**FORD PINTO EXPLOSIONS CAUSE OVER 500 CASUALTIES**

By Francesca Cannon

The pioneers of the automobile world, Ford Motor Company released a car that created a great impact in 1971. The market for today's cars is focused on inexpensive subcompact cars that are perfect for small families. Although the Ford Pinto was physically appealing, its production and build was flawed.

When Ford was in the process of creating and testing the Pinto they were required to test the Pinto's abilities. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration proposed that the rear collision protocols be improved near the time the Ford Pinto was going to be released.

Ford supported the 20 mph improvements but when the NHTSA voted to increase the standards even more. They decided to stick to the necessary lower standards.

When Ford tested the Pinto they discovered that when the Pinto was in a collision at speeds at 25 mph or above, the Pinto's gas tank exploded. Ford's neglect to deal with the discovered collision problems before the Pinto's release caused injuries and deaths for approximately 500 drivers and passengers.

**Prohibitionist Shaw died**

Mark R. Shaw, Prohibition Party candidate for offices died June 4.

Shaw ran for a number of offices. He ran for U.S. Senate from Massachusetts seven times.

He ran for the State's governor twice and was the Prohibition Party candidate for Vice-President.

Shaw’s mother was a lecturer for the Women’s Christian Temperance Movement.
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Berkowitz, Bundy, Gacy among those who put fear in Americans

Serial Killer David Berkowitz is “Son of Sam”

By Asia Hill

David Berkowitz was sentenced to 365 years in prison for the “Son of Sam” murders in New York City. For each murder he was given 25 years. He was arrested on August 10, 1977.

“Son of Sam” caused havoc throughout New York City. He caused one of the biggest man hunts in New York history. He murdered six people in New York City from 1976-1977 and critically injured many others.

Berkowitz received several psychological evaluations to determine whether or not he was sane. During questioning, Berkowitz revealed to police that his neighbor, Sam Carr, had told him to kill people.

“He told me to kill. Sam is the devil,” he said. The “Son of Sam” is currently serving his sentence at Sullivan Correctional Facility in Fallsburg, New York.

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Ted Bundy Is Re-Arrested In Florida

By Ronal Aguzata

Ted Bundy has been re-arrested in Florida after escaping prison. He has been wanted for multiple murders in many states.

Ted was born on November 24, 1946. He had a regular childhood, he finished high school in 1965.

After high school he attended college at the University of Washington. He was an unexpected killer because he seemed like a regular person with a regular life.

There was a pattern in his victims he allegedly killed and that is that they all resembled a woman that broke his heart when he was in college.

Ted would move to different states and allegedly kill many women in each state. There have been 12 cases where women's heads that were decapitated.

Bundy is awaiting trial.

“Killer Clown” is no more!

By Mary Miranda

A construction company owner was arrested for the murder and disappearance of 33 boys and young men in Chicago. John Wayne Gacy is accused of murder and sexual assault on the 33 males.

Gacy’s first crime was committed in Waterloo, Iowa. He created a “club” in his basement as a way to lure young boys into drinking alcohol and possible sexual activity. Two young boys attending the club created by Gacy said they were sexually assaulted by him. He was sentenced to 10 years in Iowa State Penitentiary.

Gacy was released in 1970 for good behavior, serving 18 months out of a 10 year term. Gacy traveled to Chicago and moved in with his mother. He own place with his mother’s financial assistance.

On February 12, 1971 Gacy was accused of sexual assault by a teenage boy but charges were dropped because of the absence of the boy.

San Francisco Mayor, City Supervisor Assassinated

By Luca Ileana

The Chicago Daily News published their last edition on March 4. The publication has seen a decline in popularity.

Founded by Melville E. Stone, Percy Meggy, and William Dougherty in 1875. The Daily News was directed at a broad audience, unlike competitors, whose primary audience was the elite of Chicago.

The reporters were known for their aggressive writing style, and being some of the first to pave the way for radio news.

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Mayor George Moscone

By Naheli Ahmed

The mayor of San Francisco, George Moscone, and city supervisor, Harvey Milk were assassinated by Dan White because of disagreements about Dan White’s seat on the board of supervisors.

In 1975 he ran for mayor and won in a very tight race. Many believed he was ahead of his time because he was an activist for gay rights.

Harvey Milk was openly gay, making him the first openly gay Californian to be elected in public office. In the beginning of his career he was not interested in gay activism and did not engage it until later on in his life.

He quickly gained popularity and he was the first of that landing him a position as city supervisor serving in office for nearly a year.

He was responsible for gay rights in the city.

The assassination was a pivotal point for California as it was a shock that they were both killed. Many residents left sentimental gifts at City Hall in respect for lives that were lost.

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Carter Shelves Production of the Neutron Bomb

By Luca Ileana

President Jimmy Carter has postponed any production of the neutron bomb.

This decision was not supported by the majority of U.S. citizens, and was initially met with complete denial by Carter's administration, who claimed he had not yet come to any concrete conclusions on the subject.

It was another three days before the official announcement shelving the neutron bomb was made.

The reason the Neutron Bomb had so much support to begin with, is because it was considered less immoral than previous nuclear bombs, and allowed for less destruction.

A neutron bomb is a type of hydrogen bomb that works through nuclear fusion. Fusion allows for a more focused blast radius. Neutron radiation also emits at a higher frequency that kills human life, but leaves non-living structures unharmed.

The final cherry on top, is that neutron radiation dissipates within seconds. This means that we can have ground troops on site much quicker.

The only damage done by the bomb is the damage from the initial blast unlike traditional nuclear bombs, which have permanent lasting effects on the area and people for generations to come.

It is hard to say whether Carter made a decision to set us behind the Soviets in this arms race, or if he made a decision to protect the people of the world from continuing escalation in nuclear weaponry.

18th is THE CHARM: DOUBLE EAGLE II HAS LANDED!

By Caleb Venkatrathnam

On August 17, in the early afternoon, Eagle II landed in a barley field 60 miles northwest of Paris, France.

After 17 unsuccessful flights, the Double Eagle II, manned by Ben Abruzzo, Maxie Anderson, and Larry Newman, marks the first air balloon to make the treacherous journey across the Atlantic Ocean.

