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- Which currently-hot band's past hits include "Stand," "The One I Love" and "Radio Free Europe"? 1. R.E.M. 2. Black Crowes 3. The Cure 4. B-52s
- The parents of Wilson-Phillips were members of which two classic '60s bands? 1. Beach Boys, Byrds 2. Beach Boys, Mamas and Papas 3. Byrds, Mamas and Papas 4. Mamas and Papas; Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young
- What's the name of the man who provides the soundtrack music for The Flash, Batman, and Dick Tracy, as well as Bart and the rest of the Simpsons? (Hint: He used to be in a band called Oingo Boingo.) 1. Danny Elfman 2. Mark Mothersbaugh 3. Morrissey 4. Mark Knopfler

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## Singing blues for love, not money

By Larry O'Connor  
 staff writer

In the course of a performance, Big Dave and the Ultrasonics can throw a lot at you.

There's a saxophonist, a harmonica player, two guitarists, a bassist and a drummer. The band can play soulful house-rockin' blues, uptown boogie and gutbucket blues when called upon.

But calling out for Dave can present a problem. The group only has four of them by the same first name.

"When I first started working with these guys, it was kind of confusing at first," said bass player Todd Perkins, one of two Todds in the band. "We pretty much refer to each other on a last name basis."

"In the beginning, when I didn't know everybody, I would say 'harp-playing Dave,' 'sax-playing Dave' and 'guitar-playing Dave.'" But there's two guitar-playing Daves.

Sorting out guitarist Dave Farzalo, sax and keyboard man Dave Salvator and harpist Dave Morris may be difficult at first.

AMONG THE Daves, though, there's only one Big Dave. He's

Dave Steele, whose throaty growl and stinging guitar licks reveal the heart of a bluesman. Better yet, he even talks like one.

"You have to love it (the blues)," Steele said. "That's all. There's no money in it."

What inspires the blues in him? "Like everyone, it's women and money," he answers.

THIS IS a passion shared by other band members, who formed Big Dave and the Ultrasonics after three Daves (Steele, Farzalo and Salvator) and one Todd (Nero) moved from Erie, Pa., to Ann Arbor.

Those guys played in The Zip City Blues Band, which performed regularly in Erie's only blues club, the Dockside. Band members possess a wide knowledge of different blues styles — Delta, Texas and New Orleans — and incorporate it into the final stew.

In a short time, Big Dave and the Ultrasonics have made an immediate impact on the Ann Arbor and Detroit club scene. Onstage, the band serves up a searing brand of urban blues.

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There's plenty of Daves and Todds in Big Dave and the Ultrasonics, but there's only one person whose throaty growl and stinging guitar licks reveal the heart of a bluesman. That's Big Dave himself, Dave Steele.

