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Edwin Mease II, the most controversial attorney general since John N. Mitchell, declares that an independent counsel's 14-month investigation "has completely vindicated him" and is quitting the post.

Rescue workers claw free six people from the wreckage of a department store that collapsed during a thunderstorm in Brownsville, Tex - killing 15 and injuring 47.

The U.S. embassy says it will no longer process Soviets who want to settle in the U.S. as refugees until Oct 1 because a huge surge in immigrants has exhausted government funds. Armenians, who were the hardest hit by the move, criticize the decision.



World's worst oil field disaster - 166 people are feared dead after an explosion and fire roars through an Occidental Petroleum Corp oil platform operating in the North Sea. 64 of 230 have been rescued from the water near the still-burning wreckage.

The nation's unemployment rate falls from 5.5% in May to 5.2% in June, the lowest jobless level in more than 14

years.

Gunman hurling grenades and firing submachine guns attack a cruise ship carrying 570 people, killing three and injuring at least 60 others. The ship was on a 24-hour cruise around the Aegean islands near Athens, Greece.

Democrat Michael S. **Dukakis** names Sen. Lloyd **Bensten** as his running mate. Jesse Jackson said he wasn't angry at being passed over, but he pointedly refused to endorse Dukakis' choice.



Best selling books -

To Be The Best - Barbara Taylor Bradford

Alaska - James Michener

Zoya - Danielle Steel

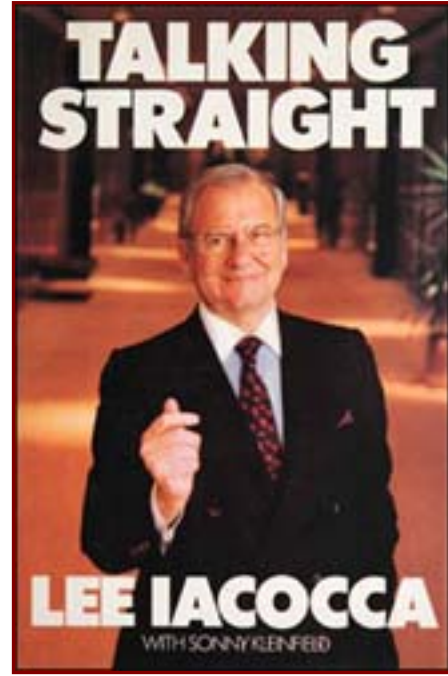
The Icarus Agenda - Robert Ludlum

Love In The Time Of Cholera - Gabriel Garcia Marquez

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The Bonfire of the Vanities - Tom Wolfe  
People Like us - Dominick Dunne  
A Thief of Time - Tony Hillerman  
A Brief History Of Time: From the Big Bang To  
Black Holes - Stephen W. Hawking  
Talking Straight - Lee Iacocca with Sonny  
Kleinfield  
Show Time: Inside the Laker's Breakthrough  
Season - Pat Riley  
Trump: The Art of the Deal - Donald J. Trump  
Picasso: Creator and Destroyer - Arianna  
Stassinopoulos  
The 8-Week Cholesterol Cure - Robert E.  
Kowalski



The decomposed body of Bret Michael Starr is found in a suburban Tampa, Florida home leased by his father, former Green Bay Packers quarter back Bart Starr. There was no obvious sign of trauma to the body. Bret Starr moved to Tampa in late 1984 and was part owner of a wholesale exotic fish and reptile importing company called Gulf Coast Fisheries.



Television news - the leaders of two media watchdog groups call on CBS to apologize to the nation and to fire the cartoon super hero "**Mighty Mouse**," in which they allege the super hero inhales cocaine. Producers say the hero smelled the crushed flowers given to him earlier by Polly Pineblossom. The two groups are "Accuracy in Media" and "The American Family Assn."

Michael Jackson is set to star in a 90-minute special for NBC-TV July 30. "Michael Jackson Around The World" will consist of footage personally selected by Jackson from his current international tour to promote his latest album "Bad."

