

Teenage Fanclub

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and the Beatles," he said. McGinley shares Chilton's attitude and said he is not too worried about sounding like others' styles.

"When we do a song, we don't think, 'Does this sound like anyone else?'" he said. "We kind of take it for granted that we have written the song."

McGinley said other bands only influence the band's music subconsciously.

"Perhaps if you sit and listen to a few soul compilations over

a weekend, and then you write a song, it's going to be more laid back than if you were listening to a hardcore punk record," McGinley said.

"This could be the reason the album included a bit of the Byrds, a bit of sunny fun reminiscent of the Beach Boys and a touch of John Lennon psychedelia.

Grand Prix does, at times, sound like music out of the '60s. However, the band tries to reinvent its sound on every album.

"When it comes to making records we try not to second-guess our ideas and feelings,"

McGinley said.

The change in sounds from album to album is fostered by the songwriting arrangement of the band.

Similar to the Beatles, Teenage Fanclub has three songwriters, and McGinley said they help each other out. McGinley says that having three individual songwriters "takes the pressure off any individual" to contribute ideas.

And while having three individual songwriters may have been too much for the Beatles, Teenage Fanclub will continue to try to use the arrangement to its advantage.

Vertical Horizon

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Unfortunately, the lyrics did not evolve as much as the music and are a repeat of *There and Back Again*.

Simplistic lyrics fail to draw out Kane and Scannell's poetry in songs like "Sunrises and Saturdays."

Scannell plays a psychologist's role and analyzes why it is better for the song's two lovers to call it quits. He clashes cheesy

'70s imagery against his intricate guitar playing as he sings, "And I wish you / Sunrises and Saturdays / Sweet dreams and moonbeams / And a love that's warm and bright."

"Japan" shows that the potential for lyrical improvement exists.

The song departs from the simplicity of the first album, which may be a prosaic move that toward solidifying the band's lyrical integrity.

The melody tells the depressing story of a man facing the bit-

ing pangs of loneliness. The duo sings, "You see I love an American beauty / But nobody here understands / But nobody came to his rescue / And he came to his bitter end."

Vertical Horizon sings a never-ending story about relationships that sounds like a conversation college students may have over dinner.

Although the lyrics lack maturity, the band's musical sophistication could eventually put its book of love at the top of the bestseller list.

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Red-hot Indians can't find way to lose

Late-inning, come-back wins have become the norm for the Tribe.

CLEVELAND (AP) — John Hart, of all people, should have come to expect the unexpected from the Cleveland Indians by now. After all, he created them.

Yet each time they find another way to win, the 46-year-old general manager becomes a giddy little kid again, just like the other 41,000-plus fans who've been routinely

cramping into Jacobs Field.

"I leaped out of my seat, as I've done so many times this year," Hart said after the Indians' latest miracle finish, a two-run home run by Manny Ramirez in the 12th inning that beat Dennis Eckersley and the Oakland A's 5-4 Sunday and gave the Indians a league-best 50-21 record. "If you love the game, those things are special."

Very little has seemed special about baseball in most cities this season, with lingering resentment from the strike and uncertainty about the game's future having taken so much of

the fun out of it.

Not so in Cleveland, where fans hungry for 40 years of bad baseball suddenly find themselves watching the best team in the world. By the time the current homestand ends Tuesday night, Jacobs Field will have been sold out 21 consecutive times.

When last Thursday's game was rained out, the Indians had to offer refunds, because there was no way they could honor 41,000 rain checks; only about one-third that many seats are available through the rest of the season.

Dallas wants return trip to Super Sunday

Training camp unofficially began Monday for the Cowboys.

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Talk of resurrecting the Dallas Cowboys' recent glory was already floating freely in the hot Texas air just a few hours into the unofficial first day of training camp.

"It truly doesn't feel like a season if you're not in the Super Bowl," said receiver Michael Irvin, participating Monday in the first day of the team's "Quarterback School."

It might be July, but talk about wresting the Lombardi Trophy away from the San Francisco 49ers

was rampant as players spoke of recommitting themselves, physically and mentally, to a third world championship in four seasons.

"We've got the talent — all we've got to do is get it together," said linebacker Robert Jones. "We want it. All we have to do is go and get it."

The only aberration to an otherwise serious day of football occurred in the morning when a woman ran out onto the practice field and tried to approach quarterback Troy Aikman. Irving police arrested Linda Oxley, 42, of Fort Worth on a charge of misdemeanor trespassing.

It was only a mild interruption to the morning's grueling task of running a series of 110-yard

sprints to test conditioning. Running back Emmitt Smith said he's in the best shape of his career and being blown out of proportion. Still, he's ready.

"I try to get in the best shape possible every year, and I'd like to be on the right track," Smith, who said last season's loss to the 49ers in the NFC Championship game has made the former back-to-back champion hungry again. "Watching the play in the Super Bowl left sour taste in our mouths."

"It's something that's on our minds. I think a lot of players worked very hard in the offseason to get their bodies in shape and get prepared to go through long season."

WILLIAMS

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back. It's no accident that this year's All-Star Game was an entertaining one. Players saw the game as a golden opportunity. It was one of the stepping stones set down to retrieve all the fans lost in the mire between baseball and summer boredom.

Players and owners dug themselves into a major hole with the strike, but they are being extremely opportunistic in their attempts to bring baseball back.

The work stoppage going on in basketball couldn't be more timely. There's nothing like an NBA lockout to take a little heat off baseball and set yet another one of those stepping stones down.

Labor talks are on schedule to hit the table by the end of July and an agreement could be reached before postseason play begins.

Another strike would utterly destroy baseball. That's why another one can't happen. Everyone involved knows this. Eventually the fans will come back, the ratings will go back up, and yes, baseball will once again be America's favorite pastime.

Palmeiro's bomb spells doom for Rangers in 13th

The former Texas star kept his old teammates from moving into first.

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Rafael Palmeiro homered into the upper deck in right field in the top of the 13th inning Monday night, giving the Baltimore Orioles a 3-2 victory over the Texas Rangers.

The 418th shot off Dennis Cook (0-1) was only the third ball hit into the upper deck at the Ballpark this season.

Six Baltimore relievers held Texas without a hit over the final eight innings. Mark Lee (1-0) got his first major-league victory since 1991 and Doug Jones pitched the last two-thirds of an inning for his 16th save.

Both teams had two runners on base in the 12th but failed to score.