

The Hard Report

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MONDAY, JUNE 24

- 1994 The top U.S. album is "Purple" by the **Stone Temple Pilots**, while the top single is "I Swear" from **All-4-One**.
- 1993 **Bruce Springsteen** plays a benefit concert at the Meadowlands Arena for World Hunger Year, the Food & Hunger Hotline and the Community Food Bank of New Jersey. He plays New York City two days later to benefit a cancer fund.
- 1991 **Crowded House** releases its third album, "Woodface." Other album releases include "Electric Light Orchestra Part Two... L.A. Guns" "Hollywood Vampires," and the debut album from **Chris Whitley**.
- 1989 A guitar from the late **Roy Orbison** goes for \$8,800 at an auction at Sotheby's in New York, where a bustier of **Madonna's** sells for \$4,125.
- 1987 Release of **Simple Minds'** live album, "In The City Of Light."

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

- 1993 **Bruce Springsteen** is the surprise musical guest on the last new "Late Night With David Letterman" program on NBC-TV.
- 1993 **Janet Jackson** has the top single in the U.S. with "That's The Way Love Goes," while the top album is her "Janet."
- 1991 Release of "Luck Of The Draw" by **Bonnie Raitt** and "Bone Against Steel" by **38 Special**.
- 1989 **Chuck Berry** is among ten people honored with bronze stars along a St. Louis Walk of Fame.
- 1987 **White Lion's** "Price" album is released.
- 1987 Death of songwriter **Boudleaux Bryant**, age 67, in Knoxville, Tennessee. He wrote "All I Have To Do Is Dream," "Wake Up Little Susie" and "Bye Bye Love" for the **Everly Brothers**.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

- 1995 A birthday bash for **Elvis Presley** manager Col Tom Parker takes place at the Las Vegas Hilton.
- 1995 **Pearl Jam** cancels the rest of a North American tour, citing business problems and controversies related to the band's dispute with Ticketmaster.
- 1994 Tickets to the 25th anniversary Woodstock festival go on sale for \$135 each.
- 1992 **Sir Mix-A-Lot's** "Baby Got Back" is the top single in the U.S. **Billy Ray Cyrus** has the top album with "Some Gave All."
- 1990 **Sonic Youth** releases the album "Goo."
- 1989 **Lita Ford** marries **W.A.S.P.'s Chris Ford** in Lake Tahoe, Nevada.
- 1988 **Debbie Gibson** graduates from high school.
- 1987 For the 15th week in a row, **U2's** "The Joshua Tree" tops the Hard Report's album chart, while **Richard Marx** displaces **Bob Seger** from the top of

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

- 1995 Album releases include **Bon Jovi's** "These Days," **Devo's** "Oh, No! It's Devo," **Jefferson Starship's** "Deep Space/Virgin Sky," **Shane MacGowan & The Popes'** "The Snake," **Ian Moore's** "Modernity Folklore," **Phish's** "Phish Live," and **Neil Young's** "Mirror Ball" album recorded with **Pearl Jam**.
- 1993 **Lyle Lovett** marries actress Julia Roberts in Marion, Indiana.
- 1992 **Michael Jackson** begins his "Dangerous" tour in Munich, Germany.
- 1991 **David Mankeba**, guitarist for the **Bhundu Boys**, dies at age 32 in his apartment in Harare, Zimbabwe, of tuberculosis complicated by AIDS.
- 1991 **Carlos Santana** is arrested in Houston after customs officials find a small

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

- 1994 Album releases include "Unplugged" by **Tony Bennett**, "Cohen Live" by **Leonard Cohen**, "Relentless" by the **Pet Shop Boys** and "Read My Lips" by **Chet Atkins**.
- 1993 **Wilson Pickett** pleads guilty to reduced charges in a drunken driving case. He's ordered to serve 364 days in jail and enter an alcohol rehabilitation program.
- 1992 **Erasure** has the top single in Britain with the "Ahaa-esque" EP of **Abba** covers.
- 1990 **The Allman Brothers Band** releases its first studio album in nine years, "Seven Turns."
- 1988 **Aerosmith's Steven Tyler** marries the band's costume designer, Theresa Barrick.
- 1988 **Guns N' Roses** member **Duff McKagan** marries his girlfriend, Mandy

