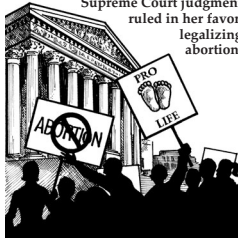


Roe vs. Wade

1973 A.D. The trial of a young Texas waitress, Jane Roe, who filed a class-action suit against District Attorney Henry Wade, because she was forbidden an abortion. The landmark Supreme Court judgment ruled in her favor, legalizing abortion.



Apollo Program

1963-1972 A.D. A NASA space program whose goal was "landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to Earth." Six of the eleven missions did just that, with Apollo 11 the first to land on the moon. On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong stepped on the surface, stating, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."



Nuclear Test Ban Treaty

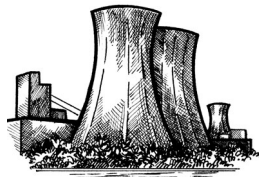
August 5, 1963 A.D.

An agreement was made between the U.S., Great Britain, and the Soviet Union, not to test nuclear weapons in space, under water, or in the atmosphere. The three countries went one step further on July 1, 1968, with the signing of a Non-Proliferation Treaty, endorsed by 59 other countries.



Cuban Missile Crisis

October, 1962 A.D. With the discovery of Soviet missiles placed in Cuba, U.S. President Kennedy demanded their removal, bringing the two powers close to nuclear war. One week later, Soviet leader Khrushchev complied with the demands.

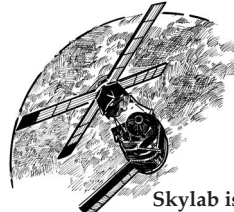
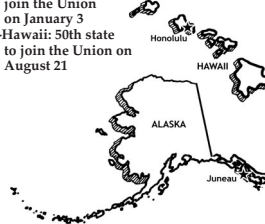


Three-Mile Island Nuclear Accident

March 28, 1979 A.D. At the Three-Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant, a cooling system malfunctioned, overheating a nuclear reactor and creating a build up of hydrogen. Fear of an explosion and the possible spread of radioactivity led to an evacuation of thousands in the area. The 12-day incident led to concern over dangers and safety of nuclear power.

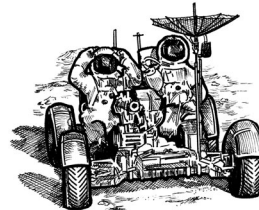
States to Achieve Statehood in 1959 A.D.

- Alaska: 49th state to join the Union on January 3
- Hawaii: 50th state to join the Union on August 21



Skylab is Launched into Orbit

May 14, 1973 A.D. A space station used as a science and engineering laboratory by NASA. Crews would visit the station, staying as long as 84 days. On July 11, 1979, the space station fell from orbit.



The Moon Rover

July 30, 1971 A.D. The Apollo 15 mission was the first aided by a lunar rover, or "moon buggy." Weighing 450 lbs. (75 lbs. on the moon) and able to fold like a lawn chair, it carried 169 lbs. of moon rocks and dust. Manned by David Scott, James Irwin, and Alfred Worden, it was driven 17 miles during the mission.



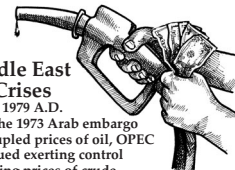
Popularization of the Computer Age

1970s A.D. Bill Gates founded Microsoft Corp. in 1974, the world's largest computer software company, making him a multi-billionaire. In 1976, Steve Jobs developed the Apple computer, introducing user-friendly personal computing. "The Internet," originally developed by the military, became an international network of smaller networks, opening to everyone world-wide access to information, dubbed the "world wide web."

Middle East Oil Crises

1973 & 1979 A.D.

After the 1973 Arab embargo quadrupled prices of oil, OPEC continued exerting control by raising prices of crude oil yet again in 1979 as a result of the Iranian Revolution.



Paris Peace Accords

January 27, 1973 A.D.

An agreement signed by the United States, North Vietnam, and South Vietnam, ending U.S. military draft and combat in the Vietnam War. Five days later, a cease-fire went into effect and the process of bringing U.S. troops home began.

