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Defense secretary **Les Aspin** is released from the hospital, but his physicians say they recommend that he undergo surgical implantation of a cardiac pacemaker to help control his heart problem. Aspin spent over 3 days in intensive care after a reaction to a typhoid vaccine apparently aggravated an existing heart condition, leaving him short of breath.

The Rodney King trial begins in Los Angeles. On opening day, a federal prosecutor alleges that two Los Angeles police officers showed-off a battered Rodney King at their station when they were suppose to be transporting him from hospital to another.

A powerful explosion shakes one of the 110-story World Trade Center towers in New York. At least seven are dead and 500 injured. The explosion is believed to be from a bomb. About an hour after the explosion, police in New York received a call from someone claiming to represent a group called the Serbian Liberation Front. The voice said the group had detonated a bomb n the second level of the garage - a fact only just discovered by rescuers. Gov Mario M. Cuomo of New York, after a tour of the damaged area, told reporters - "It looks like a bomb, it smells like a bomb, it probably is a bomb."



In Waco - Federal agents attempting to serve search warrants on a heavily armed religious camp are ambushed by raging gunfire, leaving four of them dead and 15 others injured. 45 minutes later, a cease-fire was negotiated by Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms with the cult's leader - David Koresh. He's a 33 year-old ninth grade dropout who plays guitar, sings and believes he's Jesus Christ.



Kid's singer **Raffi** appears at the Spreckels Theatre in San Diego. He's in the middle of a 50-city tour and he will become the first children's entertainer to play Broadway (In April). Known for his songs for very young children, Raffi is singing to older children - with songs about the environment etc.

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Passing -

Actress - Lillian Gish (99) - major star of the silent film era.

Bestsellers -

The Bridges of Madison County - Robert James Weller

Along Came a Spider - James Patterson

Dragon Tears - Dean Koontz

Waiting To Exhale - **Terry McMillan**

Griffin & Sabine - Nick Bantock

Degree of Guilt - Robert North Patterson

The Way Things Ought To Be - Rush Limbaugh

Healing And The Mind - Bill Moyers

Women Who Run With the Wolves - Clarissa Pinkola

How To Satisfy a Women Every Time and Have Her Beg For More - Naura Hayden

Marlene Dietrich - Maria Riva

Official and Confidential: The Secret Life of J. Edgar Hoover - Anthony Summers



Just two weeks after admitting it used an inappropriate video to illustrate a story on NBC - Tom Brokaw issues an apology for another misleading video used on the NBC Nightly news. On Jan 4, NBC Nightly News reported a story about forest service employees in the Clearwater National Forest who claimed that over cutting had led to water pollution, killing fish in the streams, The network showed pictures of floating fish, but according to the Brokaw apology, that footage of dead fish was shot at another forest further south, not from Clearwater. Furthermore said Brokaw, NBC news “also showed workers conducting tests on water in the Clearwater where fish appeared to be dead. In fact, they were not. They had been stunned for testing purposes.”

Telecommunications - Ameritech, a holding company for Bell companies operating in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin, says it will file a request next month to open the local telephone monopoly in exchange for access to long-distance and other communications businesses. The plan would revise the 1984 ruling that barred the Baby Bells from providing long-distance telephone service.



Former financier **Michael Milken** (46) reveals he is undergoing treatment for prostate cancer and says he is “optimistic that my treatment will be successful” and that he is “looking forward to as active and normal a life as possible.” Milken was released early last month to a

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Hollywood halfway house after serving 22 months in a prison camp for securities fraud and other violations.



Actor **Gary Coleman** is awarded nearly \$1.3 million in his suit against his parents. A judge found that W.G. and Edmonia Sue Coleman and trustee Anita DeThomas were wrongfully paid that amount in excessive commissions, salaries, fees and pension distributions from 1982-87.

Top Video Rentals -
Single White Female
Unlawful Entry
Raising Cain
Boomerang
Death Becomes Her
A League of Their Own
Housesitter
Mo' Money
Patriot Games
Honey, I Blew Up The Kid
Diggstown

Singer/songwriter Paul Simon said this week on the "Charley Rose" show, that his next project is a Broadway musical - his first. The project will be in collaboration with Derek Wolcott.

