



# Top News Stories from 1974

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## World Events

- [OPEC](#) ends the oil embargo begun in 1973 during the [Yom Kippur War](#) (Mar. 18).
- [Nixon](#) and [Brezhnev](#) meet in [Moscow](#) to discuss arms limitation agreements. Background: [nuclear disarmament](#)
- Leftist revolution ends almost 50 years of dictatorial rule in [Portugal](#) (launched Apr. 25).
- [India](#) successfully tests an atomic device, becoming the world's sixth [nuclear power](#) (May 18).
- Emperor [Haile Selassie](#) of [Ethiopia](#) is deposed. A collective military dictatorship assumes power (Sept. 12).

### World Statistics

Population: 4.378 billion

[population by decade](#)[Nobel Peace Prize: Eisaku Sato \(Japan\); Sean MacBride \(Ireland\)](#)[More World Statistics...](#)

## U.S. Events

- Patricia Hearst, 19-year-old daughter of publisher [Randolph Hearst](#), kidnapped by Symbionese Liberation Army (Feb. 5).
- House Judiciary Committee [adopts three articles of impeachment](#) charging [President Nixon](#) with obstruction of justice, failure to uphold laws, and refusal to produce material subpoenaed by the committee (July 30).
- [Richard M. Nixon](#) announces he will resign the next day, the first President to do so (Aug. 8).
- Vice President [Gerald R. Ford](#) of [Michigan](#) is sworn in as 38th President of the US (Aug. 9).

### U.S. Statistics

President: [Richard M. Nixon](#)Vice President: [Gerald R. Ford](#)

Population: 213,853,928

Life expectancy: 72.0 years

Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000): 48.5

Property Crime Rate (per 1,000) 43.9

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- Ford grants "full, free, and absolute pardon" to ex-President Nixon (Sept. 8).

## Economics

US GDP (1998 dollars): \$1,496.90 billion

Federal spending: \$269.36 billion

Federal debt \$483.9 billion

Consumer Price Index: \$49.3

Unemployment: 5.6%

Cost of a first-class stamp: \$0.08 (\$0.10 as of 3/2/74)

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## Sports

### Super Bowl

Miami d. Minnesota

### World Series

Oakland A's d. LA Dodgers (4-1)

### NBA Championship

Boston d. Milwaukee

### Stanley Cup

Philadelphia d. Boston

### Wimbledon

**Women:** Chris Evert d. O. Morozova (6-0 6-4)

**Men:** Jimmy Connors d. K. Rosewall (6-1 6-1 6-4)

### Kentucky Derby Champion

Cannonade

### NCAA Basketball Championship

N.C. State d. Marquette

### NCAA Football Champions

Oklahoma (AP) (11-0-0) & USC (UPI, FW, NFF) (10-1-1)

### World Cup

W. Germany d. Holland

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# Entertainment

## Events

- [Patti Smith](#) releases what is considered to be the first punk rock single, "Hey Joe."
- *People* magazine debuts, with [Mia Farrow](#) gracing the cover.
- Premier Russian dancer [Mikhail Baryshnikov](#) defects and joins the [American Ballet Theatre](#).

## Movies

- *Chinatown*, *The Godfather Part II*, *Day for Night*, *Blazing Saddles*, *The Towering Inferno*

## Music

- Patti Smith, "Hey Joe"

## Books

- [Robert Creeley](#), *Sitting Here*
- [Annie Dillard](#), *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*
- Gail Godwin, *The Odd Woman*
- [Stephen King](#), *Carrie*
- [Toni Morrison](#), *Sula*
- [Grace Paley](#), *Enormous Changes at the Last Minute*
- Robert M. Pirsig, *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*
- [Gary Snyder](#), *Turtle Island*

## Science

- For safety reasons, the [National Academy of Sciences](#) calls for a temporary ban on some types of [genetic engineering](#) research.
- A new [elementary particle](#) *psi* (now called *J*) is discovered by [Burton Richter](#) of Stanford University.

## Death

## Entertainment Awards

### Pulitzer Prizes

**Music:** *Notturmo*, Donald Martino

**Academy Award, Best Picture:** *The Sting*, Tony Bill, Michael Phillips and Julia Phillips, producers (Universal)

**Nobel Prize for Literature:** Eyvind Johnson and Harry Martinson (both Sweden)

**Record of the Year:** "Killing Me Softly With His Song," Roberta Flack

**Album of the Year:** *Innervisions*, Stevie Wonder (Tamla/Motown)

**Song of the Year:** "Killing Me Softly With His Song," Norman Gimbel and Charles Fox, songwriters

**Miss America:** Rebecca Ann King (CO)

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## Nobel Prizes in Science

**Chemistry:** Paul J. Flory (US), for developing analytic methods to study properties and molecular structure of long-chain molecules

**Physics:** Antony Hewish (UK), for discovery of pulsars; Martin Ryle (UK), for using

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- [Duke Ellington](#)
- [Charles Lindbergh](#)
- [Ed Sullivan](#)

radiotelescopes to probe outer space with high degree of precision

**Physiology or Medicine:** George E. Palade, Christian de Duve (both US), and Albert Claude (Belgium), for contributions to understanding inner workings of living cells

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