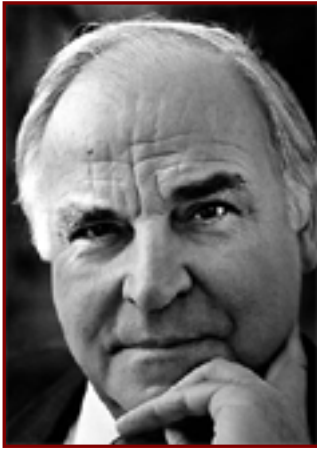


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Chancellor Helmut Kohl under international pressure agrees that a reunited Germany will recognize Poland's postwar borders. "Mistakes were made on all sides, including me." The Polish government welcomed the Chancellor's change of heart.

Legislatures in the Soviet Union vote to allow private entrepreneurs to own and operate small businesses, even factories and to hire their own workers. The move is described as the "pivot" of President Mikhail Gorbachev's economic reforms. The move breaks the long-held socialist principle of a governmental monopoly in industry based on the theoretical superiority of state ownership as a means for production.

The Air Force's **SR-71** flies into retirement this week, but not after smashing a transcontinental speed record - zapping from Los Angeles to Washington DC in 1 hour, 8 minutes and 17 seconds. The plane flies at an average speed of 2,200 mph - almost 500mph more than the commercial Concorde. The jet will be housed at the Smithsonian.



MGM/UA Communications agrees to be sold for \$1.27 billion to Pathe Communications Co of Italy.

Bestsellers - "Devices and Desires" - P.D. James, "Oh, The Places You'll Go!" - Doctor Seuss, "The Bad Place" - Dean R. Koontz, "Vineland" - Thomas Pynchon, "Megatrends" 2000" - John Naisbitt/Patricia Auburdene, "Barbarians At The Gate" - Bryan Burroughs/John Helyar, "Secrets About Men Every Woman Should Know" - Barbara DeAngelis, "Beware The Naked Man Who Offers You His Shirt" - Harvey Mackay.

Television news - "Channel One" - an advertiser-supported classroom channel debuts this week. The initial broadcast was seen for the first time in 400 schools. 2,900 schools in 34 states have signed up for the channel.

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A "pilot diner" - Dick Clark's "American Bandstand Grill" opens in Miami. The restaurant is a joint venture with Harmon Entertainment of New Jersey. Hopefully - the theme diner will catch on.

Andy Rooney returns to "60 Minutes" after being suspended after a statement he had made about homosexuals in December. At the end of his first program back, he said to viewers - "What Do I say to defend myself? Do I say: I am not a racist? That sounds like

saying: I am not a crook."

It's announced that syndicated radio talker **Rush Limbaugh** will get a shot at national television, when he will host Pat Sajak's show on CBS March 30. Limbaugh is syndicated on more than 170 radio stations on the EIB radio network, with more stations pending.



Bob Newhart says he's leaving his CBS Monday night comedy "Newhart." The network wanted to continue the show into its ninth season, but producer MTM complicated the deal too much for the star.

It's announced that Fox will carry the Prime Time Emmy Awards show for the next three years. Currently, the network has 129 affiliates.



Bill Cosby and Sammy Davis Jr. will take care of the funeral expenses for **Cornell Gunter**, singer of the 50's pop group "The Coasters." Gunter was found shot to death in his car last week in Las Vegas.

TV Ratings - Roseanne (22.7), The Cosby Show (22.4), Cheers (22.3), 60 Minutes (22.0), Funniest Home Videos (21.8), A Different World (21.0), Movie-The Incident (20.8), Golden Girls (20.1), Empty Nest (19.5), Wonder Years (19.2).

Fox television says it is adding two new shows to the schedule later this month - Francis Ford Coppola's "The Outsiders" and "In Living Color" - a sketch comedy starring Keenan Ivory Wayans.

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Ha! - A 24-hour comedy channel announces some of its lineup. Debuting April 1, it will show classic comedy shows like Candid Camera, McHale's Navy and Your Show of Shows, plus some original programs including "The Big Room," "Spotlight Talent," "London Underground" and gameshow "Clash." ... "The Big Room" features standup comic acts on location. First featured is Mort Sahl.

Sunday Night television - CBS - 60 Minutes, Murder, She Wrote, Movie ... NBC - Movie, Movie ... ABC - Life Goes On, America's Funniest Home Videos, Movie.

NBC Movie#1 - "Can't Buy Me Love" (1987) Patrick Dempsey, Amanda Peterson



CBS Movie - TV Movie - "The Incident" - Walter Matthau, Harry Morgan

NBC Movie #2 - "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" (1986), Matthew Broderick, Alan Ruck

ABC Movie - "**Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home**" - William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy

Music news -

In Rapid City, SD - Motley Crue storms off the stage for about 20 minutes after lead singer **Vince Neil** gets hit in the face with a cup of ice. He was treated for superficial injuries after the concert.



Coca-Cola says its New Coke will get a new name - Coke II. A spokesman says Coke II would be sold initially in one city within the next few months. The formula of the newly named beverage will not change. New Coke is nearing its fifth anniversary.

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Pop music this week in 1990 -

Escapade- Janet Jackson
Roam - B-52's.

Dangerous- Roxette
Opposites Attract- Paula Abdul

Black Velvet- Alannah Myles
Price of Love- Bad English
No More Lies- Michel'le
Love Will Lead You Back- Taylor Dayne

Here We Are- Gloria Estefan
I Go To Extremes- Billy Joel
C'mon And Get My Love- D-Mob
Introducing Cathy Dennis

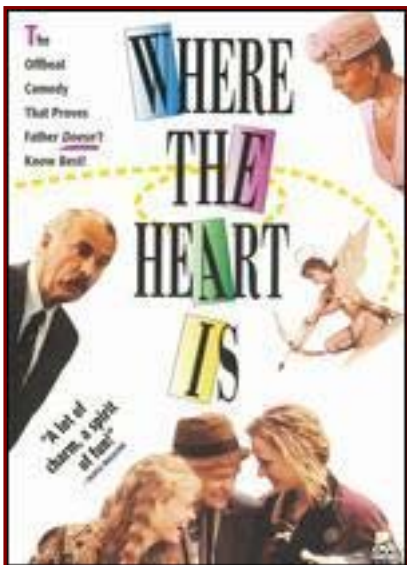
Just A Friend- Biz Markie
Too Late To Say Goodbye- Richard Marx

We Can't Go Wrong- The Cover Girls
I Wish It Would Rain Down- Phil Collins.



Top albums - "Forever Your Girl" - Paula Abdul, "Rhythm Nation 1814" - Janet Jackson, "Cosmic Thing" - The B-52's, "Girl You Know It's True" - Milli Vanilli

Top country - "No Matter How High" - The Oak Ridge Boys, "Chains" - Patty Loveless.



At the movies –

The Hunt For Red October - Sean Connery, Alec Baldwin, Scott Glenn

Driving Miss Daisy

Hard To Kill - Steven Seagal

Where The Heart Is - Dabney Coleman, Joanna Cassidy

Madhouse - John Larroquette, Kirstie Alley

Born on the Fourth Of July - Tom Cruise

Internal Affairs - Richard Gere, Andy Garcia

Men Don't Leave - Jessica Lange, Joan Cusack

Stella - Bette Midler, John Goodman

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