

MR POPHistory

Week of August 23, 1991



Coup aftermath in Russia - The Soviet Communist Party, accused of complicity in the conservative coup d'etat a few days ago, comes under strong attack and its 73-year-old power appears to be waning fast. Russian President **Boris Yeltsin** orders the suspension of all the party's activities in the Russian Federation, the country's largest republic, and halts the publication of its newspapers including Pravda - on ground that they had backed the push. Gorbachev announces that he and Yeltsin had agreed on the appointments of a new Soviet defense minister, interior minister and KGB chief, as the foundation of a new government made up of ministers "committed to

democracy."

President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, quits his post as general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party and, using his presidential powers, nationalizes the party's property and assets and disbands its cells in all state organizations.

The Ukraine - swept up in the backlash from last week's Kremlin coup attempt, declares its full independence, claiming the right to issue its own currency and control all military units on its territory, including at least one million Soviet troops.

The BBC reports that Pravda, the daily paper of the Soviet Communist Party for more than 78 years, drops its link with the party from the paper's masthead. The paper has longed proclaimed to be the "Organ of the Central committee of the Communist Party" and beginning this week, it will declare itself a "general political paper."

In Milwaukee - prosecutors file charges against **Jeffrey L. Dahmer** in three more dismemberment slayings, to a total of 15. Dahmer, whose bail is continued at \$5 million, is expected to enter pleas at his arraignment on September 10.

At the Emmy Awards this week:
Best comedy - "Cheers"
Best actor in a comedy - Burt Reynolds - "Evening Shade"
Best actress in a comedy - Kirstie Ally - "Cheers"
Best drama series - "L.A. Law"



MR POPHistory

Week of August 23, 1991

Best actor - drama - James Earl Jones - "Gabriel's Fire"

Best actress in a drama - Patricia Wettig - "Thirtysomething"

Tom Petty's new video - "Into the Great Wide Open" premieres on MTV this week.



A circuit court judge in Chicago approves an unprecedented settlement against Milli Vanilli's record company - Arista Records. Under terms of the agreement - Arista and BMG agree to pay \$1 for singles, \$2 for albums and cassettes and \$3 for compact discs to any disgruntled Milli Vanilli fan that can prove they purchased recordings by November 27, 1990. Also, fans that bought tickets for Milli Vanilli concerts will be able to send in a ticket stub to receive a rebate of 5% of the ticket's cost, not in excess of \$2.50. The suit, filed in

Chicago, was filed after Robert Pilatus and Fabrice Morvan disclosed that they did not sing a note on their 10-million selling album "Girl You Know Its True."

Sports - Quarterback Joe Montana of the San Francisco 49ers is placed on injured reserve and will miss at least the first four games of the season because of tendon problems in his throwing arm.

Sports-TV - **Bill Parcels** makes his NBC debut this Sunday on "NFL Live." Then for at least four weeks, he'll be out in the field as Marv Albert's game commentator. Parcels will be busy. He'll also be part of "Around the NFL" on Madison Square Garden Network and Prime Ticket.



More sports TV - Greg Gumbel, Terry Bradshaw, Lesley Visser and Pat O'Brien return this season to CBS's "NFL Today."

Pre-production begins on Steven Spielberg's next project "Jurassic park." which is based on the novel by Michael Crichton. The story centers around genetically engineered dinosaurs that go out of control in a futuristic theme park. A summer 1993 release is planned. Spielberg just completed "Hook" which is due out in December.

Bestsellers -

The Kitchen God's Wife - Amy Tan

The Sum Of All Fears - Tom Clancy

MR POPHistory

Week of August 23, 1991

Maximum Bob - Elmore Leonard
The Firm - John Grisham
Star Wars: Heir to the Empire - Timothy Zahn
Beast - Peter Benchley
Toujours Provence - Peter Mayle
Chutzpah - Alan M. Dershowitz
Parliament of Whores: A lone humorist attempts to explain the entire U.S. Government - P.J. O'Rourke
When You Look Like Your Passport Photo, It's Time To Go Home - Erma Bombeck
Final Exit - Derek Humphry

Metallica is hot - hotter than ever this week. Their new album "Metallica" enters the album charts at #1 this week, moving as many as 600,000 units in stores.

