

1970-1979

Major trends of this time:

- *a growing disillusionment of government
- *advances in civil rights
- *increased influence of the women's movement
- *a heightened concern for the environment
- *increased space exploration.

Pop history -

Kent State -

School integration - bussing in Boston

Sea Monkeys -

Streaking -

Platform shoes and bellbottoms -

Disco -

Floppy disc -

VCR -

Test-tube baby - Louis Brown

Barcodes -

Three-mile island -

Love canal -

Roe vs. Wade - law in 1973

Affirmative Action -

Watergate -

Earth Day - April 22, 1970

Gay pride march - June 28, 1970

Watergate - May 17, 1972

1973 - Arab oil embargo - massive shortages

August 9, 1974 - Richard Nixon resigns. Gerald R. Ford is now President.

South Vietnam falls - April 30, 1975...It's official....WE LOST!

1978 Love Canal - N.Y. contamination under the housing development

Nov. 19, 1978 Jones Town Guyana Jim Jones and 900 people kill selves.

March 28, 1979 Three Mile Island melt down

November 4, 1979 Iranian Hostage. Take over of the U.S. embassy

Shirley Chisholm -First black women in the U.S. senate

Patty Hearst - Kidnapped by SLA and became a member?????

George McGovern -

Karen Silkwood -Worked for a nuke plant. Died on way to a whistle blowing meeting.

George Wallace - Bigot southern senator who change after he is shot

Henry Kissinger - Sec. of State under Nixon. Most trusted man in America.

Billie Jean King - Female tennis star.

Evel Knievel - Snake River canyon jump

Don McLean - American Pie

1974!!!!!! What the heck was going on???

This single year saw a vast array of social and political issues. Some would say it was a year in our history which really tested the grounds for which we were established. I have to say, the year was an interesting and questioning one. Politically, our trust faded but socially, our resolve was proven!

August 9, 1974 - President Richard M. Nixon gets on a chopper, waves to the staff on the White House lawn and flies away in disgrace. He faced three counts of impeachment or resignation. Either one would have resulted in a first. He would have been impeached or would have needed to resign.

Gerald Ford is sworn in at the same time.

This entire issue did prompt election reforms that we still hold today. For every bad thing, there is a good one.

Black Panther Huey Newton flees to Cuba after being accused of killing a 17 year old prostitute. He is later acquitted. Names his lover Elaine Brown as the new leader of the party. She heads it until 1977.

U.S. army paroles Lt. Calley.

Double digit inflation, farm prices fall, foreclosures rise. Tail spin of unemployment. What did we do..... Survived.

Deep thought. If we would have put forth a real effort to find alternatives, would we be better off today? Another reason to study history. Hind site is 20/20.

Don't learn from the past, you are bound to again step in the same dog poop you did yesterday.

Nationwide - 55 miles per hour speed limit enacted to save 42 billion gallons of oil a year.

The CAT scan machine is first used in hospitals.

Heimlich maneuver is established as a choking solution.

Miami Beats the Vikings 24 to 7 to win the Super Bowl.

Hank Aaron hits 715. The Babe is now mortal. Death threats against Aaron for being black.

Little League admits girls to play in the league.

White bread = .34 loaf, Potatoes = .24 pound, Coffee = \$1.28
All these products are up by 20 cents or more.

September 8 - Evel Knievel fails to clear the Snake River Canyon in a rocket motorcycle.

Ho Chi Minh-Vietnamese government takes over.

President Ford is threatened by Alice "Squeaky" Fromme.

Apollo missions end with a final docking with the Russians.

Karen Ann Quinlan goes into an alcohol induced coma and is taken off respirator in 1976. She will live until 1985.

Pittsburgh beats the Vikings in the Super Bowl.

Pine Ridge Reservation killing of FBI agents.

1980's - What were they all about?

- *Technology companies
- *big hair
- *leg warmers
- *footloose
- *dirty dancing
- *heavy metal ballads and much more.

U.S. boycott - the Olympics in Russia over the Afghanistan invasion by Russian soldiers.

Post-it notes born

John Lennon assassination - New York by David Chapman

Brook Shields - Quote for Calvin "you know what is between me and my Calvins? Nothing" this was a banned commercial.

Ronald Reagan is elected over Jimmy Carter.

RU - 486 - Morning after pill sold in France.

Mt. Saint Helens - Boom 60 dead

ABSCAM - F.B.I. agents pose as rich Arabs and bribe on tape politicians.

Saddam Hussein - Gets aid from the U.S. and Military equipment to protect the oil in his country from the Iranians.

Bill Gates - Launches DOS sells to IBM

Jimmy Carter -tries to free the U.S. hostages being held in Iran. The Helicopter attempt fails. One more blemish on the president's attempt for reelection.

U.S.A - Hockey team wins the gold after they defeat the Russians in the second round - MIRACLE

1981

Pope - Shot by 23 year old Turk Mehmet Ali Hagca 9 mm 15 feet away. Good news - the Pope survives! Pope forgives and shooter is released in 2006.

Sandra Day O'Conner - First women supreme court Justice.

Pac - Man - Birth of the video game

AIDS - first reports of homosexual men who are dying from a mysterious disease.

52 hostages - Release from Iran after 14 mo. in captivity.

John Hinkley - Attempts to assassinate Reagan. Almost did.

D.B. Cooper -Jumped from 727 with \$200,000.00 in Nov., 1971....In Feb., 1980, \$5000 was found on the banks of the Columbia River.