

# MR POPHistory

Week of July 27, 1975



**Jimmy Hoffa** - former Teamsters President is reported missing after his car is found abandoned outside a restaurant in Michigan ... Authorities are concentrating on his last reported engagement - a luncheon date 48 hours earlier with a reputed Mafia kingpin and close friend (Anthony Giacalone).

In Helsinki, leaders of 35 nations sign a broad-East-West security agreement as the final act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe. The 100-page document recognizes Europe as its map emerged after World War II and forswears forcible changes of boundaries while calling for increased East-West cooperation. German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt signed first. Also signing - President Ford, Leonid I Brezhnev and President Tito (83) of Yugoslavia - the senior Communist leader in Europe. President Ford said past agreements have been made a mockery and that this one must be different if détente is to be permanent. "The people of both Europe and the United States are thoroughly tired of having their hopes raised and then shattered by empty words and unfulfilled pledges. We had better say that we mean and mean what we say or we will have the anger of our citizens to answer. Every signatory should know that if these agreements are to be more than the latest chapter in a long and sorry volume of unfulfilled declarations, every party must be dedicated to making them come true."

Still overseas, **President Ford** visits Auschwitz, Poland to pay tribute to an estimated 4 million Jews who died there. The death camp has been an international monument for years.

The nation posed a trade surplus of \$1.7 billion in June - the largest monthly surplus in history (so far) according to the Commerce Department. It was the fifth straight month that U.S. exports had exceeded imports of foreign goods. Government trade analysts said the record June surplus was largely the result of lower U.S. imports of foreign oil at 118.2 million barrels.



Three members of Ireland's best-known pop band "The Miami Show" are slain and one injured when Protestant extremists ambushed the group while they were traveling in Northern Ireland. Survivors say they were flagged down by a man in army-style uniform waving a red light. "A member of the gang then approached the vehicle and asked the occupants for their names and addresses. The band members were told to get out of their bus for what they thought was an official

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search.” “Then two men, both wearing military uniforms, took a bomb from a nearby parked car, but it exploded prematurely, killing them both. The other guerrillas panicked and shot four of the band members.”



**Col. Tom Parker** who manages Elvis Presley learns that the singer just bought him his very own airplane for \$1.2 million and is on his way to pick him up in Las Vegas. The plane is a Grumman Gulf stream and only seats 12. The colonel doesn't like to fly in big planes.

Elvis is at it again ... In Memphis - Mennie Person (33) is caught by surprise while she admired Presley's custom-made Cadillac outside a dealer. “He said, that one's mine, but I'll buy you one.” The car she selected was a gold and white Cadillac, listing for \$11,500. When Elvis found out it was her birthday, he wished her Happy Birthday and told an aide to writer her a check “to buy some clothes to go with the car.”

Singer Dionne Warwick sues compser Burt Bacharach and lyricist Hal David for \$5.5 million claiming they failed to produce two record albums under a contract with Warner Brothers Records. Miss Warwick says the contract was made in 1971 while the pair acted as her managers.

Singer **Minnie Riperton** is shaken, but not seriously injured when a lion for whom she was filming a television commercial became spooked and lunged at her. Clawless, his paws hit her back and shoulders leaving red welts.



New albums this week are released from Graham Central Station, Fleetwood Mac, Gary Wright, B.T. Express and Conway Twitty.



ABC says **Harry Reasoner** will become the solo anchor of its nightly network newscast. Reasoner had been co-anchoring with Howard K. Smith - who will remain on the newscast as commentator. The change comes official in September. Total network news numbers are up - more people are watching all three networks for news. Since 1970 - the ABC Evening news increased its national audience 77%, from 3.5 million homes to 6.2 million homes. That compares to CBS with a 14% increase and NBC with a 9% increase over the same period.

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Bestsellers - The Moneychangers - Arthur Hailey  
Looking For Mr. Goodbar - Judith Rassner  
Shogun - James Clavell  
Without Feathers - Woody Allen  
The Great Train Robbery - Michael Crichton  
Ragtime - E.L. Doctorow  
TM - Harold Bloomfield, Michael Cain, Dennis Jaffe  
Breach of Faith - Theodore H. White  
Conversations With Kennedy - Benjamin Bradlee  
Total Fitness in 30 Minutes a Week - Laurence  
Morehouse/Leonard Gross  
Judy - Gerald Frank

Actress Ann Francis will make her TV musical debut on an episode of "Barnaby Jones." She'll perform her own singing and dancing.

Thursday Night Television -

CBS - The Waltons, TV Movie "The FBI Story" (1974)

NBC - Gladys Knight and the Pips, Movie

ABC - Debut-Almost Anything Goes, TV Movie - "Smile Jenny, You're Dead (1974)

PBS - Philadelphia Folk Festival, Hollywood Television Theater

Almost Anything Goes - Teams compete in off-the-wall competition. Charlie Jones, Lynn Shackelford and Dick Whittington host.

