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CHART FOCUS

It came nowhere near to matching the spectacular 320,000 first week sale enjoyed by their 1988 album *Rattle & Hum* — the second fastest starting album ever, behind Michael Jackson's 350,000 *Bad* launch — but U2's *Zooropa* album still makes quite a splash as it debuts at the top of the album chart.

It shipped platinum (300,000) and was expected to sell more than 100,000 copies in its first week on the shelves. It certainly outsold the remainder of the Top 10 artist albums added together, and gave a welcome boost to sales across the board.

Zooropa is U2's fifth number one album, representing each of their last six studio albums except for the most recent, *Achtung Baby*, which was released the same week as, and lost the battle for supremacy with, Michael Jackson's *Dangerous* in November 1991.

While *Achtung Baby* gave up its last hit some time ago, *Dangerous* continues to



impress. This week, the album's eighth single — *Will You Be There* — becomes its seventh Top 10 hit, beating the record number of Top 10 hits lifted from an album. The previous record-holders, which each surrendered six Top 10 hits? Yes... the aforementioned Jacko albums *Thriller* and *Bad*.

For the second time this year, the ninth time in the Nineties and the 31st time in the 41-year history of the chart, a new single debuts at number one. The record in question is *Take That's* *Pray*. It's the group's eighth hit in total, and their first number

one. Their only previous 1993 single, *Why Can't I Wake Up With You*, was also their previous biggest hit, both debuting and peaking at number two.

Newly signed to RCA after a spell with A&M, Barry White grabs two writing credits on this week's Top 40. Taylor Dayne's revival of his 1974 hit *Can't Get Enough Of Your Love* rises four notches to number 14, while OMD's *Dream Of Me*, heavily based on Love's *Theme*, which he penned for the *Love Unlimited Orchestra*, debuts at number 38.

Still on the revival kick, MCA has a pair of Top 20 hits, both with Seventies remakes. Kim Wilde registers her biggest hit in half a decade, as her remake of Yvonne Elliman's *If I Can't Have You* climbs to number 15. And, after a trio of indifferent chart placings, Dannii Minogue recaptures her form as her update of Melba Moore's first and biggest success *This Is It* debuts at number 15.

Alan Jones

CHART NEWCOMERS

16 PAUL WELLER: *Sunflower* (Go! Discs) UK 4th hit (solo). Producer: Brendan Lynch/Paul Weller. Publisher: NTV/Stylus Music. Writer: Weller. First hit: *Into Tomorrow* (36, 1991). Biggest hit: *Uh Huh Oh Yeh* (18, 1992). Last hit: *Above The Clouds* (47, 92). Notes: Scored 18 hits with *The Jam* from 1977 to 1982, and 17 with *Style Council* from 1983 to 1989. His debut solo album was released last year which outsold all previous *Jam/Style Council* efforts in the US. Album: due September.



What It's Worth (28, 1993). Last hit: *Arms Of Solitude* (54, 1993). Notes: Blair Booth collaborated with Terry Hall on *Missing*, a minor hit in 1989. The album features contributions from Jah Wobble, Louie Louie, Galliano and The Brand New Heavies. Album: *Oui Love You*.

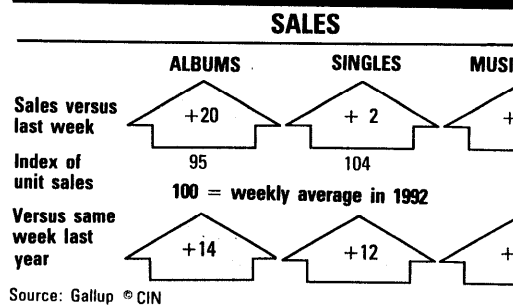
25 OUI 3: *Break From The Old Routine* (MCA) UK/US/Switzerland 3rd hit. Producer: Oui 3. Publisher: Copyright Control. Writer: Oui 3. Line Up: Trevor Miles (v), Philipp Erb (k), Blair Booth (k). First and biggest hit: *For*

1 BREAKER PJ HARVEY: *Man-Size (Island)* UK 3rd hit. Producer: Steve Albini. Publisher: Hot Head Music. Writer: Harvey

Line-Up: Polly Jean Harvey (v.g), Stephen Vaughan (b), Rob Ellis (d). First hit: *Sheela-Na-Gig* (69, 1992). Last and biggest hit: *50ft Queenie* (27, 1993). Notes: The band support U2 in Glasgow (August 7) and London (August 11/12). Album: *Rid Of Me*.

6 BREAKER FAT LADY SINGS: *Drunkard Logic* (East West) Ireland debut. Producer: Steve Osbourne. Publisher: Island Music. Writer: Kelly. Line-Up: Nick Kelly (v), Dermot Lynch (b), Tim Bradshaw (k). Notes: They have been acclaimed by the *NME* as "Ireland's finest band". This is the second in a series of three single releases all available on two CDs featuring rare tracks. Their next release will contain a special case to house all six CDs. Album: *Johnson* (August).

UPDATE



LATEST SALES AWARDS

Platinum	Gold	Silver
UB40: <i>I Can't Help</i> (Arista/Logic)	Gabrielle: <i>Dreams</i> (single)	Chaka Demus
Falling In Love (single)	Jamiroquai: <i>Emergency On Planet Earth</i>	Tease Me (s)
U2: <i>Zooropa</i>	Eric Clapton: <i>The Best Of ...</i>	Michael Ball:
Sing: Ten Summoner's Tales	Various: <i>On A Reggae Tip</i>	Leonard Cohe
	Various: <i>Soul Inspiration</i>	Future
		Alice In Chair

NEXT WEEK'S HITS

Singles	DANCE 2 TRANCE: <i>Take A Free Fall</i> (Arista/Logic)	SQUEEZE: <i>Third Rail</i> (A&M)
DONNA DE LORVY: <i>Just A Dream</i> (MCA)	LENA: <i>You Come From Earth</i> (Mother)	WATERBOYS: <i>Glastonbury So</i> (Geffen)
VANESSA PARADIS: <i>Just As Long ...</i> (Polydor)	REM: <i>Nightswimming</i> (Warner Bros)	ROXETTE: <i>Almost Unreal</i> (EMI)
Albums	SHAGGY: <i>Pure Pleasure</i> (Gre)	UB40: <i>Promises & Lies</i> (DEP)

Predictions compiled by Era. Last week's score: 10 out of 14.

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