



**"Tuff Enuff"**  
*The Fabulous Thunderbirds*  
CBS Associated Records  
★☆☆½

The Fabulous Thunderbirds are the best blues band from Texas. Although "Tuff Enuff" doesn't prove that statement fully, it shows that there is evidence to support my claim.

For those of you who don't know about the Fabulous Thunderbirds, they are Kim Wilson on lead vocals and harmonica, Fran Christina on drums and Jimmie Vaughn, Stevie Ray's brother, on guitar. "Tuff Enuff" is the first album the Fabulous Thunderbirds have released with Preston Hubbard on bass. Hubbard, who joined the band two years ago, has shown that he is a fine replacement for Keith Ferguson, who went off to form the Tail Gators.

For those of you who do know about the Fabulous

Thunderbirds, you have probably been waiting for the release of "Tuff Enuff." The band finished recording the album at the end of last summer and the album was about to be released when the Fabulous Thunderbirds' record company went bankrupt. It took a while before another label was found.

The title track, with its synthesizers and drum machines, may turn some fans off. The Fabulous Thunderbirds are much better than ZZ Top they shouldn't try to sound like them. Don't worry, the album gets better.

"Tell Me" gets away from the synthesizers and takes the band back to what they do best — the blues. "Tell Me" also shows why Wilson is one of the best harmonica players in the business. "Look at That, Look at That" shows why Vaughn is equally good on guitar.

"Wrap it Up," written by Isaac Hayes and David Porter, has a good '60s soul sound. "Two Time My Lovin'," "Amnesia," "True Love" and "Don't Care" are pretty good but a little bit dry. Only the instrumental, "Down at Antones," comes close to capturing the band's live sound.

The Fabulous Thunderbirds are great but their greatness doesn't come through in a standard three-minute song. Dave Edmunds, the album's producer, has done a good job capturing the Fabulous Thunderbirds' sound but their music

is too spontaneous to fit well in the rigid format of an album. See these guys live and then buy the album to help you remember the experience.



**"Stereotomy"**  
*The Alan Parsons Project*  
Arista Records

"Stereotomy" marks a turning point in my relationship with the Alan Parsons Project. I refuse to buy another one of their albums unless they show me they're going to quit screwing around and start making some interesting music again.

Once upon a time I really liked these guys. I was so impressed with their first four albums, "Tales of Mystery and Imagination," "I, Robot," "Pyramid" and "Eve," that I bought everything else they put out. After five very bad albums and a silly greatest hits compilation, I'm tired of this.

Like all of their albums, "Stereotomy" tries to tell a story. This time it is a muddled story about a rock star dealing with the problems of fame. This album is not an interesting Freudian analysis of a rock star like Pink Floyd's "The Wall." This is a boring album with all the insight of a People magazine profile on a 13-year-old twirler who's blind.

The title track and "Beu-jolis" break away slightly from the formula by using more percussion than is typical for the band. "Light of the World" is more of the same old stuff but it's good in a wimpy sort of way.


Guitarist Ian Bairnson, who has worked with Parsons on most of the Project's albums, does his best David Gilmour imitation on the instrumental "Urbania" and "Where's the Walrus?" "Chinese Whispers" shows that Bairnson is a good guitarist in his own right but the song is much too short.

"Limelight" features Gary Brooker, one of the founding members of Procol Harum, on vocals. The song doesn't fully take advantage of Brooker's soulful voice.

"Stereotomy" is somewhat like a lobotomy — a part of the brain has been removed.

*by Karl Pallmeyer*  
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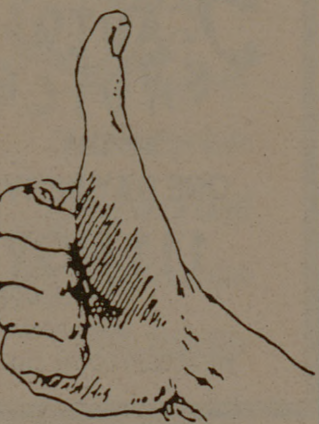


