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William Bennett steps down as President Bush's anti-drug abuse Czar, citing Mayor Marion Barry's use of cocaine for making his job harder because "that was part of the problem." He was asked how Barry's cocaine problems affected the administration's efforts on drugs "Did the fact that the mayor used cocaine and crack make it easier or harder? It made it harder. You got a real serious problem when the chief executive officer of the city that has a drug problem is taking crack."

President Bush orders a massive buildup of U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf, doubling troops to almost 500,000. The new deployment includes heavy armor and three more aircraft carrier task groups. Said Bush - "I have not ruled out the use of force at all, and I think that's evident by what we're doing here today."

Japan's Emperor Akihito is enthroned at a ceremony at the Imperial palace. Royalty, heads of state and special envoys from 158 nations assembled for the 30-minute enthronement rite - the first such ceremony in 62 years.

Bill Gates, Microsoft Corp Chairman gives the keynote address at the huge Comdex trade show in Las Vegas. Gates' vision of things to come - a computing world where a standard desktop machine will give access to a broad range of text, voice and video information at the click of a mouse. He also said that barriers between different software programs, word processing, spreadsheets and the like would disappear. Also at the show - Advanced Micro Devices (AMD) demonstrates its long-awaited clone of Intel's hot 386 chip - the AM386.



SoundScan Inc and BPI Communications (owners of Billboard magazine) are battling it out to sign the most record stores - to help them launch competing computerized systems that would provide more accurate data on record sales. The rival companies each promise to provide more detailed sales information to record companies. Billboard magazine's current ranking of the top 100 pop LP's is estimated from about 200 retailers via phone call tallies. In the past, the data was easier to sway. The new music data systems (from point of sale bar codes) promise to be less susceptible to influence or inaccuracy. Industry analysts say that it is unlikely the industry can support both systems. The Billboard album charts are a heavy influence for radio programmers who determine how often album cuts get played on the air.

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After failing it the first two times - **John F. Kennedy Jr.** (29) learns he has passed the New York Bar examination. "I got the word. I'm very relieved." It's a good thing. He was being identified with the phrase - "the hunk that flunked."

Passing - actress **Eve Arden** (82). Last seen in "Grease II." Starred in radio & TV's "Our Miss Brooks" in the 50's and "Mothers-In-Law" in the 60's. Born Eunice Quedens, she died of heart failure, but had been battling cancer. The actress also appeared in more than 75 films. _

The **zoot suit** is making a comeback. Bandleader **Cab Calloway** (now 84) helped create the trend in the late 30's to coincide with the jitterbug craze. You couldn't miss him in his peg pants, wide knees, wide lapels and shoulders and big-brimmed hat.



In Sports - **Darryl Strawberry** signs a five-year contract with the Dodgers. Strawberry became a free agent after eight years with the Mets. His contract totals about \$20.5 million.

"The Rocky Horror Picture Show" is released on videotape this week by CBS/Fox. The price is a steep - \$89.98. According to producer Lou Adler, the 1975 film still grosses between \$225,000 and \$350,000 every week in theaters.



Passing - **Stormie Jones** (13) - was only 6 when she received the world's first simultaneous heart-liver transplant. The Texas girl suffered from a rare genetic condition that elevated her cholesterol level 10 times above normal

Bestsellers -

The Plains of Passage - Jean M. Auel

Lady Boss - Jackie Collins

Four Past Midnight - Stephen King

The Witching Hour - Anne Rice

Memories of Midnight - Sidney Sheldon

Buffalo Girls - Larry McMurtry

Homecoming - John Bradshaw

By Way of Deception - Victor Ostrovsky and Claire Hoy

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Get To The Heart: My Story - Barbara Mandrell

The Civil War: An Illustrated History - Geoffrey C. Ward

Millie's Book - As Dictated to Barbara Bush (Millie is the White House dog)

Ava: My Story - Ava Gardner



A security guard is arrested and charged with arson in a fire at Universal Studios in Hollywood, which destroyed or damaged 20% of the 420-acre complex's lot. The studio says most of the damage was centered in the outdoor sets - most notably New York Street where "The Sting," "Dick Tracy," and "Kojak" were filmed. The next day, the tour tram still operated, rolling past smoldering remains of sets including "Back to the Future." The only main attraction not operating on the tour is the King Kong exhibit, which had slight damage.

The cast of NBC's "Cheers" arrives in Boston - the hometown of the show's fictional tavern, in celebration of the 200th show. Cast members are scheduled to participate in a series of activities including a motorcade through downtown.

The Phil Donahue show heads to St Louis to tape "Can Anything Be Done To Save This Dying City?"

NBC and Eveready (The Energizer Bunny) announce plans to launch a cross-promotional contest. NBC says ads will appear by the end of the year depicting the bunny with the network's logo and stars. The ad will look like part of the featured NBC show and viewers will be asked to mail in entries guessing which show the bunny will appear.

ABC cancels Steven Bochco's "**Cop Rock.**" The expensive cop show combined a dark and often-satiric police drama with five musical numbers each episode. ABC, doing a minute-by-minute ratings analysis of the series, said that viewers began to



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tune out as soon as any of the characters began to sing.



Keenen Ivory Wayans, creator of “In Living Color,” enters into an exclusive agreement with 20th Century Fox to produce motion picture and television programs.