The journey started at 8:42 pm on August 11, ended 137 hours later, after traveling more than 3000 miles from Presque Isle, Maine to just outside of Paris, France.

As soon the balloon landed, swarms of people crowded around the Eagle to watch this historic event.

This flight was relatively uneventful except for two events. On the August 16, when due to dangerous atmospheric conditions, the balloon descended to a dangerous 4000 feet. The smart thinking crew quickly released ballasts and rose to a safe height.

The other incident was instead of landing in the famous Le Bourget Airfield where Charles Lindbergh landed 51 years prior, they decided not to risk flying over populated areas in fear of an emergency landing.

PRO INDEPENDENCE ACTIVIST MURDERED IN PUERTO RICO

Carlos Enrique Soto Arri Alt became a solo senator in his home country of Puerto Rico.

By Lisette Falcon

On the night of July 25, 1978 in the Cerro Maravilla mountain of Puerto Rico was the place where two innocent men died in the hands of armed Puerto Rico policeman. The two men were pro-independence activist of the Armed Revolutionary Movement.

One of them was Carlos Enrique Soto Arri. His father, Pedro Juan, had gone to study in Europe and served in the United States Army.

His father took action after the murder of his son and sued the commerce government and United States federal authorities for the death of his son, that he called was an "outright assassination".

Carlos was always interested in social issues even at a young age. Carlos started his political activism in high school for pro-independence.

HIGH COURT RULES JUDGES IMMUNE FROM NON-MALICIOUS ERRORS

By Sam Kleven

At midnight last night, the eight Supreme Court judges voted 5-3 in overturning the controversial decision to convict Judge Harold D. Stump for his actions last May. The court ruled that “A judge will not be deprived of immunity because the action he took was in error, was done maliciously, or was in excess of his authority. He will be subject to liability only when he has acted in the clear absence of all jurisdiction.”

In January of 1971, Judge Harold D. Stump allowed for a tubal ligation to be performed on Linda Spitler, granting the request of her mother. The petition claimed that Spitler was “mildly retarded,” and argued that Spitler’s mother did not need consent to perform the operation.

Without Spitler’s consent, Stump granted the order the same day he received it. Spitler received the operation after being informed she was having her appendix removed.

Linda Spitler married Leo Sparkman in 1973. After attempting to have children, Mrs. Sparkman went to court and learned she had her tubes tied. After learning of this news, the Sparkmans filed a lawsuit against Stump.

The case was immediately dismissed by U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, under the ruling that Stump had been “clothed with complete judicial immunity.”

The Sparkmans then appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the seventh circuit, where the dismissal was reversed. The Court of Appeals ruled that Stump had shown a “clear absence of jurisdiction,” citing that there were no common laws authorizing the forced sterilization of a minor.

Stump and his associates appealed to the Supreme Court which granted certiorari and reversed the Court of Appeals. The Supreme Court held that the judge was immune from being sued for issuing the order because it was issued as a judicial function.
Nor’Easter Rampaged into the Red
By Diana Taylor Miklasevics

The Northeastern region of the United States was ravished by an unbelievable blizzard from February 5-7. The damage from Connecticut to New York is unimaginable. The blizzard death toll with at had 42 reported storm deaths. Men and women reported further injuries and the numbers are in the thousands.

The roads, completely broken from this savage Nor’Easter, are beyond estimation of cost. However some officials are saying it will be in the millions but currently have no real numbers. The National Guard stepped in and evacuated citizens from their homes. But as coastal homes were the largest issue those residents were evacuated first, with roughly 14,000 evacuations and dozens of homes being devoured by sea.

The roads had hundreds of abandoned cars and thankfully all interstate highways were closed. Gov. Michael Dukakis (D) issued a ban on all non-emergency travel.

“Twice each day I thought I was going to die,” says Anthony Chiarella, 60, a survivor of the blizzard who was trapped in his home without relief. Many others like Chiarella have been stuck inside of their homes despite evacuations and other relief efforts.

Severe Blizzard Strikes State of Ohio
By Samantha Waddick

This year a severe blizzard hit the Ohio Valley and reached the Great Lakes killing 70 people in total and leaving one billion dollars in damage. Beginning on January 25 Ohio received three feet of snowfall with winds up to 100 mph causing some snow drifts to be as high as 25 feet.

Over 12 inches of snow fell in Ohio on January 26-27. All roads, businesses and schools were shut down and some did not reopen until later the following week. Other surrounding states also received large amounts of snow of up, to 40 inches, however it did not compare to the conditions in Ohio.

This blizzard was so rare and severe that 5,000 members of the National Guard were sent in to rescue citizens. This great blizzard has been recorded to be the worst winter storm to ever hit the state of Ohio.

Grace H.S. Graduates 226
Grace High School, a Catholic school in Fridley, MN, graduated its eighth class on May 26. There were 226 graduates.

John Lukes, Terrance Hilary and Mary Dubay were the co-valedictorians of the class, each with over a 6.0 grade point average. Grace incorporates honors points into their GPA system, thus giving students higher than normal GPA’s.

Maria Peluso, class president, presented the class to the principal and superintendent. Mr. Michael Shimek, religion teacher, was the class’s selection to give the commencement address.

Among the graduates was Jeffrey Buza, an 18-year-old who has dreams of becoming the next great newspaper reporter. Whatever the dreams of the Class of ‘78 are, the future is bright for them.
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“Astronomer James Christy
By Angel Alvarado-Lopez

Charon was discovered by astronomer James Christy while studying photographic plates.
Christy noticed that there had been something elongated and he looked more into it.
He looked at more images of Pluto for references and noticed the same thing in the pictures he then had confirmed the discovery.
The Charon is the only known moon of Pluto. It is about half the size of Pluto itself.
The moon was meant to be named something else like the name of his wife but his colleagues looked for something else and so did James.
After a bit of research he named it Charon after a mythological creature who carried souls across the river of Acheron.
The first four letters were the same as his wife's name, Charlene.

