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Week of August 8, 1991

After being held hostage for almost 5 years, Edward Tracy is released in Beirut. Tracy was a bookseller and writer when he was kidnapped exclaimed, "I'm surprised the world is still here. I thought that it had powdered off somewhere. I'm really happy to see a tree and hear an airplane and hear an automobile. I am amazed and baffled."

Islamic fundamentalists are still holding 10 hostages, 5 of which are Americans. Tracy is the first American hostage to be released in 15 months.

The Soviet Union says it will renew full diplomatic ties with Israel next month. The Soviet Union cut diplomatic relations with Israel after the 1967 Middle East war, in which Israel captured land from Masco's Arab allies.

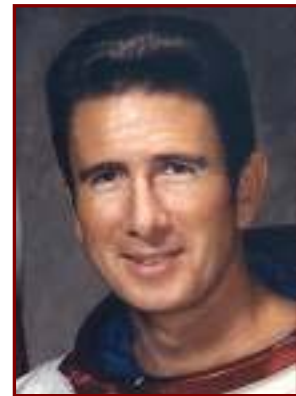


Broadcasting from the Pan American games from Cuba; ABC-TV's **Brent Musburger** tells USA Today "there are tremendous shortages of food; why, our hotel ran out of chicken after yesterday. Come on, after only three days? He continued: "these hotels haven't changed since the 1960's. They have the same creaky doors on the pink bathtubs. You look out a window and see a '51 Chevy going by and you take your chances on whether or not you'll get hot water in the shower."

Passings this week - **James Irwin** (61) of a heart attack. One of 12 astronauts to walk on the moon. Irwin was part of the Apollo 15 team in 1971.

Sam Goody (87). Real name Samuel Gutowitz. Nicknamed "Goody" as a child. Opened his first record store after WWI in Manhattan.

Doug Kiker (61) - NBC correspondent - most recently reported for the NBC nightly news with Tom Brokaw. Apparent Heart Attack.



On sale at CompuServe - Guide on mastering DOS - \$18.95 includes videotape.

Nickelodeon debuts three cartoons - Doug, The Ren & Stimpy Show and Rugrats:

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Doug is a painfully average 11-year-old kid who muddles through tough childhood experiences. **Ren & Stimpy** are a depleted asthmatic Chihuahua and his fat feline, hairball-spitting sidekick. Each episode is an animated world of chaos. Rugsrats is a ground-eye perspective of a 1-year-old.

60 minutes this week will pay tribute to Harry Reasoner, who died at 68 last week. Andy

Rooney will narrate a 14 testimonial, including clips and three interviews with persons who knew him well.

Bestsellers include "Chutzpah" - Alan Dershowitz, "And The Beat Goes On" - Sonny Bono, "The Firm" - John Grisha, "The Kitchen God's Wife" - Any Tan.

Monday Night TV (starts at 8pm eastern)...(CBS) Evening Shade, Major Dad, Murphy Brown, Designing Woman, Northern Exposure...(NBC) Fresh Prince Of Bel Air, Blossom, Movie...(ABC) Monday Night Football - exhibition game...

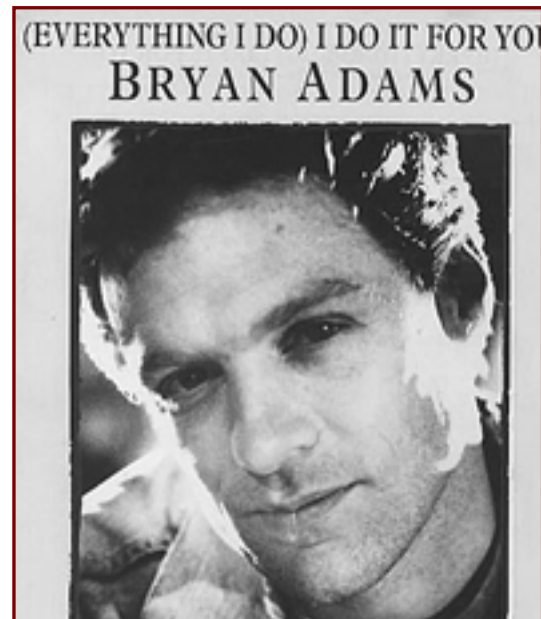
NBC movie is "Winnie" (1988) w/Meredeth Baxter, David Morse and Barbara Barrie.

The Ron Reagan show premieres in syndication.

Pop music this week in 1991 -

"Everything I Do, I Do For You" - Bryan Adams, "P.A.S.S.I.O.N. " - Rhythm Syndicate, "Every Heartbeat" - Amy Grant, "Fading Like A Flower (Everytime You Leave)" - Roxette, "Summertime" - D.J. Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince, "Wind Of Change" - Scorpions, "Temptation" - Corina, "I'll Be There" - The Escape Club, "Piece Of My Heart" - Tara Kemp "I Can't Wait Another Minute" - Hi-Five

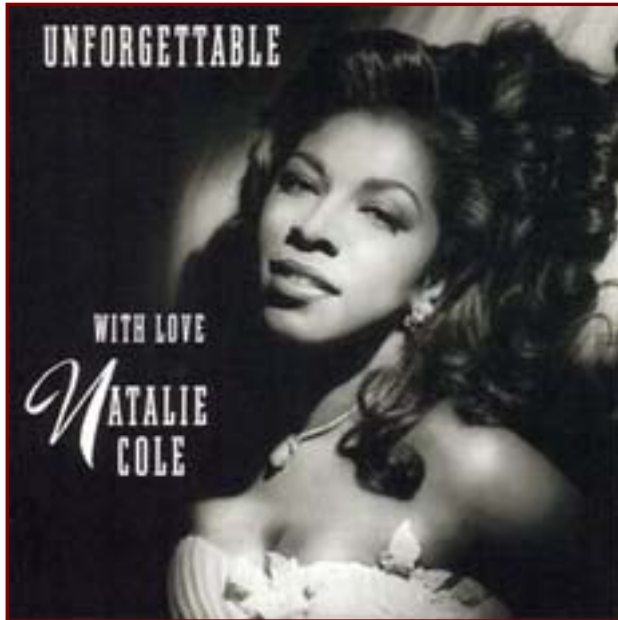
On a country road - "I Am A Simple Man" - Ricky Van Shelton, "She's In Love With The Boy" - Trisha Yearwood, "You Know Me Better Than That" - George Straight,



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"Here We Are" - Alabama, "Point Of Light" - Randy Travis, "The Thunder Rolls" - Garth Brooks



Top Albums - "Luck Of The Draw" - Bonnie Rait, "Gonna Make You Sweat" - C+C Music Factory, "Unforgettable" - Natalie Cole, "Cooley High Harmony" - Boys II Men, "For Unlawful Carnal Knowledge" - Van Halen.

At the movies –

Double Impact - Jean-Claude Van Damme

Terminator 2 - Arnold Schwarzenegger

Regarding Henry - Harrison Ford, Annette Bening

Hot Shots - Charlie Sheen

Delirious - John Candy

Doc Hollywood - Michael J. Fox, Julie Warner.

