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Every individual will remember the school year 1985-1986 by his own special memories. However, we all may recall national and local events that loomed large in the media and the minds of the people.

Charity was "in" this year as the music industry donated its talents for records like "We Are the World," and for events such as the "Live Aid" concert in July—sixteen hours of non-stop rock that raised \$70.5 million to save lives in Africa.

Terrorism, aimed particularly at Americans, hit an all-time high in 1985-1986. In June, a Trans-World Airlines jet with 145 passengers and 8 crew members was hijacked in Athens, Greece. While most of the hostages were released within a few days, 39 were held for 17 days. One American was killed. In July, Palestinian terrorists hijacked the Italian cruise liner Achille Lauro while on a Mediterranean cruise. Again, an American hostage was killed.

The United States retaliated against Libyan terrorism, sparked by an incident in Berlin, and bombed Libyan military installations and alleged terrorist training camps.

William Perry, called by some "the best use of fat since the invention of bacon," led the Chicago Bears to the largest superbowl victory ever, 46-10 over the New England Patriots.

The United States was deeply shaken in 1985 by a disease that has only begun to rear its head—this will be remembered as the year that AIDS came out of the closet. The late Rock Hudson opened the door and widened our eyes to an epidemic whose proportions are yet to be fully measured. Closer to home, Ryan White, age 12, of Russiaville, IN., was forced to leave his school after contracting the deadly virus from a blood transfusion. Only after much litigation was he allowed to return to school. The decision is still being appealed by concerned parents.



Left: Christa McAuliffe folds her training uniform as she packed for a trip to Houston where she began training for her trip into space. McAuliffe was a high school teacher from Concord High School in Concord, N.H. She was selected from thousands of teachers who had applied to become the first teacher in space. Millions of eager students were shocked to witness the space shuttle Challenger explode moments after launching killing McAuliffe and six other crew members. Above left: A series of devastating earthquakes rumbled through Mexico City in September and the death toll was in the thousands. Few in the metropolitan area of 18 million escaped the effects of the first quake, which registered 8.1 on the Richter scale; or the second quake, which measured 7.5. Above right: President Reagan, with first-lady Nancy, gives the A-Okay sign from his hospital window in July after undergoing surgery to remove a cancerous tumor from his lower intestine. The 74-year-old President was back on the job within weeks. Right 2nd from bottom: A TWA jet with 145 passengers and 8 crew members