Moon Discovered
Orbiting Pluto

“The Galloping Grandma:”
Mavis Hutchison’s Inspiring Story
By Stephanie Krause

After six million footsteps, through 13 states, over the course of 69 days, Mavis Hutchison became the first woman to run from one end of the United States to the other.
The 53 year old South African native started her run in Los Angeles and ended in New York City, running about 72 kilometers (44.7 miles) every day.

On the 33rd day, about halfway through her journey, Hutchison suffered a severe injury. She was in agony and unable to move, but was back on the road again the next day, with more determination than ever.
Hutchison recalls her journey vividly, “Four weeks of blistering heat were followed by four weeks of snow and icy winds and then a week of ceaseless rain.”
The rough weather did not discourage her, but instead kept her moving. She believed she could power through the snow, rain, and other difficult weather, and she did.
She rose above almost all that nature threw her way, except a few injuries. Despite these injuries, she still finished the journey.
Hutchison is more than a runner; she is a role model for athletes all over the world.
972 die in Mass Suicide in Guyana

By Suadi Mohammed

Over 900 died in the remote commune of Jonestown, Guyana on November 18. The settlement was founded in 1956 by Jim Jones. He originally founded the settlement in Indiana but moved to Redwood Valley, California in 1966. Jones had a vision of a communist settlement where everyone could lean on the community. He had that in mind outside of the U.S to set up the People’s Temple settlement, in Guyana. Jonestown was to be a utopian community after it was built. After people arrived they realized it was not what they expected.

There was a lack of shelter, food and water in Jonestown. The heat and humidity did not really help either. One day, Congressman Leo Ryan came to visit. Everything seemed fine until a note was passed to him saying people were held against their will.

After receiving the note he was killed by some of the Temple’s Members, Jones who was now in a panic told his members that they had to commit the “revolutionary act.” Children were not even spared this tragedy and were brought up to drink the poison 276 whom were children.

Jones died from a gunshot to the head. Only a couple of people survived and hid in the jungle or the airport.

AIR INDIA FLIGHT 855 CRASHES KILLING 213

By Darla Dennis

Just 101 seconds after the 190 passengers and 23 crew members of Air India flight 855 - en route to Dubai International Airport - had taken off from Sahar Airport in Bandra, Bombay, the Boeing 747 crashed, nose first, into the dark Arabian Sea. The malfunction that caused the crash was confirmed by the audio recording of the pilots talking, seconds before the crash, which was found at the site of the crash.

After making a scheduled right turn, the plane leveled out, then started roll left. However an Altitude Indicator (AI) had “toppled” (malfunctioned) and was still indicating a right bank.

The other AI had not malfunctioned, but when this was communicated between the pilots it was not understood correctly, and the main pilot believed that all of the AI’s had toppled.

The dark sea and invisible horizon made it impossible for the pilots to see what was correct.

Famous Publisher Shot and Killed

By Antonio Haskell

On January 10, journalist and voice of “The Nicaraguans,” Pedro Joaquin Chamorro Cardenal was gunned down and killed instantly on his way to work. Assassins collided with Cardenal’s vehicle and killed him while he was still inside the vehicle. The murderer has not yet been found.

Speculators point a finger to Pedro Ramos who owned a business that had was attacked by La Prensa. Cardenal’s family accused the newspaper owner, the Sontoa family, of planning his murder.

In UK, World’s First Test Tube Baby Is Born

By Linnea Keire

On July 25th, Louise Brown became the first baby to be born via in vitro fertilization, or IVF. This experimental procedure was created by Drs. Robert Edwards and Patrick Steptoe, who have been researching fertility methods since 1968.

The birth of Louise was a huge success for the doctors, the product of a decade of work. The procedure is done by removing an egg from a woman’s ovaries, fertilizing it with a male sperm in a laboratory, and then implanting it into the woman’s uterus. The pregnancy then proceeds as normal.

Drs. Edwards and Steptoe had received a lot of criticism for their work with IVF, even being accused of “playing God” by some religious circles. The IVF process is a highly controversial topic and it remains to be seen if IVF will become widely used.

Pole Becomes Pope

By Asia Hill

Polish Cardinal Karol Wojtyla, who took the name John Paul II, became the first non-Italian to be elected Pope by conclave in over 400 years.

Pope John Paul II was born on May 18, 1920, in Wadowice, Poland. John Paul wanted to become a priest, so he began studying at a secret seminary.

John Paul first became invested in church when he became the bishop of Osth in 1958. Six years later he became the archbishop of Krakow.

He also contributed to the Catholic Church and participated in the Second Vatican Council. John Paul’s contributions to the church landed him on Pope Paul VI’s good side. Pope Paul VI made John Paul a cardinal in 1967.

He is an advocate for human rights and spread as much peace around the world as possible. John Paul has very strong opinions about certain topics, such as capital punishment.

During 1978, the Catholic Church had THREE Popes. Paul VI began the year as Pope and died August 6. John Paul I was elected August 28 and died unexpectedly September 28. John Paul II was elected October 16.

Afghan Leader Assassinated

By Leonor Andrade-Navarro

Mohammad Daud Khan was assassinated during a coup on April 28 by members of the People’s Democratic Party of Afghanistan. Most Khan family members were killed.

Daud Khan was the first president of Afghanistan beginning in 1973. He was Prime Minister of Afghanistan in 1952 to 1963.
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U.S. Woman becomes Jordanian Royalty!

By Elycia Willis

Queen Noor and King Hussein of Jordan

June 15, 1978. A date one Washington D.C. girl will never forget. This is the day an American woman named Lisa Najeeb Halaby became the Queen of Jordan.

She adopted the name Queen Noor meaning "light of Hussein." Kinda cool right?

Her parents are Doris and Najeeb Halaby. Her father is a lawyer and the head of the Federal Aviation Administration.

King Hussein was previously married three times. He divorced two of his former wives and the third died in a helicopter crash.

Queen Noor is the one he is going to spend the rest of his life with. The wedding was a traditional Muslim ceremony.

Queen Noor was 26 when she married King Hussein. He was 42 on the date of the marriage.

