



## 4 BY FOUR keeps building

QUEENS, NY — 4 BY FOUR has kept their music in the family. Cousins Lance Heyward, Jay Jackson, Steve Gray and Damien Heyward have been singing, writing and performing together since they were in junior high.

In fact, it was their Uncle Rick who got them a break in the music biz. After he was tricked into listening to the group, Uncle Rick was convinced of their talent and helped them score a record deal.

Their hit "Want You For My Girlfriend" from their self-titled album broke the top 10 on *Billboard's* black singles chart earlier this summer. Their voices have a good blend on the songs, half of which were written by 4 BY FOUR — "Don't Put The

Blame On Me," "Mommy-Daddy," "You Changed," "This Time I Know It's Real" and "Smokin'."

The day after the four graduated from Borough Hall Academy in Queens, New York, they were off with the Fat Boys For Fresh Festival '87 tour. To prepare for the tour, they practiced four hours every day and ran up and down 18 flights of stairs. But 4 BY FOUR didn't mind the tough schedule. Uncle Rick kept telling the guys, "If you follow the routine, it will pay off."

No doubt there's a lot more to hear from this high-energy foursome, including their first video that features their fancy foot-work.

## A chat with... The Z100 Morning Zoo

By Scott Cummins, 15

There are between 100 and 150 "Morning Zoo" radio programs in the United States. The first Morning Zoo was started at Q105 in Tampa, Florida, by Scott Shannon and Cleveland Wheeler. They wanted to bring old-time radio, featuring contemporary music and wacky antics, to the morning. Shannon later moved his morning show to New York City. The idea caught on and soon Morning Zoos were starting up all over the country.

The Portland, Oregon, Zoo began about three years ago when radio station KKRZ, better known to Portlanders as Z100, wanted to bring up their ratings. They started their own version of the Zoo with hot music and, of course, zany personalities.

John Murphy, Tony Martinez, Dan Clark and Trish McGarvin now star on Z100's Morning Zoo. They say they act just as crazy in real life. "I think you have to have that naturally to get those zany antics on the show," says John Murphy, the one who "pushes the buttons" and basically runs the show.

Every member of the Z100's Zoo

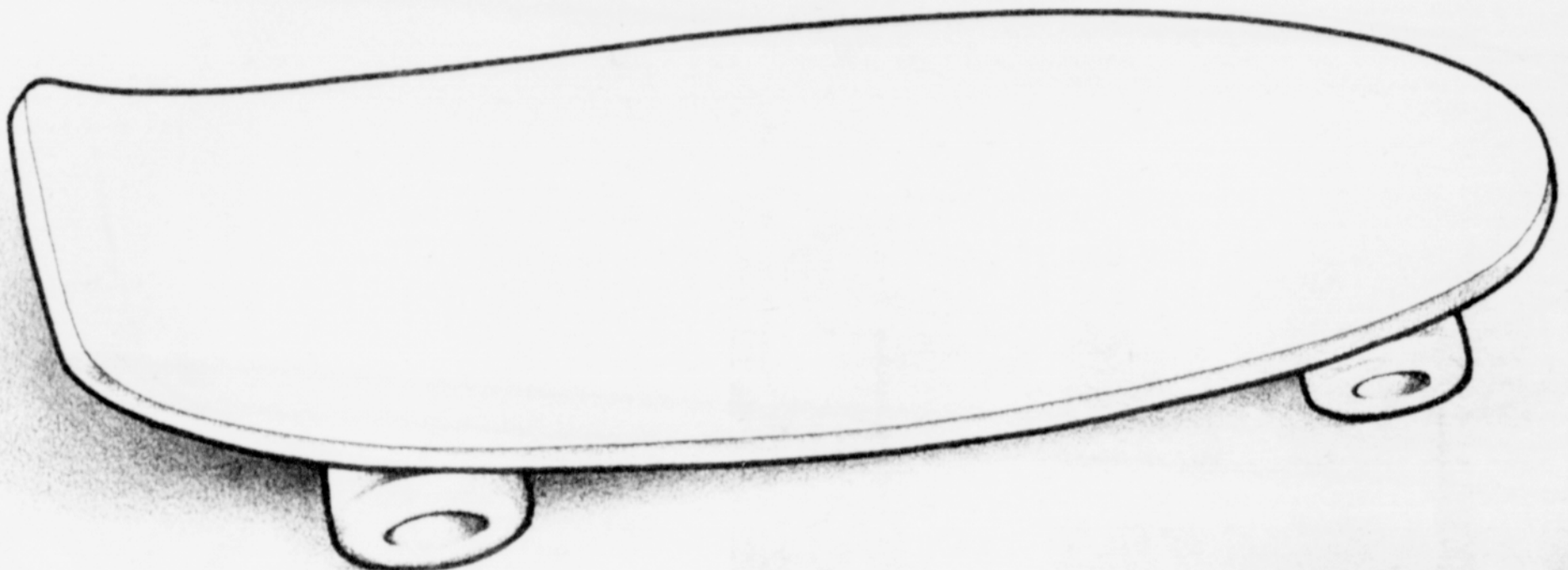
seems to love the job. When asked what they liked most about their work, John Murphy immediately answered "the money!"

The Zoo, which airs weekdays from 5 to 10 a.m., sometimes makes mistakes. Sometimes someone says the wrong thing or something mechanical goes haywire. But no matter what happens, the radio announcers always turn it into something funny and entertaining.



Z100's Morning Zoo (from left) Tony Martinez, Trish McGarvin, Dan Clark and John Murphy.

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