CBS confirms that it is buying the Ed Sullivan Theater as the new home for David Letterman's late-night show. The network is paying \$4 million for the historic theater. When finished, it will hold an audience of about 400 people. Letterman's producers had considered the possibility of doing the show out of Los Angeles. Letterman's NBC run ends June 25 and the new CBS show begins late summer.

Russell Baker, a New York Times Columnist and Pulitzer Prize winning author, is named to take over PBS' "Masterpiece Theatre" in October, succeeding Alistair Cooke. Mr. Cooke, now 84, retired last fall after 22 years on the program.

At the 35th Annual Grammy Awards this week:
Best Albums - "Unplugged" - Eric Clapton
Best Record - "Tears In Heaven" - Eric Clapton
Best Song - "Tears In Heaven" - Eric Clapton



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Best New Artist - Arrested Development



Jim Gordon

Hard Rock - "Give It Away" - Red Hot Chili Peppers

Metal - "Wish" - Nine Inch Nails

Female R&B Vocal - "The Woman I Am" Chaka Khan

Male R&B Vocal - "Heaven and Earth" - Al Jarreau

R&B Instrumental performance - "Doo-Bop" - Miles Davis

R&B Song - "End of the Road" - L.A. Reid, Babyface and Daryl Simmons

Rap Solo Performance - "Baby Got Back" - Sir Mix-A-Lot

Rap Performance by a Duo or Group - "Tennessee" - Arrested development

Traditional Pop Vocal - "Perfectly Frank" - Tony Bennett

Female Country Vocal - "I Feel Lucky" - Mary-Chapin Carpenter

Male Country Vocal - "I Still Believe In You" - Vince Gill

Female Pop Vocal - "Constant Craving" -

K.D. Lang

Male Pop Vocal - "Tears In Heaven" -

Eric Clapton

Duo or Group Pop Vocal - "Beauty and

the Beast" - Celine Dion and Peabo

Bryson

Female Rock Vocal - "Ain't It Heavy" -

Melissa Etheridge

Male Rock Vocal - "Unplugged" - Eric

Clapton

Group Rock Vocal - "Achtung Baby" - U2

Rock Song - "Layla" - Eric Clapton and

TV Ratings -

Queen Part 2 - 24.1

60 Minutes - 23.4

Queen, Part 3 - 22.8

ABC News: Clinton Analysis - 20.9

Murder, She Wrote - 20.4

Family of Strangers - 19.8

Home Improvement - 18.8

Roseanne - 18.7

Fresh Prince of Bel Air - 18.4

Rescue: 911 - 17.9

Northern Exposure - 17.5

Cheers - 17.3

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Murphy Brown - 17.0

Coach - 16.8

Full House - 16.5

Love & War - 16.4

Driving Miss Daisy -
16.0

Seinfeld - 16.0

Evening Shade - 15.2

The Simpsons - 15.2

PrimeTime Live - 15.1

Blossom - 15.0

America's Funniest
Home Videos - 14.8

Family Matters - 14.7

Hangin' With Mr. Cooper - 14.3



Tuesday Night Television -

CBS - Rescue 911, Movie



NBC - Quantum Leap, Dateline NBC

ABC - Full House, Hangin' With Mr. Cooper,
Roseanne, The Jackie Thomas Show, Civil
Wars

Fox - Class of '96, Key West

PBS - Healing and the Mind, Nova

AMC Movie- "Star!" (1968) with Julie

Andrews, Movie- "Ball of Fire" (1941) - Gary
Cooper

Full House - Jessie takes the kids to a
museum where they wreck a dinosaur
skeleton

Roseanne - In Hollywood - all the gang gets to see a taping of "The Jackie Thomas Show."

The Tonight Show With Jay Leno - Martin Mull, Boyz II Men, VJ Kennedy
Montgomery

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Radio news – The Larry King Show – on the Mutual Radio Network is now heard in the daytime hours. The show had been heard overnights.