Burmese General Targets Muslims in Raid

By Ima Varghese Mac

An extensive military operation in Arakan, Burma, known as the King Dragon Operation happened on February 6. It was carried out by the Prime Minister, General Ne Win who has been in power since 1962. The “operation” involved the mass arrests and torturing of the Rohingyas, a group of Muslims whose roots trace back to Bangladesh.

It was started as an attempt to control Mujahid rebels that wanted a separate Islamic state but many people claim that it was a cover up for the government to get rid of Rohingyas people.

Seven years ago, many refugees from the Bangladesh Liberation War came to Arakan but many Rohingyas have been living there for centuries.

However, these new immigrants have created tensions with the government and many Burmese people have claimed them to be illegal immigrants.

The King Dragon Operation has made almost 250,000 Rohingyas flee to Bangladesh and are now living in refugee camps with support from the United Nations.

Spain Approves New Constitution

By Noah Adriany

Spain approved a new constitution based on democratic rule to replace the monarchy previously in place. The constitution was approved at a referendum in which 95.8% of voters voted in favor and only 4.19% voted against the adoption of a new constitution in the election held December 7.

The proposition has yet to be approved by King Juan Carlos I, yet the hope and expectation is that he will approve it.

There have been many previous attempts at a revised government and constitution, the first of which came after Napoleon deposed the previous absolute monarchy, called the Constitution of 1812. However this attempt was not successful, as many inhabitants did not understand their right to have rights after such a long time under monarchical rule.

Later attempts also did not have much impact, and in 1939 Francisco Franco rose to power as a dictator replacing the previous attempt at democracy, the Second Republic.

Up until his death in 1975 Franco ruled with absolute power. After his death his chosen successor, and current King, Juan Carlos has ruled. Juan Carlos sanctioned the drafting of a new constitution put on referendum which is now in a position to be adopted.

The new constitution would create Spain as a constitutional monarchy joining England in the ranks of democratic parliamentary states with monarchies playing a side role.

This development will certainly help the country recover from the oppressive rule of Francisco Franco who died three years ago.

This newfound freedom will surely reinvent Spain, if it is to be signed into adoption. Hopes are high that this will surely happen as Spaniards eagerly await democracy.

Two Popes Die within Two Months

By Suadi Muhamud

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He was joyful only when he saw horses. He commented "horses, the most beautiful animals that God had created."

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Soviets Shoot Down KAL Plane

By Antonia Haskell

Was it human error or some kind of mechanical mishap that is to blame for such a big mistake that could have ended much worse? These are the questions investigators, as well as the public want answers to. The Soviet Union shot down the Korean Airlines Flight 902 from Paris to Seoul, South Korea (with a fuel stop in Alaska).

After plane’s magnetic declination error, possibly due to the North Pole magnetic interference, the plane went off course toward Russia. The plane, a Boeing 707, never responded to Soviet Air Defense commander Vladimir Tsaruk. The commander ordered a pilot in his squadron to take down the plane.

After being intercepted by Captain Alexander Bosov, the Korean Air plane continued to ignore demands to follow Bosov to land. Bosov attempted to contact Tsaruk about the identity of the commercial airliner. When he could not establish contact, he obeyed orders and fired at the plane.

The plane suffered extensive damage and the pilots of flight 902 had no other choice but to find a large enough place to land and they eventually put the commercial airliner down at Koriyvari Lake which was frozen at the time.

One hundred seven passengers were rescued from the wreckage and sent to Kar鲢. An investigation found that the Korean pilots were mostly to blame for not observing the plane’s sudden and unplanned substantial change in course, not responding to commander Tsaruk’s radar calls, or for not following Bosov’s plane for landing.

Peace Comes to Ethiopia, Somalia

By Abdirahman Hashi

A truce was signed between Ethiopia and Somalia ending the nine months of war between the two countries. The Ethiopia-Somalia war was between Somalia and the neighboring country Ethiopia. The war was over a certain part that xSomalia thought belonged to their country but was considered to be in Ethiopia. This began in July 1977 and it happened in Ethiopia.

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Peace in The Middle East: An Historic Agreement Between Two Leaders.

By Abdurahman Adan

This year has been a year for the history books-an agreement had been reached between, Anwar Sadat, a very proud Egyptian national, and Menachem Begin, a very proud Israeli and proud Zionist. Many were very skeptical about this prize, how can two men who are different in every sense of the word be willing to share such a distinguishable award.

As we look at the accomplishments of American President Jimmy Carter this is by far one of them. We look back at the State of the Union address when all members of Congress, Republican and Democrat gave a standing ovation to President Sadat and Prime Minister Begin. This agreement diffused already high tensions between Israel and Egypt.

This agreement helped boost President Sadat favorability in Egypt for after the agreement was closed the United States stated sending millions in aid to Egypt. Also, a large majority of Palestinians were very angry. Palestinian leader Yasir Arafat said, “Let them sign what they like, false peace will not last.”

With all these mixed emotions coming from the Middle East, this past year has been one for the history books.

Remains of an Ancient Pyramid Found in Mexico

Altar of the Toads, which were used as symbols of water

By Rory Thompson

Electrical workers in Mexico City found what could be the remains of an Aztec pyramid. The workers were digging in a part of the town that is slightly elevated above the town known as the “Island of the Dogs”.

The workers dug up a monolith of an Aztec goddess. It is possible that an entire Aztec pyramid could be held under the ground. Excavation of the area could possibly begin soon to look for more remains.
CHARLIE CHAPLIN’S REMAINS STOLEN, HELD FOR RANSOM!

Soon enough Chaplin’s widow, Oona, received a ransom demand of $600,000 so the police began monitoring the family. Threats were eventually made to the family because Oona would not pay the price. After a five-week investigation police arrested the two grave robbers who had the corpse. These men were auto mechanics—Roman Wardas of Poland and, Gantscho Ganev of Bulgaria.

Wardas and Ganev were convicted of grave robbing and attempted extortion. Wardas confessed he plotted everything and that he was inspired by a similar crime he read from an Italian newspaper. Chaplin’s family reburied the body in a discrete grave to prevent another incident like this in the future.

