

On This Day

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President/V.P. - Ronald Reagan/George Bush
Saturday, December 12, 1981

Events of the Month

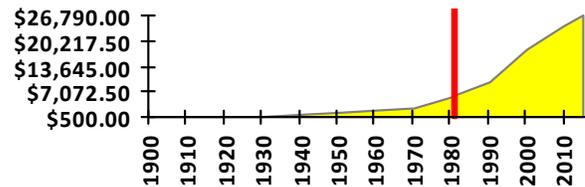
Doctors identify a disturbing new disease called the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, or "AIDS." The disease attacks immune system, causing sufferers to lose weight, grow weak, and be infected by a number of other common ailments. The disease is caused by a virus that can infect and be transmitted in human blood. Harvesting 338 million bushels of wheat during the year, North Dakota officially passes Kansas as the country's No. 1 wheat producing state. With the market glutted, however, the big harvest simply means lower wheat prices for North Dakota

Events of the Day

On December 12: Today is the Day of the Indians in El Salvador with programs honoring the patroness of Indians, the Virgin of Guadalupe. It's also the anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. On this date in 1893, C. Adams gets a patent for aerial photography. The first motel, called the Motel Inn, opens in San Luis Obispo in 1925. The first satellite in orbit built by private citizens is the Discoverer XXXVI in 1961.

Basic New Car

Average Car price in 1981:
\$5,743.00



Cost of Living

	1981	2015
Gallon of Milk	\$1.69	\$3.76
Loaf of Bread	\$.52	\$1.41
New Auto	\$5,743.00	\$26,790.00
Gallon of Gas	\$1.04	\$2.77
New Home	\$96,240.00	\$208,300.00
Average Income	\$10,866.00	\$39,659.00
Dow Jones	875.00	17,727.16

Science & Technology

The space shuttle Columbia successfully completes its maiden voyage. IBM launches its PC, home or personal computer. Scientists identify Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, AIDS.

Songs

Back in 1981, the popular songs were: "9 to 5" performed by Dolly Parton; "Bette Davis Eyes" performed by Kim Carnes; "Celebration" sung by Kool and the Gang; and "Keep on Loving You" by REO Speedwagon. Also topping the charts: "Kiss on My List" by Hall & Oates; "Morning Train" by Sheena Easton; "Physical" by Olivia Newton-John; and the popular "The Tide Is High" by Blondie.

Sports

In football, it's the Oakland Raiders 27-10 over the Philadelphia Eagles in Super Bowl XV. The Los Angeles Dodgers win the World Series in the sixth game against the New York Yankees. The New York Islanders defeat Minnesota for the Stanley Cup in hockey. The Boston Celtics beat Houston to capture the National Basketball Association title. In tennis, John McEnroe and Chris Evert Lloyd win singles titles in tennis at Wimbledon. A horse named Pleasant Colony wins the Kentucky Derby.