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A = instant classic D = don't buy it

B = a cut above F = burn in effigy

C = average

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Widespread Panic 'Till the Medicine Takes CD courtesy of Capricorn Records

'Till the Medicine Takes, the latest and undoubtedly best release by folk-rockers Widespread Panic, combines grassroots blues with an eclectic mix of percussion, horns and electric guitar. The band expands musically through a variety of instruments and attacks each vocal with an enthusiasm and passion that makes its music better with each track.

Lead vocalist and guitarist John Bell combines wild, enthusiastic rock riffs with slower, more soulful grassroots blues, making each song on the CD different from the last. While the band incorporates its traditional folk rock into every track, they also strive for a new and different addition to an already winning combination. (B +)



Ol' Dirty Bastard

N***a Please CD courtesy of Elektra Records

Between countless curse words and horrendous singing, Ol' Dirty Bastard delivers an album lacking both talent and creativity, with beats and baselines as tired as a college student after an all-nighter.

The album begins well with the first track, "Recognize," on which comedian Chris Rock accompanies Ol' Dirty Bastard.

Rock introduces the song in his usual comedic manner, making "Recognize" the album's saving

grace — almost.

The rest of the album is nothing but old rhythm and bad rhyme. On the track "You Don't Want to F—k With Me," ODB sounds like he is fighting a severe case of constipation. He whines and grunts and does everything Susan Overcash but quality singing.

Ol' Dirty Bastard needs to avoid singing and stick to rapping. Although, if this album is any indication of his talents, he may need to avoid rapping as well. (Grade: F)

— Amanda Palm



Let There Be Eve CD courtesy of Ruff Ryders /Interscope Records

The female who "went from dancin' on table tops to makin' labels pop" Eve, Ruff Ryders' first lady, showcases her ability to rub elbows with some of the industry's most notable female rappers in her debut album, Let There Be Eve.

Known for her trendy blonde hairstyle, this Philly phenomenon also is gaining respect for her truth-revealing lyrics. and him

The blonde bombshell tateside fronts many of the issues Evans ing society today, includer wheth tionships, love and here esaid no

At a time when it is diff ad asked for music lovers to find a Barnes bum with tracks that are nan had from beginning to end. or Bush,

The Ruff Ryders' first a "I don gives fans what they wan her first album. Featuring duets with M

liot, DMX and the LOX, the bum even contains a sp bonus remix of the hit: "What Y'all Want." The song has a ca

twist and gives shoutmany Latin-American 'Ain't Got No Dougl somewhat reminiscent No Scrubs" because it

song is one track which women can relate to. "Love Is Blind" where shell gomery cusses the rape, abuse and death of her best friend by

with broke-man bashing

abusive boyfriend. Aguilar This song gives listen opportunity to sit back and impact about her song lyrics.

about her song lyrics. Through the album's ous skits, Eve also gives a chance to laugh and inv Skywa

themselves in the music Let There Be Eversadefinite must-buy for the manust connoisseur. (Grade:)

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