

SPECIAL EDITION

1988

News

Republicans back

George Bush became the 41st president of the United States, defeating Gov. Michael Dukakis in a campaign that renewed the once-dead practice of mud-slinging. Democrats, however, continued their stronghold on the Congress.

Bad year for air travel

Aloha Airlines flight 243 was forced to land in Maui because a huge chunk of its fuselage is discovered missing in mid-flight. Surprisingly, only one casualty is experienced.

Later in the year, the U.S.S. Vincennes mistakes an Iranian jetliner for a fighter in the Persian Gulf. The Vincennes fires and destroys the craft killing 290 passengers.

Natural disasters abound

2.2 million acres of Yellowstone National Park are destroyed as a drought fed the fire that raged through the tall timbers.

Hurricane Gilbert smashes the Yucatan peninsula, leaving 109 dead, 750,000 homeless, and causing \$10 billion in damages.

Swaggart confesses sin

Televangelist Jimmy Swaggart tearfully admitted to his many followers that he had several encounters with a Louisiana prostitute. Swaggart's fall continued the woes of religion and the mass media.

Sports

Baseball

The Los Angeles Dodgers, led by Orel Hershiser's record 59 straight scoreless innings, defeat the Oakland Athletics in the World Series.

Football

The New York Giants became champions of the world, continuing the dominance of the NFC in the '80s.

Basketball

Charlotte gets an NBA franchise and Michael Jordan is crowned as the M.V.P. of the National Basketball Association. The Lakers fulfill the prophecy of coach Pat Riley and repeated as champions. Los Angeles defeats Detroit in a less-than-friendly series.

Entertainment

Trash TV ruled the airwaves while "The Cosby Show" spawned its first spin-off, "A Different World." "Roseanne" came aboard to challenge Cosby for the sitcom throne.

Home video and the box-office become the rage. Top movies included "Moonstruck", "Rain Man", "Twins", "Cocktail", and "Who Framed Roger Rabbit?"

Soundtracks once again conquered the music scene with "Dirty Dancing" and "Cocktail" leading the way. Def Leppard's "Hysteria" controlled the charts, while L.A.'s hard rock scene exploded producing Guns-n-Roses, L.A. Guns, and Faster Pussycat. Rap music scored its first big hits, with artists DJ Jazzy J and the Fresh Prince, Run D.M.C., and Salt-n-Pepa paving the road.

Deaths

Roy Orbison, rock and roll pioneer, died at the age of 52.

Andy Gibb, pop singer, died at the age of 30.

John Mitchell, U.S. Attorney General, died at the age of 75.

Art Rooney, owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers, died at the age of 89.

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Berlin Wall falls

After many years of existence, the infamous Berlin Wall, a physical sign of the grip of communism fell. East Berliners were allowed unrestricted travel for the first time since pre-World War II. Many Warsaw Pact countries followed suit, allowing citizens to leave their cell-like borders.

With the beginning of several reforms under the policy of glasnost, the Communist party led by Mikhail Gorbachev ushered in, hopefully, an end of an era-- the era known as the Cold War.

Hugo and earthquake

When the NBA's Charlotte Hornets named their mascot Hugo, they never thought that the name would sting the hand that fed it. Hurricane Hugo slammed the Carolinas, destroying anything and everything in its path.

Only a month later, an earthquake measuring 7.0 on the Richter scale rocks the San Francisco Bay area. The quake occurred only moments before the start of a World Series game.

Khomeini and Rushdie

Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini issued a death threat against author Salman Rushdie. Rushdie, author of the revealing book *The Satanic Verses*, goes into hiding.

The Saga of Bakker

Fallen PTL leader Jim Bakker finally came to trial 1989. Trial highlights included a "nervous breakdown" by Bakker, and Tammy Fae Bakker singing on the steps of the Charlotte courthouse. Final verdict: 45 years in prison for Jim.

Zsa Zsa Does Hollywood

Zsa Zsa Gabor grabbed the nation's attention, slapping a police officer who pulled her. Gabor was forced to go to trial, where she continuously claimed she was in the right. The judicial system saw it differently; final verdict: jail and community service.

Sports

Baseball

The Oakland Athletics beat the San Francisco Giants and an earthquake to win the world championship.

Football

San Francisco staked its claim as team of the decade with a Super Bowl victory over the Cincinnati Bengals. Meanwhile, Washington Redskins star Dexter Manley is banned for life after violating the league's substance abuse policies. In college football, Notre Dame and Tony Rice defeated the West Virginia Mountaineers to become national champions.

Basketball

The Charlotte Hornets debut and win 20 games. The Detroit Pistons end the Lakers' hopes of a "three-peat" by defeating the hobbled team in the NBA Finals. Michigan and Glen Rice conquer college basketball with a victory over Seton Hall in the championship game.

Entertainment

Without a question, it was the year of "Batman." From the silver screen to the radio, "Batman" owned entertainment in 1989. Box office receipts, on a whole, reached record heights. "Honey, I Shrank the Kids", "Dead Poet's Society", and "Lethal Weapon II" led an onslaught the likes of which had never been seen.

Talk shows became fashionable in 1989. The old guard led by Johnny Carson, was forced to take heed of newcomers Arsenio Hall and Pat Sajak.

In music, 1989 will forever be remembered as the year of the comeback. Jefferson Airplane, The Who, and The Rolling Stones all staged highly successful tours. The youth of Paula Abdul led the ladies, while Richard Marx guided the men to the top.

Deaths

Lucille Ball, actress and comedienne, died in 1989

Betty Davis, the epitome of Hollywood's leading lady, died in 1989.

Jim Bakkus, star of "Gilligan's Island" and the voice of Mr. Magoo, died in 1989.

Laurence Olivier, though by many to be the world's greatest actor, died in 1989.

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It's up to you to write this one.

**HAPPY
85TH
BIRTHDAY,
GARDNER-
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Beginning next issue, The Pilot will look back at 85 years of Bulldog history.

