**1970** SALT, Strategic Arms Limitation Talks, negotiations reopened in Vienna.

January 15, Biafra surrendered after 32-month fight for independence from Nigeria.  
 November 12, Lt. William L. Calley was court-martialed for massacre of 102 civilians in My Lai South Vietnam.

President Nixon called for "Vietnamization" to decrease U. S. involvement in war.  
 Bombing in Vietnam escalated dramatically.

April 29, invasion of Cambodia resulted in nationwide U. S. protests.

Presidential Message included a major change in policy urging that Indians be allowed to become independent of federal control without being cut off from federal support. Proposed repeals allowed Indians to control their own programs, help for urban Indians, expanded programs in economic development and health, and elevation of Indian affairs within the Department of Interior.

Alice Childress, African American novelist, short story writer, playwright's award-winning young-adult book *A Hero Ain't Nothing But a Sandwich* was published. It was banned from a Savannah, Georgia library.

April 22, first Earth Day was celebrated.

May 4, four students were killed and nine wounded by National Guard units at Kent State University in Ohio.

Minnesotan Norman Borlaug received the Nobel Peace Prize for his contributions to food production. His research had its roots at the University of Minnesota and was continued with global significance after he joined the Rockefeller Institute.

Environmental Protection Agency was established.

April 3, the former Greyhound bus station in Minneapolis opened its doors as a music club, the Depot. Eight years later it would be renamed First Avenue by Steve McClellan and Jack Meyers. A cornerstone of the city's music scene, First Avenue hosted local and national acts and was featured in Prince's movie *Purple Rain*.

Minnesotan Harry Blackmun was named to the U. S. Supreme Court. He wrote the majority opinion in the case of *Roe v. Wade* which legalized abortion.

October 9, Melvin Laird, Defense Secretary under President Richard Nixon, spoke to the Rotary Club at Hotel Duluth on a proposed cease-fire in Indochina.

32 plants were processing ore on the Mesabi; of these, six were concentrating taconite. Of the 54,682,000 tons of ore shipped that year, 34 million were Range taconite.

There were 15,000 mine jobs; only 6,000 twenty-five years later due to steadily improved technology.

Labor Temple opened in the 1946 Coca-Cola plant building at 2002 London Road when the bottling enterprise moved to a new \$750,000 plant in West Duluth.

Duluth Transit Authority (DTA) was publicly owned.

Federal population census showed Virginia had 16,025 residents, up 2,000 from 1960. There were 8 motels, 5 hotels, 5 elementary schools, one high school, one junior high, and 24 places of worship.

Ceramics artist and art instructor at Hibbing schools Tom Kishel, a Virginia native with degrees from Bemidji State and St. Cloud State, exhibited his work at the Range Art Center in Hibbing sponsored by the Range Artists Association.

1971 May 30, American spacecraft *Mariner 9* was first to orbit another planet, Mars.

May 3, anti-war militants attempted to disrupt government business in Washington; police and military units arrested as many as 12,000; most were later released.

June, *Pentagon Papers* was published.

Dee Brown's book *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee* was published. Brown was born in 1908 in Alberta, Louisiana. Besides a writer, he was a reporter, teacher, and librarian.

October 25, 26th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution gave 18-year olds the vote.

September 11, the first Minnesota Renaissance Festival opened at Lake Grace in Jonathan. One of the largest of its kind, the festival operates from a permanent encampment near Shakopee.

The Playwrights' Center was founded in Minneapolis.

September 24, Duluth-Superior High Bridge dedicated as John A. Blatnik Bridge  
 June 6, first McDonald's restaurant opened in Duluth at 2215 East Central Entrance. There were 1,600 restaurants in the U.S. and eight foreign countries.

June 18, Kenwood 1 & 2 theaters opened. The announcement had to describe the set-up: "The 80x114 foot building would hold two "mini" theaters each with its own screen." This was the first multi-plex in the region with seating of 520 and 280. Built for about \$300,000 by Northwest Cinema Corp. and architects Liebenberg, Kaplan & Glotter, Inc. all of Minneapolis. The opening films were *Andromeda Strain* and a reissue of *Lawrence of Arabia*. The theaters closed on December 9, 1984.

St. Louis County's Nopeming Sanatorium ceased to be a county tuberculosis facility in December when it became the Nopeming Nursing Home.

Mesabi Mall in Hibbing opened.

July, nearly 8,000 Central High School graduates returned to Duluth for an All Class Reunion.

December 9, Duluth's Union Depot listed on National Register of Historic Places

Formerly of Virginia, Lois Brandt Miller, Duluth Symphony Orchestra's principal cellist was chosen for the World Symphony Orchestra's three performances. The 125 musicians represented 55 nations, 25 states, and the District of Columbia. She was one of 39 musicians chosen from 39 states.

1972 February 21-27, President Nixon made his historic first visit to China and met with Mao Zegong.

March 24, Britain took over direct rule of Northern Ireland in a bid for peace.

U. S. *Apollo 17* splashed down in the Pacific Ocean winding up the *Apollo* program of manned lunar landings.

September 5, eleven Israeli athletes at the Olympic Games in Munich were killed after eight members of an Arab terrorist group invade Olympic Village. Five guerrillas and one policeman were also killed.

December 25, "Christmas bombing" of North Vietnam.

May 15, George C. Wallace of Alabama was shot by Arthur H. Bremet at a Laurel, Maryland political rally.

June 17, five men were arrested attempting to bug Democratic National Committee headquarters in the Washington, D. C. Watergate complex - start of the Watergate scandal.

Indian Education Act, Title IV was an expanded program to meet special and culturally related education needs of reservation and non reservation students with one-eighth Indian ancestry. Indian parents had a voice in program decisions. It funded innovative projects, adult education, and professional school fellowships for qualifying Indians.

June 23, President Richard Nixon signed Title IX that banned sex discrimination in all schools receiving federal funding. It was best known for its impact on girls in sports.

April 26, Vietnam War protestors demonstrated at Honeywell, Inc. in Minneapolis, which at the time manufactured fragmentation bombs.

July 21, 22, most rain in Minnesota in 24 hours, was 14 inches in Parker township, northwest of St. Cloud.

Minnesota was mentioned in the Guinness Book of World Records: Mrs. Cecelia Grismo of Pine River had a duck named Susie which laid a 17 ounce egg; it is thought to be the biggest.

The *Ely Echo* began publication.

Duluth's Free Clinic coordinated by Catherine DeShaw opened at 211 West 4th street in the Sacred Heart Residence.

UMD's medical school's first class of 24 students began their program.

November 9, Central High School built in 1892 in Duluth listed on the National Register of Historic Places

