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World Events

- [Great Britain](#), [Ireland](#), and [Denmark](#) enter [European Economic Community](#) (Jan. 1).
- A ceasefire is signed, ending involvement of American ground troops in the [Vietnam War](#). (Jan. 28).
- US bombing of [Cambodia](#) ends, marking official halt to 12 years of combat activity in Southeast Asia (Aug. 15).
- [Chile's](#) Marxist president, [Salvadore Allende](#), is overthrown (Sept. 11); [Gen. Augusto Pinochet](#) takes power.
- Fourth and largest Arab-Israeli conflict begins when [Egyptian](#) and [Syrian](#) forces attack [Israel](#) as Jews mark [Yom Kippur](#), holiest day in their calendar (Oct. 6). [Egypt](#) and [Israel](#) sign US-sponsored cease-fire accord (Nov. 11). Background: [Arab-Israeli Wars](#)
- [Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries](#) (OPEC) hikes oil prices tremendously in retaliation for Western countries' involvement in Yom Kippur War.

World Statistics

Population: 4.378 billion

[population by decade](#)Nobel Peace Prize: [Henry A. Kissinger \(US\)](#); [Le Duc Tho \(North Vietnam\)](#)¹[More World Statistics...](#)

U.S. Events

- [Nixon](#), on national TV, accepts responsibility, but not blame, for [Watergate](#); accepts resignations of H. R. Haldeman and [John D. Ehrlichman](#), fires John W. Dean III as counsel (April 30).
- [Spiro T. Agnew](#) resigns as Vice President and then pleads no contest to charges of evasion of income taxes while Governor of Maryland (Oct. 10).

U.S. Statistics

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

Population: 211,908,788

Life expectancy: 71.4 years

Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000): 41.5

Property Crime Rate (per 1,000) 37.4

- In the "Saturday Night Massacre," [Nixon](#) fires special [Watergate](#) prosecutor Archibald Cox and Deputy Attorney General William D. Ruckelshaus; Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson resigns (Oct. 20).
- [US Supreme Court](#) rules on [Roe v. Wade](#).

[More U.S. Statistics...](#)

Economics

US GDP (1998 dollars): \$1,382.60 billion

Federal spending: \$245.71 billion

Federal debt \$466.3 billion

Consumer Price Index: \$44.4

Unemployment: 4.9%

Cost of a first-class stamp: \$0.08

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Sports

Super Bowl

Miami d. Washington

World Series

Oakland A's d. NY Mets (4-3)

NBA Championship

New York d. LA Lakers

Stanley Cup

Montreal d. Chicago

Wimbledon

Women: Billie Jean King d. C. Evert (6-0 7-5)

Men: Jan Kodes d. A. Metreveli (6-1 9-8 6-3)

Kentucky Derby Champion

Secretariat (also won the Triple Crown: Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes and Belmont Stakes)

NCAA Basketball Championship

UCLA d. Memphis St. (87-66)

NCAA Football Champions

Notre Dame (AP, FW, NFF) (11-0-0) & Alabama (UPI) (11-1-0)

Sports Links

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Entertainment

Events

- At the [1972 Academy Awards](#), Sacheen Littlefeather stands in for [Marlon Brando](#) and refuses his Best Actor Oscar for his role in [The Godfather](#), to protest the U.S. government's treatment of Native Americans.
- The Jamaican film *The Harder They Come*, starring Jimmy Cliff, launches the popularity of [reggae](#) music in the United States.
- PBS airs the series *An American Family*, about the dysfunctional Loud family.

Movies

- *The Harder They Come*, *American Graffiti*, *The Exorcist*, *The Sting*, *Last Tango in Paris*

Books

- [Daniel Boorstin](#), *The Americans: The Democratic Experience*, Vol. 3
- [Duke Ellington](#), *Music is My Mistress*
- Thomas McGuane, *Ninety-Two in the Shade*
- [Czeslaw Milosz](#), *Selected Poems*
- [Joyce Carol Oates](#), *Do With Me What You Will*
- [Thomas Pynchon](#), *Gravity's Rainbow*
- [Kurt Vonnegut](#), *Breakfast of Champions*

Science

- Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) is designed and in 1983 it becomes the standard for communicating between computers over the Internet. Background: [Computers and Internet](#)
- Nuclear [Magnetic Resonance](#) (NMR), the technology behind MRI scanning, is developed.

Entertainment Awards

Pulitzer Prizes

Fiction:

The Optimist's Daughter, Eudora Welty

Music: *String Quartet No. 3*, Elliott Carter

Drama: *That Championship Season*, Jason Miller

Academy Award, Best Picture: *The Godfather*, Albert S. Ruddy, producer (Paramount)

Nobel Prize for Literature: Patrick White (Australia)

Record of the Year: "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face," Roberta Flack

Album of the Year: *The Concert for Bangla Desh*, George Harrison, Ravi Shanker, Bob Dylan, Leon Russell, Ringo Starr, Billy Preston, Eric Clapton and Klaus Voormann (Apple)

Song of the Year: "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face," Ewan MacColl, songwriter

Miss America: Terry Anne Meeuwsen (WI)

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Nobel Prizes in Science

Chemistry: Ernst Otto Fischer (W. Germany) and Geoffrey Wilkinson (UK), for work that could solve problem of automobile exhaust pollution

Physics: Ivar Giaever (US), Leo Esaki (Japan), and Brian D. Josephson (UK), for theories that have

- [Skylab](#), the first American space station, is launched (May 14). Background: [Space Exploration](#)

Death

- [W.H. Auden](#)
- [Pearl S. Buck](#)
- [Betty Grable](#)
- [Pablo Picasso](#)
- [Lyndon Baines Johnson](#)

advanced and expanded the field of miniature electronics

Physiology or Medicine: Karl von Frisch, Konrad Lorenz (both Austria), and Nikolaas Tinbergen (Netherlands), for their studies of individual and social behavior patterns

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