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HIGHEST ENTRY

Table with columns: This Week, Last Week, Title, Artist (Producer), Publisher (Writer), Label CD/Cass (Distributor), 7/12. Lists top 37 singles including 'BABE', 'MR BLOBBY', 'I'D DO ANYTHING FOR LOVE', etc.

As used by Top Of The Pops and Radio One

HIGHEST CHART NUMBER

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TITLES A

- Album chart listing titles such as 'Agein...', 'Alex Party (Saturday Night Party)', 'All Apologies/Rape Me...', 'Amazing', etc.

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Take That roll over Bobby ● Meat Loaf LP nears Bodyguard sales total

CHART FOCUS

As much as any fat pink splotch with yellow blobs can be unlucky, Mr Bobby is just that this week, his eponymous debut single dropping to number two a week after entering at one even though its sales have increased week-on-week by nearly 80%. Bobby's demise is brought about by Take That, whose Babe single registers the highest weekly sale of any of their hits to date. Mr Bobby is the first single to be dethroned after only a week at number one since U2's The Fly more than two years ago.

It is a splendid week for Chaka Demus & Pliers, who register their third consecutive Top 5 hit with Twist And Shout. Loosely adapted from La Bamba and originally recorded by the Top Notes in 1961, Twist & Shout was first popularised by the Isley Brothers and then the Beatles and has now been a Top 5 hit on three separate occasions, thus becoming one of the most successful songs ever. It was a number four hit for Brian Poole & The Tremeloes in 1963, and reached the same position when revived by Salt N' Pepa five years ago. With Chaka Demus & Pliers also debuting in that position, there is currently a three-way tie for highest charting version of the song.

Dina Carroll has two singles in the Top 10, as Don't Be A Stranger holds at number eight and The Perfect Year moves up to number 10. It is something of a rarity for an artist to have two simultaneous Top 10 singles, though as recently as



Take That's Babe is Britain's 699th number one, and the 33rd to debut in pole position. They are the eleventh act to register as many as three number ones in a year, and the first to do so since Jive Bunny in 1989. But they are only the second act to have three singles debut at number one in the same year - Slade did it in 1973 - and the first ever to have three debut at one consecutively. Take That's position as the UK's pre-eminent teen stars is beyond doubt, with East 17 - up to number seven with It's Alright - in second place, World's Apart and Bad Boys Inc vying for third place and Slamm fifth.

February Whitney Houston had I'm Every Woman and I Will Always Love You in the Top 10 at the same time. Meat Loaf comes close to emulating Dina too, as I'd

Do Anything For Love drifts to number three and the re-released Bat Out Of Hell debuts at number 11. Last Friday, total sales of I'd Do Anything For Love simultaneously eclipsed Ace Of Base's All That She Wants and UB40's Can't Help Falling In Love to jump to the top of the 1993 sales chart. Meat's album Bat Out Of Hell II - Back Into Hell is already well established at the top of the year-to-date album listings, and is close to catching The Bodyguard soundtrack to become this year's biggest selling album of any kind.

Gone Too Soon is Michael Jackson's ninth Top 40 hit from Dangerous, but while the other eight all peaked inside the Top 15, Gone Too Soon is lurking at number 35. Whether it is a single too far, suffering from adverse press reports about his personal life or a combination of the two, we can only speculate. Find The River, the sixth single from REM's Automatic For The People, brings their run of 11 consecutive Top 40 hits spluttering to a halt this week as it dips out of the Top 75 only a week after debuting at number 54. Other big names with problems include Lisa Stansfield, whose smallest ever hit Little Bit Of Heaven debuted at number 32 last week and is already in reverse, and Right Said Fred and Rod Stewart, whose latest hits debut at 64 and 74 respectively. But at least they made the Top 75, a feat that is beyond the new releases by Robert Plant, Chris Rea, Kirsty MacColl and Sonia to name just a few from whom better things can usually be expected. Alan Jones

SALES AWARDS

● **Platinum:** Bryan Adams: So Far So Good (x2); Phil Collins: Phil Collins (x2); Various: Now! 26; Elton John: Duets; Wet Wet Wet: End Of Part One (Their Greatest Hits); Janet Jackson: Janet; Tina Turner: What's Love Got To Do With It; Various: It's Christmas Time; Michael Bolton: The One Thing.
● **Gold:** Guns N' Roses: The Spaghetti Incident?; Tom Petty: Greatest Hits; Hank Marvin: Heartbeat; Gabrielle: Find Your Way; Phil Spector/Variety: A Christmas Gift For You; James Last: Plays Andrew Lloyd Webber; David Bowie: The Singles Collection; Bryan Ferry: Taxi; Various: The Singer & The Song; Kenny Thomas: Wait For Me.
● **Silver:** Mr Bobby: Mr Bobby (single); James: Laid; Sister Sledge: The Very Best Of...1973-93; Various: It Takes Two - Love's Greatest Duets; The Orb: Live '93; Chaka Demus & Pliers: Tease Me; Soul Asylum: Grave Dancers' Union.