A warrant is issued for the arrest of **Joseph Simmons**, better known as "Run" in "Run-DMC." He's been charged with raping a 22-year-old woman in his hotel room after a concert in Cleveland.



Thursday Night Television

CBS - Top Cops, The Trials of Rosie O'Neil, Burt Reynolds Conversations With

NBC - The Cosby Show, A Different World, Cheers,

Wings,

L.A. Law

ABC - **Father Dowling Mysteries**,

American Detective, PrimeTime Live

Fox - The Simpsons, Roc, Beverly

Hills 90210



The Cosby Show - Olivia has a cold.

Burt Reynolds - Burt talks to June Allyson, Jane Powell, Ginger Rogers and Esther Williams

Late Night With David Lettermen

(NBC) - Bob Hoskins, Ricky Jay and The Black Crowes

Television ratings -

Roseanne - 16.1

60 Minutes - 14.1

MR POPHistory

Week of August 23, 1991

Unsolved Mysteries - 13.8
Coach - 13.8
Cheers - 13.5
Sudden Impact - 13,4
Who's the Boss? - 13.3
Cheers (Mon) - 13.5
Full House - 13.0
Miss Teen USA Pageant - 12.8
Doogie Howser, M.D. - 12.5
Primetime Emmy Awards - 12.5
Cheers #2 - 12.2
Empty Nest - 12.2
Dear John - 11.8
Law & Order - 11.7
In The Heat of the Night - 11.5
Wings - 11.5
Davis Rules - 11.5
Matlock - 11.3
Major Dad - 11.3
The Cosby Show - 11.1
Fresh Prince of Bel-Air - 10.9
Murder, She Wrote - 10.7
Wonder Years - 10.7
Rescue911 - 10.6
Family Matters - 10.6
A Different World - 10.5



Pop music this week in 1991

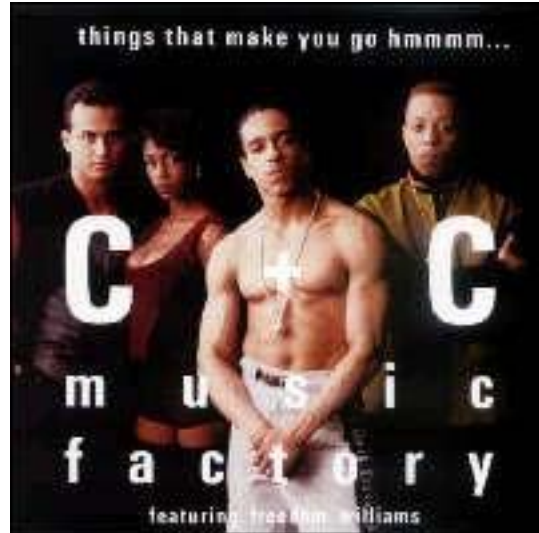
(Everything I Do) I Do For You -
Bryan Adams
Every Heartbeat - Amy Grant
Fading Like A Flower (Every Time
You Leave) - Roxette
It Ain't Over 'Til It's Over - Lenny
Kravitz
Summertime - D.J. Jazzy Jeff & The
Fresh Prince
Crazy - Terence Trent D'Arby



MR POPHistory

Week of August 23, 1991

Wind of Change - Scorpions
Temptation - Corinal Can't Wait Another Minute - Hi-Five
Unforgettable - Natalie Cole/Nat King Cole
Love and Understanding - Cher
Hard To Handle - The Black Crowes
Learning To Fly - Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers
The Promise of a New Day - Paul Abdul
P.A.S.S.I.O.N. - Rhythm Syndicate
Motownphilly - Boyz II Men
Things That Make You Go Hmmm - C & C Music Factory
Time, Love And Tenderness - Michael Bolton
I'll Be There - The Escape Club
I Can't Wait Another Minute - Hi-Five



