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World Events

- A military junta led by [Major General Idi Amin](#) siezes power in [Uganda](#) (Jan. 25).
- [Mao Zedong](#) invites the US [ping-pong](#) team to visit [Beijing](#) (Apr. 6).
- [Nixon](#) ends the US trade embargo against [China](#). (Apr. 14).
- [Erich Honecker](#) assumes leadership of the East German Communist Party after [Walter Ulbricht](#)'s resignation (May).
- [India](#) and the [USSR](#) sign a 20-year friendship pact (Aug. 9).
- [President Mobutu](#) renames the [Democratic Republic of Congo](#), establishing Zaire (Oct. 27).

World Statistics

Population: 4.378 billion

[population by decade](#)Nobel Peace Prize: **Willy Brandt (West Germany)**[More World Statistics...](#)

U.S. Events

- [US Supreme Court](#) rules unanimously that busing of students may be ordered to achieve [racial desegregation](#) (April 20).
- [Anti-war](#) militants attempt to disrupt government business in [Washington](#) (May 3) —police and military units arrest as many as 12,000; most are later released.
- [Pentagon Papers](#) published (June 13).
- [Twenty-sixth Amendment](#) to [US Constitution](#) lowers voting age to 18. (June 30).

U.S. Statistics

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

Population: 207,660,677

Life expectancy: 71.1 years

Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000): 41.6

Property Crime Rate (per 1,000) 37.7

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Economics

US GDP (1998 dollars): \$1,125.40 billion

Federal spending: \$210.17 billion

Federal debt \$408.2 billion

Median Household Income(current dollars):

9,028

billion

Consumer Price Index: \$40.5

Unemployment: 4.9%

Cost of a first-class stamp: \$0.06 (\$0.08 as of 5/16/71)

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Sports

Super Bowl

Baltimore d. Dallas(16-13)

World Series

Pittsburgh d. Baltimore(4-3)

NBA Championship

Milwaukee d. Baltimore Bullets(4-0)

Stanley Cup

Montreal d. Chicago(4-3)

Wimbledon

Women:

Evonne Goolagong d. M. Court

(6-4 6-1)

Men:

John Newcombe d. S. Smith

(6-3 5-7 2-6 6-4 6-4)

Kentucky Derby Champion

Canonero II

NCAA Basketball Championship

UCLA d. Villanova

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NCAA Football Champions

Nebraska (13-0-0)

Entertainment

Events

- *All in the Family* debuts on CBS and introduces a trend in socially conscious programming.
- [Jim Morrison](#) dies in Paris at age 27. (July 3).
- The Allman Brothers' Duane Allman dies in a motorcycle accident at age 24. (Oct. 29).
- The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts opens in Washington, D.C. with the premiere of [Leonard Bernstein's](#) *Mass*.

Movies

- *A Clockwork Orange*, *The French Connection*, *The Last Picture Show*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *McCabe & Mrs. Miller*

Books

- [E.M. Forster](#), *Maurice*
- [John Hawkes](#), *Blood Oranges*
- Frank O'Hara, *The Collected Poems*
- [Bernard Malamud](#), *The Tenants*
- Cynthia Ozick, *The Pagan Rabbi and Other Stories*
- [Wallace Stegner](#), *Angle of Repose*

Science

- Intel introduces the microprocessor. Background: [Computers and Internet](#)
- Cho Hao Li synthesizes the [growth hormone](#) somatotropin. Background: [Health & Nutrition](#)
- *Mariner IX*, orbiting [Mars](#), takes revealing pictures of the planet's surface. Background:

Entertainment Awards

Pulitzer Prizes

Music: *Synchronisms No. 6 for Piano and Electronic Sound*, Mario Davidowsky

Drama: *The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds*, Paul Zindel

Oscars awarded in 1971

Academy Award, Best Picture: *Patton*, Frank McCarthy, producer (Twentieth Century-Fox)

Nobel Prize for Literature: Pablo Neruda (Chile)

Record of the Year:

"Bridge Over Troubled Water," Simon and Garfunkel

Album of the Year: *Bridge Over Troubled Water*, Simon and Garfunkel (Columbia)

Song of the Year: "Bridge Over Troubled Water," Paul Simon, songwriter

Miss America: Phyllis Ann George (TX)

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Nobel Prizes in Science

Chemistry: Gerhard Herzberg (Canada), for contributions to knowledge of electronic structure and geometry of molecules, particularly free radicals

[US Unstaffed Planetary and Lunar Programs](#)

Death

- [J.C. Penney](#)
- [Igor Stravinsky](#)

Physics: Dennis Gabor (UK), for invention of holographic method of three-dimensional imagery

Physiology or Medicine: Earl W. Sutherland, Jr. (US), for research on how hormones work

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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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