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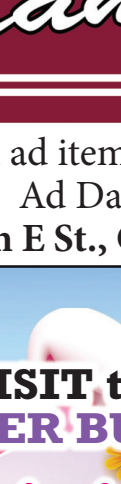
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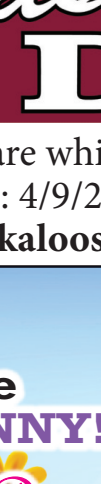
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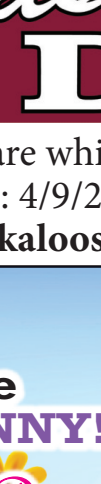
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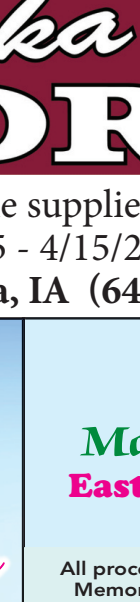


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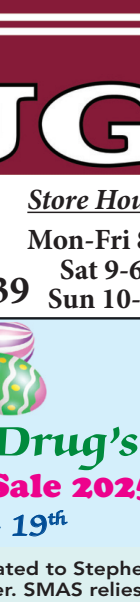




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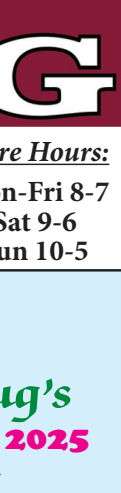
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It was April 10, 1970 — 55 years ago — that Paul McCartney, preparing for the release of his first solo album the next week, told reporters he was splitting from the rest of the Beatles.

The weird part? The Beatles had been moving in different creative directions for years and had already split up: John Lennon told his bandmates the year before he had intended to quit the Beatles. The world just didn’t know it yet.

A MESSY BREAKUP

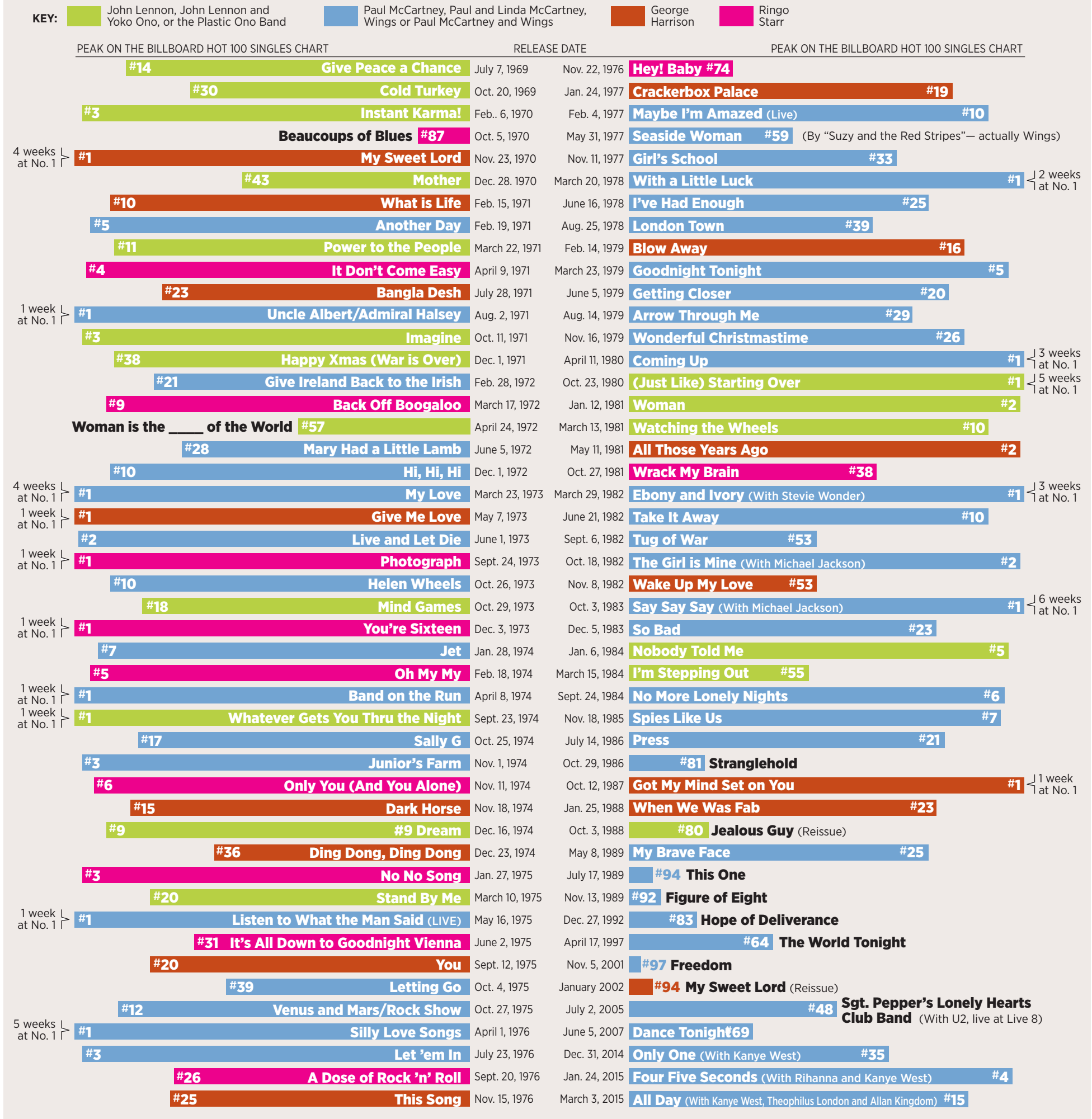
The Beatles were ultra-successful, but in just a half-decade or so of collaboration, relationships between the four band members were growing tense. They had difficulty agreeing whose songs would be featured on albums and singles. George Harrison’s growth as a songwriter made that problem even tougher. John Lennon grew addicted to heroin, which affected how he dealt with his bandmates and other disagreements. The 1967 death of their manager didn’t help.

