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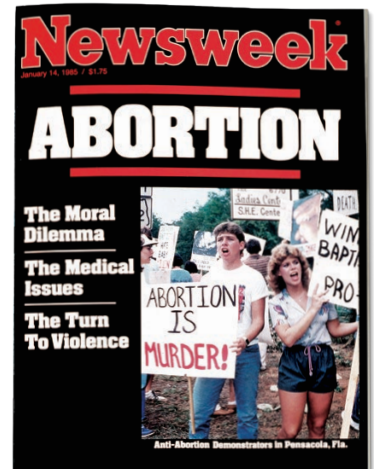
1966

“The gross national product vaulted to \$673 billion (from \$629 billion in 1964), a ‘real’ growth of 5.3 percent after discounting rising prices,” *Newsweek* wrote. By the close of 2023, the United States gross domestic product (GDP) reached approximately \$27.64 trillion—with a 5.2 percent increase in the third fiscal quarter—the largest in the world and a clear indicator of the nation’s strong economic health despite ongoing union strikes across sectors. In addition, unemployment rates fell to 3.7 percent as more than 199,000 jobs were added in November.



1941

“There were almost as many volunteer spotters and firefighters as there were bombs,” *Newsweek* reported in the aftermath of a German incendiary raid on Great Britain. St. Paul’s Cathedral in London, which withstood multiple air raids during “The Blitz,” remains operational today thanks to the efforts of its fire brigade.



1985

“In the *Newsweek* Poll, 58 percent said they would support a ban on legalized abortion except in cases of rape, incest and danger to the mother’s life,” *Newsweek* wrote. In December, the Texas State Supreme Court ruled against a lower court order allowing a pregnant woman, Kate Cox, carrying a fetus with a fatal condition, to access an abortion. **N**