Music news – Whitney Houston's "I Will Always Love You" breaks a Billboard chart record by remaining at #1 for 14 weeks. That's not to say it will go higher – that's as of this week.

Beginning this week, VH-1 will be airing "The Right Time" a new alternative music-variety show hosted by Tom Jones. The series consists of six half-hour segments each focusing on the roots of contemporary music

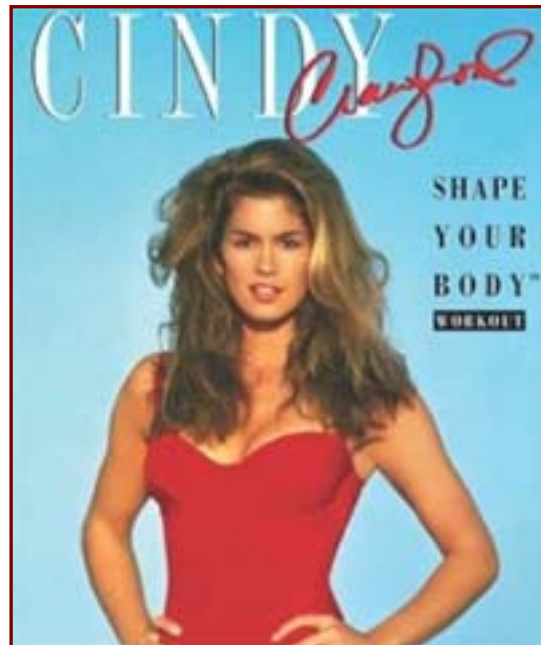
Geffen Records files a breach-of-contract suite against Don Henley, seeking \$20 million in damages and an injunction barring him from recording for another label. Henley had given Geffen written notice, seeking to terminate his contract, but Geffen believes he owes them more albums.

Top Video sales

Beauty And The Beast
Sister Act
Cindy Crawford/Shape Your Body
Workout
101 Dalmations
Beethoven
Batman Returns
Playboy 1993 Video Playmate calendar
The Rocky Horror Picture Show
Playboy Sexy Lingerie

Top Modern Rock –

The Devil You Know – Jesus Jones
Man On The Moon – REM
Ordinary World – Duran Duran
Feed The Tree – Belly
Love U More – Sunscreen
Black Gold – Soul Asylum
Candy Everybody Wants – 10,000 Maniacs
Hard To Get - Starclub
Beautiful Girl – Inxs
Connected – Stereo Mc's
One In Ten – 808 State/UB40
Two Worlds Collide – Inspiral Carpets

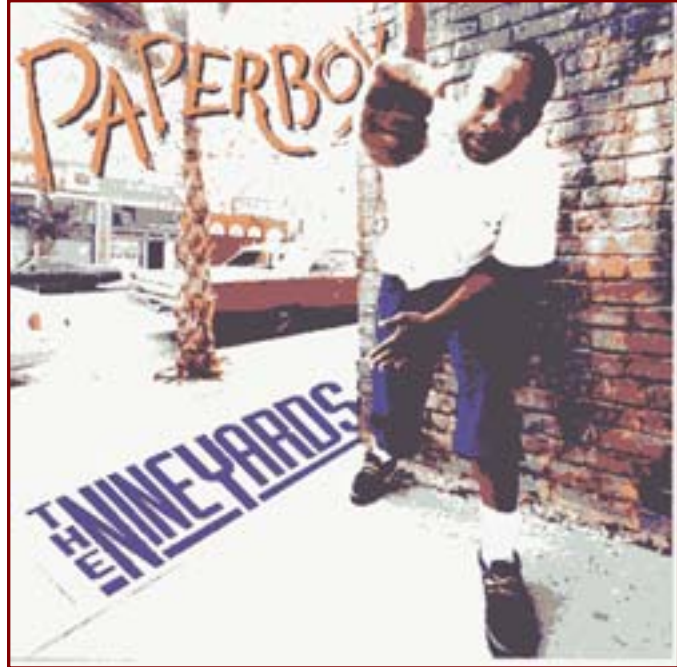


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Top Hits this week in 1993 –

