



IT HAPPENED IN 1959

NOTABLE:

- Popular songs: “Mack the Knife,” Bobby Darin; “The Battle of New Orleans,” Johnny Horton; “Venus,” Frankie Avalon; “Lonely Boy,” Paul Anka.
- Compact cars are the year’s biggest sellers. The Ford Edsel is the biggest failure.
- Barbie dolls are introduced to the public.
- Television show debuts: “Bonanza,” “Dennis the Menace,” “Hawaiian Eye,” “The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis.”
- Popular movies: “Ben Hur,” “Pillow Talk,” “Some Like it Hot,” “Rio Bravo.”
- D. H. Lawrence’s *Lady Chatterley’s Lover* is banned from the mails by the Postmaster General.

COST OF LIVING:

- The cost of first class postage is 4¢.
- A Swanson 11-ounce TV dinner is 59¢.
- An auto paint job by Earl Scheib is \$29.95.
- The average cost of a gallon of gasoline is 31¢.

SPORTS:

- The L. A. Dodgers win the World Series defeating the Chicago White Sox in six games.
- The Boston Celtics win the NBA title in four games over the Minneapolis Lakers.
- The Baltimore Colts defeat the New York Giants, 31-16, for the NFL title.
- Billy Cannon of Louisiana State University wins the Heisman Trophy in college football.

HEADLINES:

- Alaska and Hawaii become the 49th and 50th states of the Union.
- NASA selects its first seven astronauts.
- The Supreme Court upholds the right of Congress and individual states to investigate Communism.
- Fidel Castro takes over Cuba.
- The St. Lawrence Seaway opens.