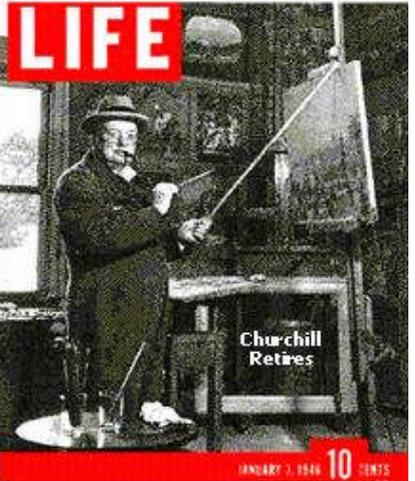
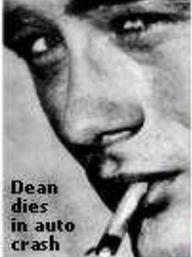
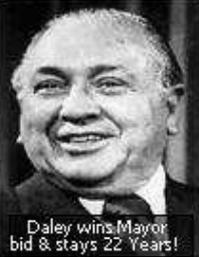
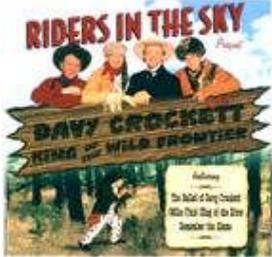
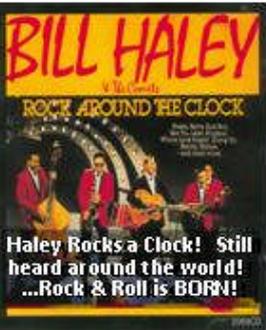


Dodgers win last World Series in Brooklyn!



1955

US finally ends it's WWII occupation of Japan.



TOP NEWS of 1955

WORLD NEWS of the YEAR 1955

- Great Britain proclaims an emergency crisis due to a railroad strike.
- U.S. occupation of Japan ends.
- Argentina's President Juan Peron is overthrown by a military coup and flees to Spain.
- Winston Churchill retires as British Prime Minister
- Israel and Egypt agree to a cease-fire.
- Australia takes control of the Cocos Islands.
- The Warsaw Pact is signed by Soviet Union, Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Poland and Romania.
- The Geneva Conference is held to discuss peaceful uses of atomic energy?

NATIONAL NEWS of the YEAR 1955

- Rosa Parks is arrested for refusing to give up her public bus seat in Montgomery, Alabama.
- Richard J. Daley wins the Chicago mayoral race, beginning his 21-year rule over that city.
- Congress approves the Interstate Road project, updating America's Roads Coast to Coast.
- After appearing in "East of Eden", "Giant" and Rebel without a Cause," James Dean is killed in an auto accident.
- Disneyland opens Anaheim, CA
- Albert Einstein passes away from heart failure at age 76.
- The Brooklyn Eagle Newspaper, where Walt Whitman had once served as editor, went bankrupt following a 45-day strike. The paper had been published daily for 115 years.
- McDonald's Corporation founded
- The major labor advocates, the AFL and the CIO, merged.
- Cole porter's "*Silk Stockings*" opened on Broadway.
- The Presbyterian Church approved the ordination of female ministers.
- DJ Alan Freed coined the term "Rock & Roll." Bill Haley & The Comets had the first #1 rock hit, "*Rock Around The Clock*" was introduced on his radio show in Philadelphia.
- A missile with an atomic warhead is tested in Nevada.
- President Eisenhower authorizes the use of nuclear weapons in the case of war. School children were taught in government drills that they could avoid the devastation of nuclear weapons by ducking and covering when they saw "the flash." military films told soldiers witnessing nuclear tests that they wouldn't experience any side effects if they wore sunglasses.
- Harland Sanders begins Colonel Sanders' Kentucky Fried Chicken.

