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OLD 97'S

Blame it on Gravity • NEW WEST

One thing you have to say about **Old 97's**—the members are true to their roots. Old 97's is an alt-country band that's kept pretty much the same musical platform it developed as a Dallas bar band in the '90s. The group's latest offering

Blame It On Gravity is packed full of solid playing, heavy drums, vocals in the semi-tortured vain and dollops of guitar riffs. And why shouldn't the band's members follow this path? Critics and fans alike have long proclaimed that the group's music and persona translate into some of the best lives shows they've ever seen (perhaps for such everyman lyrics as "Sometimes you're 17/Sometimes you're 65/Sometimes you give it your best try/Sometimes it doesn't fly"). Let others chase trends. The Old 97's have their feet firmly planted on its musical ground. Just blame it on gravity. ★ *Nancy Dunham*