

# IT HAPPENED IN 1989

## NOTABLE:

- Popular songs: “Another Day in Paradise,” Phil Collins; “Like a Prayer,” Madonna; “Miss You Much,” Janet Jackson; “Wind Beneath My Wings,” Bette Midler.
- Zsa Zsa Gabor slaps a Beverly Hills policeman and is sentenced to three days in jail.
- Hotel queen Leona Helmsley is convicted of tax fraud. Her remark that “only little people pay taxes” is widely reported throughout the country.
- Television show debuts: “Life Goes On,” “Coach,” “Cops,” “Rescue 9-1-1,” “Doogie Howser, M.D.”
- Popular movies: “Born on the Fourth of July,” “Driving Miss Daisy,” “Glory,” “My Left Foot,” “Do the Right Thing,” “Batman.”

## COST OF LIVING:

- The cost of first class postage is 25¢.
- The average cost of a gallon of gasoline is \$1.06.
- A Pontiac 6000 LE sells for \$12,299.
- A 50-tablet bottle of Bayer aspirin is \$2.39.

## SPORTS:

- The Oakland A’s defeat the San Francisco Giants to win the World Series in four games.
- In Superbowl XXIII, the San Francisco 49ers defeat the Cincinnati Bengals 20-16.
- Pete Rose is banned for life from baseball for gambling.
- Michigan defeats Seton Hall, 80-79, in overtime to win the NCAA basketball title.

## HEADLINES:

- George Bush and Dan Quayle are sworn in as president and vice president.
- The Exxon Valdez runs aground in Alaska and spills more than 11 million gallons of oil.
- An earthquake measuring 7.1 on the Richter scale kills 62 in San Francisco. The World Series between the San Francisco Giants and the Oakland A’s is postponed for days.
- General Colin Powell is the first African-American chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
- The Berlin Wall is torn down.