- 1973** **Famine in Ethiopia after a six year drought caused more than 200,000 deaths.**  
**January 1, Great Britain, Ireland, and Denmark entered the European Economic Community.**  
**June 1, Greek military junta abolished monarchy and proclaimed republic.**  
**August 15, U. S. bombing of Cambodia ended, marked official halt to 12 years of combat activity in Southeast Asia.**  
**September 11, Chiles's Marxist president, Salvadore Allende was overthrown.**  
**November 11, Egypt and Israel signed U. S.-sponsored cease-fire accord.**  
**U. S. signed Paris Accords in January, ending our war in and supposedly bringing peace to Indochina. More than 208,000 Minnesotans served in U. S. armed forces during the Vietnam War years with 1,063 killed in Indochina and 41 listed as POW/MIA in Vietnam.**  
**Trial of Watergate burglars revealed conspiracy to conceal White House involvement.**  
**August, trial began U. S. of America vs. Reserve Mining Co. in the U. S. District Court for the District of Minnesota Minneapolis, Judge Miles Lord presiding. On March 16, 1980, Reserve ceased taconite tailing discharge into Lake Superior, seven years after the trial began.**  
**Twins in All Star Game were Bert Blyleven, pitcher, and Rob Carew, 1st or 2nd base.**  
**The Minnesota Vikings won 12 and lost 2 during the season.**  
**May 5, Father Frank F. Perkovich celebrated Minnesota's first polka mass in Eveleth's Resurrection Catholic Church. He used his Slovenian and Croatian roots to arrange traditional folk music and adapt hymns in English.**  
**June 21, the United States Hockey Hall of Fame opened in Eveleth.**  
**May 22, Duluth's Aerial lift bridge at Lake Avenue over the Duluth Ship Canal was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.**
- 1974** **F. Sherwood Rowland and Mario Molinas warned that chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) were destroying the ozone layer.**  
**World population reached 4 billion. It was 3 billion in 1960 and 2 billion in 1927.**  
**February 5, Patricia Hearst, 19-year-old daughter of publisher Randolph Hearst, was kidnapped by Symbionese Liberation Army.**  
**July 30, U. S. House Judiciary Committee adopted three articles of impeachment charging President Nixon with obstruction of justice, failure to uphold laws, and refusal to produce material subpoenaed by the committee.**  
**August 9, President Richard Nixon resigned from office on national television.**  
**September 8, President Gerald Ford granted "full, free, and absolute pardon" to ex-president Nixon.**  
**Indian Arts and Crafts Association (IACA) was established to promote and protect the arts of the American Indian.**  
**Charles A. Lindbergh died. He was born in Minnesota in 1902.**  
**Sears Tower in Chicago was the world's tallest building at 1,450 feet, 110 stories.**  
**July 6, the now widely familiar and popular comedy, music, and variety show *A Prairie Home Companion* made its first live broadcast from Macalester College in St. Paul. The show's first national broadcast followed four years later in February 1978.**  
**June 20, Black Thursday, high winds moved into Minnesota from North Dakota. A pilot described the area under the severe thunderstorm as being "as black an night." It knocked down 1,000s of trees. Winds speeds were clocked at over 100 mph.**  
**July 1, the University of Minnesota's Raptor Center opened as a facility to treat injured birds of prey and rehabilitate them for release into the wild.**  
**December 20, Spirit Mountain Recreation Area opened.**  
**December 27, the Minnesota Point Lighthouse was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.**
- 1975** **April, Pol Pot and Khmer Rouge took over Cambodia.**  
**The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora was first in force. Representatives of 80 nations signed the Convention in 1973. It**



prohibited trade in 375 endangered species of wild animals.

The last American military personnel left Vietnam with the evacuation of the U. S. embassy in Saigon, completely ending American involvement in Vietnam and the Vietnam War: 1,053 Minnesotans gave their lives over the course of the war.

September 5, and 22, U. S. President Gerald Ford escaped assassination attempts.

*The Industrialist* (The Industrial Worker) ceased publication. Begun in 1914 as *Sosialisti* (The Socialist) and renamed in 1917, the Finnish publication (it once had 10,000 subscribers) was one of the very last foreign-language IWW journals in the United States.

November 10, the 729 foot *Edmund Fitzgerald*, flagship of Columbia Transportation fleet, Oglebay Norton Company, mysteriously plunged to the bottom of Lake Superior in an intense storm with a lost of all 29 crewmen. The financial loss was the greatest in the history of Great Lakes sailing, the ship worth \$8 million new in 1958, replacement costs in 1975 more than three times that figure. Taconite cargo of 26,116 tons was lost. Canadian singer, songwriter Gordon Lightfoot's 1976 song 'Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald' paid tribute to the lost men. The Split Rock light signal is lit only on November 10.

January 9-12th, worst blizzard: called the **Blizzard of the Century**. Passed from the Twin Cities to Grand Portage. Hurricane force wind and zero visibility included lightning and thunder. Prior to 1975, the worst blizzard was probably that of February 13, 1866.

May 4, the Minnesota Twins retired number 3 in honor of Harmon Killebrew.

Minnesota Citizens for the Arts was founded. It was located in the Landmark Center in St. Paul. It called itself "a statewide political action organization."

Deidre Dodge of Duluth was the first woman St. Louis County Commissioner.

Duluth Clinic Ltd. \$5 million, 5 story building opened in March, with their staff connected to St. Mary's Hospital by a bridge.

1976 January 21, flying at more than twice the speed of sound, the Concorde entered commercial service in Europe. A transatlantic flight between London and New York on the world's first supersonic airliner took about 3 hours.

July 4, Israeli airborne commandos attacked Uganda's Entebbe Airport and freed 103 hostages held by pro-Palestinian hijackers of Air France plane. One Israeli and several Ugandan soldiers were killed in the raid.

*Viking Project Flight* of 1975-76, carried to Mars a compact, 8 pound, instrument package developed by Minnesotan Dr. Alfred O. C. Nier, professor of physics at the University of Minnesota.

Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act declared a commitment to maintain the unique and continuing federal relationship with responsibility to the Indian people and orderly transition from federal domination to Indian control of programs.

August 4, mysterious disease struck that eventually claimed 29 lives in the American Legion convention in Philadelphia.

November 2, Jimmy Carter was elected U. S. president.

State boys basketball tournament all-time records, best field-goal percentage 794(27-34) Kevin McHale of Hibbing.

*The Eveleth Range Scene* newspaper was first published by James and Kathie Krause.

January 1, Hermantown became a town.

UMD's Northeast Experiment Station (Agricultural Experiment Station) opened in 1911 by legislative action was closed.

February, Grandma's Saloon & Grill was opened in Duluth's Canal Park by owners Mickey Paulucci and Andy Borg.

1977 The rings of Uranus were discovered.

July 22, Deng Xiaoping, purged Chinese leader, was restored to power as "Gang of Four" was expelled from Communist Party.

September 12, South African activist Stephen Biko died in police custody.

September 21, Nuclear-proliferation pact, to curb spread of nuclear weapons, was

signed by 15 countries including the U.S. and USSR.

Minnesotan Walter Mondale was vice president to President Jimmy Carter.  
The movie *Star Wars* was in theaters.

October 3, Rosalie Wahl was the first woman justice appointed to the Minnesota Supreme Court.

Miss Minnesota, Dorothy Benham of South St. Paul, went on to the Miss America pageant and won.

In Minnesota, over half of all married women were in the labor force compared with 41 per cent in 1970.

In Minnesota, 70 per cent of all persons 25 years or older were high school graduates compared with 58 percent in 1970 and 44 per cent in 1960.

June 27, elderly heiress Elisabeth Congdon and her nurse Velma Pietila were murdered at Congdon's home, Glensheen, in Duluth. Congdon's adopted daughter Marjorie and her husband Roger Caldwell were prime suspects in a sensational trial.

First Grandma's Marathon was run. The start was just outside of Two Harbors in Lake County and finish line was at Canal Park in Duluth - just as it is run now.

July 13, City of Kinney, St. Louis County, secedes from the United States. City Councilors are frustrated by unsuccessful attempts to obtain a grant from the federal government for a water project, decides to secede and apply for foreign aid because "there is less paperwork." Although the U. S. did not recognize Kinney as a foreign country, Jeno Paulucci did, and he gave Kinney a used Ford to replace the inoperable city police car and 10 cases of frozen pizzas.

July 20, E. J. Longyear First Diamond Drill Site off County Highway 110, Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota, was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Interpreting iron mining history, the Iron Range Interpretative Center, located a half-mile west of Chisholm, enjoyed a summer opening. By 1979, more than 75,000 people had visited the facility.

1978 September 17, Camp David Accords between Egypt and Israel were signed at Camp David, Maryland witnessed by President Jimmy Carter. Two accords, concluded under the aegis of the U.S. president Jimmy Carter, were two agreements that created a "framework for peace" between Egypt and Israel, technically or actually in a state of war since 1948.

February 15, Rhodesia's prime minister Ian D. Smith and three black leaders agreed on transfer to black majority rule.

Indian Religious Freedom Act guaranteed to Indians in the U. S. the right to believe, express, and practice native traditional religions.

Pope John Paul II was elected.