The four then disagreed strongly on hiring a new manager. Lennon, Harrison and Ringo Star wanted to hire the manager of the Rolling Stones. Paul McCartney wanted to hire his wife’s father. It was in a group meeting on Sept. 20, 1969, that Lennon informed his colleagues he was quitting the band. The new manager was trying to put together a deal to reacquire the Beatles’ publishing rights, so he asked Lennon to please keep that quiet.

He did. But Lennon was caught off guard when McCartney told the music press on April 10, 1970, that he had personal, business and musical differences from the rest of the band, was taking a break, and didn’t foresee a time when he would again write songs with Lennon. It was front-page news in both the Beatles’ native U.K. and in the U.S. When a reporter called Lennon for a comment, Lennon retorted angrily: “Paul hasn’t left. I sacked *him!*”

The very next day, the Beatles’ latest single, “Let It Be,” hit No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 singles chart. By the end of that year, Paul had filed a suit to formally break up the Beatles’ legal partnership. The band *did* break up. And the four members went on to make more music. Some of that music went on to be enormously successful: Over the next 20 years, ex-Beatles would score 42 Top-10 hits and 16 No. 1 hits.

THE BEATLES’ POST-BREAKUP SINGLES CHART HISTORY



Sources: “The Beatles: An Illustrated Record” by Roy Carr and Tony Tyler, “Lennon and McCartney: Together Alone” by John Blaney, “Paul McCartney: A Life” by Peter Ames Carlin, “Lennon Remembers: The Rolling Stone Interviews” by Jann Wenner, Billboard, the Guardian, American Songwriter, TheCollector.com, History.com

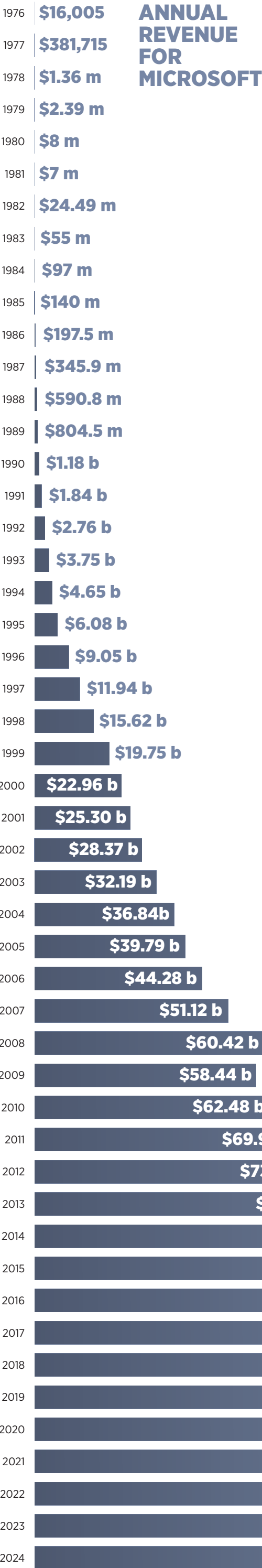
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THE BIRTH OF CTRL+ALT+DEL MICRO-SOFT

By Charles Apple
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On April 4, 1975 — a half-century ago — programmer Paul Allen and Harvard dropout Bill Gates founded a company in Albuquerque to write software for the new Altair 8800 personal computer.

