

1986

What Things Cost

Cost of a New Home	\$111,900
Cost of a New Car	\$9,255
Median Household Income	\$24,897
Cost of a first-class stamp	\$0.22
Cost of a gallon of regular gas	\$0.93
Cost of a dozen eggs	\$0.87
Cost of a gallon of milk	\$2.22

Headlines

Soviet Nuclear reactor at Chernobyl explodes releasing radioactive material across much of Europe.
Halley's Comet reached the closest point to the Earth during its second visit to the solar system in the 20th century.
The Space Shuttle Challenger explodes 73 seconds after launching, killing all seven astronauts on board.
Mike Tyson becomes the youngest Heavyweight Champion in history.
Smoking is banned in all public transport including trains, planes and buses.
The United Kingdom and France announce plans to construct the Channel Tunnel.
IBM unveils the PC Convertible, the first laptop computer.
British surgeons perform the world's first triple transplant (heart, lung and liver.)

World Leaders

United States – Ronald Reagan, President
Canada – Brian Mulroney, Prime Minister
United Kingdom – Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister
USSR/Soviet Union – Mikhail Gorbachev, General Secretary of the CPSU
France – Francois Mitterrand, President

Popular Films

Top Gun
Crocodile Dundee
Platoon
Aliens
Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home

Popular TV Shows

Magnum P.I.
Dynasty
Hill Street Blues
Family Ties
The Cosby Show

Popular Musicians

Billy Joel
The Police
Van Halen
Prince
Culture Club
Bruce Springsteen

Popular Songs

Whitney Houston's "The Greatest Love of All"
Madonna's "Papa Don't Preach"
The Bangles' "Walk Like an Egyptian"