January 13, Hubert H. Humphrey died. Born in 1911, he was Minnesota state campaign chairman for Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1944 and a founder of the anticommunist group Americans for Democratic Action. He was noticed nationally when he delivered a rousing speech in 1948 on civil rights at the Democratic National Convention. He was elected vice president under Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964. He lost a close race against Richard Nixon in 1968, and then in 1970 was reelected to the senate where he served until he died.

June 6, Californians in referendum approved proposition 13 for nearly 60 per cent slash in property tax revenues.

June 28, Supreme Court, in Bakke case, bared quota systems in college admissions but affirmed constitutionality of programs that gave advantage to minorities.

During the governorship of Rudy Perpich from 1976-1978, the State's population became aware of the Italian bowling game played on a dirt court called BOCCE, popular among South Slavs here.

More than 374,000 Minnesotans were living in poverty. Minnesotans most likely to be poor were females under age 24 or over age 75, not currently married, not currently

employed who lived outside of the Twin Cities area.

November 28, Pioneer Mine Buildings and "A" Headframe, off Pioneer Road, Ely and Bruce Mine Headframe, U. S. Highway 169, Chisholm were placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Duluth Preservation Alliance was founded to restore, protect and promote Duluth's architectural heritage.

Unemployment rate in St. Louis County was 5.1 percent.

**1979** Salt II Treaty.

January 1, 8, July 21 oil spills polluted ocean waters in Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico.

January 4, Ohio agreed to pay \$675,000 to families of dead and injured in Kent State University shootings.

January 7, Vietnam and Vietnam-backed Cambodian insurgents announced the fall of Phnom Penh, Cambodian capital, and the collapse of the Pot Pot regime.

October, El Salvador experienced a military coup that failed to halt extreme right-wing violence and left-wing terrorism.

Minnesota's taconite industry reached its peak size, with 54.3 million tons shipped.

Republican Al Quie was Minnesota's governor.

Of 7,521 active Minnesota apprenticeships, women held only 91, or 1.2 per cent.

May, Glensheen Mansion, 22 acre historic Congdon estate with a 39 room house owned by UMD since 1968, was opened to the public for tours.

The Cook County Lighthouse was placed on National Register of Historic Places.

Minnesota biggest walleye fish, 17 pounds 8 ounces, was caught by LeRoy Chiovitte, of Hermantown on May 13, on Seagull river at Saganaga lake, in Cook County.

Duluth Tri-centennial, 1679-1979, was celebrated with a publication titled *Duluth, 300 Years* under Mayor Robert Beaudin and Lars Fladmark general chairman.

March 29, the non-profit Depot Foundation was incorporated to receive, invest and disburse funds on behalf of the arts and heritage of the Duluth community and greater surrounding area through the efforts of Dorothy Congdon, Karen Fillenworth, John C. Hunner, Arthur C. Josephs, Sylvester Laskin, Caroline Marshall, Julia Marshall, Donald B. Shank, Donald Wirtanen, and Robert Fischer.

John Fedo was elected to his first term as Duluth's mayor.

Davis Helberg was appointed fifth executive director of the Duluth Seaway Port Authority. He chaired the American Association of Port authorities in 1994-1995 and two powerful committees of the AAPA in 1995-2003.

Michael W. Fedo, former Duluthian and journalist, published a book on the 1920 lynchings of three African American circus workers by a mob of Duluth residents with a provocative quote from the press as the title "They Was Just Niggers." The book was reprinted as "Mob Violence" in 1993, and again in 2000 by the Minnesota Historical Society (MHS) as "The Lynchings in Duluth", just prior to the 80th anniversary of the tragedy. MHS provides a comprehensive web site on the tragedy now.

February, The Book Post bookstore at 2311 Woodland avenue opened by owner Barbara Jenswold Lanfield.

February 16, KDAL-TV became KDLH after KDLH Broadcasting Co. bought the station. The station employed 90 at the time. More than 60 people worked at KDLH before the March 8, 2005 shuffle.

The first issue of *Lake Superior Magazine*, originally titled *Lake Superior Port Cities* was published.

December, the City Council adopted the Miller Hill Area Comprehensive Plan.

**1980** Responding to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, President Carter embargoed grain and high technology exports to the Soviet Union and secured a U. S. boycott of the Olympics in Moscow.

September 19, the 8-year Iran-Iraq war began.

Congress enacted the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, commonly called the Superfund program, to clean up hazardous waste sites.

May 18, Mt. St. Helens erupted in Washington state. It killed 26 people and caused \$2.67 billion in damage.

Minnesota was ranked 9th in the country in its public support of the arts.

March 16, 1980, Reserve Mining ceased taconite tailing discharge into Lake Superior seven years after the trial opened.

The Minnesota State Arts Board received \$2,078,993 from the state legislature and \$269,600 from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Minnesota Public Radio finished a \$7.2 million capital campaign to construct a network headquarters and production center in St. Paul. The MPR network consisted of 10 stations reaching 98 percent of Minnesota in 1988.

The University Film Society, founded in 1962, became the Minnesota Film Center. In 1988, it was the fourth largest non-profit film exhibitor in the U. S.

Minnesota's largest Big Mouth Buffalo fish, 36 lbs. 5 oz. was caught by Arizona's Carolyn A. Wilkinson June 12 on North Long Lake, Ottertail county. June 18, Scott M. Neudecker, Redwood Falls, Minnesota caught a record setting Mooneye, 1 lb. 15 oz. on the Minnesota River in Redwood county.

February 29, Sally Salo, 21, of rural Hibbing, a U. S. Steel employee, was killed in an industrial accident at the company's Minntac Plant in Mountain. Iron.

April 11, Hibbing High School, 21st street at 8th avenue east was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

August 18, B'nai Abraham Synagogue, 328 south 5th street, Virginia was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

March, Virginian, John D. Rosman, 35, took four hostages at work. He telephoned Dennis Anderson of WDIO-TV for coverage. (The men both went to Virginia high school.) The siege ended peacefully the next day at 5 a.m. Roseman was jailed on four charges of kidnapping and assault.

Fifteen East Slav families still lived in Meadowlands and used a Chisholm church.

June 28, dedication of the new Duluth Public Library at 520 West Superior street that opened to the public that November.

Federal census recorded St. Louis county's population at 222,229; Proctor had 3,180 people; Hermantown 6,759; and Duluth 92,811.

1981 January 20, 444 days after an armed mob captured 52 hostages at Tehran's U. S. Embassy demanding the United States return the ousted shah to Iran, the 52 were freed.

March 20, John Hinckley shot President Ronald Regan twice in the chest.

July 7, President Reagan nominated Judge Sandra Day O'Connor, 51, of Arizona, as the first women on the Supreme Court.

UMD graduate Marcia Bevard Kulick won seven gold medals at the International Wheelchair Olympic Games; 6 gold in swimming at the Olympic Games for the Disabled in 1984; numerous world records in swimming; one of the ten Outstanding Young Women in America, 1985; won the President's council Healthy American Fitness Leader Award in Physical Fitness and Sports - the first disabled recipient ever of that award.

AIDS was first identified.

Jeno's Inc. transferred its Duluth operations to Wellston, Ohio, and later relocated its headquarters to Sanford, Florida in 1983.

Organized in 1955, the Twin Cities hosted the national convention of WWI Veterans in September. National commander, William Fisher, was a Minnesotan.

September 30, the Twins played their last game at Metropolitan Stadium. The Mall of America now occupies the site.

Triangle Corporation of Stamford, Connecticut bought Diamond Tool of Duluth for \$20 million. In that year, Diamond manufactured and distributed 300 kinds of hand tools

under the "Diamond" brand name. It had an annual payroll of \$12 million, sales of \$12.1 million and a net income of \$695,000.

Unemployment in St. Louis County was 8.2 per cent.

Cathedral High School was renamed The Duluth Cathedral School. Cathedral became The Marshall School July 1, 1987 and reorganized later into middle and upper schools in 1993.

The downtown Duluth Glass Block store was razed in the fall.

Labor leader Irene Levine Paull, born in Duluth in 1908, died.

