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Beatles Have 14 Records on Chart at Once
The Who Get Going in '64
The MC5 Do Not Take No Shit



1827, **Ludwig van Beethoven** dies. Many years later he will be invited to roll over in his grave.

1943, **LSD** is synthesized for the first time by Swiss chemist Albert Hofmann. Oh, really? Well, in that case I hold this asshole personally responsible for my having to suffer through all of the lousy, obviously "tripping" opening acts that I had to endure at the Fillmore Auditorium in San Francisco 25 years later like Hot Tuna, The New Riders of the Purple Sage, Blues Magoos, Blues Image, Blue Cheer, It's A Beautiful Day, Iron Butterfly and The Doobie Brothers just to begin with....



1956, **Elvis Presley** makes the first of two appearances on *The Milton Berle Show*, live from the flight deck of the USS Hancock. It is estimated that one out of every four Americans sees the show. Elvis' contract rider for the appearance includes a case of Dr. Pepper, two pounds of burnt bacon, a dozen bananas, two loaves of French bread and four jars of peanut butter to be placed in his dressing room.

1961, Britain's BBC Radio bans **Gene McDaniel's** song "100 Pounds of Clay" because it has a reference to women being created from building materials, which the network considers blasphemous. "A Truck and a Half of Rebar" and "A Whole Shitload of Concrete" suffer similar

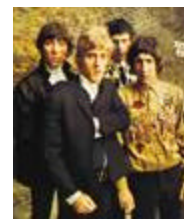
fates at the hands of the BBC censors later that year.



1962, The Rolling Stones begin to take shape when Mick Jagger and Keith Richards met guitarist Brian Jones at the Ealing Jazz Club. Jones said later, "I thought Keith was Mick's father or uncle or somethin'...he looked 55 THEN". Richards reportedly laughed when he recently became aware of the quote and added "At least I'm still not wormfood Brian, ya bloody poof!"

1964, The Beatles establish a record never to be broken when they occupy 14 spots on the U.S. (Billboard) Pop Chart ranging from #1 down to #81...

Meanwhile a struggling young act called The Detours auditions in England for Fontana Records. Two of the tracks are released under the name of The High Numbers, but they won't make a serious impression on the rock world until they change their name to **The Who**.



1965, Freddie & The Dreamers record "Do The Freddie", a horrible piece of smegma that was put together after American audiences wanted to know more about the swaying motion that lead singer Fred Garrity exhibited on stage. Although it reached #18 in the US, it was dismissed as "silly" in the UK and never released. Say what you will about British cuisine, they usually know musical diarrhea when they hear it...Also, **Sonny Bono** and his 18 year old wife **Cher** are signed to Atco Records. Sonny explained to an Atco staff producer, "Take Cher's age, divide it by 18, and that is the number of keys she can sing in."



1966, "Wild Thing" by British band **The Troggs** is released in the US. By June, it will be the number one song in the nation. This is quite possibly The Big Dog's favorite single from the 60's...I mean, WHAT were these cats ON?!?



1967, Grey Line Tours begins busing customers through the **Haight/Ashbury** neighborhood of San Francisco, giving tourists a close look at the scum-sucking indigenous hippy population. The Big Dog and Dennis Arnold Stubblefield, lead vocalist of the soon-to-be **The JSDB** were actually able to "bag" a few tourists as they passed by clicking their Kodak Instamatic cameras by waving our privates at them, followed by Dennis pounding on the bus windows and belching loudly at the terrified passengers. Gave them something to talk about on their way back to Omaha. Also, **The Beatles** are photographed with a photo collage and wax figures from Madame Tussaud's museum for the artwork of their soon to be released "Sgt. Pepper's" album. Before the album cover is printed, figures of Adolph Hitler and Jesus Christ are removed. The Big Dog still doesn't know what to think of that....

1968, After riots had broken out in 30 US cities, **James Brown** makes a national television appeal for calm in the wake of the assigation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Great casting decision, guys.....

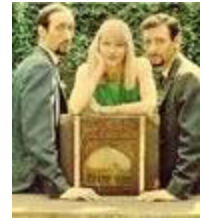


1969, Elektra Records drops Detroit's **MC5** from their label after the band takes out an ad in a local paper that includes Elektra's logo and reads "Fuck Hudson's". The band was



protesting the Michigan department store's refusal to carry their albums. Pete Townshend once said of The MC5 "They're a great band, but they make terrible music." Well put, Pete.

1970, Peter Yarrow of **Peter, Paul and Mary** admits to "taking amoral liberties" with a 14-year-old girl...Yarrow later contemplates becoming a Catholic priest, claiming that he has, after all, already passed "the entrance exam". Or was it more of a "pop quiz"?



1971, All four former Beatles have solo singles on the UK chart: Paul's "Another Day", Ringo's "It Don't Come Easy", John's "Power To The People" and George's "My Sweet Lord". Well, one out of four isn't that bad, I guess. Thanks, Ringo. John, you're an IDIOT.

