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PHIL'N'THE BLANKS—Multiple Choice, Pink Records PRL855. Produced by Craig Williams. This bouncy five-person band from Chicago eschews the usual Midwest rock posturings in favor of short snappy and irreverant songs touching on sex, career, and "Family, work, Neighborhood, Peace & Freedom," according to the title of one of their songs. The style is new wave folkie, with pretty melodies and harmonies, counterpointed with punchy instrumental arrangements. There is a refreshing sense of humor here.

Best cuts: "Sex Toys," "Family Work, etc." "Ou Est?," "Advertising Girl," "Vi-Sectomy."