Hotel Duluth became Greysolon Plaza senior housing in a \$5.5 million conversion from 400 rooms to 150 one-bedroom apartments, dedicated October 21.

A typical *daily* mining wage for general labor in St. Louis County reported by the Office of the Mine Inspector was \$89.47

1982 April 2-June 15, British overcame Argentina in Falklands war.

June 4, Israel invaded Lebanon; an attack on the Palestine Liberation Organization.

U. S. Air Force announced it would abandon its entire mission in Duluth. Closure included programs at the Duluth International Airport and at the SAGE (semi-automatic ground environment) control center, that in its heyday housed the brains of the Pentagon's missile guidance and tracking network. Duluth estimated it would cost more than \$30 million a year in lost wages and lost business.

The movie *E. T. The Extra-Terrestrial* was in theaters.

*Barney Miller* and *Hill Street Blues* won television Emmy Awards.

March 25, President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation proclaiming "National Recognition Day for Nurses" May 6, 1982. The ANA Board of Directors expanded the recognition to in 1991, as National Nurses Week.

Iron Range democrat Rudy Perpich was elected governor, and re-elected in 1986.

September 1, Clement Haupers died. He developed the Minnesota State Fair art show into a major exhibition and led Minnesota's Works Progress Administration Federal Art Project. He said artists should support themselves without government grants: when asked to give art students a lecture on financial survival he said "Sure, that'll be \$150."

January 20-22, a whopping 34 inches of snow fell on the Twin Cities.

Taconite mining emerge as the future employment source for the iron range with 12,000 workers. Subsequent advances in technology halved the number by 1995.

There were 30 Twin Cities clubs where some jazz was played several nights a week. Well known artists with Minnesota roots: drummer Kenny Horst, trumpeter Red Wolfe, bass player Oscar Pettiford. Locally known: Butch Thompson, Hall Brothers, Percy Hughes, McCoy Tyner, Milo Fine, Manfredo Fest, Roberta Davis, Eddie Berger, Morris Wilson, Sue Drude, Debra Joyce, Shirley Witherspoon.

Duluth inventor Capt. Alexander McDougall, whaleback vessel, was inducted into the National Maritime Hall of Fame at U. S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, NY.

Duluth's Bishop Anderson started the non-profit Damiano Center to serve those who needed assistance. Father James Crossman, pastor at the Sacred Heart Church served as the first president of the Board of Directors.

Morgan Park High school program closed at the end of the school year.

January 13, nature writer Sigurd Olson died in Ely. Born in Chicago in 1899, Olson was a canoe guide in the boundary waters and played an important role in environmental issues from the 1920s on. He sought federal protection of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and served as president of the Wilderness Society.

1983 January 25, U. S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in Chicago ruled that Minnesota Ojibwe retained the hunting, fishing, and gathering rights guaranteed by 19th century treaties with the federal government.

Second space shuttle *Challenger* made successful maiden voyage and the first U. S. space walk in nine years. First U. S. woman astronaut Sally K. Ride was part of the crew.

**August 15, U. S. admitted shielding former Nazi Gestapo chief Klaus Barbie, age 69, the "butcher of Lyon," wanted in France for war crimes.**

**February 23, Eveleth native Mark Pavelich became the first United States-born National Hockey League player to score five goals in a game when he led the New York Rangers to an 11 to 3 victory over the Hartford Whalers in New York City. Pavelich was a member of the gold medal-winning "Miracle on Ice" 1980 U. S. Olympic hockey team.**

**Sadik Hakim, African-American jazz pianist, died. He was born Argonne Thornton in Duluth. He studied music with his Duluth grandfather, composer Henry Williams. He worked with Lester Young, recorded with Dexter Gordon and Charlie Parker. Mr. Hakim's obituary ran in the New York Times.**

**Two St. Paul writers, Evelina Chao and Dr. Tim Rumsey, sold first novels to major publishers for record sums.**

**Minnesota had 102,000 farms.**

**Minnesota Legislature established the Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI) at UMD to promote private sector employment by fostering economic development of Minnesota's natural resources in an environmentally sound manner.**

**Duluth's vacant Endion elementary school was converted into apartments. A development decision played out again and again over the next decades.**

**Duluth's bricking of downtown began on First street. Duluth prepared for \$4.8 million in reconstruction including bricked sidewalks and streets.**

**Unemployment rate for St. Louis County was 18.7 percent.**

**1984 January 10, U. S. and Vatican exchanged diplomats after 116-year hiatus.**

**October 31, Indian prime minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated by two Sikh bodyguards; 1,000 people were killed in anti-Sikh riots. Her son Rajiv succeeded her.**

**December 3, toxic gas leaked from Union Carbide plant in Bhopal, India that killed 2,000 and injured 150,000.**

**Democratic National Convention nominated Minnesotan Walter F. Mondale and Geraldine A. Ferraro for president/vice president ticket.**

**May 4, during a Minnesota Twins baseball game, Dave Kingman hit a ball into the roof of the Metrodome where it lodged in a pocket. He was awarded a ground-rule double.**

**August 12, Harmon Killebrew was the first Twin inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. He blasted 573 home runs during his career.**

**The Minnesota State Fair celebrated its 100 anniversary.**

**Meng Kruey Ung founded the first Cambodian refugee center in Minnesota.**

**June 22, Duluth's federal prison camp (near the Duluth International Airport) formally opened with tours for the public.**

**October 25, the Bong Bridge opened connecting Duluth and Superior, Wisconsin. Fighter pilot Richard I. Bong for whom the bridge was named, was born in Superior. Test pilot Bong died August 6, 1945 in an airplane explosion in California. He shot down 40 enemy planes during WWII that made him America's top ace.**

**The first John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon was run.**

**1985 March 11, USSR leader Chernenko died and was replaced by Mikhail Gorbachev.**

**June 14, two Shi'ite muslim gunmen captured TWA airliner with 133 aboard, 104 of them Americans.**

**Minneapolis native Prince swept the Grammy Awards as his soundtrack to *Purple Rain* won an award for best soundtrack, best rock performance, and best R&B song.**

**International Polar Expedition organized by Ely's Will Steger set off to reach the North Pole using sleds and sled dogs.**

**December 12, U. S. budget-balancing bill was enacted.**

**Minneapolis, Mary Lund became the first woman to receive a Jarvik VII artificial heart. She received a human heart transplant 45 days later. She died in October 1986.**

A monthly average of 93,648 children and 55,694 caregivers received Aid to Families with Dependent Children; the AFDC caregiver was likely a mother in her 20s.

Value of the paddy wild rice (Minnesota's official State Grain) crop was \$13,650,000 at \$3.25 a pound for processed rice.

March 4, William K. Miller, Ph. D., college administrator, history professor became the executive director of St. Louis County Heritage & Arts Center "The Depot" in Duluth.

October, Kitchi Gammi Club members broke a 102-year tradition and voted to allow women membership. The oldest social club incorporated in Minnesota, it defeated a similar measure in 1984, but this year a board member said it passed by a "good" margin.

Duluth port shipments dropped to their lowest level since 1959. Most of the decline was caused by a sharp drop in grain and iron ore cargoes.

November 3, Tom George defeated his brother Michael 40-22 to win the third St. Louis Billiards-Glensheen Classic 3-cushion championship at Glensheen Mansion.

November 18, *Socrates* ran aground when a gale drove the 584-foot vessel within 50 feet of the Minnesota Point beach shoreline. The Liberian-registered freighter had been anchored in Lake Superior awaiting a cargo of grain.

**1986** April 26, Chernobyl nuclear accident catastrophe.

January 28, *Challenger* disaster resulted in deaths of all six U. S. astronauts and passenger, schoolteacher, Christa McAuliffe.

May 2, the Steger International Polar Expedition using dog- sleds, led by Will Steger and Paul Schurke of Ely, reached the North Pole.

Minnesota lost 3,000 farms since last year. Last year there were 93,000.

The number of Minnesota farms with cattle fell 4,000 over the last year. Milk cows dropped 2,000; sheep operations were down 1,200.

