

1975

The Year That Was

As English Studies in Canada celebrates 30 years of publishing history, we thought we'd investigate what else happened back in 1975. Here's a look.

World Population:

4,088,224,047

Canadian Incumbents:

QUEEN: Elizabeth II

PRIME MINISTER: Pierre Trudeau

GOVERNOR GENERAL: Jules Léger

PREMIER OF ALBERTA: Peter Lougheed

PREMIER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA: David Barrett, then W.R. Bennett

PREMIER OF MANITOBA: Edward Schreyer

PREMIER OF NEW BRUNSWICK: Richard Hatfield

PREMIER OF NEWFOUNDLAND: Frank Moores

PREMIER OF NOVA SCOTIA: Gerald Regan

PREMIER OF ONTARIO: Bill Davis

PREMIER OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND: Alexander B. Campbell

PREMIER OF QUÉBEC: Robert Bourassa

PREMIER OF SASKATCHEWAN: Allan Blakeney

U.S. Incumbents:

PRESIDENT: Gerald Ford, the only president never to have been elected to either the Presidency or the Vice Presidency.

VICE PRESIDENT: Nelson Rockefeller

SECRETARY OF STATE: Henry Kissinger

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE: James Schlesinger, then Donald Rumsfeld

Other Important 1975 Events:

Izzy Asper acquires Winnipeg television station CKND, the beginning of what would become a national media empire.

Rohinton Mistry immigrates to Canada.

The CBC broadcasts the Juno Awards live for the first time.

Home videotape systems (the “VCR”) is developed in Japan by Sony (Betamax) and Matsushita (VHS).

The Altair 8800 is released in January, sparking the era of the micro-computer. It ships as a mail-order kit for \$397 and contains 1 kilobyte (1K) of memory. Over 2,000 units will be sold by year’s end. Bill Gates and Paul Allen license their version of the BASIC programming language to the parent company, MITS (see July 22, November 29).

January

- 1 International Women’s Year begins.
- 1 Product labeling using the metric system is introduced in Canada.
- 1 Ingmar Bergman’s version of Mozart’s *The Magic Flute*, entitled *Trollflöjten*, premieres on Swedish television. It will premiere on U.S. television on 11 November.
- 5 *The Wiz* opens on Broadway.
- 5 The Tasman Bridge in Tasmania, Australia, is struck by the bulk ore carrier *Lake Illawarra*, killing twelve people.
- 6 *Wheel Of Fortune*, a television game show from the 1950s, re-debuts on NBC-TV.

- 6 Led Zeppelin fans riot before Boston concert, causing \$30,000 damage.
- 7 OPEC agrees to raise crude oil prices by 10%.
- 7 Bollingen Prize for poetry awarded to A. R. Ammons.
- 9 600 employees of the Royal Canadian Mint go on strike.
- 10 Japanese soldier Teruo Nakamura surrenders on the Indonesian Island of Morota.
- 12 The Pittsburgh Steelers defeat the Minnesota Vikings 16-6 to win Super Bowl IX.
- 13 Pelly Bay in the Northwest Territories experiences -51°C, but the windchill with 50-km winds makes it feel like -92°C.
- 14 17-year-old heiress Lesley Whittle is kidnapped from her home in Shropshire, England, by the Black Panther.
- 15 Space Mountain opens at Disneyland.
- 18 *The Jeffersons*, a spinoff series from *All in the Family*, premieres on CBS.
- 29 Martin Scorsese's *Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore* premieres in New York City (it premiered in Los Angeles on December 9, 1974).
- 31 Barry Manilow's "Mandy" goes gold.

February

- 4 Queen Elizabeth II visits Mexico.
- 4 The first successfully predicted earthquake occurs in Haicheng, Liaoning, China.
- 9 The Soyuz 17 Soviet spacecraft returns to Earth.
- 11 Margaret Thatcher defeats Edward Heath for the leadership of the Conservative Party in the United Kingdom.
- 18 Sylvia Ostry is appointed Canada's first female Deputy Minister.
- 21 John Mitchell, H.R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman are sentenced to 2-8 years for their participation in the Watergate cover-up.
- 23 In response to the energy crisis, Daylight Saving Time commences nearly two months early in the United States.
- 26 A fleeing IRA terrorist shoots and kills off-duty London police officer, Stephen Tibble, 22, as he gives chase.
- 26 First televised kidney transplant (on *The Today Show*).

