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The following are 60 of the Billboard top 100 pop hits for the year 1988. Five of George Michael's singles made the chart in a single year. Secondary text is color coded as follows:

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YEAR OF GEORGE MICHAEL

Surveying the past year in commercial pop music, 1988 was the year of George Michael. According to Billboard's year-end annual chart tallies, Mr. Michael's album "Faith" was the No. 1 pop album and compact disk and its title song the top single of 1988. Mr. Michael finished as the year's top album artist and its top singles artist.

Mr. Michael's achievement was all the more impressive because the singer, songwriter and producer does not belong to part of a broader trend. His artful studio pop has almost nothing stylistically in common with the metal rock that dominated the charts for most of the year. No less than six of the year's top 20 albums could be categorized as hard-to-heavy metal rock.

— Source: *New York Times*, Stephen Holden

"One More Try" was the third consecutive #1 single from the Faith album. "One More Try" debuted at an impressive #40 the week of April 16, 1988, and matching the speed of "Father Figure", reached #1 by its seventh week, May 28, 1988, this time staying there for three consecutive weeks. "One More Try" was the second-longest running #1 of 1988, tied with "Every Rose Has Its Thorn" by Poison, and behind the four-week run of Steve Winwood's "Roll With It". — Source: *Wikipedia*

CRYSTAL MYSTERIES

Whether there is or is not a Santa Claus is a matter of personal predilection, but there has been no choice about another seasonal proposition: no two snowflakes are alike. How many parents have been pleased to astonish their children with that assertion of crystalline infinity?

Now it's the parent's turn to be astonished. A letter in the Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society describes the belief in no-two-alike as "a bit of folk wisdom generally accepted even among those few regarded as experts in the subject." But it is no more. The author, Dr. Nancy Knight, a scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research, reports finding a matching pair in a snowstorm over Wisconsin. She was collecting flakes on a research flight, exposing a glass slide to pick up crystals. A photo revealed the similarity of the two of them.

What's the significance of the her discovery? "Nothing cosmic," Dr. Knight says. "It's not going to solve the greenhouse effect." The real challenge that she sees is explaining how two crystals grew the same. A myth demolished, but nature's mystery survives.

— Source: *New York Times*

In the U.S., "Father Figure" became George Michael's sixth number one single (counting #1 singles garnered as half of Wham!). "Father Figure" debuted at #49 on January 16, 1988, while "Faith" was still prominent (at #9) in the top tier of the chart. In the subsequent weeks, "Father Figure" was a surefire hit, reaching #1 by its seventh week, February 27, 1988, staying at the top for two weeks. Altogether, the single spent 6 weeks in the Top 10, 9 weeks in the Top 20, and 14 weeks in the Top 40. — Source: *Wikipedia*

- 01 **FAITH**
by *George Michael*
- 02 **NEED YOU TONIGHT**
by *INXS*
- 03 **GOT MY MIND SET ON YOU**
by *George Harrison*
- 04 **NEVER GONNA GIVE YOU UP**
by *Rick Astley*
- 05 **SWEET CHILD O' MINE**
by *Guns N' Roses*
- 06 **SO EMOTIONAL**
by *Whitney Houston*
- 07 **HEAVEN IS A PLACE ON EARTH**
by *Belinda Carlisle*
- 08 **COULD'VE BEEN**
by *Tiffany*
- 09 **HANDS TO HEAVEN**
by *Breathe*
- 10 **ROLL WITH IT**
by *Steve Winwood*

- 11 **ONE MORE TRY**
by *George Michael*
- 12 **WISHING WELL**
by *Terence Trent d'Arby*
- 13 **ANYTHING FOR YOU**
by *Gloria Estefan & Miami Sound Machine*
- 14 **THE FLAME**
by *Cheap Trick*

- 15 **GET OUTTA MY DREAMS, GET INTO MY CAR**
by *Billy Ocean*
- 16 **SEASONS CHANGE**
by *Expose*
- 17 **IS THIS LOVE**
by *Whitesnake*
- 18 **WILD, WILD WEST**
by *Escape Club*
- 19 **POUR SOME SUGAR ON ME**
by *Def Leppard*
- 20 **I'LL ALWAYS LOVE YOU**
by *Taylor Dayne*

- 21 **MAN IN THE MIRROR**
by *Michael Jackson*
- 22 **SHAKE YOUR LOVE**
by *Debbie Gibson*
- 23 **SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE**
by *Robert Palmer*
- 24 **HOLD ON TO THE NIGHTS**
by *Richard Marx*
- 25 **HUNGRY EYES**
by *Eric Carnen*

- 26 **SHATTERED DREAMS**
by *Johnny Hates Jazz*
- 27 **FATHER FIGURE**
by *George Michael*
- 28 **NAUGHTY GIRLS (NEED LOVE TOO)**
by *Samantha Fox*
- 29 **A GROOVY KIND OF LOVE**
by *Phil Collins*
- 30 **LOVE BITES**
by *Def Leppard*