July, Western Bohemian Fraternal Union Hall, Co. Hwy 29, Meadowlands Township, was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

June, *William A. Irvin* ore vessel opened as a public museum in Duluth 48 years after her maiden voyage June 28 to Loraine, Ohio.

August, Duluth's Skyline Drive-In Theater closed.

September, Fond-du-Luth Casino (high-stakes bingo/video games hall) in downtown Duluth was opened by the Duluth-Fond du Lac Economic Development Commission.

November 6, Duluth Civic Center, 5<sup>th</sup> avenue west and 1<sup>st</sup> street, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places as a Historic District.

November 19, Government Services Administration put U. S. Air Force facility Capehart housing on the auction block. The 110 acre complex of 60 buildings with 240 apartments sold for \$3.9 million to Thomas Crandall of New Hampshire.

**1987** June 11, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher won a rare third term in Britain.

July 7-10, Oliver North, Jr. told congress inquiry that higher officials approved his secret Iran-Contra operations.

May 4, Supreme Court ruled Rotary Clubs must admit women.

May, Reserve Mining Company was officially dissolved.

October, stock market crashed in the U. S.

October 25, in the seventh game of the World Series the Minnesota Twins beat the St. Louis Cardinals with a score of 4 to 2, wining the series 4 games to 3.

June 7, St. Paul's August Wilson's play *Fences* won four Tony Awards including Best Play. Born in Pittsburgh, he came to Minnesota in 1978 and began to write award-winning plays that chronicled African American experiences during the 20th century.

October 16, the state celebrated Henry H. Wade Day, honoring the inventor of enriched taconite, a product that had kept the iron range and ports operating for years.

The first time *two* women served on the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners: Marilyn Krueger of Duluth and Liz Prebich of Virginia.

**Remodeling of Coats Plaza Hotel in Virginia was completed at a cost of \$5.7 million, financed with a mortgage from the IRRRB.**

**1988 January 2, U. S. and Canada reached a free trade agreement.**

**In Poland, Solidarity, the labor union formed in 1980 by Lech Walesa and outlawed in 1982, was finally legalized after years of unrest.**

**August, Congress made a formal apology to former Japanese-American WWII Internees and appropriated \$1.25 billion in compensation for the 60,000 survivors.**

**December 1, Benazir Bhutto, first Islamic woman prime minister, was chosen to lead Pakistan.**

**December 21, a terrorist bomb exploded on Pan-Am 747; it crashed in Lockerbie, Scotland, killing all 259 aboard and 11 people on the ground.**

**Minnesota produced 11 per cent of the world's steel.**

**Indian Gaming Regulatory Act passed to boost tribal economies. It caused a boom in Indian casinos and gambling in Minnesota.**

**The US Library of Congress established the National Film Preservation Board and a goal of identifying 25 "culturally, historically, or esthetically important" American films annually to add to the National Film Registry.**

**Dayton Hudson Corporation was Minnesota's top ranked company with revenues of \$9,259 million followed by Super Valu Stores and 3M. Minnesota Power reanked 32.**

**September 10, Minneapolis Sculpture Garden opened, home of the famous sculpture *Spoonbridge and Cherry* by Coosje van Bruggen.**

**The economic impact of sport fishing was \$520 million or an average of \$260.00 per angler. Commercial fisheries harvested 10 million pounds of fish annually at a value of \$1 million. There were 144 different species of fish in Minnesota and 4,000 fishable lakes and 1,600 miles of trout streams.**

**March 1, the Virginia City Code was amended for the preservation of significant historic properties and start of a Heritage Preservation Commission.**

**April 26, the Duluth Public Arts Commission was established.**

**June 7, was the dedication of the first 400 foot portion of the Duluth Lake Walk - then called a boardwalk promenade. In summer of 2002 the Lake Walk or Lakewalk (as spelled in some print sources) was 4.2 miles.**

**October 24, Duluth Mayor John Fedo went on trial, charged with accepting a bribe and misusing city money. He was later acquitted.**

**1989 March 24, Exxon Valdez tanker ran aground near Alaska, broke apart, and spilled 11 million gallons of crude oil that spread to an eight-mile slick in Prince William Sound.**

**June 4 et seq., 1,000s killed in Tiananmen Square as Chinese leaders took hard line toward demonstrators. The student rally for democracy began April 19.**

**December 15, Romanian uprising overthrew Communist government; President Ceausescu and his wife were executed.**

**December 20, U. S. troops invaded Panama to capture of General Manuel Noriega.**

**August 9, General Colin R. Powell was first black Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman.**

**May 3, Charlotte Day, founder of the Red School House in St. Paul died. Bois Forte Band of Ojibwe member, Day founded the School to meet the needs of American Indian children, teaching Indian languages and culture as well as reading English and math skills in an Indian context.**

**March 2, Civilian Conservation Corps Camp S-52, U. S. Highway 53, Leiding Township, Cusson, Minnesota was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.**

**April 17, Duluth City Council formed a Heritage Preservation Commission and provided for preservation of significant historic properties by amending the city's code.**

**August 1, Duluth held first Bayfront Blues Festival that grew from a one-day regional event and an audience of about 1,000 to one of the major blues events in the**



**country attracting 60,000 fans from around the world for three days, hosting over 200 performers of national reputation in 1998.**

**1990** South Africa was transformed as the white-dominated government abandoned apartheid and the country made the transition to a nonracial democratic government.

February, President F. W. de Klerk released Nelson Mandela from prison - held by the government for 27 years, and lifted a ban on the African National Congress. Mandela was elected president in 1994.

July 2, stampede in Mecca, Saudi Arabia of pilgrims panicked in a tunnel leading to the Holy City; 1,426 died.

October, the two Germanys were united after 45 years. East German authorities had built the Berlin Wall in August 1961, to stop the large-scale exodus of citizens.

March 3, a team led by Will Steger of Ely completed the 3,800-mile International Trans-Atlantic Expedition, the first dog-sled traverse of the continent by its widest distance.

Americans with Disabilities Act.

Clean Indoor Air Act.

Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA).

Federal Oil Pollution Act (triggered by 1989, *Exxon Valdez's* massive Alaskan oil spill) stimulated a new facility at Duluth-Superior ports' Clure Public Terminal by forcing the end of shipside fueling. A Murphy Oil Company state-of-the-art fueling station at birth No. 3 replaced a dismantled animal fats and oils tank farm. Within two years, Murphy serviced over 200 ships - more traffic in one year than the tank farm had seen over its nearly 40 years.

Minnesota ranked fourth nationwide in per capita gambling sales.

Minnesota hit a record setting drought.

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev visited Minnesota.

Federal census showed population of St. Louis County was 198,213.

June 18, \$17.2 million Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center (DECC) opened in Mayor Fedo's final term: Senator Sam Solon was Grand Opening event chair.

Coates Plaza Hotel in Virginia was bought by out-of-state developers for \$2.3 million with financing through the IRRRB.

Population of Eveleth was 4,064. It was known as the hockey capital of the nation.

**1991** August 2, U. S. Operation Desert Storm quickly drove Iraq's armed forces out of Kuwait. The ground war lasted only 100 hours. Approximately 11,000 Minnesotans in uniform helped to defeat Iraq and liberate Kuwait.

July 31, President George H. Bush and President Gorbachev signed first nuclear arms reduction treaty as U. S. S. R. continued to crumble.

U. S. established diplomatic relations with former Soviet republics, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

The Minnesota Twins baseball team won the World Series.

October 6, Senate confirmation of Clarence Thomas' nomination to the Supreme Court was delayed by Anita Hill's charges of sexual harassment from ten years earlier.

Casino gambling was legalized and transformed life on and around Minnesota's Indian reservations.

Silver Creek Cliff tunnel construction began near Two Harbors. Workers broke through the 1,340-foot passage 2 years later, excavating about 420,000 cubic yards of rock.

November 1, a record-breaking snowstorm dropped 24 inches of snow in 24 hours.