Karl Wallenda Falls 120 Feet to His Death During High Wire Accident

Karl Wallenda fell 120 feet to his death during a high-wire accident. The German American high wire artist is the founder of the Flying Wallenda’s. His family has experienced many tragedies from high wire performances, including the deaths of four people, and Karl’s son being paralyzed from the waist down.

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We have waited for the return of Jeopardy for years, not wanting to give up hope on the reality show. The thrill of watching the show and correctly answering the incredibly difficult questions from your living room will never cease to amaze. Why on earth do we get a kick out of this? Jeopardy is back on the rise.

George Carlin

By: Rico Rodríguez

There was a parent who had complained about their child being exposed to foul language in 1973. He complained to the Federal Communications Commission. The Pacifica Foundation received a complaint letter that said they violated FCC regulations.

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Grease the movie made its debut June 1, 1978. Everyone is talking about the film. Critics are calling it a pleasing, energetic musical with infectiously catchy songs and a call to love you are never going to forget.

In the film a good girl (Sandy) falls in love with Danny over their summer vacation. They attend the same high school but their social lives differ. Grease is a love story that will leave you craving more and wanting to experience Sandy and Danny’s love story.

John Travolta (Danny), 23 years old, and Olivia Newton (Sandy), 23 years old, take you back to those young high school days. They also experience high school for a second time around and bring the thrill of young love.

In 1978 CBS debuted a Soap Opera called Dallas, which focuses on a Texas family living on the Southfork cattle ranch. The main character, J.R. Ewing, is greedy, mysterious and sneakily especially when dealing with his oil company.

The show centers around classic soap drama themes, sex, riches, inequality, and the drama that come along. Within the series, there is a rivalry between the Ewings’s and the Barnes’s.

As most rivalries go, following in Romeo and Juliet's footsteps J.R.'s brother and his arch enemy’s sister has a forbidden fling.

All around Dallas was a family classic people across the nation enjoyed. Dallas helped many families get through the Cold War and get through tough times. Watching Dallas became a weekly tradition in many families.

Polanski Flees Justice

By Jack Galle

Famed 'Chippenon' director Roman Polanski fled to France earlier this year after a scandal involving a sex act with a minor. Polanski pled guilty early last year. What ensued might be one of the most bizarre cases in the history of our justice system.

In late March 1959 the French-Polish director was arrested and charged with the following: rape by use of drugs, perversion, sodomy, furnishing a controlled substance to a minor, and lewd and lascivious acts upon a child under 14.

Polanski pled guilty to all of the charges. However, the presiding Judge, Laurence James Rittenband never sentenced him and let he go on bail. He was then able to flee to France, where he can live without the fear of extradition.

Many are wondering what will happen with the case.

Amazing New Technology Hits the Market

By: Danny Johnson

On the 15th of December the laser disc was released on the market in Atlanta, Georgia. This new product developed by MCA works by using digital and binary codes offering a higher quality audio and video far superior to records and VHS.

This device invented by David Paul Gregg and James Russell is used for both movies, video and as music. Although it is a higher quality than both sound and video it is only compatible with the new systems such as a DVD player and a CD player. While this new technology is expected to become the new norm for home entertainment it is not off to a very lucrative start. Experts believe that this is mainly because of the cost to switch over to digital formatting for both businesses and consumers.

Many believe that the laser disk has potential if it is made more affordable. So far the impressive technological advances have caught the eye of many however the cost has proven to be quite a deterrent. Only time will tell if this new product will take off as expected.

Buddy Holly Rocks the Big Screen

By Charlene Anderson

The Buddy Holly Story became a major hit movie in 1978. It follows the life of the Rock and Roll legend whose life was cut short in a plane crash.

The movie won an Academy Award for Best Music, Original song score & Best Adaptation Score. It was nominated for Best Leading Actor, Gary Busby, and Best Sound.
Superman Takes On Muhammad Ali

By Marian Hassan

This comic book story pits the characters of Rat’Lar, Superman and Muhammad Ali against each other for the survival of the Earth.

Rat’Lar is a psychotic leader who leads an alien race called the Scrubb whose home planet is called Bodace. Superman is a benevolent superhero who safeguards the Earth from evil. Muhammad Ali is a heavyweight boxing champion who is a human being from Earth.

The lunatic alien leader Rat’Lar makes a demand to have a boxing match between Superman and Muhammad Ali. If his demands are not met, he would bring his armada of spaceships to destroy Earth.

Superman and Muhammad Ali agreed to fight each other in the boxing ring in order to save the world from destruction, however, Mr. Ali argues that Superman is not from this Earth and he would lack the boxing experience by putting himself as the best man of the two.

Hence Rat’Lar agrees that the two of them should have the boxing match in Bodace. The problem is that Rat’Lar’s home planet Bodace takes away Superman’s power temporarily because they orbit a red sun. Ali and Superman travel to the Fortress of Solitude for boxing practice.

Rat’Lar announced the match between Superman and Muhammad Ali to intergalactic television audience to thousands of other worlds in the galaxy with Superman’s friend Jimmy Olsen as broadcaster.

Ali who is a heavyweight champion has the upper hand over Superman in the boxing match and Superman holds on and would not back down until he was called in for technical knockout. Muhammad Ali won the match.

Rat’Lar decided to call another boxing match between Muhammad Ali vs. Hun’Ya. The story goes like that, the alien leader asks the boxing heavyweight champion about predicting who is going to win the match in the end.

Towards the fourth round which Ali predicted he would win, he throws the knockout punch that leads Hun’Ya to lose. While the boxing match was on and everybody was watching, Superman slipped out to destroy the armada of the alien spaceships. Rat’Lar gets outraged after he sees his army being destroyed. He calls a foul and decides to invade the Earth.

Hun’Ya disagrees with his leader about invading the Earth because he sees his leader being irrational and could not keep up his promises not to raid the Earth by killing him. The happy ending of this story is that Earth is saved.
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**Spinks Shocks Ali Wins Championship**

By Ariel Novotny

The most jaw dropping sport event this year has to be when Leon Spinks defeated Muhammad Ali to win the world heavyweight title on February 15.