- 28 41 people killed in the London Underground as a train speeds past its final stop at Moorgate Station.
- 28 Meeting in Lom, the capital of Togo, the European Economic Community and 46 African, Caribbean and Pacific countries sign a financial and economic treaty, known as the first Lom Convention.

March

- 1 Canadians Anne Murray and Oscar Peterson win Grammy Awards.
- 1 The Eagles' "Best of My Love" reaches #1.
- 1 Colour television transmissions begin in Australia.
- 3 Linda McCartney is charged in the U.S. with possession of marijuana.
- 4 Television cameras are allowed to film in Parliament.
- 4 Charlie Chaplin is knighted by Queen Elizabeth II.
- 6 Algiers Accord: Iran and Iraq announce a settlement over their border dispute.
- 6 A bomb explodes in the Paris offices of the Springer Press. The "6 March Group" demands amnesty for the "Baader-Meinhof Group."
- 7 The body of teenage heiress Lesley Whittle, kidnapped seven weeks earlier by the Black Panther, is discovered in Staffordshire, England.
- 8 The United Nations begins sponsoring International Women's Day.
- 8 Royal Canadian Mint announces a new branch opening in Winnipeg, Manitoba.
- 9 Construction of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System begins.
- 10 *The Rocky Horror Show*, the stage show that preceded the movie, opens on Broadway at Belasco Theater in New York City for 45 performances (the film opens in U.K. in August, in U.S. in September).
- 10 Dog spectacles are patented in England.
- 10 North Vietnamese troops attack Ban Me Thout, South Vietnam, on their way to capturing Saigon.
- 15 In Brazil, the Estado da Guanabara (State of Guanabara) merges with the state of Rio de Janeiro, under the name of Rio de Janeiro. The state's capital moves from the city of Niteri to the city of Rio de Janeiro.

- 21 Ethiopia ends its monarchy after 3,000 years.
- 24 The beaver becomes an official symbol of Canada.
- 25 King Faisal of Saudi Arabia is shot and killed by a nephew with a history of mental illness; the killer is beheaded on June 18.
- 26 Alberta election: Peter Lougheed's PCs win a second consecutive majority.
- 26 *Tommy* premieres in London.
- 28 A fire in the maternity wing at Kucic Hospital in Rijeka, Yugoslavia, kills 25 babies.

April

- 1 Environment Canada switches to degrees Celsius.
- 2 The CN Tower is completed in Toronto.
- 3 Bobby Fischer refuses to play in a chess match against Anatoly Karpov, giving Karpov the world chess title.
- 4 Vietnam War: The first military Operation Babylift flight, C5A 80218, crashes 27 minutes after takeoff; 138 die and 176 survive.
- 8 47th Annual Academy Awards: *Godfather II*, Ellen Burstyn and Art Carney win.
- 12 Linda Ronstadt releases "When Will I Be Loved."
- 13 An attack by Phalangists on a Palestinian bus in Ain El Remmeneh, Lebanon sparks over 15 years of civil war.
- 17 Phnom Penh falls to Communist insurgents, ending Cambodia's 5-year war. Pol Pot proclaims the "Democratic Republic of Kampuchea" and becomes its Prime Minister (1975–1979).
- 20 29th Annual Tony Awards: *Equus* and *The Wiz* win.
- 24 Six Red Army Faction terrorists take over West German embassy in Stockholm, take 11 hostages and demand the release of the group's jailed members. Their explosives detonate, leading to their capture by Swedish police.
- 25 The Australian Embassy in Vietnam is closed and evacuated, almost ten years to the day since the first Australian troop commitment to South Vietnam.
- 28 Tom Snyder interviews John Lennon on *The Tomorrow Show*.
- 29 Ethiopia nationalizes all ground and earth.
- 30 The Vietnam War ends as Communist forces take Saigon and South Vietnam surrenders unconditionally.

