

January:

- Apple Computer was incorporated
 - *Wow, strong start out of the gate, 1977. Well done!*
- The death penalty is reintroduced and a dude gets executed by a firing squad in Utah
 - *Whoa, whoa, whoa, slow your roll, 1977*
- Snow falls in Miami
 - *Climate change much?*
- Jimmy Carter was sworn into office
 - *Cool*
- There was a huge blizzard called The Great Lakes Blizzard of 1977 in Buffalo, NY
 - *Cold*

February:

- 11 commuters are killed in Chicago when an elevated train derailed from the tracks
 - *Damn, that's brutal*
- Actress Christa Helm is fatally stabbed on the sidewalk in West Hollywood and they never find the person who did it
 - *Shit, if only there were paparazzi and smartphones back then*
- The space shuttle *Enterprise* did that famous first flight on top of a 747
 - *Hell yeah! I miss the space shuttle :(*

March:

- About a dozen Muslim guys take over 3 buildings in Washington D.C., killing 1 person and taking 130 hostages. It lasts for two days.
 - *Wow, I've never heard about this*

April:

- A major flood in Virginia
 - *There's at least one of those basically every year though, right?*
- Some kids in Dover, Massachusetts said they saw some weird creature that ended up being called the Dover Demon, but it was probably just a hoax
 - *If they were kids nowadays they would be internet trolls for sure*

May:

- A 20-passenger helicopter topples sideways from the roof of a building in Manhattan, 4 passengers are killed by the turning rotors, and a woman on the street is fatally struck by a fallen blade
 - *Holy shit! Also never heard of this one*
- *Star Wars* was released
 - *Now we're talking, that's more like it!*
- A nightclub in Kentucky is engulfed in a fire, killing 165 people inside
 - *Ugh*

June:

- Riots in Chicago
 - *Off to a great start, June. Jeez!*

- Voters overwhelmingly repeal Miami-Dade county's gay rights ordinance because Top 40 singer Anita Bryant had a big campaign for it called "Save Our Children"
 - *What an asshole! She would be eviscerated online these days*
- James Earl Ray, the dickhead who assassinated Martin Luther King Jr, escapes from jail
 - *Wait, what?!*
 - He's recaptured 3 days later
 - *Ok, whew!*
- Oracle is incorporated
 - *Huh, I had no idea it was that old*
- A guy named Roy Sullivan is struck by lightning (and survived) for the 7th time
 - *Damn, is that better or worse luck than the guy who lived through both atom bombs in Japan?*
- There's a protest in San Francisco for the Anita Bryant "Save Our Children" thing
 - *Good old SF being SF*
- Elvis performed his last-ever concert
 - *Huh, so that's when he officially left the building*

Okay, whew, take a quick breather. We're only halfway through the year.

July:

- Blackout and looting in NYC
 - *Jesus, here we go again*
- Flooding in Pennsylvania. 75 people die. Billions in damage.
 - *Fuck man*
- Led Zeppelin's last U.S. concert
 - *Sad face*

August:

- US Senate hearings on MKULTRA
 - *What the hell is MKULTRA?*
 - Oh, dude, it was crazy. It was also known as the CIA mind control program. They were trying to figure out how to interrogate people and tried a bunch of insane experiments on unwitting U.S. and Canadian people back in the '50s and '60s. It was a continuation of work done by Nazi doctors in concentration camps. Yes, those Nazis. The CIA *recruited* these Nazis and brought them to Maryland. The CIA wanted to find a perfect "truth drug" and use it on prisoners and foreign leaders like Fidel Castro. A bunch of the documents from it were destroyed by Richard Helms during the panic around the Watergate scandal. Can you believe that?!
 - *Wow, that's some jaw-dropping shit there*
- The Dept of Energy is formed

- *Really? Would've thought it was around before then. I guess it makes sense because wasn't Carter the one who installed solar panels on the White House?*
 - Yup, he did
- The Son of Sam serial killer is caught in NY
 - *Whoa*
- Elvis dies
 - *Ok, now he really left the building*

September:

- A bunch of gang members shot up an SF restaurant thinking they were targeting rival gang members but ended up killing some innocent people
 - *Not cool*
- Voyager 1 launched
 - *Fun fact: it's still going strong! It left our Solar System only a couple of years ago but it's still sending messages to us*

October:

- An Irish mobster is killed by a car bomb
 - *Umm, okay, not losing sleep over that one*
- Anita Bryant is pied by a gay rights activist at a press conference
 - *Excuse me? Pied?*
 - Yeah, pied. She was speaking at a news conference and this guy walked up and smashed a pie in her face live on the air
 - *That's amazing!*
- 3 members of the band Lynyrd Skynyrd die in a plane crash
 - *I was going to make a Sweet Home Alabama joke, but I'll resist the urge*
- Meat Loaf releases his first album *Bat Out of Hell*
 - *Whoa, I had no idea he started that long ago*
- I'm born the day before Halloween
 - *Nice!*

November:

- A dam in Georgia fails, killing 39 people
 - *2cents guy This shit doesn't ever stop, does it?*
 - Lyle: That's literally the point of writing all this down
- SF elects Harvey Milk, the first openly gay elected official in a large U.S. city
 - *Hell yeah, SF is on fire this year. Wait, don't tell me there was a fire in SF this year too.*
 - Nah, you're good
 - *Ok, whew!*
- The Concorde starts flying from London to NYC regularly
 - *I always wished I could've flown supersonic just once in my life. It would've been so epic. NYC to London in under three hours instead of over seven hours? Sign me up! How does something like that not exist these days?!*
 - I know, right?!

December:

- A plane crashes with a college basketball team from Nashville on it. 29 people dead, including 14 players and their head coach
 - *So brutal*
- There's a huge dust storm in Bakersfield, CA that kills 3 people and does \$40 million in damage the week before Christmas
 - *Wow, that's it, right? No more crap happened in '77, right?*
 - Well, not really...

Don't forget that during this time there's a bunch of ongoing crap that spans a lot of years like the Cold War and the energy crisis where gas was rationed out and there were super long lines to fill up your car.

Oh shit, that's right.