INTERESTING FACTS OF 1955

President of the United States: Dwight D. Eisenhower

Vice President: Richard Nixon

Speaker of the House of Representatives: Joseph Martin (Rep) & Sam Rayburn (Dem)

Pulitzer Prize Winner: William Faulkner for "*A Fable*"

Nobel Peace Prize Winner: No Nobel Prize Awarded in 1955

Miss America: Lee Meriwether (CA)

Life Expectancy: 69.6 Years

SPORTS WINNERS of 1955

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|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| • World Series Champion | Brooklyn Dodgers |
| • U.S. Open Golf | Jack Fleck |
| • Pro Football Champion | Cleveland Browns |
| • Indianapolis 500 Winner | Bob Sweikerit - Avg. 128.3 MPH |
| • Stanley Cup Winner | Detroit Red Wings |
| • NCAA Basketball Champion | San Francisco |
| • College Football Champion | Oklahoma |
| • Heisman Trophy Winner | Howard Cassady, Ohio State |
| • Pro Football first sudden death pre-season NFL game. | Rams beat Giants - 23-17 |

TOP MOVIES of 1955	TOP SONGS of 1955
• Marty - Academy Award Winner	1. Ain't That a Shame - by Pat Boone
• East of Eden with James Dean & Julie Harris	2. Autumn Leaves - by Roger Williams
• To Catch a Thief	3. The Ballad of Davy Crockett - by Bill Hayes
• The Seven Year Itch	4. Hearts of Stone - by The Fontane Sisters
• Lady and the Tramp	5. Learnin' the Blues - by Frank Sinatra
• Rebel Without a Cause with James Dean	6. Let Me Go, Lover - by Joan Weber
• Oklahoma! with Gordon McRae & Shirley Jones	7. Sixteen Tons - by "Tennessee" Ernie Ford
	8. Rock Around the Clock - by Bill Haley & His Comets
	9. Love Is a Many-Splendored Thing - by The Four Aces
	10. Sincerely - by The McGuire Sisters

BORN IN 1955	TOP TV of 1955
• Kevin Costner - January 18	•
• Kelsey Grammer - February 20	• I Love Lucy (CBS) The \$64,000 Question (CBS)
• Bruce Willis - March 19	• The Ed Sullivan Show (CBS)
• Reba McEntire - March 28	
• Dana Carvey - April 2	
• Bill Paxton - May 17	
• Phil Sirmms - November 3	
• Howie Mandel - November 29	

COST OF LIVING DURING OUR HIGH SCHOOL YEARS vs.TODAY						
ITEM	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	TODAY*
New House	\$10,950	\$11,725	\$12,225	\$11,925	\$12,400	\$79,380
Average Income	\$4,137 per Yr.	\$4,454 per Yr.	\$4,594 per Yr.	\$4,650 per Yr.	\$5,016 per Yr.	\$26,960 per Yr.
New Car	\$1,910	\$2,050	\$2,157	\$2,155	\$2,250	\$13,835
Average Rent	\$87.00 per Mo.	\$88.00 per Mo.	\$90.00 per Mo.	\$95.00 per Mo.	\$97.00 per Mo.	\$630.00 per Mo.
Tuition+R&B to Harvard U.	\$800 per Yr.	\$800 per Yr.	\$1,000 per Yr.	\$1,000 per Yr.	\$1,250 per Yr.	\$45,620 per Yr.
Movie Ticket	75¢ Each	75¢ Each	\$1.00 Each	\$1.00 Each	\$1.00 Each	\$7.50 Each
Gasoline	23¢ per Gal.	22¢ per Gal.	24¢ per Gal.	24¢ per Gal.	25¢ per Gal.	\$3.26 per Gal.
U.S. Postage Stamp	3¢ Each	3¢ Each	3¢ Each	4¢ Each	4¢ Each	41¢ Each
Granulated Sugar	85¢ for 10 Lbs.	85¢ for 10 Lbs.	89¢ for 10 Lbs.	85¢ for 10 Lbs.	89¢ for 10 Lbs.	\$6.73 for 10 Lbs.
Vitamin D Milk	92¢ per Gal.	97¢ per Gal.	\$1.00 per Gal.	\$1.01 per Gal.	\$1.01 per Gal.	\$3.29 per Gal.
Ground Coffee	80¢ per Lb.	85¢ per Lb.	90¢ per Lb.	93¢ per Lb.	95¢ per Lb.	\$5.45 per Lb.
Bacon	58¢ per Lb.	58¢ per Lb.	60¢ per Lb.	62¢ per Lb.	63¢ per Lb.	\$5.29 per Lb.
Eggs	27¢ per Dozen	27¢ per Dozen	28¢ per Dozen	28¢ per Dozen	29¢ per Dozen	\$2.99 per Dozen
Ground Hamburger	56¢ per Lb.	56¢ per Lb.	56¢ per Lb.	57¢ per Lb.	58¢ per Lb.	\$3.20 per Lb.
Fresh Baked Bread	18¢ per Loaf	18¢ per Loaf	19¢ per Loaf	19¢ per Loaf	20¢ per Loaf	\$2.89 per Loaf

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