## IN CONCERT

- **MONKEY MEAT**  
Monkey Meat will perform Monday, June 4, at Rick's Cafe, 611 Church, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-2747.
- **BORN NAKED**  
Born Naked will perform Tuesday, June 4, at Rick's Cafe, 611 Church, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-2747.
- **PERE UBU**  
Pere Ubu will perform Wednesday, June 5, at the Blind Pig, 208 S. First, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-8555.
- **AL HILL**  
Al Hill will perform Wednesday, June 5, at Rick's Cafe, 611 Church, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-2747.
- **BYRANT**  
Byrant will perform with guests, Mother Superior, Thursday, June 6, at Paycheck's Lounge, 2932 Caniff, Hamtramck. For information, call 874-0254.
- **ANGELA BOFILL**  
Jazz artist Angela Bofill will perform with guests, Pieces of a Dream and Lonnie Liston Smith, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 6, at Chese Park Music Theatre in Detroit. Tickets are \$18.50 and \$16.50. For information, call 872-1000.
- **NEW DUNCAN IMPERIALS**  
New Duncan Imperials will perform with guests, Strange Bedfellows, Thursday, June 6, at the Blind Pig, 208 S. First, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-8555.
- **TRINIDAD TROPOJ**  
Trinidad Tropoj Steel Band will perform Thursday, June 6, at Rick's Cafe, 611 Church, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-3747.
- **SIMPLE MINDS**  
Simple Minds will perform with guests, Material Issue, 8 p.m. Friday, June 7, at Clubland at the State Theater, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets are \$18.50 in advance. For information, call 99-MUSIC.
- **DUKE TUMAYO**  
Duke Tumayo will perform Friday, June 7, at Sully's, 4758 Greenfield, between Michigan Avenue and Ford Road, Dearborn. For information, call 846-5377.
- **SUN MESSENGERS**  
Sun Messengers will perform Friday, June 7, on the Bobbi Moonlight Cruise. The cruise departs the Detroit dock 11 p.m. and returns 1 a.m. For information, call 843-0700 or 843-8800.
- **MISS JONES**  
Miss Jones will perform with guests, Love Kings, Friday, June 7, at Lill's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. For information, call 875-6555.
- **BORAX**  
Borax will perform with guests, Destruction Ride, Friday, June 7, at the Blind Pig, 208 S. First, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-8555.
- **WILLIAM CLARK**  
William Clark will perform Friday, June 7, at Rick's Cafe, 611 Church, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-2747.
- **AVENUE**  
Avenue will perform Friday, June 7, at Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross, Ypsilanti. For information, call 485-5050.
- **BLUES EXPLOSION**  
John Myall & the Bluesbreakers, Bud
- dy Guy and Koko Taylor and the Blues Machine will perform 7 p.m. Friday, June 7, at Chese Park Music Theatre in Detroit. Tickets are \$18.50 and \$14.50. For information, call 872-1000.
- **HAPPY AS CLAMS**  
Happy As Clams will perform with guests, Park the Karma and Voodoo Child, Friday, June 7, at Paycheck's Lounge, 2932 Caniff, Hamtramck. For information, call 874-0254.
- **HAPPY ACCIDENTS**  
Happy Accidents will perform with guests, Liar Head, Saturday, June 8, at Exit Club, 12 Mile and John R., Madison Heights. For information, call 544-1298.
- **GEORGE BEDARD & THE KINGPINS**  
George Bedard & the Kingpins will perform Saturday, June 8, at the Blind Pig, 208 S. First, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-8555.
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- **R.H. FACTOR**  
R.H. Factor will perform Saturday, June 8, on the Bobbi Moonlight Cruise. The cruise departs the Detroit dock 11 p.m. and returns 1 a.m. For information, call 843-0700 or 843-8800.
- **BAD RELIGION**  
Bad Religion will perform with guests, Pit Bull and Cold as Life, Saturday, June 8, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. For information, call 961-MELT.
- **BEER ON THE PENGUIN**  
Beer on the Penguin will perform with guests, Skeleton Crew, Saturday, June 8, at Lill's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. For information, call 875-6555.
- **CULTURE SHOCK**  
Culture Shock will perform Saturday, June 8, at Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross, Ypsilanti. For information, call 485-5050.
- **THE INCENTIVE**  
The Incentive will perform with guests, Charm Farm and Majesty Crush, at Paycheck's Lounge, 2932 Caniff, Hamtramck. For information, call 874-0254.
- **KEITH SWEAT**  
Keith Sweat and The Rude Boys will perform 8 p.m. Saturday, June 8, at Chese Park Music Theatre in Detroit. Tickets are \$25 and \$20. For information, call 872-1000.
- **ELVIS COSTELLO**  
Elvis Costello will perform 8 p.m. Sunday, June 9, at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Tickets are \$25. For information, call 567-6000.
- **OTIS CLAY**  
Otis Clay will perform Saturday, June 8, at Sully's, 4758 Greenfield, Dearborn. For information, call 846-5377.
- **MILES DAVIS**  
Miles Davis will perform 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 9, at Chese Park Music Theatre in Detroit. Tickets are \$25 and \$20. For information, call 872-1000.
- **UGLY BUT PROUD**  
Ugly But Proud will perform with guests, Bad Luck Inc., Sunday, June 9, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. For information, call 961-MELT.