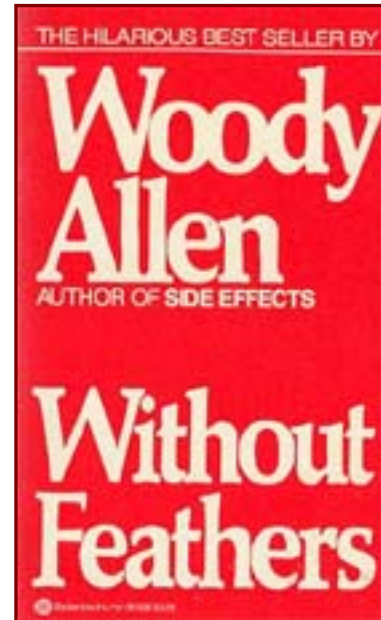


**The Waltons** - Mary Ellen buys a second-hand purse and finds an antique ring in its compartment.

Merv Griffin show (syndicated) guests Sonny Bono, Charles Nelson Reilly, Richard Lewis, David Groh.

The Tonight Show - McLean Stevenson guest hosts

The Tomorrow show w/Tom



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Snyder - An airline pilot discusses hazards in flying.

## Pop music this week in 1975 -

Swearin' to God - Frankie Valli

Listen to What the Man Said - Wings

Love Will Keep Us Together - The Captain & Tennille

The Hustle - Van McCoy

One of These Nights - The Eagles

Please Mr. Please - Olivia Newton-John

Jive Talkin' - The Bee Gees

Someone Saved My Life Tonight - Elton John

Rockin' Chair - Gwen McCrae

I'm Not In Love - 10cc

Midnight Blue - Melissa Manchester

Why Can't We Be Friends? - War

Get Down Tonight - KC & the Sunshine Band

Rhinestone Cowboy - Glen Campbell

At Seventeen - Janis Ian

Love Won't Let Me Wait - Major Harris

Magic - Pilot

How Long - Ace

The Way We Were/Try to Remember - Gladys Knight & the Pips

Mornin' Beautiful - Tony Orlando & Dawn

How Sweet It Is (To Be Loved By You) - James Taylor

Fallin' In Love - Hamilton, Joe Frank & Reynolds

Before the Next Teardrop Falls - Freddy Fender

Wildfire - Michael Murphy

Thank God I'm a Country Boy - John Denver

When Will I Be Loved - Linda Ronstadt

The Rockford Files - Mike Post

Dynomite-Part I - Tony Camillo's Bazuka

Saturday Night Special - Lynyrd Skynyrd

Sweet Emotion - Aerosmith



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## Top Albums -

Captain Fantastic and the Brown Dirt Cowboy - Elton John  
One Of These Nights - Eagles  
Love Will Keep Us Together - The Captain & Tennille  
Cut The Cake - Average White Band  
The Heat Is On - The Isley Brothers  
Gorilla - James Taylor  
Metamorphosis - The Rolling Stones  
Venus and Mars - Paul McCartney and Wings  
Made in the Shade - The Rolling Stones  
That's The Way Of The World - The Rolling Stones  
Cat Stevens Greatest Hits - Cat Stevens



## Other Albums -

The Basement Tapes - Bob Dylan and the Band  
Stampede - The Doobie Brothers  
Desolation Boulevard - The Sweet  
Redheaded Stranger - Willie Nelson

Check these albums, available from the new record company - Arista Records:  
Manilow I - Barry Manilow - features "Could It Be Magic"

Greatest Hits - Tony Orlando & Dawn  
Melissa - Melissa Manchester - features "Midnight Blue"  
Monty Python's Matching Tie and Handkerchief album - Monty Python  
Funny Lady - original soundtrack album w/ Barbra Streisand



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At the Movies –

**The Return of the Pink Panther** - Peter Sellers, Christopher Plummer, Catherine Schell, Herbert Lom

**Tommy** - Ann-Margret, Oliver Reed, Roger Daltrey, Elton John, Eric Clapton, John Entwistle, Keith Moon, Paul Nicholas, Jack Nicholson, Robert Powell, Peter Townshend, Tina Turner



**The French Connection** -

**Return to Macon County** – Nick Nolte

**Rebel Rousers** - Jack Nicholson

**Shampoo** - Warren Beatty, Goldie Hawn

**Funny Lady** - Barbra Streisand, James Caan

**Journey Back To Oz**

**Bit The Bullet** – Gene Hackman, Candice Bergen

**The Fortune** – Jack Nicholson

**Once Is Not Enough** – All Star Cast

**Love and Death** – Woody Allen, Diane Keaton