Nuthin' But a "G" Thing - Dr Dre
Informer - Snow
I Will Always Love You - Whitney Houston
Ordinary World - Duran Duran
Ditty - Paperboy
Hip Hop Hooray - Naughty By Nature
Rebirth of Slick - Digable Planets
I Got A Man - Positive K
A Whole New World - Peabo Bryson, Regina Belle
Everything's Alright - Father M.C.
I'm Every Woman - Whitney Houston
Mr. Wendal - Arrested Development
7 - Prince & The New Power Generation
Bed of Roses - Bon Jovi
Here We Go Again! - Portrait
Get Away - Bobby Brown
That's What Love Can Do - Boy Krazy



Top albums this week in 1993 –

The Bodyguard – soundtrack
Breathless – Kenny G.
The Chronic – Dr. Dre
Unplugged – Eric Clapton
Some Gave All – Billy Ray Cyrus
Timeless (The Classics) – Michael Bolton
Ten – Pearl Jam
If I Ever Fall In Love – Shai
Aladdin – soundtrack
Pocketful of Kryptonite – Spin Doctors
Hard or Smooth – Wreck In Effect



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More Albums -

Strictly 4 My N.I.G.G.A.Z. - 2 Pac

Dirt - Alice in Chains

Core - Stone Temple Pilots

Native Tongue - Poison

Metallica - Metallica

Greatest Hits - Queen

Sarslplus' Ark - Infectious Grooves

Grave Dancers Union - Soul Asylum

Keep The Faith - Bon Jovi

America's Least Wanted - Ugly Kid Joe

Labour of Love II - UB40

The Best of Missing Persons



Top hits in Britain –

I Will Always Love You – Whitney Houston

The Love I Lost – West End

Exterminate – Snap

Deep - - East 17

Ordinary World – Duran Duran

Open Your Mind – Usura

Sweet Harmony – The Beloved

How Can I Love You More? – M-
People

Top Country –

Can I Trust You With My Heart –
Travis Tritt

In A Week Or Two – Diamond Rio

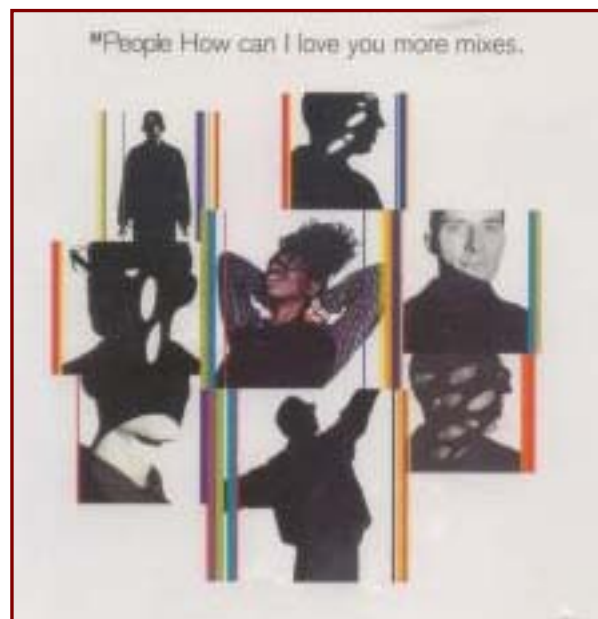
Too Busy Being In Love – Doug
Stone

My Strongest Weakness – Wynonna

Take It Back – Reba Mcentire

Queen of Memphis – Confederate Railroad

Let Go Of the Stone – John Anderson



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Look Heart, No Hands – Randy Travis

Drive South – Suzy Boguss

All These Years – Sawyer Brown

At the movies -

Groundhog Day - Bill Murray, Andie MacDowell

Homeward Bound

Sommersby - Jodie Foster, Richard Gere

The Crying Game



Aladdin

Army of Darkness - Bruce

Campbell

Loaded Weapon 2

Scent of a Women

Untamed Heart - Christian Slater, Marisa

Tomei

A Few Good Men

The Cemetery Club - Ellen Burstyn,

Olympia Dukakis