

Media mogul turns 80



■ **1931:** *Rupert Murdoch* born March 11, Melbourne, Australia

■ **1953-64:** Takes control of *News Limited*, aged 22. Buys up Australian regional newspapers, and launches first national daily, *The Australian*

■ **1973-81:** International acquisitions include *New York Post* and Britain's *Times* and *Sunday Times*

■ **1986-89:** Introduction of electronic production processes sparks bitter dispute with UK print unions. Founds *Fox Network* in U.S., *Sky TV* in UK

■ **1993:** Purchases Hong Kong-based *Star TV* to expand into Asia

■ **2007:** Acquires *Dow Jones*, owner of *Wall Street Journal*, for \$5 billion

■ **2010:** Ranked 13th in *Forbes'* World's Most Powerful People list, and world's 117th wealthiest person