- 31 **ENDLESS SUMMER NIGHTS**
by *Richard Marx*
- 32 **FOOLISH BEAT**
by *Debbie Gibson*
- 33 **WHERE DO BROKEN HEARTS GO**
by *Whitney Houston*
- 34 **ANGEL**
by *Aerosmith*
- 35 **HAZY SHADE OF WINTER**
by *Bangles*
- 36 **THE WAY YOU MAKE ME FEEL**
by *Michael Jackson*
- 37 **DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY**
by *Bobby McFerrin*
- 38 **MAKE ME LOSE CONTROL**
by *Eric Carnen*
- 39 **RED RED WINE**
by *UB40*
- 40 **SHE'S LIKE THE WIND**
by *Patric Swayze*

- 41 **BAD MEDICINE**
by *Bon Jovi*
- 42 **KOKOMO**
by *Beach Boys*
- 43 **I DON'T WANNA GO ON WITH YOU LIKE THAT**
by *Elton John*
- 44 **TOGETHER FOREVER**
by *Rick Astley*

- 45 **MONKEY**
by *George Michael*
- 46 **DEVIL INSIDE**
by *INXS*
- 47 **SHOULD'VE KNOWN BETTER**
by *Richard Marx*
- 48 **I DON'T WANNA LIVE WITHOUT YOUR LOVE**
by *Chicago*
- 49 **THE LOCOMOTION**
by *Kylie Minogue*
- 50 **WHAT HAVE I DONE TO DESERVE THIS?**
by *Pet Shop Boys & Dusty Springfield*

- 51 **MAKE IT REAL**
by *Jets*
- 52 **WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND**
by *Information Society*
- 53 **TELL IT TO MY HEART**
by *Taylor Dayne*
- 54 **OUT OF THE BLUE**
by *Debbie Gibson*
- 55 **DON'T YOU WANT ME**
by *Jody Watley*

- 56 **DESIRE**
by *U2*
- 57 **I GET WEAK**
by *Belinda Carlisle*
- 58 **SIGN YOUR NAME**
by *Terence Trent d'Arby*
- 59 **I WANT TO BE YOUR MAN**
by *Roger*
- 60 **GIRLFRIEND**
by *Pebbles*

SINGER JAMES BROWN RECEIVES 6-YEAR SENTENCE IN CAR CHASE

AIKEN, S.C., Dec. 15 (AP) — The soul singer James Brown was sentenced to six years in prison today for failing to stop for the police in a two state automobile chase. But he was acquitted of assault with intent to kill.

Mr. Brown's lawyer, Bill Weeks, had argued that the prospect of arresting a celebrity caused the police to overreact in their pursuit of Mr. Brown. But the prosecutor, Robert Harte, said that Mr. Brown admitted that he failed to obey a police officer's command to pull over.

An Aiken County jury deliberated more than three hours before finding Mr. Brown guilty of two counts of aggravated assault and of eluding the police. Mr. Brown testified wednesday that he did not stop because he feared for his life. "I was scared to death," Mr. Brown said. "I went to Vietnam and I wasn't that frightened."

— Source: *New York Times*

2 BOYS HELD IN CRACK CASE

BOSTON, Dec. 14 (AP) — Two boys, 10 and 13 years old, have been charged in Dorchester District Court with operating a sidewalk business peddling crack. They were arrested Friday. — Source: *New York Times*

TEACHERS HELD IN MANHATTAN AND BROOKLYN: SEPERATE ARRESTS INVOLVE HANDGUN AND DRUGS

Two New York City schoolteachers were arrested yesterday, one for illegally possessing a handgun that the police said had been found by a student and that the teacher had offered to buy, and the other on drug charges.

[Shirley Smith], whose students said had warned them about drugs was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and cocaine after an investigation begun by a tip to a school official, the police said.

They said she was the kind of teacher who bought them little presents, lent lunch money, and borrowed library books for them. She also warned them away from drugs, they said.

"She said not to use drugs because you'll end up in the streets, a bum," said Yessenia Rivera, 12. "I don't believe she did it," said Andre Cruz, 11. "I feel broken up. She used to treat us like a mother."

— Source: *New York Times*

3 AGENTS AND PLAYER CHARGED IN FRAUD OF COLLEGES

A Federal grand jury indicted three agents today, finding that improper payments and threats of violence were used to induce dozens of athletes to sign professional management contracts while they were in college.

In addition, Cris Carter, a player for the Philadelphia Eagles of the National Football League, was indicted on charges of mail fraud and obstruction of justice in connection with payments he received from the agents.

— Source: *New York Times*

My mother maintains that there is no correlation between my name and the pop star's. "Mom I had to ask you who I was named after," to which she replies, "you were named after my father ... and Michael just because it sounded good." "Kissing a Fool" was George Michael's 5th single in the top 100. It wasn't in the top sixty.