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7:00 Knight Rider	31 Twilight Zone	5 Knight Rider	6 Knight Rider	26 Business Report Wall Street Week	24 Twilight Zone	2 Matt Houston	13 Webster Mr. Belvedere	4 Wash. Week Wall Street Week	25 Knotts Landing	17 Teen Pregnancy	11 Knight Rider	10 Matt Houston	29 NBA Basketball Philadelphia 76ers at Dallas	33 Movie: "Terror Train"	12 Doris Day's Best Friends Flipper	34 Wrestling
8:00 Dallas	5 Dallas	6 Dallas	6 Dallas	26 Dollars And Sense Wash. Week	24 Dallas	2 Movie: "The Elephant Man"	13 Diff'rent Strokes He's The Mayor	4 Great Performances "You Can't Take It with	25 Movie: "The Tin Star"	17 Viewer Call-In	11 Viewer Call-In	10 Movie: "Frogs"	29 Mavericks	33 News	12 700 Club	34 PGA Golf Doral Open second round
9:00 Miami Vice	31 Falcon Crest	5 Miami Vice	6 Miami Vice	26 Great Performances "You Can't Take It with	24 Falcon Crest	2 Falcon Crest	13 Fall Guy	4 You	25 Campaign '86	17 Campaign '86	11 Miami Vice	10 Into Focus: The Image Of Blacks In	29 News	33 News	12 To Be Announced	34 News
10:00 News	31 News	5 News	6 News	26 You	24 News	2 Carson's Comedy Benny Hill	13 ABC News Nightline	4 Bob Newhart	25 Maude	17 Maude	11 News	10 Benny Hill	29 America Night Tracks: Power Play	33 WKRQ in Cincinnati Trapper John, M.D.	12 Man From U.N.C.L.E.	34 Night Flight
11:00 Charlie's Angels	5 Charlie's Angels	6 Charlie's Angels	6 Charlie's Angels	26 MacNeil / Lehrer Newshour	24 Magnum, P.I.	2 Bizarre	13 Movie: "Killer On Board"	4 McLaughlin Group	25 Mary Tyler Moore Tales From The Darkside	17 Mary Tyler Moore Tales From The Darkside	11 Perfect Match	10 Night Tracks	29 Night Tracks	33 Movie: "Bunny Lake"	12 Best Of Groucho Bill Cosby	34 Night Flight
12:00 Fantasy Island	5 Fantasy Island	6 Fantasy Island	6 Fantasy Island	26 Texas Hit Revue	24 Texas Hit Revue	2 Texas Hit Revue	13 Texas Hit Revue	4 Movie: "Capture Of Bigfoot"	25 Today In Washington	17 Today In Washington	11 Credit Card Millionaire	10 Night Tracks	29 Night Tracks	33 Is Missing	12 Dobie Gillis Father Knows Best	34 Night Flight