1973, Rolling Stone runs a picture of **Dr. Hook** on the cover in response to pressure brought on by the band's hit "Cover of the Rolling Stone". I remember seeing these bums on *Don Kirshner's Rock Concert* (ABC) just about every week for two months doing this pile of crap. They were an unbelievably BAD band, as I'm sure those of you old enough will recall. The Hooksters tried the same publicity ploy with their follow-up "Hustler 'Think Pink' Centerfold", but inexplicably, the single tanked. Last I knew, Dr. Hook was opening for Loverboy at State Fairs everywhere. Also, Alice Cooper had the #1 album in the US with "Billion Dollar Babies". Who'd a thunk?



1976, **Elton John** (Reginald Dwight), one of the biggest rock stars on the planet at the time, tells Rolling Stone, "There is nothing wrong with going to bed with someone of your own sex." and then adding, "people should be very free with sex, but they should draw the line at goats". Now remember, this was 30 YEARS ago, and many of his fans were shocked that Sir Tunnelbutt wasn't straight. The Scots took the "goat" quote pretty hard as well, and E. J's career cooled. He rebounded a few years later with the smash "I'm Still Standing", the title of which surprised the hell out of The Big Dog, since I always assumed that Fat Reg was the one on HIS KNEES with his mouth full.

1977, Fleetwood Mac's "Rumors" went to #1 on the Billboard chart where it stayed for 31 weeks. Fortunately for The Big Dog, **Cheap Trick's** self-titled first LP came out at the same time, so I was relatively unexposed to the smary shit that The Mac Attack had to offer.



1980, a man with a gun holds up the Electra/Asylum offices in New York, demanding to see **Jackson Browne** and **The Eagles**. Unfortunately for all of us, both of the acts survive, as they live in California. (Pertinent lyrical quote "I wish I were as mellow, as for instance, Jackson Browne...But "Fountain of Sorrow", my ass, motherfucker, I hope you wind up in the ground" - **Tonio K.**, "Hatred", 1978). Another relevant quote, "I hate the fucking Eagles," Jeff Bridges in "The Big Lebowski"(1998).



1982, **David Crosby**, human pharmaceutical dump site, is cruising around in L.A., jacked up on coke with a pocketful of 'Ludes and a concealed .45 automatic when the cops pull him over and take him to the pokey. What really galls me about this overrated, fat, bald bigmouth asshole is how he managed to get a liver transplant that worked and that Mickey Fucking Mantle couldn't. That's just not right.



1983, U.S. Interior Secretary **James Watt** (great name for an asshole whose head resembles a light bulb!) bans the Beach Boys and The Grass Roots (!) from performing at the Fourth of July celebration on the Washington Mall, saying that "rock and roll bands attract the wrong



element." This dicklick was so far over the line that two days later President Ronald Reagan (!) overturns Watt's decision and personally invites the Beach Boys to perform (they did). The Big Dog suggests that if he were young enough, James Watt would probably be a major player in President Bush's current cabinet...he was THAT fucked up.

1984, **Michael Jackson** undergoes surgery in LA to repair damage after his hair caught fire during the filming of a Pepsi commercial. Having had his head catch fire allows Michael to join Richard Prior as a spokesperson for the "Ignited Negro College Fund". (Oh, ease up!)



1985, Wham! Featuring **George Michaels** becomes the first western rock group to play live in China. On a related note, Anglo-Chino bugging went up 1,270% during the bands stay.

1988, **James "Adee Do" Brown** turned himself in to police in Aiken, South Carolina to face charges that he beat his third wife with a pipe and fired a gun into a car in which she was riding. "Why can't we all just get along?"



1991, Stupid Move of the Year award goes to **The Black Crowes**, who lose a tour gig opening for Z.Z. Top after repeatedly dissing Miller Beer, the tour's sponsor, in public. Nice move, you stoned cracker imbeciles. Also, 44 year old **Steve Marriott**, who fronted both The Small Faces and Humble Pie, died on April 20th, in a fire in his cottage. Really, really a sad day.



1996, Jerry Garcia's widow, Deborah, and Grateful Dead guitarist Bob Weir scatter part of Jerry's ashes in the Ganges River in India. It turns out though, that Jerry wanted his ashes to be mixed together with ganja and then smoked by the rest of the band, not to be dumped in a cesspool in Wog City. The remainder of Garcia's ashes went to the owners of Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream, where they will be added to the initial production of a yet-to-be named flavor. The Big Dog has a couple of suggestions for that flavor name: Heroin Marble Fudge, Shoulda Stayed In Rehab Ripple or Acid Hangover Heavenly Hash.



1998, Singer **George Michael** is arrested in a public restroom in Beverly Hills for lewd conduct. There were no children present at the time of the bust, but there were several half-eaten containers of Chinese takeout at the scene.

1999, **Alexander "Skip" Spence**, one of the founders of the best fucking band ever to come out of San Francisco, Moby Grape, died of lung cancer at the age of 52 on April 16th. If you are not familiar with this band, you really owe it to yourself to get a copy of their first, self-titled album. The Big Dog guarantees you won't regret it.



And that was the month that was in Musical History

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