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AstroPOP!

Your monthly imaginary horoscope told in album reviews!

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Libra (September 23 - October 23)

Libra, you believe the mind is the most valuable thing an individual has. But some months you're even smarter than people give you credit for, as when <u>Devo</u> was transmutating from a Residents-influenced Ohio skronk band into a formidable electronically-enhanced rock monster. However, we have CD and DVD documentation of that live period of their, um, evolution — evident on *DEVO: LIVE 1980*, available on a wonderful dual disc format through <u>Music</u> <u>Video Distributors</u>. They still have guitars and use them mechanically (as on their eviscerating reinvention of "[I Can't get No] Satisfaction" much more satisfying than the original), but the keyboards break down the riffs into perfect hormonallychallenged computer-rock ("Girl U Want," "Whip It," "Gates of Steel"). In other words, Libra, don't let them underestimate you — use your smarts to get laid this month.

Consumer alert: The bonus two-song live material of Mark Mothersbaugh and company performing without keyboards as a gospel band is worth the \$14.95 this costs alone.

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