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In Review



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The Ohio spudboys return with their first album in 20 years, and the sharp songcraft and sharper social commentary haven't dulled a bit. "Fresh" is a pop layer cake of über-catchy chorus, propulsive rhythm and gurgling synthesizer; it belongs in the hit parade with "Whip It" and "Girl U Want." Vocalist Mark Mothersbaugh still packs a compelling mix of righteous indignation and nerd-on-steroids charisma on tracks such as "Sumthin'," which takes jabs at George W. Bush.