May

- 7 U.S. President Gerald Ford declares an end to the “Vietnam Era.”
- 12 The Cambodian navy seizes the American merchant ship *SS Mayaguez* in international waters.
- 15 The *SS Mayaguez* is rescued by U.S. Navy and Marines; 38 Americans are killed.
- 16 India annexes Sikkim.
- 16 Japanese Junko Tabei becomes the first woman to reach Mt Everest’s summit.
- 16 Wings releases “Listen to What the Man Said” in the U.K.
- 17 Mick Jagger punches a restaurant window, gets 20 stitches.
- 17 NBC pays \$5 million for the rights to show *Gone with the Wind* one time.
- 25 The Golden State Warriors sweep the Washington Bullets in four games to win the NBA Championship.
- 27 The Philadelphia Flyers defeat the Buffalo Sabres 4 games to 2 to win the Stanley Cup.
- 28 15 West African countries sign the Treaty of Lagos, creating the Economic Community of West African States.
- 30 The Yukon and the Northwest Territories are given seats in the Senate.
- 30 1972 Olympic runner Steve Prefontaine dies in a car accident.

June

- 1 Ron Woods replaces Mick Taylor as Rolling Stone guitarist.
- 2 First time snow falls in London in June.
- 3 *Chicago* opens on Broadway and will run for 947 performances.
- 5 Egyptian president Anwar Sadat reopens the Suez Canal (closed since 1967).
- 5 The United Kingdom votes “yes” in a referendum on staying in the European Community.
- 7 John Denver’s “Thank God I’m a Country Boy” hits #1.
- 9 House of Commons is broadcast live by radio for first time.
- 9 The Order of Australia is established “for the purpose of according recognition to Australian citizens and other persons for achievement or for meritorious service”; previously, Australian citizens received British honours.

- 10 The New York Yankees sponsor Army Day at Shea Stadium; during the 21-gun salute, part of a fence is blown away, and another part is set on fire.
- 10 Woody Allen's *Love and Death* premieres.
- 11 Saskatchewan election: Allan Blakeney's NDP win a second consecutive majority.
- 11 Robert Altman's *Nashville* premieres.
- 11 Arthur Penn's *Night Moves* premieres.
- 12 India's Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi, is convicted of having committed election fraud in the 1971 election.
- 14 Janis Ian releases "At 17."
- 16 Randy Farland finds a 14-leaf clover, a botanical record-breaker, near Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
- 18 Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau announces the creation of the Foreign Investment Review Agency.
- 19 Lord Lucan found guilty in absentia of the murder of the nanny Sandra Rivett.
- 21 Steven Spielberg's *Jaws* premieres.
- 26 Cher divorces Sonny Bono.
- 26 Two FBI agents, Jack Coler and Ronald Williams, are shot on the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota; Leonard Peltier will later be arrested and sentenced for their deaths.
- 28 Mozambique gains independence from Portugal.
- 28 David Bowie releases "Fame."
- 28 Golfer Lee Trevino is struck by lightning at the Western Open in Illinois.
- 30 Cher, just four days after divorcing Sonny Bono, marries Gregg Allman.

July

- 1 Australian Postmaster's General Department is divided into Telecom Australia and Australia Post.
- 4 Sydney newspaper publisher Juanita Nielsen disappears and is presumed to have been murdered.
- 4 Fictional wedding date of *Saturday Night Live's* Coneheads.
- 5 Cape Verde gains independence after 500 years of Portuguese rule.
- 5 Arthur Ashe becomes the first black man to win the Wimbledon singles title.

- 6 The Comoros declare their independence from France.
- 7 David Lewis is replaced by Ed Broadbent as leader of the NDP.
- 10 Cher files for divorce from Gregg Allman, ten days after they married.
- 12 São Tomé and Príncipe declare their independence from Portugal.
- 14 Plans are announced to build EPCOT Center in Florida.
- 17 Apollo 18 and Soyuz 19 make first US/USSR linkup in space.
- 22 U.S. House of Representatives votes to restore citizenship to Civil War Confederate General Robert E. Lee.
- 22 Bill Gates and Paul Allen sign a licensing agreement for their implementation of the computer programming language called BASIC. They receive U.S. \$3,000 immediately, with royalties of \$30 per copy of 4K BASIC, and \$35 for 8K BASIC.
- 23 The Soviet Atlantic fishing fleet is banned from entering Canadian ports due to overfishing.
- 25 *A Chorus Line*, the longest-running Broadway show at 6,137 performances, premieres. (The record would later be broken by *Cats*.)
- 29 Gerald Ford becomes the first U.S. president to visit Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz.
- 30 Teamsters President Jimmy Hoffa disappears in suburban Detroit.
- 30 Petro-Canada, the government-owned oil and gas company, is formed.