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## TV Ratings -

**Nightingales** - 18.9  
Night Court - 17.5  
Cheers - 17.2  
The Cosby Show - 16.6  
A Different World - 16.5  
L.A. Law - 15.4  
The Golden Girls - 15.1  
ALF - 14.9  
Who's the Boss? - 14.0  
Hogan Family - 13.8  
Movie - Brass - 13.6  
Amen - 13.2  
Head of the Class - 13.2  
Growing Pains - 12.9  
Perfect Strangers (Tues) - 12.9  
Murder, She Wrote - 12.7  
Hunter - 12.7  
60 Minutes - 12.5  
Matlock - 12.4  
Newhart - 11.7  
Designing Women - 11.6  
Hooperman - 11.2  
Blue Skies - 11.1  
J.J. Starbuck - 11.1  
Movie - Crash Course - 11.0  
Miami Vice - 10.9  
20/20 - 10.8  
227 - 10.7



## Monday night television -

CBS - Blue Skies, Newhart, Designing Women, Magnum, P.I.

NBC - ALF, Hogan Family, Movie

ABC - Special/Drugs, Why This Plague? Lace

PBS - Adventure, The First Eden, Origins

On MTV nights - Monty Python's Flying Circus



Syndicated - Morton Downey Jr. (usually airing latenights).

MTV bans a video by Neil Young "**This Note's For You**" because it mentions such commercial

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products as Coke, Pepsi and Budweiser dog Spuds MacKenzie. The video is a spoof of pop-star pitch people like Michael Jackson, Whitney Houston and Eric Clapton.

Radio news - another major-market AM station drops music in favor of talk. It's no surprise that KFI-AM (640) in Los Angeles is going talk this week. They bring in Tom Leykis from talk station KFYI in Phoenix to do afternoon talk. Gary Owens and Al Lohman - two well-known disc jockeys, remain in mornings. KFI had been airing talk blocks - but now, the music is completely dropped.



Concert news - Poor ticket sales plague the "**Monsters of Rock**" tour since it began in the East a few weeks ago. Promoters are abandoning plans for second shows in San Francisco and Los Angeles. The marathon show consists of 10 hours of Van Halen, Scorpions, Dokken, Metallica and Kingdom Come.

Concert news - Prince opens his "Lovesexy" world concert tour in Paris this week with a three-night stand. Concert dates are set for Milan, Marbella and London in July.

Syndicated radio - Oldies show heard around the country - on 250 stations - "Live From the 60's" With The Real Don Steele." Produced by L.A. radio veteran M.G. Kelly.



Music - Michael Omansky of RCA records is using a 900 line to promote "He's The D.J., I'm The Rapper" by **D.J. Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince**. If you call 1-900-909-JEFF, you'll get details on the group's background, interests and thoughts on recording their album (listed below). It'll cost you \$2 for the first minute and 35 cents for each additional minute.

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Back on the Country music charts and movin' up - Buck Owens is back with a single. He's teamed with Dwight Yoakam for "In The Streets of Bakersfield."

## Top Video Cassette rentals -

Fatal Attraction  
Throw Mama From The Train  
The Witches of Eastwick  
Overboard  
Full Metal Jacket  
The Untouchables  
Nuts  
Baby Boom  
**The Running Man**  
Adventures in Babysitting



## Pop music this week in 1988 -

The Flame - Cheap Trick  
Pour Some Sugar On Me - Def Leppard  
New Sensation - INXS  
Mercedes Boy - Pebbles  
Roll With It - Steve Winwood  
Hands To Heaven - **Breathe**  
Hold On To The Nights - Richard Marx  
Make Me Lose Control - Eric Carmen  
Nothin' But A Good Time - Poison  
Nite and Day - Al B. Sure!  
Lost In You - Rod Stewart  
Rush Hour - Jane Wiedlin  
Sign Your Name - Terence Trent D'Arby  
Foolish Beat - Debbie Gibson  
The Valley Road - Bruce Hornsby & The Range  
Dirty Diana - Michael Jackson  
1-2-3 - Gloria Estefan & The Miami Sound Machine



## Some top albums -

Hysteria - Def Leppard  
Appetite For Destruction - Guns N' Roses  
Faith - George Michael  
Stronger Than Pride - Sade



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Open Up And Say...Ahh! - Poison  
Ou812 - Van Halen  
Dirty Dancing - soundtrack  
Tracy Chapman  
More Dirty Dancing - soundtrack  
Let it Loose - Gloria Estefan & Miami  
Sound Machine  
**Scenes From The Southside - Bruce  
Hornsby & The Range**  
Now and Zen - Robert Plant.