Leon Spinks was a relatively unknown boxer until 1976 when he was recognized as one of the best amateur boxers. He turned professional after beating Bob Smith in 1977.

Muhammad Ali was a two time heavyweight champion of the world. Olympic gold medalist, and had a career record of 55-2. Ali should have been the obvious winner in this fight.

Everyone was astonished when, after 15 rounds in the ring, there was a split decision, and Spinks now held the champion title.

After the match Spinks said, "He is the greatest, but I'm the latest." The fallen champion responded, "He has a chance to be the greatest."

We assume that this was the end of Ali, but just like with Joe Frazier, he comes back with a miracle. Exactly 7 months later the 36-year-old Ali showed up in tip top shape, and beat Spinks in a 15-round unanimous decision, reclaiming his title for a record third time.

**Affirmed Wins Horse Racing Triple Crown!**

By Charles Miller

This is a nice, fresh morning of the Kentucky Derby in 1978, with the three racers that are most likely to win. The one with most support is Alydar, the second choice and expected runner up is Affirmed, with SensITIVE Prince as the third most likely to win. The race begins with SensITIVE Prince in the lead, followed by Affirmed and Alydar staying back.

Affirmed and Prince were fighting for the first place spot. Here they come, with blinding speed and the winner is... Affirmed!!

The next race is the Preakness Stakes, this is two weeks after Affirmed's amazing win at the Kentucky Derby. The race starts with Affirmed setting the pace of the race with a crushing lead. This races ends with Affirmed taking another win.

The next race was the Belmont Stakes and this race could have Affirmed's chance at a Triple Crown. Alydar was said to be watching Affirmed from afar so he could see his style clearly. The race has began when Affirmed followed by Jorge Vélezquez and Alydar closing in. Affirmed seemed to be too tired to continue, but then a sudden increase in speed came from Affirmed and the winner of the race and earning himself a Triple Crown is Affirmed.

Affirmed became the 11th horse to win the Triple Crown. Steve Cauthen was the jockey in all three races. Cauthen became the youngest jockey to win the Triple Crown. Laz Barrera was the horse's trainer.

**Stenmark, Wenzel win World Cup Titles**

By Ethan Nelson

Ingemar Stenmark of Sweden, 22, and Hanni Wenzel of Liechtenstein, 21, win overall Alpine Skiing world cup titles.

Stenmark won with a total of 150 points. Taking second was American Phil Mahre with 116 points. Stenmark won the world cup in both 1976 and 1977. Besides successfully defending his overall title, Stenmark

**Oh Passes Aaron**

By Nohemi Hernandez-Escobar

Japanese baseball player Sadaharu Oh of the Yomiuri Giants hit his 757th career home run in the first game of the season, giving him one more than Hank Aaron, who holds the Major League Baseball career record.

All of Oh's career home runs came in the Japanese Baseball League. MLB does not recognize the accomplishment of players in foreign leagues, thus Aaron still holds the Career Home Run record.

Oh finished the season with 39 home runs for a career total of 795. Oh plans on playing in 1979 and adding to his totals.

**Chamberlain becomes a Hall of Famer**

By Charles Miller

Hall of Fame Induction day was a day basketball fans were looking forward to because Wilt Chamberlain was inducted into the Naismith Hall of Fame.

Here is some background for those of you who do not know who he is. He is the first player in the NBA to score 100 points in a single NBA game. He stands at 7’1, weighs about 300 pounds, was a very accurate shooter. It is also said that he has never fouled out on his 14 year NBA career, which is impressive and hard to believe.

Wilt also earned multiple MVP awards, NBA championships, and NBA scoring championships.

**Streaking Rose gets 300th Hit**

He clubbed his 3,000th hit off of Montreal Expos pitcher Steve Rogers. Pete Rose is the 13th player in MLB history to join the club.

Later in the year he went on a 44 game hitting streak ending against a game with the Atlanta Braves, challenging Joe DiMaggio's record of 56 games.

The streak came close to ending a few times but they always pulled through until the Brave's took down the streak. It is the second longest hitting streak in history.
Angels welcome Lyman Bostock to Heaven

By Tyler Peterson

On September 23, 1978 Lyman Bostock died at the age of 27. He died from being in a crossfire of a mad husband named Leonard Smith and his wife. He was shot in the head by a .410 caliber shotgun, and was pronounced dead two hours later at a Gary, Indiana Hospital. He was a Major League Baseball player for four years. He was currently playing with the California Angels.

On the day of his death Bostock went to the residence of Joan Hawkins. He went with his uncle to visit her since he tutored her when he was 21 and he had not seen her in several years. While at the house they talked and caught up. Then Hawkins and her sister asked for a ride to their cousin’s house and Bostock’s uncle agreed.

When they got into the car Hawkins sat in the passenger seat next to Bostock’s uncle and Bostock sat in the back seat with Smith.

While they were getting into the car Smith’s husband Leonard Smith pulled up to take her on a surprise date. Instead he saw his wife getting into another car and sitting in the back seat of that car with another man. He was angered by this because he had always had the thought that she was cheating on him with other men.

Leonard Smith followed the car for a miles. When the car was stopped at a stop signal at 5th and Jackson, he drove along side of the car and shot thru the side of the car. He hit Bostock right in the head and in minutes there was blood all over the place. Medical responders came and he was taken to a nearby hospital where he later died.

Smith admitted that he was trying to shoot his wife and not Bostock, but because of his gun angle he shot Bostock instead.

Smith is awaiting trial. He is held at the Gary jail.

Cowboys Win First Indoor Super Bowl!

By Michael Werner

The Dallas Cowboys defeated the Denver Broncos 27 to 10 in Super Bowl XII. The game was played in New Orleans in the Louisiana Superdome on January 15, 1978. This was the first time the Super Bowl was played indoors!

It had the Cowboys, with their current quarterback Rob Staubach, against their former quarterback, Craig Morton. Both teams ended the season with a record of 12 wins and 2 losses in the regular season.

The Cowboys’ defense dominated most of the game forcing eight turnovers. Two interceptions in the first quarter led to 10 points in just the beginning.

They also only allowed eight completions for a total of 61 yards the whole game. The longest play by Denver was only 21 yards and was done during the opening drive.