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

- 1988 **George Michael** undergoes throat surgery in London to remove a cyst and is told to remain silent for two weeks.
- 1987 Death of Grammy award-winning folk singer **Libba Scott**, author of "Freight Train," at the age of 96.
- 1985 **Motorhead** wrap up their tenth anniversary "Nights To Remember" concerts in London.
- 1984 Two million copies of the **Jacksons'** "Victory" album are shipped to record stores.
- 1983 **Helen Reddy** gets married for a second time, to Milton Robert Ruth. The couple separates 12 years later.
- 1981 **Duran Duran** begin a British tour in Brighton.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

- 1995 The top single in the U.S. is "Waterfalls" by **TLC**, while the top album is **Michael Jackson's** "HIStory."
- 1995 Soul singer **Phyllis Hyman** commits suicide.
- 1994 Bianca Jagger sues for \$11 million over an unauthorized biography of her ex-husband, **Mick Jagger**, which she says contains false and defamatory statements about her.
- 1993 **Prince** is given the "Humanitarian Of The Year" award by the St. Paul, Minnesota, Urban League.
- 1992 The "Red Hot & Dance" album is released, featuring three new songs from **George Michael** and remixes from **EMF**, **PM Dawn**, **Lisa Stansfield**, **Seal** and **Madonna**. Also out the same day is **Sulcidal**

- 1985 **Motley Crue's** "Theater Of Pain" album is released.
- 1978 **Whitesnake** enters the British charts with an EP that includes a cover of "Ain't No Love In The Heart Of The City."
- 1977 **James Taylor** releases the "JT" album.
- 1973 **The Blues Project** reunites for a concert at New York's Central Park. **Al Kooper**, **Steve Katz**, **Roy Blumenfeld**, **Danny Kalb** and **Andy Kulberg** are filmed for the documentary "Reunion."
- 1965 **John Lennon's** second book, "A Spaniard In The Works," is published.
- 1961 Birthday of **Curt Smith**, formerly of **Tears For Fears**, in Bath, England.
- 1960 Birthday of **Roger Taylor** of **Duran Duran**.
- 1959 Birthday of (George Andrew) **Andy McCluskey** of **Orchestral Manoeuvres In The Dark** in Liverpool, England.

- 1986 Tickets for the Philadelphia Live Aid show go on sale across the U.S.
- 1984 **Prince's** "Purple Rain" album is released.
- 1983 **The Police** album "Synchronicity" enters the British album chart at number one. The "Flashdance" soundtrack is the top album in the U.S.
- 1982 **The Rolling Stones** play the first of two sold-out shows at Wembley Arena in London.
- 1978 **Cream** reforms for a show at **Ginger Baker's** polo club.
- 1973 **Mike Oldfield's** "Tubular Bells" is performed live for the first time, at Queen Elizabeth Hall in London. **Rolling Stones** member **Mick Taylor** plays guitar for the show.
- 1969 **Mick Taylor** makes his on-stage debut as guitarist with the **Rolling Stones**, at a show at the Coliseum in Rome.

- the Hard Hundred with "Don't Mean Nothing."
- 1986 **Steve Winwood** performs on an American stage for the first time in 11 years, joining **Stevie Ray Vaughan** and **Jimmy Vaughan** onstage at Pier 84 in New York.
- 1982 **Bryan Ferry** marries Lucy Helmore in Sussex, England.
- 1977 **Elvis Presley** makes his last public appearance, playing before 18,000 fans at the Market Square Arena in Indianapolis. Just before the show, Presley had been given a plaque by his record label noting that two billion of his records had been pressed.
- 1976 **Roxy Music** announces plans for a "trial separation" so that band members can pursue solo projects. The band reforms two years later to even greater success.