## REVIEWS

### AGGRAVATION — Treponem Pal

Treponem Pal might seem like a mystical name for a mysterious heavy metal band, and in reality it is. But it is also the French word for the virus that causes syphilis.

Treponem Pal is a perverse, industrial thrash band. The group's latest release is "Aggravation." I think that says it all.

Their style of music lies somewhere between the likes of bands like Slayer and Judas Priest.

The opening track, called "Rest is War," is a grating, energy pack song that is guaranteed to rock any head-banger's socks off.

This is a band that comes from France, but you might likely guess it came out of the New York City metal circuit by the sound of it.

Vocalist Marco Neves can hit some notes like nails on a chalk board.

Some truly salvageable songs are in this nine-song package. "Out With No Flag" and "Sweet Coma" are pretty decent metallic pieces.

One song in the package was not written by Treponem Pal. It is called "Radioactivity." It is a noxious, stentorian mix written and arranged for TP by the band known as Kraftwerk.



From a country internationally known for romance and elegance (tres chic), Treponem Pal is proud to say it represents "the ugly reality of worldwide culture." Although members never explained this claim to any great depth, it does come through in their music.

They are striving to be a diverse and controversial thrash band. "Aggravation" is a positive step in that direction.

Although their music might not be best suited for everyone, it might be just the thing for you serious metal-heads out there.

— Joseph S. Hoffmann

### AWA YIO — Ivan Lins

You're on a tropical beach in Brazil. You have your toes in the sand, a drink in your hand, and you feel grand. In your head you can hear the sounds of a samba calypso band.

The music on Ivan Lins' latest album called "Awa Yio" will send such images running through your mind.

This is a true South American-style delight, after a while you won't even care that he doesn't sing a single lyric in English. If you want to sing along as possible, just fake your way through.

But you'll probably be interested in knowing that the lyrics are included in both English and Spanish.

Ivan (pronounced Evon) Lins' mission on this album was to expose more people to the native music and culture of Brazil. After some of the lyrics, he provides a brief explanation of some of the myths, expressions and cultural beliefs of his native country.

Sure, the music has been commercialized just a tad, but you'll get the basic idea.

The song "Meu Pais" ("My Country") is pleasurable ballad about the tropical paradise where he grew up.

Throughout the song, he sings about some of the popular characters of



Brazilian folklore.

Lins was born in Rio de Janeiro, the son of a Naval engineer. Via his father's military career, he ended up spending some formative years in Cambridge, Mass., where his musical aspirations took shape.

He speaks of this combination of cultural experiences in his song "America, Brazil — America, Brazil." This is a very upbeat samba.

All together you will find 11 multicultural songs in this package. This one is a must for someone with a hankering for something nuevo y diferente (that's Spanish for new and different).

— Joseph S. Hoffmann



Indigo Girls performs Saturday, June 15, at Meadow Brook Music Theatre.

## LOCAL

Here are the Top-10 songs on "Detroit Music Scene," which is heard 4-5 p.m. Sundays on WDTR-FM 90.9.

1. "Honey Child," Chala Reaction
2. "Nation of Strangers," Call Heroes
3. "God Fearin' Man," Country Bob
4. "The Search," Robb Roy
5. "In Her Valley," Fook
6. "Everyday's a Holiday," Dave Rave
7. "Rushing the River," Bruce Nichols
8. "The Road," Gearheads
9. "Rusty Nailbu," Grims
10. "All Fall Down," Park the Karma

## CUTTING EDGE

Here are 10 releases in heavy rotation on "The Cutting Edge," which is heard 7 p.m. to 4 a.m. nightly on CINX-FM 88.7.

1. "Schubert Dip," EMF
2. "The Last," La's
3. "Real Life," Simple Minds
4. "Out of Time," R.E.M.
5. "International," Material Issue
6. "Why Do Birds Sing?," Violent Femmes
7. "The Last," La's
8. "Strange Free World," Kitchens of Distraction
9. "Doubt," Jesus Jones
10. "Mighty Like a Rose," Material Issue