In the third quarter the Cowboys scored more points lengthening the lead to 20–.

Denver was then able to shorten the gap to 20–10 when they switched out an ineffective wide receiver.

The Cowboys scored again in the last quarter closing the game and gaining the title of Super Bowl champions.

Lasorda goes on tirade after Kingman hits 3 HR

By Abdullahi Hussein

An amazing game of baseball happened on May 14, when Dave Kingman single-handedly defeated the Dodgers after hitting three home runs.

Manager Tommy Lasorda’s very outrageous and bad reaction to Kingman’s performance at the game will be remembered as one of the most unbelievable in history.

In a post-game interview he started cursing and was irritated by the way Kingman played. He was ticked off about the fact that Kingman came into the ninth inning with two outs. So in other words they had one last shot at tying the game and they did it.

Kingman hit a two home run which forced them into extra innings. Then later on in the fifteenth inning he hit a home run which won them the game. Lasorda was outraged by the way his players were not able to stop Kingman or try getting that last out. He was not afraid to show how agitated he was on television.
Edgar Bergen
(February 16, 1893-September 30, 1978)
By Adna Omar
Ventriloquist Edgar Bergen was a permanent fixture on American television and radio between 1937 and 1957. When he was 11, he discovered a talent for vocal tricks that gave him an interest in ventriloquism. This interest continued while he was still in high school.

By the time he attended Northwestern University, he was skilled enough to earn his expenses with ventriloquist and magic tricks. He went into vaudeville and sang, danced and acted in front of people in nightclubs in the United States and Europe.

During World War II Bergen took Charles McCarthy, his ventriloquist dummy, with him to entertain American service personnel, touring the Aleutian Islands, Alaska, and Greenland and appearing on many special radio shows.

Other characters created by Bergen included Mortimer Snerd and Effie Klinker, were also woven into the always popular program, which was rated as radio’s most popular in 1937-40 and 1942-43 and among the top seven from 1937 to 1952.

After their radio show ended, Bergen and McCarthy appeared often as guests on television variety shows. Bergen’s last appearance will be in The Muppet Movie, which is scheduled to be released in 1979.

Bergen died of kidney failure and is buried in Inglewood Park Cemetery in Inglewood, CA.

Charles Boyer
(August 28, 1899-August 26, 1978)
By Chariah Jones
Charles Boyer was a French actor who was born in France but died in Phoenix. He appeared in over 80 films. He had a wife named Put Paterson and they lived in Phoenix together with their child Michael Charles Boyer.

Charles committed suicide two days after his wife’s death because he was very loyal and committed to her.

Bob Crane
(July 13, 1928-June 29, 1978)
By Darla Dennis
While on tour for his play Beginner’s Luck, Bob Crane was found beaten to death in his apartment in Scottsdale, Arizona. The police are still investigating the case. John Carpenter, a man whom Crane broke off relations with one night prior to the murder, is a person of interest.

Crane was a renowned actor, starring as Col. Robert Hogan in the show Hogan’s Heroes from 1965 to 1971. The show was set in a German POW camp during WWII. Hogan and his crew would escape and try to damage the German war effort.

Other notable shows and movies Crane was cast in include The Donna Reed Show (1963-64), Superdad (1973), and Gus (1976).

America mourns the death of this talented man. His funeral was on July 5. He was buried in Oakwood Memorial Park in Chatsworth, CA.

Joe Dougherty
(November 4, 1898-April 19, 1978)
By Douglas Misterek
The original voice of Porky Pig is dead. On April 19, Joe Dougherty died of a heart attack.

Born in Missouri 1898, this incredibly distinctive voice actor is know well for the characters he voices.

This is because of his severe stutter which he was born with.

This came with a down fall though because the stutter made recording his voice to expensive. The producers replaced Joe with Mel Blanc.

This man is incredible for turning his disability into something he will be remembered for.

Ford Frick
(December 9, 1894-April 8, 1978)
By Theodore Wilson
Ford Christopher Frick was a man greatly involved in baseball. He was a sports reporter, a baseball executive, and helped establish the MLB Hall of Fame.

Frick was born in Indiana, on December 9th, 1894. He went to DePauw University, where he played on the baseball team. After college, he spent some time in Colorado as an English teacher and journalist. When he was 28, he was invited to join the New York American as a staff member.

Frick did lots of sports reporting for the American and other newspapers. He became a sports broadcaster on the radio in 1930. In 1934 he was hired to be the National League’s public relations director. Very quickly he became the president of the NL. When he was president of the League, he lobbied for a baseball Hall of Fame. The National Baseball Museum was opened in 1939.

He threatened to ban players who protested Jackie Robinson’s being in the National League.

In 1970, after 30 years of leading the game, he was inducted into the Hall of Fame he helped create.

Ford Frick passed away April 8, 1978. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor (Cowling) Frick, his son, Frederick Cowling Frick, and his two grandchildren, Carolyn E. Frick and Ford C. Frick II.

Jomo Kenyatta
(c. 1891-August 22, 1978)
By Abdurahman Adan
When studying influential leaders there is a general consensus that leaders have a distinct feature, a quality that makes them remembered and adored throughout a nation's history. Jomo Kenyatta displayed those qualities. He was a man who embodied the qualities to lead a nation forward and change its trajectory forever.

He came from humble beginnings. He was a runaway child, who had a love for science, English, and the Biblical studies. He obtained his education at the Church of Scotland mission.

The name ‘Kenyatta’ was not his native name, he adopted it during his time in the public works department in 1922.

Kenyatta’s career is filled with a commitment to the nationalist affairs working as a member of the East African Association, an organization’s banned in 1925. He then joined Kenya’s first organization, a tribal entity based on the advancement of the Kikuyu.

Kenyatta’s record was not all perfect. He spent five months in prison for joining a Mau Mau rebellion, a peasant rebellion against the colonial rule. He was imprisoned because he was accused of being the leader of this group.

A couple of years after he was released, he was elected Kenya’s first Prime minister in 1963 and then President in 1964. Many as a great leader.

Kenyatta’s administration was tainted with the Taint of corruption and nepotism.