April 16, St. Mark's African Methodist Episcopal Church, 530 North 5<sup>th</sup> avenue east, Duluth, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The 1905, 39 room Chester and Clara Congdon mansion, Glensheen, owned by UMD, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

A group of Duluth area citizens and the local NAACP marked the graves of the three African-American men lynched in 1920, with the inscription "Deterred But Not Defeated" in Duluth's Norwegian-Lutheran Park Hill Cemetery.

**1992 February 1, President George H. Bush and Russian President Boris Yeltsen issued a joint statement officially ending the cold war.**

**June, first Earth Summit was held. The first U.N. Conference on Environment and Development was held in Rio de Janeiro with delegates from 178 nations.**

**President George H. Bush committed at least 28,000 troops to protect the delivery of relief supplies to Somalia.**

**January 26, the Americans With Disabilities act took effect.**

**April 29-May 4, riots erupted in Los Angeles after an all-white jury acquitted four L. A. police officers of beating Rodney King, a black man whose assault by police was captured on videotape: 50 people are killed, 2,000 injured, and 7,000 arrested.**

**June 30, a train derailed in Superior, Wisconsin that sent a tanker car of benzene into the St. Louis River. National media swarmed into the area as a resulting cloud of possibly toxic smoke led to the evacuation of 50,000 area residents of Superior and Duluth.**

**I-35 highway extension was completed.**

**July 16, William K. Finney was St. Paul's first African American police chief.**

**August 11, the Mall of America opened to a gala ceremony, parking crunch, about 150,000 shoppers the *Star Tribune* described, "took a vacation from recession and bought." It's on the site of the Metropolitan Stadium. Until 2004, it was the world largest mall.**

**March 28, William Maupins died. Duluth civil rights leader launched the city's fair-housing ordinance. He organized a food drive for poor Blacks in Mississippi; when white truckers in the South tried to block shipments, he persuaded Duluth teamsters to deliver the food. Mr. Maupins worked in the chemistry lab at UMD.**

**1993 START II Treaty 1993.**

**Chemical Weapons Convention 1993.**

**U. S. and Europe signed the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), that substantially reduced tariffs on trade.**

**October, Canada's Progressive Conservative party suffered a crushing defeat in general elections and liberal Jean Chretien became prime minister.**

**February 26, a car bomb ripped through the garage at New York's World Trade Center: killed 7, injured 1,000.**

**April 19, four federal agents were killed in a gunfight with cult leader David Koresh after a 51-day standoff. Koresh set the buildings on fire and killed himself and 86 followers.**

**Movie *Iron Will* opened in movie theaters: a fictionalized account of a 1917 dog-sled race from Winnipeg to St. Paul. Some of the movie was filmed in Duluth and area.**

**March 22, George O. Berry died in Minneapolis. Born in St. Paul, the son of a railroad porter and a domestic worker, he was one of the first African Americans elected to public office there. He was on the St. Paul school board from 1966-1973. He worked for the creation of magnet schools.**

**November 2, Sharon Sayles Belton was elected mayor of Minneapolis, the first African American and the first woman to hold the office. She had worked for the State Department of Corrections and as assistant director for the Minnesota Program for Victims of Sexual Assault. She ran on a family-centered platform.**

**University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus tuition for 1993-94 was \$3,422.**

**February 23, arson took the unoccupied Old Main building on UMD's lower campus.**

**1994 January 1, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) went into effect, liberalizing trade between the U. S., Canada, and Mexico.**

**The dollar dipped below 100 Japanese yen, a post-World War II low.**

**July, North Korean dictator Kim Il Sung died and was succeeded by his son Kim Jung Il. North Korea signed an agreement with the U. S. setting a timetable for North Korea to eliminate its nuclear program.**

**April 29, the Government-to-Government Relations with Native American Tribal**

Governments was issued at Washington by the Executive branch memorandum signed by President Bill Clinton "to ensure that the rights of sovereign tribal governments are fully respected."

Former President Richard Nixon died at age 81.

Rodney King was awarded \$3.8 million in damages for his 1991 beating by Los Angeles police.

June 17, O. J. Simpson, former football star, was charged with murder.

August 11, a Major League baseball players strike resulted in cancellation of the World Series for the first time ever.

November 8, the Republicans took control of both Houses of Congress for the first time in 40 years.

Northshore Mining was acquired by Cleveland Cliffs Inc.

March 1, "Runaway Train" by the Minneapolis group Soul Asylum won a Grammy Award for best rock song.

The book *A Childhood in Minnesota: Exploring the Lives of Ojibwe and Immigrant Families, 1880s-1920s*, written by Helen L. Carlson, Linda LeGarde Grover, Daniel W. Anderson, and Bonnie A. Cusick was published by the Children's Museum in Duluth.

January, Duluth's Chinese Lantern Restaurant was gutted by fire.

October 28, workers left the Diamond Tool manufacturing plant on Duluth's Grand avenue for the last time. Otto Swanstrom's company began in 1908 as Diamond Caulk and Horseshoe Company. The building was razed in January 1996.

November 4, President Bill Clinton was in Duluth to stump for DFL candidates.

**1996** Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty was signed.

Benjamin Netanyahu was elected Prime Minister of Israel in May, following the November 1995 assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Minnesotan Tom Lehman won the British Open golf tournament.

July 31, President Clinton signed welfare reform legislation that ended more than 60 years of federal cash assistance.

September 21, President Clinton signed the Defense of Marriage Act that denied Federal recognition to same-sex marriages.

The Hubble Space Telescope returned the first ever images of Pluto and images of more than 50 billion galaxies, or five-times the number previously thought to exist.

January 6, author and elder of Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Maud Kegg died. Born in 1904, she was reared as a traditional Ojibwe. In 1990, she earned a National Heritage Fellowship from the National Endowment of the Arts for her traditional beadwork.

February 2, coldest official temperature ever recorded in Minnesota was set at -60 degrees near Tower.

January 16, Wilma ManKiller spoke at the College of St. Scholastica for the school's Center for Peace and Justice

April 18, Duluth's 270 seat OMNIMAX theater opened.

September 14, first Northshore Inline Marathon was held in Duluth. Inline skates, or rollerblades, are a Minnesota creation: Scott and Brennan Olson designed them so hockey players could practice when there was no ice.

Northwest Airlines Reservation Center opened in Chisholm.

**1997** February, China's Deng Xiaoping died, and the General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party, Jiang Zemin, emerged as the key leader.

May, prime minister of Great Britain John Major, whose election in 1990, amid intra-party revolt unseated Margaret Thatcher, was himself unseated by the election of the new Labor Party leader, Tony Blair.

Madeline Albright became the first woman U. S. Secretary of State.

The tobacco industry agreed to pay \$368.5 billion over 25 years to compensate states for the cost of smoking-related illnesses.

October 3, international passenger ship traffic returned to Minnesota when the *Columbus*, carrying a load of German passengers, visited the Duluth-Superior harbor. (The *Discoverer* visited Duluth-Superior in 1975.)

May 25, the Twins retired number 34, worn by fan favorite Kirby Puckett.

Duluth Dukes baseball team won the northern league championship.

The Bayfront Blues Festival in Duluth drew 50,000.

Local magazine *The Woman Today* began publication under the title *Area Woman*.

In the first quarter of 1997, nearly 80% of the homes sold in St. Louis county were affordable to families making the median income of \$40,600.

Iron Range newspapers were the Chisholm Free Press (weekly), Hibbing Daily Tribune, in Virginia the Mesabi Daily News, and the Ely Echo (daily).

1998 November, The IMF announced a \$42 billion aid package for Brazil.

India and Pakistan both conducted nuclear tests.

President Clinton was impeached by the Republican-controlled House of Representatives for perjury and obstruction of justice. He was later acquitted by the Senate.

Minnesota became home to the largest ethnic Hmong population in the U. S.

Former professional wrestler Jesse "The Body" Ventura won the gubernatorial election. He was a Reform Party candidate, former mayor of Brooklyn Park and host of a radio talk show on KSTP in the Twin Cities. He later switched to the Independence Party of Minnesota.

