

IT HAPPENED IN 1984

NOTABLE:

- Popular songs: “Like a Virgin,” Madonna; “When Doves Cry,” Prince; “Jump,” Van Halen; “Ghostbusters,” Ray Parker Jr.; “Uptown Girl,” Billy Joel.
- “Where’s the beef?” is the year’s biggest question.
- Vanessa Williams is the first African-American Miss America.
- Television show debuts: “The Cosby Show,” “Murder, She Wrote,” “Miami Vice,” “Highway to Heaven,” “Who’s the Boss?”
- Popular movies: “Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom,” “Purple Rain,” “The Terminator,” “The Natural,” “Amadeus,” “Beverly Hills Cop.”

COST OF LIVING:

- The cost of first class postage is 20¢.
- The average cost of a new home tops \$100,000.
- A Plymouth Voyager LE sells for \$10,935.
- Popular music albums sell for \$6.96.

SPORTS:

- The Detroit Tigers defeat the San Diego Padres to win the World Series in five games.
- In Superbowl XVIII, the Los Angeles Raiders defeat the Washington Redskins 38-9.
- The U. S. wins 83 gold medals at the Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, CA.
- Peter V. Ueberroth is named commissioner of Major League baseball.
- Georgetown wins the NCAA basketball title by defeating Houston, 84-75.

HEADLINES:

- Ronald Reagan posts the greatest landslide victory in Republican party history as he and running mate George Bush easily top Walter Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro in the national election.
- Bernhard Goetz shoots four youths in a New York subway.
- In Bhopal, India, toxic fumes leak from a Union Carbide plant and kill more than 2,500.
- A suicide car bomb explodes outside the U. S. Embassy in Beirut killing 23.