

Kathryn A. Toomey **Register of Deeds** 

As 2024 comes to a close and 2025 is appearing on the horizon, we thought we would look into the history book of nostalgia. Fifty years ago is a good benchmark which means we land on the year 1975.

So, the things we list here may give you a variety of feelings and emotions. Hopefully, it brings back good memories and warm feelings, and if we had the power we would turn the life clock backwards so we could enjoy the moments and the experiences one more time.

The items mentioned here are in no particular order and may spark your memory as you talk with your friends and family and say "Hey do you remember...?"

The game show "Wheel of



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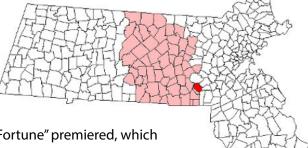
# Newsletter

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Fortune" premiered, which is still on today.

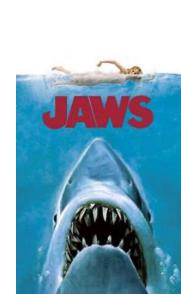
Barry Manilow's "Mandy" was his first number 1 hit.

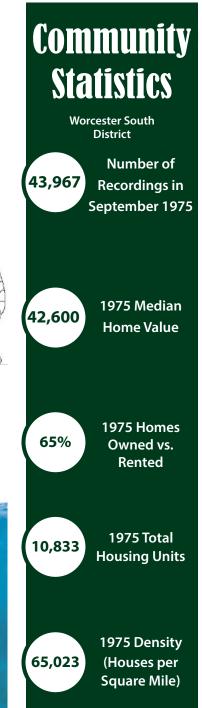
Erno Rubik applied for a patent for his "Rubik's Magic Cube"



Miller Lite beer was introduce to consumers.

The movies "Jaws" was released as well as "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" and "Dog Day Afternoon".



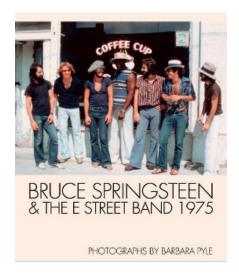


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The rock band The Who released "Tommy" the pinball wizard.



Bruce Springsteen released "Born to Run" and Queen released "Bohemian Rhapsody".



The British comedy film "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" was released.

"All in the Family" was America's top television show for the fifth straight year.

Saturday Night Live premiered with George Carlin as the guest host.

Jumpsuits and leisure suits were in style.

Microsoft founded by Bill Gates and Paul Allen in a two-car garage in Albuquerque, New Mexico.



The Cincinnati Reds beat the Boston Red Sox in 7 games and ticket price were around \$12.50.



The Cost of a first-class postage stamp was ten cents.

The Worcester Register of Deeds celebrated her first birthday.



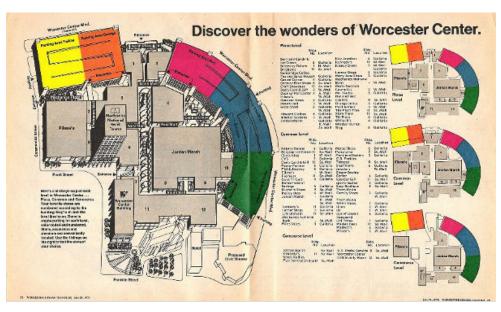
When we went to the grocery store we paid forty-six cents for a quart of milk, thirty-three cents for a loaf of bread and seventy cents for a dozen eggs. A stop at the gas station cost fiftythree cents per gallon. We may also have stopped at the package store and paid \$2.55 for a six pack of your favorite beer. Do you have any of the following items that were introduced in 1975? Mood Rings, Pet Rocks, 8-Track Tapes and Pez candy.

Unemployment: 5.6%

Now to really test your memory bank, what kind of car were you driving? Who was your English teacher? And what did you do that could have gotten you into trouble, but you didn't get caught? Oh yah, but it was fun!!!



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## **Creamy Homemade Hot Cocoa**

#### Prep Time: 5 mins

#### Cook Time: 5 mins

Total Time: 10 mins

Servings: 4

#### Ingredients

Original recipe (1X) yields 4 servings

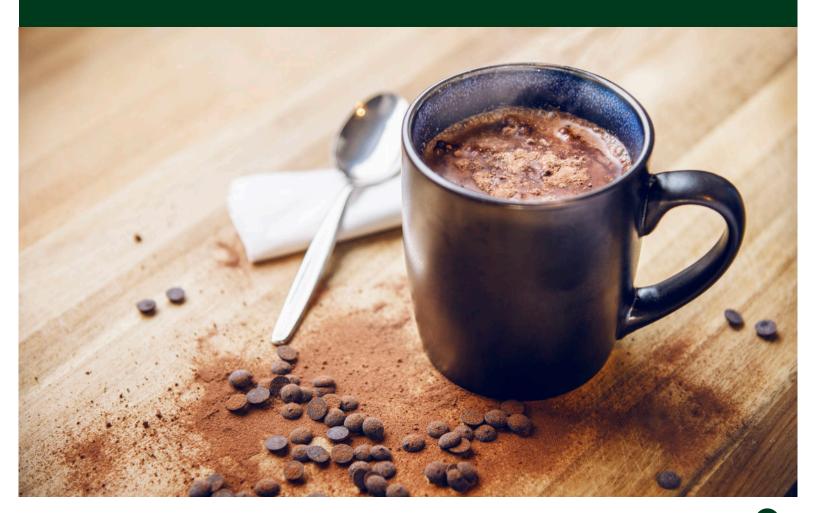
- <sup>3</sup>⁄<sub>4</sub> cup white sugar, or to taste
- <sup>-</sup> <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 pinch salt
- ⅓ cup boiling water
- 3 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cups milk
- <sup>3</sup>⁄<sub>4</sub> teaspoon vanilla extract
- ½ cup half-and-half cream

#### Directions

- Combine sugar, cocoa powder, and salt in a saucepan; add boiling water and whisk until smooth. Bring mixture to a simmer, stirring continuously to prevent scorching, and cook for 2 minutes.
- 2. Stir in milk and heat until very hot without boiling.
- 3. Remove from heat; add vanilla.
- 4. Add cream to each mug to help cool cocoa to drinking temperature then divide hot cocoa between 4 mugs.
- 5. Serve hot and enjoy!

#### **Nutrition Facts**

Calories 310 Total Fat 9g Saturated Fat 5g Cholesterol 28mg Sodium 102mg Total Carbohydrate 53g Dietary Fiber 2g Total Sugars 48g Protein 9g Vitamin C 1mg Calcium 292mg Iron 1mg Potassium 471mg



### 70's Music

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Olivia Newton John **Elvis Preslev** Stevie Wonder Jackson Five Moody Blues Bee Gees Disco

Barbara Streisand Fleetwood Mac **Dolly Parton** Neil Diamond Tina Turner Beatles Radio

**Rolling Stones** Rock and Roll Donna Summer Carly Simon Diana Ross Bread Abba

### **New Year's Eve Events**

#### Noon Year's Eve Celebration at the EcoTarium

222 Harrington Way, Worcester, MA December 31, 2024 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Shrewsbury, MA

#### Ice Skating on the Oval

@ Worcester City Hall, Worcester MA December 27, 2024 – January 3, 2025 1:00 – 9:00 p.m. (Skate rentals available)

#### Noon Year's Eve! Shrewsbury Public Library Winter Wonderland – Southwick's Zoo 2 Southwick St, Mendon, Ma December 31, 2024 11:30a.m -12:30p.m. November 21st – December 29th