- amount of marijuana in his baggage.
- 1991 "Rush Rush" by **Paula Abdul** is the top single in the U.S., while **Van Halen** has the number one album with "For Unlawful Carnal Knowledge."
- 1991 Dee Barnes, host of a syndicated television rap show, files a \$22.7 million lawsuit against rappers **NWA** claiming she was assaulted by **Dr. Dre** in a Hollywood nightclub.
- 1989 **Don Henley** releases his album "The End Of The Innocence," **Bad English** releases its debut LP.
- 1988 **Cyndi Lauper** receives an overdue high school diploma from Richmond Hills High in Queens.

- 1986 A sold-out crowd of 75,000 sees **Wham!** play its farewell concert in London's Wembley Stadium, though the band later reforms for the 1991 Rock In Rio festival.
- 1986 **Sting**, **Hugh Masekela** and **Billy Bragg** play an anti-apartheid concert in London organized by **Jerry Dammers** of the **Special AKA**.
- 1986 **James Brown** Day is declared in Augusta, Georgia, the singer's hometown.
- 1986 **Aretha Franklin's** "Who's Zoomin' Who?" album is released.
- 1983 **The Bangles** release their debut album.
- 1980 **Paul McCartney's** "Coming Up" is the top U.S. single. **Roxy Music's** "Flesh And Blood" is the top album in Britain.

- 1979 Death of **Lowell George** of **Little Feat** at the age of 34, from a weight-related heart attack.
- 1978 **Peter Frampton** breaks his arm and cracks some ribs in an auto accident in the Bahamas.
- 1975 Death of folk singer **Tim Buckley** at the age of 26, from an overdose of morphine and heroin in Santa Monica, California.
- 1974 Guitarist **Ted Turner** leaves **Wishbone Ash**.
- 1973 **Ian Gillan** does his last show as lead singer for **Deep Purple**, in Osaka, Japan.
- 1968 **Pink Floyd**, **Tyrannosaurus Rex**, **Roy Harper** and **Jethro Tull** play a free concert in London's Hyde Park, in what becomes an annual event.

- Tendencies'** album "The Art Of Rebellion."
- 1992 Prosecutors in Douglas County, Nebraska, drop charges of "distributing obscene material to a minor" in the case of four Omaha record stores that had sold **2 Live Crew's** "Sports Weekend" album to teenagers.
- 1992 Sixty people are arrested on drug, liquor and weapons charges at a concert featuring **Ozzy Osbourne**, **Slaughter** and **Ugly Kid Joe** in Omaha, Nebraska.
- 1989 **A Stone Roses** concert in Leeds is jeopardized when an overzealous security guard won't let **Ian Brown** in.
- 1987 **Joe Walsh** releases his album "Got Any Gum?"
- 1985 **John Lennon's** psychedelic Rolls-Royce commands a \$2 million bid at a

- 1957 Birthday of toaster **Terrence "Astro" Wilson** of **UB40** in Birmingham, England.
- 1948 Birthday of keyboardist **Patrick Moraz**, formerly of the **Moody Blues**, in Morges, Switzerland.
- 1945 Birthday of **Colin Blunstone**, formerly of the **Zombies**, in Hatfield, England.
- 1944 Birthday of **Jeff Beck**, formerly of the **Yardbirds**, in Wallington, Surrey, England.
- 1944 Birthday of **Bruce Johnston** of the **Beach Boys**, in Chicago.
- 1944 Birthday of **Arthur Brown** of the **Crazy World of Arthur Brown**, in Yorkshire, England.
- 1944 Birthday of the late **Chris Wood** of **Traffic**, in Birmingham, England.
- 1942 Birthday of **Mick Fleetwood** of **Fleetwood Mac**, in London.