AIRPLAY ADDS

RADIO 1 FM: w/e 13.12.93: A List: Saint Etienne - I Was Born On Christmas Day; Prince - Controversy; B List: Stakka Bo - Down The Drain; Daryl Hall - Stop Loving Me Stop Loving You; C List: Eternal - Crazy, Radiohead - Stop Whispering; Bobby Brown & Whitney Houston - Something In Common.
Capital FM: w/e 07.12.93: A List: Go West - We Close Our Eyes '93; Haddaway - I Miss You; B List: Craig McLachlan - Grease; Peeri Jam - Daughter; Shabba Ranks - Family Affair; Right Said Fred - Hands Up For Lovers.
Virgin 1215: w/e 11.12.93: C List: Gigolo Aunts - Where I Find My Heaven; Spin Doctors - What Time Is It; D List: Guns N' Roses - Look At Your Game Girl; Ramones - 7 And 7 Is; MTV Europe: w/e 15.12.93: Frank Sinatra & Bono - I've Got You Under My Skin; Aphex Twin - On: Twenty 4 Seven - Is It Love?; East 17 - It's Alright; Enigma - Return To Innocence; Zhane - Hey Mr. DJ; Lisa Stansfield - Little Bit Of Heaven.
The Box: w/e 03.12.93: Aaron Neville - Please Come Home; Baby D - Destiny; Cilla & Barry - You'll Never Walk Alone; David Bowie - Buddha Of Suburbia; Dr. Elmo - Grandma Got Run Over; Frank Sinatra & Bono - I've Got You Under My Skin; Harry Connick Jr. - When My Heart Finds... Lisa Stansfield - A Little Bit Of Heaven; Michael Bolton, Said I Loved You But I Lied; Michael Jackson - Gone Too Soon; Pat Shop Boys - I Wouldn't Normally Do This Kind Of Thing; R. Kelly - Sex Me (Part II); Ru Paul - Little Drummer Boy; TLC - Sleigh Ride; To Be Continued - One On One; UB40 - Bring Me Your Cup; Village People - Y.M.C.A.

SALES UPDATE

SINGLES

+23%
versus last week

+5%
Year to date versus last year

ALBUMS

+20%
versus last week

+7.8%
Year to date versus last year

MUSIC VIDEO

+13%
versus last week

+4.5%
Year to date versus last year

NEXT WEEK'S HITS

Singles: Back II Front: Viewfinder (Deep Disstraction); Hulk Hogan with Green Jelly: Leader Of The Gang (Arista/Bell); Craig McLachlan: Grease (Epic); Shabba Ranks: Family Affair (Polydor).
Predictions compiled by Era. Last week's score: 12 out of 14.

NEWCOMERS

27 CLIFF RICHARD: Healing Love (EMI) UK 113th hit. **Producer:** Cliff Richard/Nik Kershaw/Moessl. **Publisher:** Warner Chappell/BMG. **Writer:** Kershaw/Morgan. **First hit:** Move It (2, 1958). **Biggest hit:** We Don't Talk Anymore (1, 1979). **Last hit:** Never Let Go (32, 1993). **Notes:** Cliff is currently on a tour in Europe which ends this week. His next live appearance is at the annual Pro-celebrity Tennis Tournament in Birmingham on December 18. **Album:** Cliff Richard - The Album.

41 SAINT ETIENNE: I Was Born On Christmas Day (Heavenly) UK 7th hit. **Producer:** Saint Etienne. **Publisher:** Copyright Control/Warner Chappell. **Writer:** Catt/Stanley/Wiggs. **Line-up:** Bob Stanley (K), Pete Wiggs (K), Sarah Cracknell (V). **First hit:** Nothing Can Stop Us/Speedwell (54, 1991). **Biggest hit:** You're In A Bad Way (12, 1993). **Last hit:** Hobart Paving/Who Do You Think You Are (23, 1993). **Notes:** This single features the vocals of the Charlatans' Tim Burgess. The band have just completed a mini UK tour with new Creation signings Oasis. **Album:** You Need A Mess Of Help To Stand Alone.

52 MILLIONAIRE HIPPIES: I Am The Music, Hear Me! (Deconstruction) UK debut. **Producer:** Danny Rampling. **Publisher:** Copyright Control.



Writer: Rampling/Passey/Sanchez. **Line-up:** Danny Rampling (K), Des Strachen (V), Gwen Dupree (V). **Notes:** Rampling has been DJing for Kiss FM since its days as a pirate and was partly responsible for bringing the balearic scene to England, helped by Paul Oakenfold and Nicky Holloway. Rampling ran the now legendary Shoom Club. **Album:** next year.

59 MAD JOCKS: No Lager (SMP) UK 2nd hit. **Producer:** Nigel Wright. **Publisher:** Decos/MCA. **Writer:** De Coster/De Wilde/Dells/Slijngaard.

First hit: Jock Mix 1 (46, 1987). **Notes:** The identity of this band is top secret, but we can exclusively reveal the vocalist is Brian Adams. This track is a humorous reworking of the techno anthem No Limits and is available on limited coloured vinyl. Nigel Wright has worked with Take That and produced the original cast recording of Andrew Lloyd Webber's Sunset Boulevard. **Album:** none planned.

63 UNDERWORLD: Spikee (Junior Boy's Own) UK debut. **Producer:** Darren Emerson/Karl Hyde/Rick Smith. **Publisher:** Underworld/Sherlock Holmes. **Writer:** Emerson/Hyde/Smith. **Line-up:** Darren Emerson (K), Karl Hyde (V/G), Rick Smith (K). **Notes:** Both Hyde and Smith were once known as Freur who had a hit in the mid-Eighties with Doot Doot. Their new album has been hailed as "the best album since the Stone Roses" by Melody Maker. **Album:** Dub No Bass With My Head Man (January 24).

66 ICE CUBE: Really Doe (4th & Broadway) US 3rd hit. **Producer:** Laylaw/Derrick McDowell. **Publisher:** Warner Chappell/Copyright Control/MCA/Island. **Writer:** Ice Cube/Laylaw/McDowell. **First hit:** It Was A Good Day (27, 1993). **Notes:** On Cube's fourth album, from which this single is taken, he collaborates with George Clinton and Quincy Jones' son QD III. **Album:** Lethal Injection.

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sadly regret the loss
of
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