August

- 5 Stevie Wonder signs a \$13 million contract with Motown.
- 8 The Banqiao Dam, in China's Henan Province, fails after a typhoon, killing more than 200,000 people.
- 8 Samuel Bronfman, son of the president of Seagrams, is kidnapped in Purchase, New York.
- 11 British Leyland comes under British government control.
- 11 Mrio Lemos Pires, Governor of Portuguese Timor, abandons the capital, Dili, after the outbreak of civil war.
- 12 In Gothenburg, Sweden, New Zealander John Walker sets a new world record, becoming the first man to break 3:50 for the mile with a time of 3:49.4.
- 14 *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* opens in London.

- 15 Mujibur Rahman, president of Bangladesh, is killed during a coup.
- 15 The “Birmingham Six” are wrongfully sentenced to life imprisonment for the terrorist bombing of two Birmingham pubs; they would be released from prison in 1991 and would be awarded compensation in 2001.
- 16 Peter Gabriel quits Genesis.
- 20 NASA launches the Viking 1 planetary probe toward Mars.
- 24 Officers responsible for the military coup in Greece in 1967 are sentenced to death in Athens. The sentences are later commuted to life imprisonment.
- 27 Veronica and Colin Scargill from England complete their tandem bicycle ride, a record 18,020 miles around the world.
- 29 A star in the constellation Cygnus goes nova and becomes the fourth-brightest star in the sky (Nova Cygni).

September

- 1 Ontario schools begin to teach exclusively using the metric system.
- 1 Sinai II Accord signed: Israel and Egypt accommodate each other.
- 05 Lynette “Squeaky” Fromme, a follower of incarcerated cult leader Charles Manson, attempts to assassinate U.S. President Gerald Ford in Sacramento, California.
- 5 Czech tennis ace Martina Navratilova asks for political asylum in New York City.
- 11 John Napier Turner resigns from government to protest the implementation of wage and price controls.
- 14 Rembrandt’s painting, *Nightwatch*, is slashed and damaged in Amsterdam.
- 16 CBC’s *The Fifth Estate* premieres with Adrienne Clarkson, Warner Troyer and Peter Reilly.
- 17 Rollout of the first space shuttle, Enterprise.
- 17 Lina Wertmüller’s *Travolti da un insolito destino nell’azzurro mare d’agosto* opens in the U.S. as *Swept Away ... by an Unusual Destiny in the Blue Sea of August*
- 18 Ontario election: Bill Davis’s PC’s win a minority.
- 18 Heiress/bank robber Patricia Campbell Hearst is captured by the FBI in San Francisco.
- 20 David Bowie’s single, “Fame,” goes #1 for 2 weeks.

- 20 End of term for Tuanku Al-Mutassimu Billahi Muhibbuddin Sultan Abdul Halim Al-Muadzam Shah ibni Almarhum Sultan Badlishah as the 5th Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia.
- 21 Sultan Yahya Petra ibni Almarhum Sultan Ibrahim Petra, Sultan of Kelantan, becomes the 6th Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia.
- 21 Sidney Lumet's *Dog Day Afternoon* premieres.
- 22 Sara Jane Moore attempts to assassinate President Gerald Ford but misses.
- 24 Sydney Pollack's *Three Days of the Condor* premieres.
- 26 *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* opens in the U.S.

