



IT HAPPENED IN 1974

NOTABLE:

- Popular songs: “The Way We Were,” Barbra Streisand; “Bennie and the Jets,” Elton John; “I Honestly Love You,” Olivia Newton-John; “Band on the Run” Paul McCartney & Wings.
- Streaking is the year’s biggest fad.
- “People” magazine begins publication.
- Television show debuts: “Police Woman,” “Happy Days,” “Rhoda,” “Chico and the Man,”
- Popular movies: “Blazing Saddles,” “Chinatown,” “The Longest Yard,” “The Texas Chainsaw Massacre.”

COST OF LIVING:

- The cost of first class postage increases from 8¢ to 10¢.
- The Rolling Stones album “It’s Only Rock ’n Roll” sells for \$3.99.
- The price for a Buick Century Regal is \$4,270.00.
- A half-gallon of milk is 59¢.

SPORTS:

- Hank Aaron hits his 715th home run to become baseball’s all-time leader.
- Oakland defeats the Los Angeles Dodgers to win the World Series in five games.
- In Superbowl VIII, the Miami Dolphins defeat the Minnesota Vikings 24-7.
- Frank Robinson becomes the first black manager in Major League baseball history when he signs a contract to lead the Cleveland Indians in the 1975 season.

HEADLINES:

- Richard Nixon resigns as president. He is succeeded by Vice-President Gerald Ford.
- Nixon is granted a “full, free, and absolute pardon” by President Ford.
- Patty Hearst is kidnapped by Symbionese Liberation Army terrorists.