



# CHARTFILE

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Here's a bumper intake of 21 new entries in this week's top 75 singles chart, with record companies anxious to release records prior to April 2. The reason for this is simply that there has previously been no limit to the number of different variants of a single that can contribute to its overall chart placing, but as from last Monday a maximum of five editions per single was imposed, though records released prior to that date escape the limit.

The turbulence below them has no effect on the top three, with **Snap** still at number one enormously increasing their lead over the **B-52's** and **Candy Flip** angling at number three.

There are several high debuts, but also much larger number of precipitous falls than is usual, with **Michael Bolton** down to 29 from 10), **Guru Josh** (25 from 11), **Primal Scream** (32 from 6), **The 49ers** (24 from 12), **Jive Bunny** (31 from 9), **J.T. & The Big Family** (33 from 13), **Sinéad O'Connor** (38 from 20) and **Big Fun** (40 from 25) all dropping more than 10 notches within the top 40. **The Cure** avoid the drop, but they can take little comfort from holding their debut position of number 28 when the number of formats in which their single is available increased during the week from four to 6.

The week's highest debut, almost inevitably, comes from **Madonna**, whose 'Vogue' enters at number four. It's her 23rd hit. And **Jason Donovan**'s 'Hang On To Your Love' debuts at number 10 to maintain his record of reaching the top 10 with each of his singles to date.

After three singles which peaked in the

40s, **Jesus Jones** breakthrough in a big way this week as 'Real Real Real' debuts at number 26. Last year they reached number 42 with both 'Info-Freako' and 'Never Enough' and number 46 with 'Bring It On Down'.

● A decade after it was recorded the **Blues Brothers'** double-A-sided single featuring 'Everybody Needs Somebody To Love' and 'Think' debuts at number 46.

Taken from the cult 'Blues Brothers' movie, 'Everybody Needs Somebody To Love' features **Dan Aykroyd** and the late **John Belushi** on vocals. An American hit for both **Solomon Burke** and **Wilson Pickett** in the Sixties, the song has never charted here before in its own right, though the Blues Brothers' recordings can be heard on the current Jive Bunny single.

'Think' sports vocals from **Aretha Franklin**. Her original recording of the song reached number 26 in 1968.

● **Paula Abdul** and the **Wild Pair** debut at number 36 this week with 'Opposites Attract'. That's one place lower than the position the record occupies in the US chart, where it stretches Paula's run of consecutive top 40 appearances to 68 — a new record for a woman. The old record of 67 weeks was established by **Connie Francis**, 28 years ago.

## CHARTFILE USA EXTRA

To misquote the record, it's been 18 years and 27 days since, that is, an artist new to the Hot 100 has managed to reach the top 10 in four weeks — but that's just what **Sinéad O'Connor** has done with 'Nothing Compares 2 U', which is ranked at number nine by Billboard this

week, having previously progressed from its debut position of number 63 to number 33 and then to number 16.

The last act to turn the trick was **America** with a 'A Horse With No Name', which reached the top 10 on March 11, 1972. It debuted at number 84, soared to number 47, and then checked in at number 20 before surging to number seven on its fourth week in the chart.

**Don McLean** also took four weeks to reach the top 10, with his introductory hit 'American Pie' just three months earlier.

In the past 10 years only four singles by established acts have reached the top 10 more quickly than 'Nothing Compares 2 U'. They are 'Thriller' by **Michael Jackson** and 'We Are The World' by a collection of chart veterans masquerading as **USA For Africa**, both of which took an incredible two weeks to reach the top 10 plus **Prince's** 'Purple Rain' and the **Michael Jackson/Siedah Garrett** duet 'I Just Can't Stop Loving

You' which reached the top 10 on the third week of chart life.

● **Alannah Myles'** 'Black Velvet' comes to number five this week, while fellow Canadian **Jane Child's** 'Don't Wanna Fall In Love' holds at number six. Prior to these two otherwise very different women from Toronto breaking through only three Canadian female soloists have ever reached the US top 10. They are **Giselle MacKenzie** (1955), **Ann Murray** (first in 1970, last in 1978) and **Joni Mitchell** (1974)

● **Elton John's** 'Sacrifice' dips to number 28 this week, after peaking at number 18.

A pretty lilting song, it's Elton's 46th 40 hit Stateside. Of these, 44 have been solo efforts, putting Elton in a three-way tie for most top 40 hits by a solo act, alongside **Stevie Wonder** and **Jan Brown**.

## NEWS EXTRA

### ESTEFAN CHARGE

Heraldo Samuels, the driver of the truck involved in the collision with **Gloria Estefan's** tour coach a couple of weeks ago, has been charged with speeding by the Pennsylvania police. Meanwhile, doctors are confident that Gloria will make a complete recovery, following major surgery on her back to repair several broken vertebrae.