Skyline was made a national Scenic Byway. Duluth's Skyline Parkway has had many names over 100 years: Highland Boulevard, Terrace Parkway, Rogers Boulevard, Skyline Drive. In 1891, Duluth park commissioners described it in their first annual report as: "A drive that is the pride of our city, and one that for its picturesque and varied scenery, is second to none in the world."

Eveleth, known as the hockey capital of the nation, its Golden Bears won state high school titles in 1945, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1993, and 1998. The Eveleth Hippodrome opened as a hockey arena in 1922, with a seating capacity of about 3,000.

November, Murphy Oil USA's marine fueling station (for ore vessels) opened at the Arthur M. Clure Public Marine Terminal.

July 24, Pitcher Ila Borders of the Duluth-Superior Dukes was the first woman to win a men's regular season professional baseball game. The Dukes beat the Sioux Falls Canaries 3-1, in Duluth.

1999 February, King Hussein of Jordan died, and was succeeded by his son Abdullah.

February, General Olusegun Obasanjo was elected president of Nigeria, to become the country's first civilian leader in 15 years.

April, the map of Canada was altered to create a new territory, Nunavut, out of an area that had been part of the Northwest Territories.

June, Thabo Mbeki the African national Congress's candidate was overwhelmingly elected president of South Africa to succeed Nelson Mandela.

December 31, Panama assumed full control of the Panama Canal, in accord with a treaty with the U. S.

Willard Munger died. He served his West Duluth district in the Minnesota house of representatives for 43 years; was first elected in 1954, with only one two-year interruption, and known as Mr. Environment. At age 87, he was Minnesota's oldest lawmaker in state history. His causes included restrictions on DDT; setting up sanitary sewage districts; in the 1970s he sided with those who wanted Reserve Mining Co. to stop dumping tailings in Lake Superior; established the Environmental Trust Fund in 1990; St. Louis river clean-

up; safe storage of radioactive waste. He stated, in the long run, environmental protection created jobs, not destroyed them.

The University of Minnesota Press began to reissue eight Bea Ojakangas books. "I can't even remember when I first heard of her, because I've always heard of her," said senior acquisitions editor at the press. "She's a local writer with a national prominence who appeals to Minnesota Scandinavians and non-Scandinavians alike. She's an elegant writer, an elegant woman and an elegant chef, and that carries through into her popularity."

January 23, Dr. Arvol Looking Horse, 19th Generation Keeper of the White Buffalo Calf Pipe lectured at UMD on behalf of World Peace and Prayer Day of 1999.

Veda F. Ponikvar was appointed as the Civilian Aide Emeritus to the Secretary of the Army for Minnesota, a lifetime appointment. She held the post since 1987. She was a long-time newspaper woman. She was the former Publisher, Editor, and Owner of the Tribune Press, at Chisholm.

November 2, Don Ness was elected to the Duluth City Council at age 25. He was the youngest person ever elected as a city official.

2000 July, thirteenth annual AIDS conference was held in Durban, South Africa.

July, Vicente Fox was elected president of Mexico in a historic defeat for the PRI, Institutional Revolutionary Party.

August, Russian nuclear submarine Kursk sank in the Barents Sea, 118 crew died.

January 10, America Online bought Time Warner for \$165 billion, the biggest merger in history.

February 12, famed cartoonist of "Peanuts", Charles M. Schultz died in California. That summer, in St. Paul, his childhood home, 101 individually decorated, five-foot-tall statues of Snoopy were displayed around town to celebrate Schultz's life.

April 22, armed U. S. immigration agents stormed a Miami house and removed six-year-old Elian Gonzales, a Cuban refugee, to return him to his father in Cuba.

August 9, the Supreme Court ruled that Boy Scouts of America had a constitutional right to exclude gay members.

February 24, the National Geographic Society's film 'The Return of the Wolf' premiered in Duluth's DECC, one of the highlights of the international symposium Beyond 2000: Realities of Global Wolf Restoration, February 23-26, with 700 participants from 27 countries sponsored by Minnesota's non-profit The International Wolf Center and UMD.

May 10, St. Augusta Township in rural Stearns County became the city of Ventura, named for Governor Jesse Ventura as part of a political strategy to prevent annexation attempts by St. Cloud, the county seat. In November, voters overwhelmingly chose to change the name from Ventura to St. Augusta.

Federal census reported St. Louis county's population was 200,528.

Great Lakes Aquarium at Lake Superior Center opened in Duluth.

March 6, Duluth was the first city in the nation to ban mercury thermometers to prevent the element from polluting the environment. Minnesota had prohibited the use of mercury thermometers in hospitals since 1992.

August 30, UMD's new Library opened.

October 29, political activist Winona LaDuke, campaigned for Green Party ticket Ralph Nader/LaDuke president and vice president candidates at UMD.

2001 January, George W. Bush was inaugurated after one of the tightest and most controversial elections in U. S. history.

September 11, worst terrorist attack in U. S. history killed nearly 3,000 people when hijackers crashed airplanes into the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon, and into a field in western Pennsylvania that may have been intended for the White House.

July 5, the rotunda of the U. S. National Archives in Washington, DC, was closed for renovation. The U. S. Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights were moved to National Archives and Record Administration's conservation labs where

conservators removed them from 1951 cases, conducted preservation work, and re-encased them in modern housings that took until September 18, 2003.

There were six states with cities named DULUTH: Georgia, Minnesota, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska, Nevada. Only Duluth, Georgia and Duluth, Minnesota were populated and thriving; Duluth, Kansas was a farming community of 45 people. Duluth Kentucky's name was changed to Red Lake.

January, LTV Steel closed, included the loading facility at Taconite Harbor. From 1957-2001, LTV Steel Mining Co. produced 328.9 million tons of taconite pellets, second only to about 363 produced by Minntac.

Twenty-fifth anniversary run of Grandma's Marathon in Duluth. It brought \$8 million to Duluth: 25,000 visitors, 3,600 volunteers, and visitors spent about \$145.62 a day.

Northeast Entrepreneur Fund, Inc. of Virginia won a \$94,280 federal grant to provide technical assistance for small businesses in the seven county Arrowhead region.

July, Hibbing Taconite Co. was managed by Cleveland-Cliffs Inc., and the mining company operation was jointly owned by Bethlehem Steel Corp (70.3%), Stelso Inc. (14.7%) and Cleveland-Cliffs (15%). Cliffs announced its interest in Bethlehem's portion. Hibbing Taconite shut down for five weeks during the first quarter of 2001 and June 17, began a shutdown extended to seven weeks. The company reported its March liquidity of \$135 million compared with \$315 million at the end of the first quarter in 2000.

2002 April, photos proved U. S. soldiers abused detainees at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq. October, Chechen guerrillas seized a Moscow movie theater. More than 100 hostages were killed in a subsequent raid by Russian troops.

February, LTV Steel was sold and became part of International Steel Group.

Boston's Archdiocese agreed to pay victims \$10 million: priests molested children.

Author Dee Alexander Brown died in December. One of his most famous books was *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee*. Wounded Knee was the sight of the 1890 slaughter by the U. S. 7th Cavalry of 200 Dakota Indians, including women and children, who were lined up and shot. It was believed to be a delayed act of vengeance for Custer's defeat. The wounded were left to die in a three-day blizzard.

February 1, a governor proposed \$4 million cut of the Minnesota Historical Society meant closure of historic sites and the loss of 120 staff positions, 37 of them full time. MHS in St. Paul received \$27 million from the state in 2001.

February 27, one of Minnesota's newest tourist destinations reported it changed its name to Great Lakes Aquarium & Freshwater Discovery Center.

Eighty years ago, Africa American woman Helen White ran in Duluth's 58 district for a seat in the state legislature, 1922. She lost in the primary but garnered 900 votes.

