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Over the past year-plus, *China Beat* has run several pieces related to the 1989 protests. For readers who may have missed them originally (or wish for a refresher), here is a short list:

1. Par Cassel, "The Gate of Heavenly Pacification" (6/18/08): "Tian’anmen is by no means a peaceful name, but a name rather fitting to a fledging empire that anxiously protected its claims to legitimacy and busied itself with suppressing rebellion and dissent wherever they showed up."


4. Lauri Paltemaa, "When the Past Catches Up" (2/9/09): Though not a direct reflection on ’89, Paltemaa explores the legacy of the Democracy Movement in the recent Charter ’08; readers may find some of the issues relevant to the upcoming anniversary.

5. Though this is not a *China Beat* piece, readers may be interested in this piece about the importance of rock n’ roll and individualism to the ’89 protests, written by Jeff Wasserstrom for *The Nation* in 2002 (unfortunately only a few paragraphs are available to non-subscribers).

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