- 1967 **The Beatles** record "All You Need Is Love" on the British television program "Our World."
- 1966 **The Association** enters the U.S. top 40 with "Along Came Mary." The **Yardbirds'** "Over Under Sideways Down" is released as a single in the U.S.
- 1963 Birthday of **George Michael** (Georgios Kyriacou Panayiotou), formerly of **Wham!**, in Finchley, North London, England.
- 1956 Birthday of **Glenn Danzig** of **Danzig**.
- 1954 Birthday of keyboardist **David Paich** of **Toto**.
- 1952 Birthday of the late **Brian MacLeod**, late guitarist for the **Headpins** and **Chilliwack**, in Halifax, Nova Scotia.
- 1952 Birthday of **Tim (Timothy) Finn** in Te Awamutu, New Zealand.
- 1945 Birthday of **Carly Simon** in New York City.

- 1976 **The Jefferson Starship** releases its first album, "Dragonfly."
- 1973 **Mick Jagger** is named in a paternity suit filed by Marsha Hunt, who claims he fathered her two-year-old daughter.
- 1970 **David Bowie** releases "Memory Of A Free Festival."
- 1970 **Led Zeppelin**, **John Mayall**, **Donovan**, **Colosseum**, **Steppenwolf** and **Pink Floyd** play the Bath, England, Festival of Progressive Music.
- 1964 U.S. release of the **Beatles'** "A Hard Day's Night," the first album to feature nothing but Beatle originals. The **Rolling Stones** release "It's All Over Now" in Britain.
- 1963 **John Lennon** and **Paul McCartney** compose "She Loves You" in their hotel room after a **Beatles** show at the Majestic Ballroom in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England.

- 1985 **The AC/DC** "Fly On The Wall" LP is released.
- 1983 **David Bowie's** "Let's Dance" album goes platinum.
- 1981 **Kim Carnes'** "Mistaken Identity" displaces **REO Speedwagon** from a 14-week stay at the top of the U.S. album chart. Her "Bette Davis Eyes" is the top single. Meanwhile, **Motorhead's** "No Sleep 'Til Hammersmith" live album enters the British album chart at number one.
- 1975 **Lynyrd Skynyrd** receives a gold record for their third album, "Nuthin' Fancy."
- 1969 **The Jimi Hendrix Experience** plays its last concert, at the Denver Rock Festival at Mile High Stadium, where **Johnny Winter** and **Iron Butterfly** are also on the bill.

- 1979 **Ian Hunter** makes his first stage appearance in four years at the Palladium in New York, with **Mick Ronson** and **Ellen Foley** in his backing band.
- 1978 Members of **Kansas** are named Deputy Ambassadors of Good Will by UNICEF.
- 1975 "I'm Not In Love" by **10cc** is the number one single in Britain.
- 1975 **The Beach Boys** enter the U.S. top 40 for the first time in 2 1/2 years with "Jive Talkin'."
- 1973 A "British Reinvasion" concert at New York's Madison Square Garden features **Nerman's Hermits**, **Wayne Fontana**, **Gerry & The Pacemakers**, **Billy J. Kramer** and the **Searchers**.

- On the same day, **Pink Floyd's** "A Saucerful of Secrets" is released.
- 1967 **Mick Jagger** and **Keith Richards** are convicted on charges of drug possession resulting from a police raid on Richards' home and are sentenced to three months in prison. **The Who** release a single featuring the **Stones'** "Under My Thumb" and "The Last Time" in support of the band. A month later, the sentences are reduced on appeal.
- 1964 Birthday of **Iain Baker** of **Jesus Jones**.
- 1953 Birthday of **Colin James Hay**, formerly of **Men At Work**, in Scotland.
- 1948 Birthday of drummer **Ian Paice** of **Deep Purple** and **Whitesnake** in Nottingham, England.

- New York auction house
- 1986 **Madonna's** "True Blue" album and **Steve Winwood's** "Back In The High Life" LP are released.
- 1984 **Huey Lewis & The News** have the top album in the U.S. with "Sports."
- 1983 **The Everly Brothers** announce they plan to reunite.
- 1981 A hole in **Jerry Lee Lewis'** stomach requires emergency surgery and hospitalization.
- 1979 **Johnny Rotten** and **Joan Collins** are both guests on the BBC television program "Juke Box Jury."
- 1978 **The Buzzcocks'** "Love You More" single is released, and the band's record label calls it the "second shortest single ever," clocking in at one minute