They named their company Micro-Soft.



Paul Allen, left, and Bill Gates in 1981.

MICROSOFT

CHILDHOOD FRIENDS AND PROGRAMMING PRODIGIES

Bill Gates and Paul Allen grew up together as friends in Seattle, attending a private prep school. They took an early interest in computing, forming a club that allowed them time on a mainframe computer.

They started out writing games but soon moved into studying the computer’s source code. In November 1970, a Portland, Oregon, company hired the two to write a payroll program. Allen was 17 years old. Gates was 15.

Two years later, they were hired again to write software that would read data from highway traffic counters and create reports for traffic engineers. By this time, Allen was a student at Washington State University. They brought in a friend to help them build a computer from parts that were available to electronics hobbyists. They called their partnership Traf-O-Data.

Allen dropped out of Washington State to move to Massachusetts to take a job with Honeywell. Gates enrolled at Harvard, but the two continued to spend time together.

On Jan. 1, 1975, the Altair 8800 personal computer appeared on the cover of Popular Electronics magazine. This inspired Allen and Gates to develop a version of the BASIC programming language specifically for the Altair.

Allen contacted the Altair’s parent company, MITS of Albuquerque, and told them he had a working interpreter for the Altair. Naturally, MITS wanted a demonstration. It took Allen and Gates eight weeks to get the language written.

The interpreter worked flawlessly. MITS bought their language and would begin marketing it that June. In the meantime, Allen and Gates relocated to Albuquerque and founded their new company on April 4, 1975. They called it “Micro-Soft,” a mashup of the words microcomputer and software.

Allen later said he had considered their collaborations to be an

equal partnership but when they incorporated, he was surprised when Gates had another idea.

“It’s not right for you to get half,” Allen says Gates told him. “You had your salary while I did almost everything on BASIC without one back in Boston. I should get more. I think it should be 60-40.”

Allen thought about it and decided Gates had a point. He agreed. A few months later, Allen said, Gates requested another change to make their partnership 64-36.

In January 1979, Allen and Gates moved Microsoft and its 35 employees to Bellevue, Washington, and began concentrating on creating an operating system for the new

personal computer IBM was working on. In November 1980, Microsoft won a contract from IBM to supply what Allen and Gates called MS-DOS, although IBM rebranded it as IBM PC DOS.

Microsoft introduced Windows in November 1985 and, the next year, relocated its business again to Redmond, Washington, and took itself public, raising \$61 million in capital. By the end of the decade, Microsoft was the world’s largest personal computer software company based on sales.

In 1995, Microsoft launched its Windows 95 operating system and hired the Rolling Stones to sing “Start Me Up” to advertise the new product. That same year, Microsoft launched its web browser, Internet Explorer.

By 1998, the U.S. Department of Justice and the attorneys general of 20 states charged Microsoft with using its dominance in the computer market to drive competitors out of business. Microsoft settled in 2001 by accepting restrictions on its corporate practices.

That same year, Microsoft entered the video game market with its Xbox console.

In 1982, Allen was diagnosed with Hodgkin’s lymphoma. He left full-time work at Microsoft the next year but remained on the company’s board of directors through 2000. He did in 2018 at age 65.

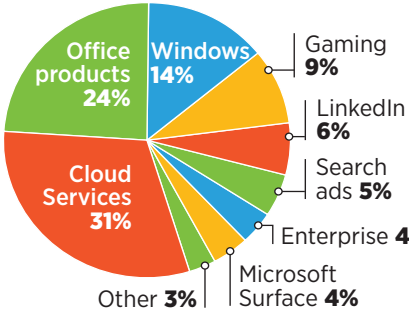
In 2000, Gates stepped down as Microsoft CEO but became chairman of the company’s board. In 2008, he cut back on his full-time role to concentrate on working with the charitable foundation he and his wife at the time, Melinda, had set up.

Gates stepped down as chairman in 2014 and took on a role as adviser to the company’s new CEO. He left Microsoft for good in 2020 to focus on philanthropic efforts in education, health and climate change.



The Traf-O-Data computer in 1972

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