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LOOK BACK AT THE EIGHTIES...

1980

News

Reagan defeats Carter

Ronald Reagan defeats Jimmy Carter to become the 40th President of the United States. Reagan swept 44 states, receiving 43,899,248 popular votes and 489 electoral.

Race riots in Miami

Miami race riots took place March 17-19. 14 people were killed and the damage to the city was estimated at over \$100 million dollars. The riots occurred after an all-white jury set free four policemen who had beaten a black insurance man, after chasing him down for a mere traffic violation.

Fire kills 84

Fire in the plush MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada results in 84 deaths.

Washington volcano erupts

Mount St. Helens erupted May 18, spewing ash and debris for 150 square miles. The volcano had been dormant for several years.

Hostage rescue fails

Equipment failure caused the abortion of a mission to rescue the 53 American hostages held in Iran. Eight servicemen lost their lives in the Iranian desert accident while trying to withdraw.

Sports

Olympic Games

The Winter Olympics were held in Lake Placid, N.Y. and the Summer Olympics in Moscow. The most memorable event of the winter games was the defeat of the Russian Nationals in hockey by the young Americans to win the gold. Final score: 4-2 U.S.

The invasion of Afghanistan by the Soviet Union led to a United States boycott of the summer games in Moscow. Other countries participating in the boycott were Canada and New Zealand.

Baseball

Philadelphia defeated Kansas City 4 games to 2 in the World Series. Mike Schmidt was the M.V.P. of the series and other key players included Pete Rose, Tug McGraw, and George Brett.

Football

The Pittsburgh Steelers complete their reign of ter-

ror by winning a fourth Super Bowl title

. In college football, the University of Georgia was named national champions. The Bulldogs, led by Herschel Walker, defeated Notre Dame 17-10 in the Sugar Bowl.

Basketball

The Lakers outlasted the Philadelphia 76ers 4 games to 2 to win the world championship. Kareem Abdul Jabbar was named M.V.P. and rookie phenom Earvin "Magic" Johnson dazzled fans during the series. In college hoops, Louisville ended UCLA's hopes for an 11th national championship by beating the Bruins 59-54 in the championship game.

Entertainment

In television, the big question was who shot J.R.? This mysterious question made "Dallas" America's #1 show. Other favorites included "M*A*S*H", "Love Boat", and "Too Close for Comfort." The most popular new show was "Hill Street Blues."

On the silver screen, the long-awaited sequel to "Star Wars" opened the eighties. "The Empire Strikes Back" captured the minds of America's youth, while movies such as "The Blues Brothers" and "Airplane" made everyone laugh. America met Jason in "Friday the 13th" and Brooke Shields tantalized in "The Blue Lagoon."

Deaths

Alfred Hitchcock, filmmaker/author of "The Birds" and "Vertigo" died April 29.

Steve McQueen, American actor, died November 7.

John Lennon, Beatle, poet, and peace musician, died of gunshot wounds to the head in New York City December 8.

Kentucky Fried "Colonel" Harland Sanders died December 19.

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Hostages Freed

After 444 days in captivity, 52 Americans were set free by the Iranian government January 20th. Also on this day, Ronald Reagan was inaugurated for his first term as President.

Polish Workers Strike

March 20, approximately 500,000 Polish workers of the Solidarity movement stage a two hour strike to protest the severe beatings of workers in Bydgoszen. The movement is led by Lech Walensa.

Reagan shot by Hinkley

Ronald Reagan was shot in the chest by 25 year-

old John W. Hinkley Jr. Also wounded in the assassination attempt were press secretary James Brady, secret serviceman Timothy McCarthy, and local policeman Thomas Delahanty.

Space Shuttle launched

NASA launched its first space shuttle "Columbia". The shuttle successfully orbits Earth for 54 1/2 hours and lands at Edwards Air Force Base in southern California.

Pope shot in parade

Pope John Paul II was shot and seriously wounded while riding in an open car in St. Peter's square in Vatican City. The gunman is identified as a Turkish terrorist.

The Royal Wedding

Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer are married in St. Paul's Cathedral in London July 29. The wedding is televised worldwide.

Sports

Baseball

St. Louis, with the likes of Lonnie and Ozzie Smith, defeats Milwaukee 4 games to 3 to win the World Series.

Football

The Oakland Raiders beat the Philadelphia Eaa in the Super Bowl to become world champions. On the college gridiron, the Penn State Nittany Lions defeated the University of Georgia in the Sugar Bowl to win the national championship.

Basketball

The Boston Celtics, led by 2nd year sensation Larry Bird, defeat the Houston Rockets to win the world championship. In college ball, the Indiana Hoosiers, led by Isaiah Thomas, defeat the Tar Hills of UNC in the national championship game.

Entertainment

In television, NBC begins its reign as king showing top-rated programs like "Family Ties", "Hill Street Blues", and "Cheers." Other popular shows included "Square Pegs" and "Knight Rider."

At the box office, "Tootsie" charmed the nation. Sci-fi flicks also scored well. "E.T.", "Tron", and "Poltergeist" all had good years at theatres. More movies: "Fast Times at Ridgemont High", "An Officer and a Gentleman", and "Conan the Barbarian."