October

- 1 The "Thrilla in Manila": Heavyweight Muhammad Ali knocks out Joe Frazier in Manila.
- 4 Mirabel Airport opens.
- 7 U.S. decides that John Lennon won't be deported due to U.K. pot conviction.
- 8 Michael Ritchie's *Smile* premieres in New York.
- 8 François Truffaut's *L'Histoire d'Adèle H.* premieres in France.
- 9 A bomb explodes outside Green Park tube station near Piccadilly in London, killing one and injuring 20.
- 9 Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov wins the Nobel Peace Prize.
- 10 Israel formally signs Sinai Accord with Egypt.
- 10 Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton re-marry.
- 14 Canadian Federal government introduces wage and price controls to limit inflation.
- 11 *Saturday Night Live* premieres on NBC-TV, produced by Canadian Lorne Michaels and also featuring Paul Shaffer and Dan Aykroyd (guest host: George Carlin).
- 16 Five Australian-based journalists are killed at Balibo by Indonesian forces during an incursion into Portuguese Timor.
- 21 Elton John is given a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame.
- 22 The Cincinnati Reds defeat the Boston Red Sox 4 games to 3 to win the World Series.
- 22 The Guildford Four—Gerry Conlon, Paul Hill, Patrick (Paddy) Armstrong and Carole Richardson—are wrongfully convicted of the Provisional IRA's Guildford pub bombing which killed five and injured sixty-five people. They would be imprisoned for over

- 15 years but eventually received a formal apology from Prime Minister Tony Blair on February 9, 2005.
- 27 Covers of both *Time* and *Newsweek* picture rock singer Bruce Springsteen.
- 27 18-year-old Robert Poulin begins shooting in St Pius x High School in Ottawa, and then shoots himself, killing one and wounding five.
- 30 Serial killer Peter Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire Ripper, kills his first victim, Wilma McCann. He won't be captured until January 2, 1981.
- 30 *New York Daily News* runs headline, "Ford to City: Drop Dead."
- 30 Spanish dictator Francisco Franco concedes that he is too ill to govern.
- 31 Bob Geldof's first appearance with the Boomtown Rats.

November

- 3 An independent audit of Mattel, the U.S.'s largest toy manufacturer, reveals that company officials fabricated press releases and financial information to "maintain the appearance of continued corporate growth."
- 6 First appearance of the Sex Pistols.
- 6 The Green March begins: 300,000 unarmed Moroccans converge on the southern city of Tarfaya and wait for a signal from King Hassan II of Morocco to cross into Western Sahara.
- 10 Great Lakes vessel *SS Edmund Fitzgerald* sinks on Lake Superior, losing all 29 hands.
- 10 PLO leader Yasser Arafat addresses the United Nations in New York City.
- 10 U.N. General Assembly approves Resolution 3379, which equates Zionism with racism.
- 11 Angola becomes independent from Portugal (a deadly civil war soon erupts).
- 11 Australian constitutional crisis of 1975: Australian Governor-General Sir John Kerr dismisses the government of Gough Whitlam and commissions Malcolm Fraser as Prime Minister.
- 11 The first annual Vogalonga (or Vogare Longa), a rowing "competition," is held in Venice.
- 14 Canada's first campus radio station, CKCU in Ottawa, hits the airwaves.
- 14 Spain abandons Western Sahara.

- 18 The wearing of seatbelts is made mandatory in Ontario.
- 19 Milos Forman's *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* premieres in New York and Los Angeles. It will win the Academy Award for Best Picture of 1975.
- 20 Ronald Reagan announces his candidacy for Republican nomination for president. Republicans support incumbent Gerald Ford, but Reagan runs anyway and receives one electoral vote in the 1976 election.
- 21 The Ottawa Gee Gees defeat the Calgary Dinos 14–9 to win the Vanier Cup.
- 22 Prince Juan Carlos is declared King of Spain following the death of dictator Francisco Franco.
- 23 63rd CFL Grey Cup: Edmonton Eskimos defeat Montreal Alouettes, 9–8.
- 25 Suriname gains independence from the Kingdom of the Netherlands.
- 25 Irish Republican Army is outlawed in the United Kingdom.
- 27 Ross McWhirter, the co-founder of the *Guinness Book of Records*, is shot dead by the IRA for offering reward money to informers.
- 28 Canadair nationalized.
- 28 Portuguese Timor declares its independence from Portugal as East Timor.
- 29 The name "Micro-soft" (for microcomputer software) is used by Bill Gates in a letter to Paul Allen for the first time (Microsoft would become a registered trademark on November 26, 1976).

