



## 1987 in Retrospect

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In 1987 many important events took place in our world in areas of politics, sports, medicine, fashion, and entertainment. With the upcoming election year, candidates began campaigning. This year, more than others, the past lives of prominent politicians were revealed to the public. Gary Hart's involvement with model Donna Rice caused him to lose many supporters and eventually drop out of the presidential race. Before the year was over, however, he re-entered the race. Joe Biden, another presidential candidate, dropped out of the race due to the public knowledge of his crime of plagiarism in his youthful college days. This also was a year for scandals of all sorts. Jim Bakker and lovely wife, Tammy Faye, were in the spotlight for the majority of the year for the media's publicity of his affair with church secretary Jessica Hahn. Oral Roberts, too, was in the news. He stated that God was going to "call him home" if he didn't raise 4.5 million dollars. Concerning our government, the main issue was the Iran-Contra affair with the trials of Oliver North and John Poindexter. Also, two Supreme Court nominees, Robert Bork and Douglas Ginsburg, were both denied appointment because of their past records. The stock market made a record crash on October 19. It was the worst since 1929.

On the bright side of the news, we celebrated the 200th anniversary of the United States Constitution. Secretary General Gorbachev and President Reagan held a summit resulting in the elimination of medium range missiles, and the Pope toured the United States.

In sports the New York Giants defeated the Denver Broncos in the Super Bowl, the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Boston Celtics in the basketball world championship, and the Minnesota Twins defeated the St. Louis Cardinals in the World Series. Syracuse lost to Indiana in the NCAA Basketball championship, and Miami relinquished the victory to Penn State in the Fiesta Bowl for the national championship in football. Julius Erving, Dr. J., one of the greatest basketball players of all time, retired this year after 16 seasons and 30,026 points in the pros.

AIDS-Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome-became a great American fear. This deadly disease killed more people in 1987 than ever before. The media tried to educate the public about this disease as a measure for prevention. The issue of safe sex by use of condoms was spurred by the AIDS epidemic.

The year 1987 was a year for remakes and returns in music. Boston, the Grateful Dead, and Pink Floyd all made startling reappearances. Michael Jackson, U2, Bon Jovi, Genesis, Whitney Houston, and Whitesnake produced top albums for the year. LL Cool J., Jody Watley, Tiffany, Richard Marx, and Debbie Gibson were exciting newcomers to the music field.

Many interesting, action-packed movies were released this year. People always had an alternative recreation — they could go and see a movie. Among the favorites were "Dirty Dancing", "Platoon", "Fatal Attraction", "Angel Heart", and "Full Metal Jacket". There was a great variety and many award winning films.

If the public didn't want to go out and spend money at the theater, they could stay home and enjoy home entertainment; whether it was a comedy with Bruce Willis and Cybil Shepherd, called Moonlighting, a talk show with Oprah Winfrey, or some of the popular tunes on MTV, they were well satisfied. Another attraction was renting movies and watching them on the VCR, which was cheaper and had a more relaxing atmosphere.

The year of 1987 was a spectacular year. All events seemed to relate to the past. Past lives of politicians, remakes of songs, and repetition of styles in fashion, all took us back in time and gave us insight into the future.



1987 — The year in pictures



Coach Kluttz wonders if he did his job well enough.



"Big Guy" points out the finer things to Cricket and Palmer.

## Ending the Year With a "Crash"

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Over Christmas vacation Albemarle students turned this little, peaceful town into a demolition derby. The accidents ranged from simple "bump-ups" to major collisions. Even though these wrecks are taken humorously, no serious injuries were experienced.

Leaving his home on December 20, little did Mr. Charles Brown know what tragedy awaited his son. Palmer, traveling through Badin, ignored the speed limit in the vicinity of Alcoa. Palmer came upon a sharp curve and due to the excessive speed of the car, was unable to keep it on the road and ventured to the right bank. His life flashed before him, and Palmer quickly pulled the car left. The car went flying across the road to the right side. Meeting a ditch at top speed, Palmer became airborne. Palmer landed safely while his car landed on its left-side bumper. He then called the tow truck and went home. Damage to the car is unknown.

Stephanie Hinson and Jon Harwood, bored with Albemarle, decided to travel to Charlotte. Unfortunately, they picked a rainy morning to make this trip. At an intersection, a car made a left turn in front of Stephanie. She swerved to the left and the cars brushed bumpers. Traveling in

the left lane, she saw a truck coming straight at her and she tried to swerve to the right. However, the rain prevented her attempt and instead she made a 360 degree turn and finally stopped at the edge of a 10 foot embankment. However, since the rain had begun to turn the embankment into mud, the car flipped, eventually coming to rest against a tree. Stephanie and Jon ended up on the car's hood but were rescued by a neighbor who had observed the accident. Jon, being the scared soul he is, soiled his pants and the people were reluctant in helping him out of the car. Luckily no one was hurt and the only real damage to Stephanie's car was that all the glass had been knocked out.

Limited vision from iced-over windows caused Mary K. Page to slam into her dad's car on her own street. Later, on Park Ridge Road, a wet spot caused loss of traction and Mary K. jumped a curb, slid down an 8 ft. cliff, and ended with her Honda stuck upright in the mud inches from an apartments' glass doors. Mary K. sustained a bruised head, knee, and pride. Her Honda died.

The Police called it a total loss when the "Wahoo Wagon" wrapped around a tree on Melchor Road. Samy Lamp took a sharp curve a little too fast and passengers Angie McManus, Ward Misenheimer, and

Valerie Haynes found a new meaning of togetherness. The "total loss" was taken to East Albemarle Texaco. The fender was pulled out, 2 new wheels put on, and thirty dollars later the "Wahoo Wagon" rides again!

The lure of icy roads is not for the faint-hearted. Angela Hedrick and Robin Helms were cruising the snow scene when Wayne Pickler, Samy Lamp, Reece and Pete Speight slid into their 3-wheeler. As if that experience wasn't enough, the guys also bumped Angela's Dad's car, too. Fortunately, the only injury was to Wayne's bumper. Moss Springs Road is not the place to be next snow day, Wayne.

Being friendly can have its price — \$1,000 to be precise. The stoplight up from the Post Office drew less attention than a passing friend for Cricket Morton. Cricket threw up a hand to wave and rammed right into a truck. The Honda isn't running yet, but Cricket's friends always wave when she's out walking.

Even though there were quite a few accidents over the holidays, fortunately no one was hurt. There will always be jarheads out on the roads, so remember: "Drive safely and be sure to watch out for deer. They get up and walk away, but they sure do screw your car up!"