Top Albums -
Metallica - Metallica
C.M.B. - Color Me Badd
Unforgettable With Love - Natalie Cole
Cooleyhighharmony - Boyz II Men
For Unlawful Carnal Knowledge - Van Halen
Luck of the Draw - Bonnie Raitt
Robin Hood: Prince Of Thieves - soundtrack
No Fences - Garth Brooks
Time, Love & Tenderness - Michael Bolton
Out of Time - R.E.M.
Gonna Make You Sweat - C & C Music Factory
Spellbound - Paul Abdul



More Albums -
True Love - Bat Benatar
O.G. Original Gangster - Ice-T
Immaculate Collection - Madonna
Heart Shaped World - Chris Isaak
Pure Hank - Hank Williams Jr.
Symbol Of Salvation - Armored Saint

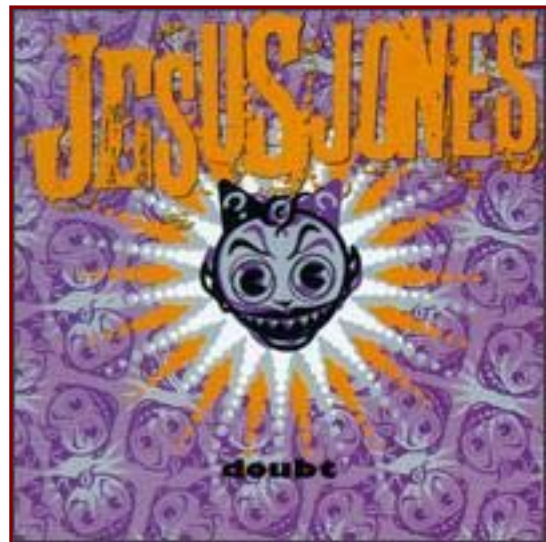
MR POPHistory

Week of August 23, 1991

620 W. Surf - Michael McDermott
Discipline - Desmond Child
Voodoo Highway - Badlands
Electric Landlady - Kirsty MacColl

Other Albums -

Slave To The Grind - Skid Row
Mama Said - Lenny Kravitz
Seal - Seal
Jahmekya - Ziggy Marley and the Melody Makers
Yesyears - Yes
Peaceful Journey - Heavy D. & The Boyz
Brainstorm - Young M.C.
Schubert Dip - EMF
Doubt - Jesus Jones
Hard At Play - Huey Lewis And The News
Wilson Phillips - Wilson Phillips
Crazy World - Scorpions
Move To This - Cathy Dennis
Empire - Queensryche
Widespread Panic - Widespread Panic
Midnight In San Juan - Earl Klugh
Tara Kemp - Tara Kemp
White Trash - White Trash
Another Hand - David Sanborn
Born To Sing - En Vogue
The Comfort Zone - Vanessa Williams
Love Overdue - James Brown
World Outside - The Psychedelic Furs
Biscuits - Living Color
Some Against Steel - 38 Special
Help Yourself - Julian Lennon
Fireball Zone - Rick Ocasek
Music For The Masses - Depeche Mode
A Shade of Red - Redhead Kingpin & FBI



MR POPHistory

Week of August 23, 1991



At the movies

Hot Shots - **Charlie Sheen**, Cary Elwes, Valeria Golino, Jon Cryer, Kevin Dunn, Lloyd Bridges

Doc Hollywood - Michael J. Fox

The Doctor - - William Hurt, Christine Lahti

Dead Again -

Defenseless -

Barbara Hershey, Sam Shepard

Boys N The Hood -

Cuba Gooding Jr., Ice

Cube

Bingo - Cindy Williams

Double Impact - Jean-Claude Van Damme

Pure Luck - Martin Short, Danny Glover

Terminator 2: Judgment Day - Arnold Schwarzenegger, Linda Hamilton, Robert Patrick

Harley Davidson and the Marlboro Man - Mickey Rourke, Don Johnson