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competition

Big Bam Boo caused something of a stir with the big sound of their recent single 'Shooting From The Heart'. Well now the chaps have gone one better and released their excellent LP 'Fun, Faith And Fairplay' and we on-the-ball types at Index have managed to liberate 12 CDs bearing the duo's autographs. So, if you're suitably hi-tech and fancy an earful of some of the best countrified, whimsical, rousing pop around at the moment, just correctly answer the three questions below and a CD version of the album could be yours.

1. Which Marquis established the rules of fair play in boxing a) de Sade, b) of Queensbury, c) of Bath?
 2. Which rare cuddly creature lives chiefly on a diet of bamboo shoots a) koala bear, b) panda, c) crocodile?
 3. Where did Simon and Shark of Big Bam Boo meet up a) on the moon, b) at Graceland, c) A Greyhound bus depot in Nashville?
- Send your answers on a postcard to rm 'BIG BAM BOO CD COMPETITION' Greater London House, Hampstead Road, London NW1 7QZ to arrive by closing date March 13.

depeche mode 'counting' top ten

- 1 'Waterloo' Abbacus
- 2 'Mary's Boy Child' Johnny Maths
- 3 'Logarithm Is Gonna Get You' Gloria Estefan
- 4 'The Living Years' Mike And The Mathematics



- 5 'Stutter Rap' Morris Minus And The Majors
 - 6 'Candy Girl' New Addition
 - 7 'Multiply Guy' S'Xpress
 - 8 'Every Rose Has Its Thorn' EMI Student Pocket Calculator
 - 9 'Itchycoo Park' Decimal Faces
 - 10 'Smooth Calculator' Sade
- Compiled by Fingers And Toes

elvis is alive

Nice to see Elvis Costello back in such fine form with the 'Spike' LP and this week's excellent 'Veronica' single. It's his best for ages and looks set to catapult his bespectacled frame onto 'Top Of The Pops' once more, where, who knows, he might even have Paul McCartney accompanying him on bass guitar. Macca, who helped Elvis out with one or two songs on the new LP, including the single, has invited Elvis to work on his own forthcoming LP. Nice to see Mr Costello declining to join in the 'rent a quote' shenanigans recently when Roy Orbison popped his socks, despite having worked with the great man last year. It was also nice to see him on 'The Late Show' last week singing his heart out to interviewer Tracy McLeod, who looked suitably stunned as the man's passion burst forth on topics ranging from senility to Maggie Thatcher — or is that the same thing?



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