December

- 7 East Timor is invaded by Indonesia.
- 11 First-class postage in U.S. rises from 10 to 13 cents.
- 13 *Saturday Night Live* uses a time delay for the first time (Richard Pryor hosts).
- 18 Stanley Kubrick's *Barry Lyndon* is released.
- 19 Ron Wood joins the Rolling Stones.
- 20 Joe Walsh is recruited to join the Eagles.
- 21 Left-wing terrorists, including Carlos the Jackal, kidnap delegates of an OPEC conference in Vienna. They kill three hostages, extort \$5 million ransom and escape into the Middle East.
- 22 William R. Bennett is sworn in as Premier of British Columbia, replacing David Barrett.

- 23 Bernard Herrmann, U.S. movie composer, dies the day after he finishes the score for Martin Scorsese's new film, *Taxi Driver*.
- 28 The "Hail Mary Pass": the Dallas Cowboys beat the Minnesota Vikings 17–14 on a last second pass in the NFL playoffs. Dallas will go on to lose to the Pittsburgh Steelers in Super Bowl X in January 1976.
- 28 Earthquake in Pakistan: 4,000 die.
- 29 A terrorist bomb explodes at LaGuardia Airport in New York City, killing eleven, injuring 75.
- 31 2,000 Altair 8800 microcomputer systems were sold this year.

Also Born in 1975:

January

- 3 Danica McKellar, actress
- 5 Bradley Cooper, actor
- 22 Balthazar Getty, actor
- 22 Shean Donovan, hockey player
- 29 Sara Gilbert, actress

February

- 2 Todd Bertuzzi, hockey player
- 4 Natalie Imbruglia, Australian musician
- 7 Alexandre Daigle, hockey player
- 11 Chuck Watanabe, kayaker
- 15 Serge Aubin, hockey player
- 20 Brian Littrell, musician ("Backstreet Boys")
- 22 Drew Barrymore, actress
- 24 Ashley MacIsaac, musician

March

- 5 Jolene Blalock, U.S. actress
- 5 Niki Taylor, fashion model
- 15 Veselin Topalov, Bulgarian chess player

April

- 4 Kevin Weekes, hockey goaltender
- 7 Ronde and Tiki Barber, twin American football players
- 9 Robbie Fowler, British footballer
- 22 Greg Moore, race car driver (died 1999)

May

- 1 Marc-Vivien Foé, Cameroonian footballer (died 2003)
- 2 David Beckham, English footballer
- 8 Enrique Iglesias, singer
- 10 Hélio Castroneves, Brazilian Indy Car driver, two-time Indianapolis 500 winner
- 12 Jonah Lomu, New Zealand rugby player
- 15 Ray Lewis, American football player
- 19 London Fletcher, American football player
- 24 Marc Gagnon, Olympic gold medalist
- 25 Lauryn Hill, hip-hop singer
- 27 Jamie Oliver, British celebrity chef and tv personality (*The Naked Chef*)
- 29 Melanie Janine Brown, “Scary Spice” from The Spice Girls
- 29 Jason Allison, hockey player

June

- 4 Angelina Jolie, U.S. actress
- 18 Martin St. Louis, hockey player
- 25 Vladimir Kramnik, Russian chess player

July

- 1 Liv Tyler, daughter of Steven Tyler from Aerosmith
- 2 Eric Daze, hockey player
- 6 50 Cent, American rapper
- 11 Li'l Kim, American rapper
- 22 Markus Metzenthin, economist

August

- 7 Charlize Theron, South African actress
- 13 Marty Turco, hockey player

- 15 Brendan Morrison, hockey player

September

- 2 Michel Trudeau, Prime Minister's son
- 9 Michael Bublé, musician
- 28 Mandy Barnett, country singer

October

- 5 Kate Winslet, actress
- 9 Sean Ono Lennon, son of John Lennon and Yoko Ono
- 16 Kellie Martin, actress

November

- 1 Eric Perrin, hockey player
- 30 Mindy McCready, country/western singer

December

- 2 Brett Lindros, hockey player
- 9 Damhnait Doyle, singer
- 17 Milla Jovovich, actress, model
- 20 Andrew Hoskins, Olympic rower
- 30 Tiger Woods, golf superstar

Died in 1975:

January

- 24 Larry Fine, actor (3 Stooges), dies at 72
- 25 Charlotte Whitton, famed mayor of Ottawa
- 27 Bill Walsh, movie producer and writer