Other Albums -  
He's The D.J., I'm The Rapper - D.J.  
Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince  
Bad - Michael Jackson  
Lap of Luxury - Cheap Trick  
Pebbles - Pebbles  
Tougher Than Leather - Run-D.M.C.  
Roll With It - Steve Winwood  
Savage Amusement - Scorpions  
Kick - INXS  
The Hardline According To Terence Trent D'Arby  
In Effect Mode - Al B.Sure!  
Conscious party - Ziggy Marley & The Melody Makers  
Whenever You Need Somebody - Rick Astley  
Lovesexy - Prince  
Richard Marx - Richard Marx  
Red Strikes Back - Elton John

Top Country Hits  
Set 'Em Up - **Vern Gosdin**  
If You Change Your Mind - Roseanne Cash  
Don't We All Have The Right? - Ricky Van Shelton  
Talkin' To The Wrong Man - Michael Martin  
Murphey/Ryan Murphy  
Baby Blue - George Straight  
Just One Kiss - Exile  
Bluest Eyes In Texas - Restless Heart  
Sunday Kind of Love - Reba McEntire  
Don't Close Your Eyes - Keith Whitley  
The Wanderer - Eddie Rabbit



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Givers And Takers - Schuyler, Knoblock and Bickhardt

Country Albums -

Alabama Live - Alabama

Reba - Reba McEntire

If You Ain't Lovin' You Ain't Livin' - George Strait

The Royal Treatment - Billy Joe Royal

King's Record Shop - Roseanne Cash

Chiseled in Stone - Vern Gosdin

Wild Eyed Dream - Ricky Van Shelton

Greatest Hits Vol. 2 - George Strait

Born To Boggie - Hank Williams Jr.

Wild Streak - Hank Williams Jr.



Heard in clubs (Let's dance) -

Theme From S-Express - S-Express

The Party - Kraze

Jingo - Jellybean

I'm Tired of Getting Pushed Around

- Two Men A Drum Machine & A

Trumpet

What's On Your Mind - Information Society

Bass (How Low Can You Go) - Simon Harris

The Right Stuff - Vanessa Williams

Beat Dis - Bomb The Bass



At the movies -

**Big** - Tom Hanks

**A Fish Called Wanda** - John Cleese, Jamie Lee Curtis, Kevin Kline, Michael Palin

**Arthur 2 (on the rocks)** - Dudley Moore, Liza Minnelli

**Who Framed Roger Rabbit?**

**Phantasm II** - James Le Gors, Reggie Bannister, Angus Scrimm, Paula Irvine, Kenneth Tigar

**The Great Outdoors** - Dan Akroyd, John Candy

**Coming to America** - Eddie Murphy

**DA** - Barnard Hughes, Martin Sheen, William Hickey, Doreen Hepburn

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**Shot Circuit 2** - Fisher Stevens, Michael McKean, Cynthia Gibb, Jack Weston, Tim Blaney

**Rambo III** - Sylvester Stallone, Richard Crenna

**Beethoven's Nephew** - Wolfgang Reichmann, Dietmar Prinz, Jane Birkin, Mathieu Carriere

**Bull Durham** - Kevin Costner, Susan Sarandon, Tim Robbins, Trey Wilson, Robert Wuhl

**License to Drive** - Corey Haim, Corey Feldman, Carol Kane, Richard Masur

**Big Business** - Bette Midler, Lily Tomlin

**Willow** -

**A World Apart** - Barbara Hershey

**Red Heat** - Arnold Schwarzenegger, James Belushi, Peter Boyle, Ed O'Ross

