



Celebrating 35 Years of Building Retirement Security

1972 FUN FACTS

THE CREATION OF ICMA RETIREMENT CORPORATION

It wasn't the only significant event in 1972. The 60s were finally considered over, though the last of the anti-war movement was still having an impact on Washington. A new scandal was brewing, one that would imprint its name on all political scandals to follow – Watergate. Today, something-gate is a common moniker for trouble.

Some famous folks were born, others died, and there were a lot of firsts, for women, for inventions like the cell phone and video game that are so central to our lives today.

So while we celebrate our own company origins, it's fun to look back on that time 35 years ago and see what else was shaking the world. In 1972:

- Best Picture was *The Godfather* with Marlon Brando as Best Actor and Francis Ford Coppola as Best Director. Other notable films that year were *Deliverance*, *Lady Sings the Blues*, *Last Tango in Paris*, *Poseidon Adventure*, and *Sounder*.
- In 1972, Taye Diggs, Eminem, Jenny McCarthy, Gwyneth Paltrow and Jude Law were born. So, too Drew Bledsoe, Billie Joe Armstrong, Shaquille O'Neal, Cameron Diaz, and Brad Paisley. Harry Truman, Maurice Chevalier, Mahalia Jackson, J. Edgar Hoover and Jackie Robinson died.
- Shirley Chisholm, the first African American Congresswoman, announced her candidacy for president of the United States; the first female FBI agent was hired; the very first female was admitted to Dartmouth; women competed in the Boston Marathon for the first time; the first female rabbi in U.S. was named.
- Yugoslavian air stewardess Vesna Vulovic survived a 30,000 foot – yes, a 30,000 foot fall – from an airliner that broke apart in midair. She was in the tail section.
- The first scientific handheld calculator, the HP-35, was introduced; the first cellular phone was manufactured and the first call followed soon after, in a restaurant; the first video game, PONG, is released.
- “The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face,” sung by Roberta Flack, remains atop the Billboard pop chart for six weeks. The only other song to match that record in 1972 is Gilbert O'Sullivan's “Alone Again, Naturally.”
- Mandatory inspection of airline luggage began.
- The Watergate break-in took place. The last U.S. ground troops left Vietnam.
- 11 Israeli athletes were killed at the Olympic games in Munich.
- The last moon landing, Apollo 17, took place in December.