February

- 4 Louis Jordan, American musician
- 14 Pelham G. Wodehouse, English/US writer, dies at 93
- 14 Biologist Julian Sorell Huxley, grandson of T.H. Huxley
- 20 Lillian Fontaine, actress (*Suddenly It's Spring*), dies at 88
- 24 Nikolai Bulganin, ex-Premier of the Soviet Union
- 25 Elijah Muhammad, American Black Muslim leader

March

- 7 Mikhail Bakhtin dies in Moscow
- 7 Ben Blue, Canadian actor and comedian
- 8 George Stevens, U.S. director (*Swing Time*, *Gunga Din*), dies at 70
- 14 Susan Hayward, actress (*Young & Willing*), dies at 56
- 15 Aristotle S Onassis, Greek shipping magnate, dies at 69
- 16 T-Bone Walker, blues guitarist (*Funky Town*, *Well Done*), dies at 64
- 26 Faisal ibn Abd al-Aziz, king of Saudi-Arabia (1964–75), murdered at 68

April

- 5 Chiang Kai-Shek, Nationalist Chinese leader, dies at 87
- 10 Marjorie Main, actress (*Ma & Pa Kettle*), dies at 85
- 12 Josephine Baker, U.S./French revue artist (*Folies-Bergere*), dies at 68
- 14 Fredric March, actor (*Inherit the Wind*), dies at 77
- 17 Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, Indian philosopher and president

May

- 4 Moe Howard, [Moses Horowitz], comedian (3 Stooges), dies at 77
- 30 Steve Prefontaine, 5K runner (Olympics 1972), dies at 25

June

- 3 Eisaku Sato, premier of Japan (1964–71, Nobel Prize 1974), dies at 74
- 3 Ozzie Nelson, actor (*Adventures of Ozzie & Harriet*), dies at 69
- 18 Faisal Ibn Mussed Abdul Aziz, Saudi prince, beheaded in Riyadh shopping center parking lot for killing his uncle the king
- 28 Rod Serling, writer/host (*Twilight Zone*, *Night Gallery*), dies at 50

July

- 17 Modoc, the elephant, dies at age 78 (oldest known nonhuman mammal)
- 29 James [Benjamin] Blish, sci-fi author (*Star Trek Reader*), dies at 54

August

- 9 Dimitri D Shostakovitch, composer (*Sun Over Motherland*), dies at 68
- 13 Max Lamberty, Flemish sociologist (*What is Culture?*), dies at 81
- 23 Hank Patterson, actor (Fred Ziffel from *Green Acres*), dies at 87
- 24 Charles H. Revlon, U.S. cosmetic magnate, dies at 69

September

- 4 Walter Tetley, cartoon voice (*Sherman-Bullwinkle Show*), dies at 60
- 9 Ethel Griffies, actress (*Billy Liar*, *Birds*), dies at 97
- 22 Patricia Doyle, actress (*Wuthering Heights*), dies at 60
- 29 Casey Stengel, New York Yankee manager (1949–60), dies in Glendale at 85

October

- 1 Al Jackson, rock drummer (Booker T & the MG's), dies at 39
- 3 Guy Mollet, French premier (1956–57), dies at 69
- 22 Arnold Toynbee, English historian/cultural sociologist, dies at 86

November

- 20 Francisco Franco, [y Bahamonde], Spanish dictator (1936–75), dies at 82
- 27 Ross McWhirter, *Guinness Book of Records* keeper, is murdered

December

- 4 Hannah Arendt, German/U.S. sociologist, dies at 69 in New York City
- 7 Thornton Wilder, U.S. writer (*Bridge of San Luis Rey*), dies at 78
- 9 William A. Wellman, U.S. director (*Ox Bow Incident*), dies at 79
- 24 Bernard Herrmann, U.S. movie composer dies.

