

## HISTORIC FACTS

1976

- **US spacecraft Viking I lands on the planet Mars and sends back photographs.**
  - The world's largest warship, the aircraft carrier *USS Nimitz* is launched.
  - The first supersonic jet airliner, Concorde goes into service.



**Viking Mars Mission**

### Other Facts from 1976

**President: Gerald Ford**

Average annual income	\$16,095
New car	\$4,557
Loaf of bread	\$0.35
Gallon of milk	\$1.65
Gallon of gas	\$0.59

Dow Jones Average 859 to 1015

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1981

- **First flight of the US Space Shuttle.**
- **Israeli planes destroy Iraqi nuclear reactor.**
- **12,000 air-traffic controllers are fired by order of President Reagan ending the strike.**



**Space Shuttle at Lift-off**

**Other Facts from 1981**

**President: Ronald Reagan**

Average annual income	\$21,073
New car	\$7,718
Loaf of bread	\$0.53
Gallon of milk	\$2.23
Gallon of gas	\$1.31

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**Songs From 1981**

“Bette Davis Eyes”  
 “Breaking Away”  
 “Boy From New York City”