



1961

*was
a special
year...*

In the Year 1961

- The Soviet Union puts first man into space, a 27-year-old Air Force Major Yuri Gagarin.
- Presidents Khrushchev and Kennedy meet for a two-day summit in Vienna.
- The Berlin Wall is completed, dividing East and West Berlin.
- President Kennedy is inaugurated into office.
- A Presidential press conference is televised for first time.
- The U.S. fails in its attempt to back anti-Castro exiles in coup to overthrow Cuban dictator. Incident referred to as Bay of Pigs.
- The first American, Navy Cmdr. Alan B. Shepherd Jr., was launched into space for 15 minutes. Two months later the second American is launched into space, Air Force Capt. Virgil I. Grissom.
- The heaviest snowstorm since 1947 ties up the Northeast.

Sports

- In New York, Roger Maris hits 61th homer of season putting him ahead of Babe Ruth's record.

Arts & Entertainment

- Disney's new film hit "101 Dalmatians" opens.
- Joseph Heller's "Catch-22" is published.
- Music: "Moon River."
- Music: "The Lion Sleeps Tonight."
- Music: "Runaround Sue."
- Film: "West Side Story" is the Oscar winner.
- Film: "Breakfast at Tiffany's."
- Grandma Moses, artist of rural life, dies at the age of 101.
- Chubby Checker has everyone doing "The Twist."

Births

- Carl Lewis, U.S. track star and field star, winner of four gold medals at 1984 Olympics.

You were born!!

*Happy
Birthday*

*Love,
Mom*



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