

1971 News

The 26th Amendment lowers the United States' voting age from 21 to 18.

South Vietnamese forces begin an offensive in Cambodia with American support, but are repulsed after six weeks; the United States reduces its troops in Vietnam to about 200,000.

Chinese defense minister Lin Pao attempts a failed coup against Mao Zedong and is killed in a plane crash.

China is officially seated in the United Nations and launches its first space satellite.

Masterpiece Theater, All in the Family, and The Electric Company premiere on television.

Soviet dissident Andrei Solzhenitsyn receives the Nobel Prize for Literature.

The Supreme Court upholds a measure to bus children in order to enforce integration in schools; a bussing plan imposed in Austin, Texas, draws the criticism of Alabama Governor George Wallace, who had previously urged southern senators to defy integration.

Soft contact lenses (invented in 1962) receive FDA approval.

Cigarette sales top \$540 billion despite a partial ban on cigarette advertising. A report from British experts likens the mortality rates from cigarette smoking to that of virulent cholera or typhoid epidemics.

Concerned about inflation, President Richard Nixon announces a "New Economic Policy" that includes a 90-day wage freeze, the imposition of a 10% import surcharge, and a freeze on the conversion of dollars to gold. Despite a record one-day jump of almost 33 points in the Dow, the uncooperative AFLCIO has "absolutely no faith" in the measure.

"The Pentagon Papers," a highly classified document detailing U.S. involvement in Vietnam, is submitted to the New York Times and The Washington Post by Defense Department official Daniel Ellsberg.

1971 Sports

The Pittsburgh Pirates defeated the Baltimore Orioles 4 Games to 3 in the 1971 World Series.

The Dallas Cowboys were en route to winning Super Bowl VI over Miami 24-3.

The Los Angeles Lakers would shortly start on their record 33 game Winning streak. They would ultimately win the NBA Title in Five games over New York.

Nebraska was in the midst of pursuing their second straight College Football Title. They would get the job done with a 36-8 win over Alabamba in the Orange Bowl.

The Boston Bruins had just embarked on their Stanley Cup winning Campaign, and they would ultimately win the cup in 6 games over the New York Rangers.

The UCLA Bruins were in the midst of 7 straight NCAA Tournament Titles, having defeated Houston in the spring of 1971. They would claim their Next title in early 1972 with a victory over Florida State in the title tilt.

1971 Weather in Savanna

*High Temperature 34 / Cloudy
LowTemperature 14*