1975 Juno Awards

FEMALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR: Anne Murray

MALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR: Gordon Lightfoot

BEST-SELLING ALBUM: Bachman-Turner Overdrive, *Not Fragile*
BEST-SELLING SINGLE: Terry Jacks, “Seasons In The Sun”
BEST-SELLING INTERNATIONAL ALBUM: Paul McCartney, *Band On The Run*
BEST-SELLING INTERNATIONAL SINGLE: Paper Lace, “The Night Chicago Died”
GROUP OF THE YEAR: Bachman-Turner Overdrive
COUNTRY FEMALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR: Anne Murray
COUNTRY MALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR: Stompin’ Tom Connors
COUNTRY GROUP OR DUO OF THE YEAR: Carlton Showband
COMPOSER OF THE YEAR: Paul Anka
MOST PROMISING FEMALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR: Suzanne Stevens
MOST PROMISING MALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR: Gino Vannelli
MOST PROMISING GROUP OF THE YEAR: Rush
BEST ALBUM GRAPHICS: Bart Schoales for Bruce Cockburn’s album *Night Vision*

1975 Emmy Awards

OUTSTANDING DRAMA SERIES: *Police Story* (NBC)
OUTSTANDING LEAD ACTOR IN A DRAMA SERIES: Peter Falk, NBC Sunday Mystery Movie: *Columbo*
OUTSTANDING LEAD ACTRESS IN A DRAMA SERIES: Michael Learned, *The Waltons*
OUTSTANDING COMEDY SERIES: *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* (CBS)
OUTSTANDING LEAD ACTOR IN A COMEDY SERIES: Jack Albertson, *Chico and the Man*
OUTSTANDING LEAD ACTRESS IN A COMEDY SERIES: Mary Tyler Moore, *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*
OUTSTANDING COMEDY-VARIETY OR MUSIC SERIES: *NBC’s Saturday Night* (NBC)
OUTSTANDING DAYTIME GAME OR AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION SHOW: *The \$20,000 Pyramid* (ABC)
OUTSTANDING DAYTIME TALK, SERVICE OR VARIETY SERIES: *Dinah!* (Syndicated)

1975 Nobel Prizes

PHYSICS: Aage Niels Bohr, Ben Roy Mottelson, Leo James Rainwater

CHEMISTRY: John Warcup Cornforth, Vladimir Prelog

MEDICINE: David Baltimore, Renato Dulbecco, Howard Martin Temin

LITERATURE: Eugenio Montale

PEACE: Andrei Dmitrievich Sakharov

ECONOMICS: Leonid Kantorovich, Tjalling Koopmans

Significant New Books published

Milton Acorn: *The Island Means Minago*

Saul Bellow: *Humboldt's Gift*

Morley Callaghan: *A Fine and Private Place*

Roch Carrier: *Jardin des délices*

Robertson Davies: *World of Wonders*

E. L. Doctorow: *Ragtime*

Donald Jack: *It's Me Again*

Galway Kinnell: *The Avenue Bearing the Initial of Christ into the New World*

Irving Layton: *The Unwavering Eye: Selected Poems, 1969–1975*

Mordecai Richler: *Jacob Two-Two Meets the Hooded Fang*

Gabrielle Roy: *Un jardin au bout du monde*

William Safire: *Before the Fall*

Anne Sexton: *The Awful Rowing Toward God*

1975 Governor General's Awards for Literary Merit

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Fiction: Brian Moore, *The Great Victorian Collection*

Poetry or Drama: Milton Acorn, *The Island Means Minago*

Non-Fiction: Marion MacRae and Anthony Adamson, *Hallowed Walls*

FRENCH LANGUAGE

Fiction: Anne Hébert, *Les enfants du sabbat*

Poetry or Drama: Pierre Perrault, *Chouennes*

Non-Fiction: Louis-Edmond Hamelin, *Nordicité canadienne*

1975 Booker Prize Nominees

Ruth Praver Jhabvala: *Heat and Dust* (winner)

Thomas Keneally: *Gossip from the Forest*

Other 1975 Fiction Prizewinners

PULITZER

Michael Shaara: *The Killer Angels*

HUGO (SCIENCE FICTION)

Ursula K. Le Guin: *The Dispossessed*

NEBULA (SCIENCE FICTION, CHOSEN BY READERS)

Joe Haldeman: *The Forever War*

WHITBREAD (AUTHORS FROM THE COMMONWEALTH)

William McIlvanney: *Docherty*

EDGAR (CRIME AND MYSTERY)

Brian Garfield: *Hopscotch*

NEWBERY MEDAL (AMERICAN CHILDREN'S LITERATURE)

Virginia Hamilton: *M. C. Higgins the Great*