Television top-10:

Cheers

60 Minutes

A Different World

Designing Women/Murphy Brown (tie)

Empty Nest

Roseanne/Funniest Home Videos (tie)

Murder, She Wrote

Unsolved mysteries

Tuesday Night television -

CBS - Rescue 911, Head of the Class, Movie

NBC - Matlock, In The Heat Of The Night, Law & Order

ABC - Who's The Boss, Head of the Class, Roseanne, Coach, Thirtysomething

PBS - Nova, Korea: Unknown War

CNBC - Morton Downey Jr., Business View, Dick Cavett, America's Vital Signs, McLaughlin

CBS Movie - “Uncle Buck” (1989) - John Candy, Amy Madigan

Pop music this week in 1990 -

Love Takes Time - Mariah Carey

Ice Ice Baby - **Vanilla Ice**

Black Cat - Janet Jackson

Pray - M.C. Hammer

Unchained Melody - Righteous Brothers

More Than Words Can Say - Alias

Giving You The Benefit - Pebbles

Groove Is In The Heart - Deee-Lite

Can't Stop - After 7

Suicide Blonde - INXS

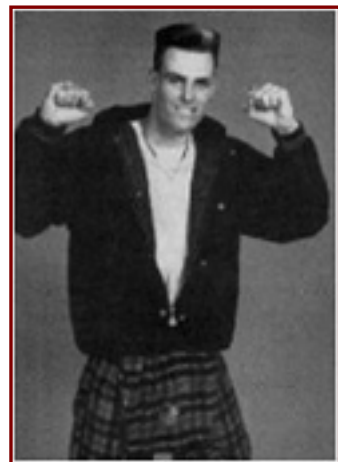
Cherry Pie - Warrant

Knockin' Boots - Candyman

Hippychick - Soho

Joey - Concrete Blonde

Say A Prayer - Breathe



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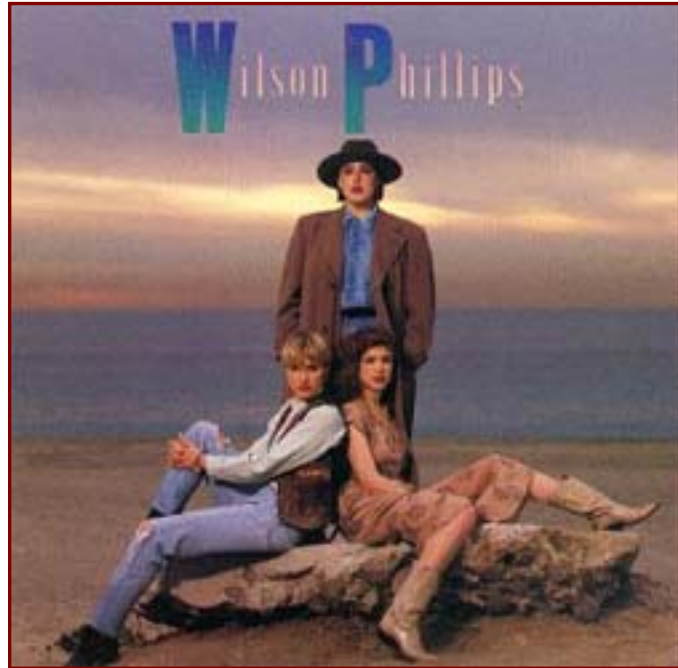
B.B.D (I Thought It Was Me) - Bell Biv DeVoe
Lyn' To Myself - David Cassidy
I Don't Have The Heart - James Ingram
Heart Like A Wheel - Human League
I'm Your Baby Tonight - Whitney Houston

Top albums -

To the Extreme - Vanilla Ice
INXS - The Vaughan Brothers
Please Hammer Don't Hurt 'Em
- M.C. Hammer
Wilson Phillips - Wilson Phillips
Mariah Carey - Mariah Carey
Poison - Bell Biv DeVoe
Reycler - ZZ Top
Family Style - The Vaughan
Brothers
Listen Without Prejudice -
George Michael
The Razors Edge - AC/DC

Other albums -

Tripping The Live Fantastic -
Paul McCartney
Alias - Alias
Enlightenment - Van Morrison
Goddess - Soho
Labour of Love II - UB40
Ragged Glory - Neil Young & Crazy Horse
Shake Your Moneymaker - The Black Crowes
Original Motion Picture soundtrack - Ghost
The Capitol Years - Frank Sinatra
World Clique - Dee-Lite
Do Me Gain - Freddie Jackson
Eyes Don't Lie - Donny Osmond
Feeding Frenzy - Jimmy Buffet
The Sounds of Murphy Brown - TV soundtrack album
Listen Up - The Lives of Quincy Jones
Empire - Queensryche



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Top Country -
You Lie - Reba McEntire

At the movies -

Child's Play 2 - Alex Vincent, Jenny Agutter, Gerrit Graham

Jacob's Ladder - Tim Robbins, Mario Kassar, Andrew Vajna, Elizabeth Pena

Ghost - Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore, Whoopi Goldberg.

White Palace - Susan Sarandon, James Spader



Dances With Wolves -

Kevin Costner, Mary
McDonnell, Graham Greene,
Rodney A. Grant

Sibling Rivalry - Kirstie Alley,
Bill Pullman, Carrie Fisher

Mr. Destiny - James Belushi,
Michael Caine

Tune In Tomorrow - Barbara
Hershey, Keanu Reeves

Pacific Heights - Michael
Keaton

Memphis Belle - Matthew

Modine, Eric Stoltz

Quigley Down Under - Tom Selleck, Laura San Giacomo

Goodfellas - Robert de Niro, Joe Pesci

Stephen King's Graveyard Shift.