

Memory Lane

Reminiscing 1982

Cost of Living

National price averages for 1982:



House: \$82,200

Car: \$7,983

Gallon of Gas: .91¢

Gallon of Milk: \$1.17

Loaf of Bread: .50¢

Stamp: .20¢

Compared to today, things certainly seem cheap, but then again, the average income was \$21,050 per year!

Sporting Highlights

Hockey

New York Islanders beat Philadelphia Flyers, 3-1, to start 23 NHL game undefeated home streak.

Basketball

San Antonio 171 defeated Milwaukee 166 in a 3OT game in the highest scoring game ever in NBA history.

December 2, 1982 – The First Artificial Heart Transplant

Barney Clark received the first artificial heart transplant designed for permanent use. Dr. William C. Devries implanted the artificial heart, Jarvik-7, into the 61-year-old who was suffering from congestive heart failure. Clark volunteered for this ground-breaking surgery as he wanted to make a contribution to medical science. Clark did not expect to live longer than a few days with the artificial heart.

After the successful implantation of the artificial heart, Clark was tethered to a 400-pound external pneumatic compressor. He survived for 112 days with the artificial heart, while suffering from many instances of bleeding and serious confusion.

More top stories from 1982

- Michael Jackson's groundbreaking album "Thriller" was released
- The science fiction film "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" debuts.
- The break-up of the AT&T monopoly was ordered.
- John W. Hinckley, Jr. found not guilty because of insanity in shooting of President Reagan
- "Late Night With David Letterman" debuts on NBC-TV

That's entertainment

Top Hits:

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

- ♪ "I Can't Go for That" by Hall & Oates
- ♪ "Centerfold" by J. Geils Band
- ♪ "I Love Rock n' Roll" by Joan Jett and the Blackhearts



Top Movies:

Some of the top Academy Awards Oscar winners of 1982 were.

Best Picture: "Gandhi" – Richard Attenborough, Producer

Best Actor: Ben Kingsley for his role in "Gandhi".

Best Actress: Meryl Streep for her role in "Sophie's Choice".



What is the famous line from the popular science fiction film "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial"?

"E.T. phone home"