June 18, in The Hilltop City, Eveleth's big, - 110 feet long, 10,000 pounds, \$60,000 - hockey stick was moved into position. It replaced a 1995 stick that did not weather well.

April, Duluth established a Human Rights Office: Meg Bye was executive director.

June, the Gary-New Duluth WWII memorial, built by Italian bricklayers who settled in and around the area, was a 15 foot monument plaque with names of all those killed originally dedicated in 1952. It was reinstalled with additional names.

Summer, Duluth's Lake Walk was 4.2 miles long.

September, Duluth-Superior Dukes were no more. Owner John Ehlert moved the team to Kansas City, Kansas.

October 24, groundbreaking for Nature Center in Duluth's Hartley Park resulted from twenty years of planning, program development, and fundraising.

2003 February 15, millions of demonstrators took to the streets world-wide to protest the Bush administration's plan to invade Iraq.

March 19, missiles rained down on Baghdad, but failed to kill Saddam Hussein.

France's President Jacques Chirac called for a new law banning wearing "conspicuous" religious symbols in French public schools: large crosses for Christians, head scarves for Muslim girls, and skullcaps for Jewish boys.

Leaders of the 25 current and future members of the European Union failed to reach an agreement on a draft constitution over the problem of apportioning power among larger and smaller states.

December, Paul Martin succeeded Jean Chretien as Canadian prime minister.

November, Senate gave final approval to President Bush for \$87.5 billion for Iraq.

U. S. Steel divested itself of subsidiaries Duluth, Missabe & Iron Range Railroad and the USS Great Lakes Fleet: both became properties of the Canadian National Railway.

May, new pilot project Mesabi Nugget LLC produced first batch of high-grade pig iron nuggets at Northshore Mining. A joint venture of Kobe Steel of Japan, Ferrometris Inc., Cleveland Cliffs and Steel Dynamics Inc. and substantial state funding, the \$26 million plant began test runs on June 7, at a rate of 2 tons per hour.

EVTAC closed in early summer until December when a deal between Cleveland Cliffs and Laiwu Steel Group of China led to reopening as United Taconite Company.

Davis Helberg retired. On April 1, Duluth's Adolph Ojard was named Seaway Port Authority director. Ojard was a dockworker at the DM&IR Railway and worked his way up to the top over a 30 year period.

September 20, Aaron Ralston, mountaineer who amputated his own arm to survive, spoke at the DECC for Adventure Duluth multi-sport race on "Survival: the Personality of Leadership" sponsored by The College of St. Scholastica Management Institute 2003-04 Speakers Series.

SMDC (St. Mary's Duluth Clinic) was Duluth's largest employer.

October, Duluth received a \$79,000 federal grant for a Skyline Drive plan to market and improve road signage. Skyline runs from Becks Road east to Lester River, ends at Lake Superior, skirts the ridge line of Duluth with portions into Proctor and Midway Township. About 25 miles can be traveled by car.

**2004** Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Kenya's Wangari Maathai for her struggle for human rights and contribution to sustainable development, democracy and peace. She founded the Green Belt Movement, and poor women planted 30 million trees in Africa to fight deforestation. She was the first woman from Africa to win the prize.

March, four commuter trains were bombed in Madrid, Spain by terrorists that killed 202; elections held a week later ousted Spain's premier.

October, oil's price on the world market topped \$50 a barrel over supply concerns.

February, Oglebay Norton Company entered Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection to restructure and reduce more than \$450 million in debt.

May 14, an official Vatican document discouraged marriage between Catholics and Muslims, especially Catholic women and Muslim men.

May 29, thousands of veterans gathered on the National Mall in Washington for the dedication of the World War II Memorial.

September, American Retail Group planned to sell all of its U.S. holdings including Duluth-based Maurice's clothing that employed about 250 people in Duluth.

October 29, Google ended months of speculation: it announced it would sell shares to the public.

The Aerial bridge averaged 5,500 lifts a year: in summer, 60 a day. Straight electric cost to raise and lower the bridge was \$7.00.

The subject of a new book, *Suomalaiset: People of the Marsh*, was the 1918 lynching of Finnish dockworker Olli Kinkkonen whose body was found swinging from a tree in Duluth's Lester Park. The book was written by District Court Judge Mark Munger

July 13, George W. Bush campaigned in Duluth for a second presidential term. Thursday, September 9, First Lady Laura and George W. Bush were both campaigning.

January, St. Louis County Information & Referral department was closed by budget cuts.

April 17, Duluth's 1926 Lincoln Hotel built by architects Starin & Melander and Duluth contractor Jacobsen Brothers for \$105,000, was torn down for \$68,000.

July 8, 9, former Duluthian Richard Moe, author of *The Last Full Measure* and President of the National Trust, toured Duluth and spoke in Greysolon Plaza on the topic "Strengthening Duluth's Economic Future By Saving its Past."

July 27, crews began a \$704,000 project replacing nearly century-old Granitoid on East Seventh and Clover streets and Irving Place after five years of planning and debate. The Duluth streets have some of the oldest concrete pavement in the United States.

IRRRB, Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board, changed its name to IRR, Iron Range Resources.

**2005** The Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian opened in Washington, D. C. on the National Mall.

July 17, Lake Superior Day was celebrated annually on the third Sunday in July. Lake Superior Binational Forum promoted this basin-wide event to highlight the personal, environmental, economic, and spiritual connections people have to this unique world treasure. The event was held annually on the third Sunday in July.

August 28, 29 hurricane Katrina slammed into Louisiana; New Orleans' levees failed.

November, author Vine Deloria, Jr. died at age 72. He was born on a border town on the South Dakota Pine Ridge Reservation in 1933, the grandson of a Yankton Tribe of the Sioux Nation medicine man. He was organizer and executive director of the National Congress of American Indians, professor, historian, lawyer, and wrote more than 20 books.

November 24, Duluth port received heaviest equipment ever. Workers at Lake Superior Warehousing Co. unloaded a 1.5 million pound "hydro cracker" bound for Long Lake, Alberta to separate oil from sand.

U. S. Census Bureau stated St. Louis county population dropped 3,349 between April 1, 2000 and July 1, 2005.

March 8, more than 60 KDLH-TV channel 3, CBS affiliated, staff were cut to a handful. New Florida based owners, Malara Broadcast Group, reshaped the station.

September 13, St. Louis County Board of Commissioners voted to sell the former Nopeming Care Center in Midway Township to Frank Vennes, the Minneapolis-based Metro Development Corporation, for just more than \$1 million.

**2006** Scientists were alarmed by accelerating loss of ice in the Arctic Ocean. The sea surrounding the North Pole will be completely free of ice in the summertime within the lifetime of a child born today.

U. S. interior secretary proposed the timber wolf be removed from the federal Endangered Species Act threatened status in Minnesota and endangered status in Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The government wants management of the wolves to go to Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan agencies.

March, Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort opened in Mescalero, New Mexico. The \$215 million, 273 room, Mescalero Apache inn features original art and functions like a museum of heritage. It replaced the original inn built on the same site in 1975. It employs 1,100 people, 40 per cent of whom are tribal members.

January 10, Cleveland-Cliffs' board approved \$50 million to support construction and operation of a \$200 million iron nugget plant at the former LTV Steel Mining Co. taconite plant near Aurora.

Governor Pawlenty proposed to expand Moose Lake State Hospital's treatment of sexual psychopaths to 400 beds. It would mean about \$50 million in jobs and construction.

January 18, after 13 years, visitors to the Mall of America in Bloomington got a last look at Peanuts character Snoopy in the indoor amusement park. On January 19, Camp



**Snoopy was no more and replaced with "The Park at MOA."**

**March 5, retired fan favorite Minnesota Twins baseball outfielder Kirby Pucket died of a stroke at age 44.**

**Hermantown teachers will get a 9.9 per cent total salary and benefits increase over two years.**

**February 13, Missouri's Department of Conservation administrator, Robert Krepps, was selected for St. Louis County's Land Commissioner. He will oversee the nation's largest county-owned forest: 2.2 million acres or 51 percent of the county.**