

# Memory Lane

Reminiscing 1961

## Cost of Living

National price averages for 1961:



**House:** \$18,901

**Car:** \$2,857

**Gallon of Gas:** .32¢

**Gallon of Milk:** .38¢

**Loaf of Bread:** .19¢

**Stamp:** .04¢

Compared to today, things certainly seem cheap, but then again, the average income was \$2,206 per year!

## March 1, 1961 - President Kennedy Signed an Order Establishing the Peace Corp

The mission of the Peace Corps was to send trained American men and women to foreign nations to assist in development efforts. The Peace Corps captured the imagination of the U.S. public - during the week after its creation, thousands of letters poured into Washington from young Americans hoping to volunteer. Since its creation on March 1, 1961, more than 182,000 Peace Corp Volunteers have served in 138 countries all over the world.

## More top stories from 1961

- NASA launched Explorer 11 into Earth's orbit to study gamma rays
- Alan Shepard became the first American in space
- Pilot food stamp program began
- TV show "Hazel" starring Shirley Booth, debuts
- Harper Lee awarded Pulitzer prize for "To Kill a Mockingbird"
- TV show "Mr. Ed" premieres
- Construction began on the Space Needle in Seattle, WA
- Broadway show "Music Man" closes after 1,375 performances

## Sporting Highlights

### Football

Houston defeated San Diego 10-3 for the AFL championship. Green Bay won its first NFL championship since 1944, defeating the New York Giants 37-0.

### Hockey

Detroit Red Wings win hockey's Stanley Cup.

## That's entertainment

### Top Hits:

Some of the year's favorite music that kept everyone bopping were:

- ♪ "Stand by me" by Ben E. King
- ♪ "Crazy" by Patsey Cline
- ♪ "The Wanderer" by Dion
- ♪ "Hit the Road Jack" by Ray Charles



### Top TV Shows:

Top Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Emmy winners of 1961 were:



**Outstanding Actor:** Raymond Burr for his role in "Perry Mason".

**Outstanding Actress:** Barbara Stanwyck for her role in "Barbara Stanwyck Show".

**Outstanding Comedy:** "The Jack Benny Show"

**Outstanding Drama:** "Hallmark Hall of Fame"

Walt Disney's "One Hundred and One Dalmatians" only features one song, what is the title?

*"Cruella De Vil"*