







The number one song on your 14th birthday was "Hey Paula" by Paul and Paula (February 14, 1963).



February 14th, 1967, Aretha Franklin recorded "Respect" at New York's Atlantic Studios. The song was written and originally released by Otis Redding in 1965, but even he admits that it's truly Aretha's song. One of the most celebrated songs of the R&B era, Aretha's version is a feminist declaration from a strong woman who demands respect and "her props" when she gets home. The song earned her two Grammys in 1968 for "Best Rhythm & Blues Recording" and "Best Rhythm & Blues Solo Vocal Performance, Female", and was inducted in the Grammy Hall of Fame in 1987. In 2002, the Library of Congress added the song to the National Recording Registry and it was placed number five on Rolling Stone Magazine's list of The 500 Greatest Songs of All Time.

**Also on February 14th:**

1931 - Ted Lewis had a hit with "Just A Gigolo." Over a half century later, David Lee Roth covered the same tune.

1972 - John Lennon and Yoko Ono began a week-long stint as co-hosts on the midday variety TV show "The Mike Douglas Show".

1981 - Funky 4 + 1 became the first hip-hop act to appear on national TV. They were the musical guest on Saturday Night Live, where they performed "That's The Joint." The group was not new to "firsts" as they were also the first hip hop group to receive a recording deal and the first to have a female MC.

1986 - Frank Zappa appeared on an episode of the television series Miami Vice. Zappa portrayed a crime boss named "Mr. Frankie".

1987 - Bon Jovi started a four-week run at No. 1 on the U.S. singles chart with "Livin' On A Prayer", the group's second U.S. No. 1, a No. 4 hit in the U.K.

1992 - The film "Wayne's World," which featured appearances from Meat Loaf and Alice Cooper, was released in the US. The use of Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody" in the film propelled the song to No. 2 on the U.S. singles charts nearly 20 years after its first release.

1998 - Celine Dion's "My Heart Will Go On" set a new record for the most radio plays in the U.S. with 116 million plays in one week.

1999 - Elton John appeared as himself in a special episode of the animated series The Simpsons.

2002 - Mick Tucker, drummer with glam rock band Sweet, died of leukemia.

2016 - Adele was at No. 1 on the U.S. album chart with her third studio album 25. The album was a massive commercial success, debuting at No. 1 in more than 25 markets and broke first-week sales records in multiple countries, including the United Kingdom and United States; in the U.S., the album sold 3.38 million copies in its first week of release.

## 1949 Billboard top 30

No.	Title	Artist(s)
1	"Riders in the Sky"	Vaughn Monroe
2	"That Lucky Old Sun"	Frankie Laine
3	"You're Breaking My Heart"	Vic Damone
4	"Some Enchanted Evening"	Perry Como
5	"Slippin' Around"	Jimmy Wakely and Margaret Whiting
6	"I Can Dream, Can't I?"	The Andrews Sisters and Gordon Jenkins
7	"Cruising Down the River"	Russ Morgan Orchestra
8	"A Little Bird Told Me"	Evelyn Knight and The Stardusters
9	"Mule Train"	Frankie Laine
10	"Jealous Heart"	Al Morgan
11	"Cruising Down the River"	Blue Raimon Orchestra
12	"Somebody"	Vaughn Monroe
13	"Agate"	Cotton Jenkins Orchestra
14	"I never and Love"	Russ Morgan
15	"Forsier and Purr"	Perry Como
16	"Don't Cry, Joe"	Gordon Jenkins Orchestra
17	"Floor Fill of Roses"	Sammy Kaye
18	"I an Away Places"	Bing Crosby and Ken Darby Choir
19	"Buttons and Bows"	Dinah Shore
20	"Galaxy Day"	Bing Crosby
21	"Red Roses for a Blue Lady"	Vaughn Monroe
22	"So Tired"	Russ Morgan
23	"Powder Your Face with Sunshine"	Evelyn Knight
24	"Baby, It's Cool Outside"	Johney Mercer and Margaret Whiting
25	"Whispering Hope"	Jo Stafford and Gordon MacRae
26	"Maybe It's Because"	Dick Haymes
27	"Careless Hands"	Sammy Kaye Orchestra
28	"A You're Adorable"	Perry Como and The Fontane Sisters
29	"The Hackleback"	Torrey Dorsey Orchestra and Charlie Shavers
30	"I Don't See Me in Your Eyes Anymore"	Gordon Jenkins Orchestra and The Stardusters

### February 14th facts in history.

1014 – Pope Benedict VIII crowns Henry II Roman German Emperor.

1076 – Pope Gregory VII excommunicates Holy Roman Emperor Henry IV (for the 1st time).

1797 – The Battle of Cape St Vincent: British fleet under Admiral Sir John Jervis defeats larger Spanish fleet under Admiral Don Jos<sup>de</sup> de C<sup>doba</sup> y Ramos near Cape St. Vincent, Portugal. Captain Horatio Nelson distinguishes himself.

1876 – Alexander G. Bell & Elisha Gray apply separately for telephone patents Supreme Court eventually rules Bell rightful inventor.

1929 – St Valentine's Day Massacre in Chicago, 7 gangsters killed, allegedly on Al Capone's orders.

Oh, and there's one more important thing that happened on February 14th, 1949. My soulmate and the love of my life was born. Happy birthday/Valentines day. Love you bunches.