Kenyatta left a legacy in the country of Kenya. He changed the course Kenya was taking as a nation under colonial control. Kenyatta died from a heart attack on August 22, 1978.

“Our Children may learn about heroes of the past. Our task is to make ourselves architects of the future.” This is a famous quote that captures the true essence and the nationalist spirit in this Jomo Kenyatta.
Joe McCarthy (April 1, 1887-January 13, 1978)

Joe McCarthy was a Manager for the Chicago Cubs and the New York Yankees. He was a renowned coach and a manager for these teams. He died on the day of January 13, 1978 in Buffalo New York. He was born in Philadelphia on April 1, 1887.

During his playing career he played in the minor and Federal leagues but not in the majors. When he managed for the Cubs, he turned the club around and led them to win the 1929 National League title. In 1930 however he was fired by the Cubs but then was hired by the Yankees. He led them to win six World Series. They also hold the record for most pennants won in a row.

He then was hired by the Boston Red Sox. In 1969 he had his plaque placed in Monument Park by the Yankees. His legacy lives on in his style of coaching, his records, his memorials, and his ten commandments:

- Nobody ever became a ballplayer by rolling a ball.
- You will never become a .300 hitter unless you take the bat off your shoulder.
- An outfielder who throws in back of a runner is locking the barn after the horse is stolen.
- Keep your head up and you may not have to keep it down.
- When you start to slide, slide. He who changes his mind may have to change a good leg for a bad one.
- Do not alibi on bad hops. Anyone can field the good ones.
- Always run them out. You never can tell.
- Do not quit.
- Try not to find too much fault with the umpires. You cannot expect them to be as perfect as you are.
- A pitcher who can’t control hasn’t anything.

Goldie Meir (Goldie Mabovitch) (May 3, 1898 - December 8, 1978)

Golda Meir died on December 8, at the age of 80. She had suffered from Leukemia and will be buried on December 12 at the Mount Herzl cemetery in Jerusalem. She was a diplomat and a mother. She was the first and only female Israeli Prime Minister (1969-1974). She published her autobiography, My Life, in 1975.

Golda Meir, born Goldie Mabovitch, started life as a Jewish girl born to Russian parents in Ukraine. At eight years-old her family moved to the United States, where they lived for 15 years. She attended the Milwaukee Normal School, currently called the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee. In 1921 at 23 she left for Palestine with her husband, Morris Meyerson. After having two kids, they eventually divorced. Morris died in 1951.

Living in Palestine made her interest in politics grow stronger. In 1948, when Israel declared its independence, she served as the minister of Moscow.

She was then appointed to the Israeli Parliament. When the current Prime Minister of Israel died in 1969, she stepped up and was elected for a four-year term starting in 1971.

After her time in office, she retired. She published her life story, an autobiography called My Life, in 1975.

This was one of many accomplishments she achieved in her 80 years. She will be remembered for her leadership and support in Palestine during a time of hardship and war. She was a great icon and a great representation of the strength of females in the Middle East.

Keith Moon (August 23, 1946-September 7, 1978)

By Ethan Nelson

Keith Moon, age 32, drummer for the band “The Who” was found dead in his apartment on September 7.


Moon was loved by many, and his drumming praised by the music community.

Moon was cremated at the Golder’s Green Crematorium in England. His ashes were spread in the Garden Of Remembrance.

Emilio Portes Gil (October 3, 1890-December 10, 1978)

By Cheng Yang

Emilio Portes Gil was a political and diplomatic leader from Mexico. He became the 41st President of Mexico on December 1, 1928 after the assassination of the late President Alvaro Obregon.

Portes Gil was born October 3, 1891. In 1925, Portes Gil held several public offices and studied law and was soon elected governor in his home state, Ciudad Victoria, Mexico. He served as the interior minister in the cabinet of Plutarco Elias Calle before assuming the presidency in 1928.

Portes Gil put reformist ideas into effect through the revolution. On February 5, 1930, he handed power to Pascual Ortiz Rubio and became the Secretary of Interior and first representative of Mexico to accredit to the League of Nations.

Emilio Portes Gil retired from politics in 1936 and died December 10.

John D. Rockefeller III (March 21, 1906-July 10, 1978)

By Elycia Willis

Philanthropist John Davison Rockefeller III died on July 10, 1978 from a car accident. He was born in New York and died with a net worth of $340 billion dollars.

He also left behind Blanchette Ferry Rockefeller, his wife of 41 years, along with his four children. He was the grandson of the world’s first billionaire, John D. Rockefeller.

He served 20 boards of various institutions such as Rockefeller University, Riverside Church, General Education Board, and Colonial Williamsburg.

Gene Tunney (May 25, 1897-November 7, 1978)

By Ahmad Brikham

Boxing great Gene Tunney dies on November 7 due to a circulation ailment in Greenwich, CT.

James Joseph Gene Tunney was an American professional boxer who was born on May 25, 1897. He became the world heavyweight champion in 1926 and held the title for two years. He was also a two time lightweight champion.

Gene Tunney defeated Jack Dempsey twice defending his title in 1927. Tunney’s title against Dempsey remains one of the most famous bouts in boxing history and earned the name “The long count fight.”

He also had a five fight rivalry with Harry Greb, going 3-1-1. He also knocked out Georges Carpentier.
Gene Tunney
(Continued)

Gene Tunney retired an undefeated heavyweight after a victory over Tom Heeney in 1928. Tunney was named fighter of the year in 1928 by Ring Magazine.

Tunney was known for his thinking styles in the game where he turned a boxing game into a chess game. Tunney would study his opponents in the first round and surprise him in the next round. In 1932 He wrote the book “A Man Must Fight” in which he gave comments on his boxing style and techniques.

He was married to wealthy socialite, Mary Lauder, in 1907. The couple lived in Stamford, Connecticut. They had four children.

James Joseph Tunney had a remarkable boxing record where he fought 68 times and won 65 of the fights tying one, losing one and one “no contest.”

Tunney had a small acting career starring in the movie the “Fighting Marine” in 1926 but unfortunately no prints of the film are known to exist.