### JACKSON LEGAL ACTION

**Katherine Jackson**, mother of the Jackson clan is taking her daughter, **LaToya**, to court. Mrs Jackson has filed a writ claiming LaToya and her husband have a wrongful hold over 25 per cent of the Jackson empire and used deviant means to persuade her to sign over part of the family estate in California.

### BROS SPLIT DENIED, AGAIN!

Persistent national paper reports that **Bros** are splitting up have again been officially denied. "It's all rubbish," said a spokesperson as **Record Mirror** went to press. "They're very happy with each other and they will be touring September or October." Bros began a court battle with their ex-manager **Tor Watkins** last week. Watkins is claiming substantial damages against the twins for alleged breach of contract and hoped to secure a £63,000 lump sum from Bros as security, but the court was told that Bros had spent £700,000 in 18 months and could not afford to pay it.

## TWELVE INCH

### TW LW

1	1	<b>THE POWER</b> Snap	Arista
2	—	<b>STEP ON</b> Happy Mondays	Factory
3	2	<b>STRAWBERRY FIELDS FOREVER</b> Candy Flip	Debut
4	3	<b>DON'T MISS THE PARTY LINE</b> Bizzy Nizz	Cooltempo
5	4	<b>GHETTO HEAVEN</b> The Family Stand	Atlantic
6	13	<b>MAMMA GAVE BIRTH TO THE SOUL</b> Queen Latifah & De La Soul	Tommy Boy
7	5	<b>CHIME</b> Orbital	ffrr
8	—	<b>THIS BEAT IS TECHNO TRONIC</b> Technotronic featuring MC Eric	Swanyard
9	7	<b>LOVESHACK B-52's</b>	Reprise
10	15	<b>WHAT 'U' WAITIN' '4?</b> Jungle Brothers	Eternal
11	11	<b>EVERYTHING STARTS WITHAN 'E'</b> Zee Possee	More Protein
12	16	<b>BETTER WORLD</b> Rebel MC	Desire
13	9	<b>BLUE SAYANNAH</b> Erasure	Mute
14	10	<b>ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE</b> Jam Tronik	Debut
15	6	<b>LILY WAS HERE</b> David A. Stewart featuring Candy Dulfer	Anxious
16	—	<b>911 IS A JOKE</b> Public Enemy	Def Jam
17	17	<b>THIS IS HOW IT FEELS</b> Inspiral Carpets	Cow
18	8	<b>LOADED</b> Primal Scream	Creation
19	14	<b>MOMENTS IN SOUL</b> J.T. And The Big Family	Champion
20	—	<b>I REMEMBER YOU</b> Skid Row	Atlantic

## COMPACT DISC

### TW LW

1	1	<b>CHANGES</b> Bowie David Bowie	EMI
2	4	<b>ONLY YESTERDAY</b> The Carpenters	A&I
3	—	<b>THE BEST OF VAN MORRISON</b> Van Morrison	Polydisc
4	3	<b>I DO NOT WANT WHAT I HAVEN'T GOT</b> Sinéad O'Connor	Ensign
5	5	<b>VIVALDI FOUR SEASONS</b> Nigel Kennedy/ECO	EMI
6	2	<b>VIOLATOR</b> Depeche Mode	Mut
7	6	<b>... BUT SERIOUSLY</b> Phil Collins	Virgin
8	—	<b>RUNNING FREE/RUN TO THE HILLS</b> Iron Maiden	EMI
9	9	<b>COSMIC THING</b> B-52's	Reprise
10	7	<b>MISSING PRESUMED HAVING A GOOD TIME</b> Notting Hillbillies	Vertigo
11	10	<b>JUST THE TWO OF US</b> Various	Ep
12	—	<b>STILL GOT THE BLUES</b> Gary Moore	Virgin
13	16	<b>DEEP HEAT 6 - THE SIXTH SENSE</b> Various	Telstar
14	13	<b>THE ROAD TO HELL</b> Chris Rea	WEA
15	8	<b>THE ESSENTIAL PAVAROTTI</b> Luciano Pavarotti	Decca
16	14	<b>FOREIGN AFFAIR</b> Tina Turner	Capitol
17	17	<b>RIGHT STUFF 2</b> Various	Styl
18	15	<b>THE BEST OF ROD STEWART</b> Rod Stewart	Warner Bros
19	—	<b>FLOOD</b> They Might Be Giant	Elek
20	19	<b>JOURNEYMAN</b> Eric Clapton	Du