



Top News Stories from 1970

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World Events

- [Biafra](#) surrenders after 32-month fight for independence from [Nigeria](#) (Jan. 12).
- [Rhodesia](#) severs last tie with British Crown and declares itself a racially segregated republic (March 1).
- US troops invade [Cambodia](#) (May 1).
Background: [Vietnam War](#)
- A Palestinian revolt erupts in [Jordan](#). Forces loyal to [King Hussein](#) suppress the revolt and expel the [PLO](#) from the country.
- [Earthquake](#) kills more than 50,000 in [Peru](#) (May 31).
- [Egyptian](#) President [Nasser](#) dies and is replaced by [Anwar el-Sadat](#).
- [Tonga](#) (June 4) and [Fiji](#) (Oct. 10) gain independence from [Britain](#).

World Statistics

Population: 4.378 billion

[population by decade](#)Nobel Peace Prize: [Norman E. Borlaug \(US\)](#)[More World Statistics...](#)

U.S. Events

- Four students at [Kent State University](#) in [Ohio](#) slain by [National Guardsmen](#) at demonstration protesting incursion into [Cambodia](#) (May 4).
- Senate repeals [Gulf of Tonkin resolution](#) (June 24).

Economics

US GDP (1998 dollars): \$1,035.60 billion

Federal spending: \$195.65 billion

Federal debt \$380.9 billion

Median Household Income(current dollars):

\$8,734

U.S. Statistics

President: [Richard M. Nixon](#)Vice President: [Spiro T. Agnew](#)

Population: 205,052,174

Life expectancy: 70.8 years

Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000): 39.8

Property Crime Rate (per 1,000) 36.2

Homicide Rate (per 100,000): 8.3

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billion

Consumer Price Index: \$38.8

Unemployment: 3.5%

Cost of a first-class stamp: \$0.06

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Sports

Super Bowl

Kansas City d. Minnesota, (23-7)

World Series

Baltimore d. Cincinnati(4-1)

NBA Championship

New York d. LA Lakers(4-3)

Stanley Cup

Boston d. St. Louis(4-0)

Wimbledon

Women:

Margaret Court d. B.J. King

(14-12 11-9)

Men: John Newcombe d. K. Rosewall (5-7 6-3 6-2 3-6 6-1)

Kentucky Derby Champion

Dust Commander

NCAA Basketball Championship

UCLA d. Jacksonville

NCAA Football Champions

Nebraska (AP, FW) (11-0-1); Texas (UPI, NFF-tie), (10-1-0) & Ohio St. (NFF-tie), (9-1-0)

World Cup

Brazil d. Italy

Entertainment

Sports Links

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Events

- The [Beatles](#) break up. By the end of the year, each member had released a solo album.
- [George C. Scott](#) gives one of film's most memorable performances in *Patton*. He won the Best Actor [Oscar](#) for his turn as the title character, but refused the gold statuette.
- [Jimi Hendrix](#) and [Janis Joplin](#) both die drug-related deaths at age 27.
- [FCC](#) regulations require separate ownership of television networks and studios.
- Monday Night Football debuts on ABC, with [Howard Cosell](#), [Frank Gifford](#), and Don Meredith giving play-by-play.
- *Midnight Cowboy* wins the Best Picture [Oscar](#), the first and only time an X-rated movie received the honor.

Movies

- *M*A*S*H*, *Patton*, *Love Story*, *Airport*

Books

- [Maya Angelou](#), *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*
- [John Berryman](#), *Love and Fame*
- [Nikki Giovanni](#), *Black Talk/Black Judgement*
- [Gabriel García Márquez](#), *One Hundred Years of Solitude*
- Gail Godwin, *The Perfectionist*
- [John Updike](#), *Bech: A Book*

Science

- Biochemist Hamilton O. Smith (US) discovers a restriction enzyme that will allow biologist Daniel Nathans (US) to map a complete viral genome. Background: [genetic engineering](#)

Entertainment Awards

Pulitzer Prizes

Fiction:

Collected Stories, Jean Stafford

Music: *Time's Encomium*, Charles Wuorinen

Drama: *No Place to Be Somebody*, Charles Gordone

Oscars awarded in 1970

Academy Award, Best Picture: *Midnight Cowboy*, Jerome Hellman, producer (United Artists)

Nobel Prize for Literature: Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn (USSR)

1970 Emmy Awards

1970 Tony Awards

Grammys awarded in 1970

Record of the Year:

"Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In," 5th Dimension

Album of the Year: *Blood, Sweat and Tears*, Blood, Sweat and Tears (Columbia)

Song of the Year: "Games People Play," Joe South, songwriter

Miss America: Pamela Anne Eldred (MI)

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Nobel Prizes in Science

Chemistry: Luis F. Leloir (Argentina), for discovery of sugar nucleotides and their role in biosynthesis of carbohydrates

- IBM introduces the floppy disk. Background: [Computers and Internet](#)
- Bar codes (computer-scanned binary signal code) are introduced for retail and industrial use in England.
- The LCD (liquid crystal display) is invented by Hoffmann-La Roche (Switzerland).
- The Food and Drug Administration warns that birth control pills may cause blood clots. Background: [Birth & Contraception](#)
- Lithium is approved by the FDA for the treatment of manic-depression.

Physics: Hannes Alfvén (Sweden), for theories in plasma physics; and Louis Néel (France), for discoveries in antiferromagnetism and ferromagnetism

Physiology or Medicine:

Julius Axelrod (US), Ulf S. von Euler (Sweden), and Sir Bernard Katz (UK), for studies of how nerve impulses are transmitted within the body

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Death

- [Jimi Hendrix](#)
- [Janis Joplin](#)
- [Sonny Liston](#)

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