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7:00 Snorks	31 Berenstain Bears	5 Snorks	6 Snorks	26 Wash. Week	24 Berenstain Bears	2 Extension	13 Pink Panther And Sons Littles	4 Jerry Falwell	25 Today In Washington Cont'd	17 Today In Washington Cont'd	11 Snorks	10 Pleasant Grove Baptist World Tomorrow	29 Wrestling	33 U.S. Farm Report Wild Kingdom	12 To Be Announced Catch The Spirit	34 Alive & Well
8:00 Smurfs	5 Smurfs	6 Smurfs	6 Smurfs	26 Texas Governor Report	24 Jim Henson's Muppets, Babies & Monsters	2 U.T.A.	13 Bugs Bunny Looney Tunes Comedy Hour	4 Voyagers	25 Viewers Call-In	17 Viewers Call-In	11 Smurfs	10 Larry Jones	29 National Geographic Explorer	33 Garner Ted Armstrong Business	12 James Robison Zola Levitt	34 Cash Flo Expo
9:00 Punky Brewster	5 Hulk Hogan's Rock 'N Wrestling	6 Punky Brewster	6 Punky Brewster	26 Business File	24 Hulk Hogan's Rock 'N Wrestling	2 What About People Parents In Action	13 Ewoks And Droids	4 Wrestling	25 Close Up Foundation	17 Close Up Foundation	11 Punky Brewster	10 Lancer	29 Charlando	33 People To People	12 Movie: "The Lawless"	34 Japan Today
10:00 Kid Show	5 Richie Rich	6 G.L. Joe	6 Write Course	26 Write Course	24 Richie Rich	2 Voter's Digest	13 Adventure Hour Super Powers	4 Fishing Texas	25 Congressional Hearings: Public Policy Address	17 Alvin And The Chipmunks Kiddy Video	11 Death Valley Days Wyatt Earp	10 Movie: "Darby's Rangers"	29 World Tomorrow In Fisherman	33 Broken Arrow	12 Hollywood Insider Beat The Pros	34
11:00 Mr. T	5 Cities	6 Mr. T	6 2nd Century	26 Pole Position	24 Movie: "The Great Niagara"	2 Weekend Special American Bandstand	13 Victory Garden	4 Ritleman	25 Press Conference	17 Mr. T	11 World Cup Skiing	10 Bob Weltlich	29 Movie: "The Dude"	33 Laramie	12 Movie: "Friday The 13th, Part III"	34
12:00 College Basketball North Carolina State	5 Barney Miller	6 College Basketball North Carolina State	6 Introduction To Computers	26 College Basketball Boston College at	24 College Basketball Texas A&M at Arkansas	2 Frugal Gourmet House For All Seasons	13 Wild, Wild West	4 College Basketball North Carolina State	25 Soul Train	17 College Basketball Texas A&M at Arkansas	11 "Springfield Rifle"	10 Movie: "Little Giant"	29 Branded	33 Last Of The Wild	12	34
1:00 College Basketball Oklahoma	5 College Basketball Texas A&M at Arkansas	6 College Basketball Louisiana State at	6 Focus On Society	26 Villanova	24 PBA Bowling Lite Beer Champ.	4 Cats And Dogs 15 Magazine	13 PBA Bowling Lite Beer Champ.	4 PBA Bowling Lite Beer Champ.	25 PBA Bowling Lite Beer Champ.	17 PBA Bowling Lite Beer Champ.	11 PBA Bowling Lite Beer Champ.	10 PBA Bowling Lite Beer Champ.	29 PBA Bowling Lite Beer Champ.	33 PBA Bowling Lite Beer Champ.	12 PBA Bowling Lite Beer Champ.	34 PBA Bowling Lite Beer Champ.
3:00 Kentucky	5 College Basketball Illinois at Georgia Tech	6 College Basketball Illinois at Georgia Tech	6 Firing Line	26 College Basketball Georgia Tech	24 Death Valley Days	4 Wide World Of Sports	13 Japan	4 Rawhide	25 Kentucky	17 Movie: "Return Of Bruce"	11 Orlando Wilson	10 Soul Train	29 Rifleman	33 Wagon Train	12	34
4:00 PGA Golf Honda Classic third round	5 Lorne Greene	6 Wild Kingdom	6 Legends Of Country Music	26 That's My Mama Happening Now	24 Tyrell Biggs vs. Jeff Sims	4 Capitol Journal Crime File	13 Alias Smith And Jones	4 Cong. Hearings, Pub. Policy, Press Cont.	25 PGA Golf Honda Classic third round	17 PGA Golf Honda Classic third round	11 Pro Kickoff Special Puttin' On The Hits	10 Pro Kickoff Special Puttin' On The Hits	29 GunsMOKE	33	12	34
5:00 Ebony Jet / Showcase NBC News	5 CBS News	6 Solid Gold	6 CBS News	26 Star Games	24 Houston's Great ABC News	4 Matinee At The Bijou	13 Fame	4 Viewer Call-In	25 At The Movies	17 Star Games	11 Wrestling	10 Video Comedy Hour	29 GunsMOKE	33	12	34
6:00 News	5 Hee Haw	6 Hee Haw	6 News	26 Health Matters	24 Eyewitness Houston	4 Newton's Apple	13 National Press Club	4 News	25 Ghost Story	17 Mad Movies	11 It's A Living	10 Campbells	29 Check It Out!	33	12	34
7:00 Facts Of Life	5 Valerie	6 Facts Of Life	6 A Tribute To Country Greatness	26 Airwolf	24 Star Search	4 Redd Foxx Show Benson	13 Nature Of Things	4 Dance Fever	25 Facts Of Life	17 Dempsey & Makepeace	11 Centennial	10 Movie: "Enter The Ninja"	29 Movie: "The Last Command"	33 Movie: "The Crawling Eye"	12	34
8:00 Golden Girls	5 Movie: "Betrayed By Innocence"	6 Golden Girls	6 Movie: "Betrayed By Innocence"	26 Hee Haw	24 Fortune Dane	4 Wild America	13 Movie: "The Wild One"	4 Journalists Roundtable	25 Golden Girls	17 Movie: "Hour Of The Gun"	11 Alfred Hitchcock	10	29	33	12	34
9:00 Remington Steele	5 Remington Steele	6 Doctor Who	6 GunsMOKE	26 Love Boat	24 Country Memories With Willie Nelson	4 NBA Basketball	13 U.S. House Of Representatives	4 Remington Steele	25 World Of Audubon	17 News	11 To Be Announced	10 Alfred Hitchcock Hour	29	33	12	34
10:00 News	5 News	6 News	6 News	26 Wrestling	24 News	4 Houston Rockets at Portland Trail Blazers	13 News	4 News	25 News	17 News	11 News	10 News	29 News	33 News	12 News	34 News
11:00 Event	5 Event	6 Agony	6 Monty Python	26 Peking	24 Peking	4 Peking	13 Peking	4 Peking	25 Peking	17 Peking	11 Peking	10 Peking	29 Peking	33 Peking	12 Peking	34 Peking
12:00 Video Majic	5 Everything	6 Wrestling	6 Texas Hit Revue	26 Dick Clark's Nitetime	24 Texas Hit Revue	4 Texas Hit Revue	13 New York Hot Tracks	4 New York Hot Tracks	25 New York Hot Tracks	17 New York Hot Tracks	11 New York Hot Tracks	10 New York Hot Tracks	29 New York Hot Tracks	33 New York Hot Tracks	12 New York Hot Tracks	34 New York Hot Tracks