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# Green Day's '¡Uno!' makes a solid start

## First instalment of trilogy shows punk legends are standing their ground

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Green Day's '¡Uno!' is the first installment of their album trilogy, including '¡Dookie!' and '¡Trey!' to be released later this year and into 2013. / AP

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After Green Day's failed attempt to top their 2004 rock opera *American Idiot* with 2009's *21st Century Breakdown*, the punks have moved past politically charged rock with the first installment of their album trilogy: *¡Uno!* was released Sept. 25, and *¡Dookie!* and *¡Trey!* will hit stores throughout the rest of the year and into 2013.

September has been a rough month for Green Day, with lead singer Billie Joe Armstrong admitted to the hospital for what bassist

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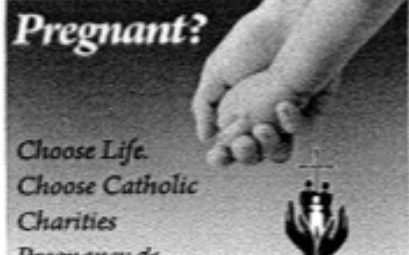
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Mike Dirnt described as "heavy, heavy dehydration." Other bizarre instances include Armstrong's freak out at the iHeartRadio Festival in Las Vegas last Friday night, where he cursed the festival for cutting their set short and proceeded to smash his guitar on stage, and his most recent announcement of seeking treatment for substance abuse this past Sunday.

As hard as times have been, Green Day is rising above their obstacles with solid rock music.

*¡Uno!* is more power pop than what Green Day has been recently known for. Its sound reveals the band is playing what they want, without having to validate their music to anyone. They've sold over 70 million albums throughout their career, and have won numerous Grammy's and music awards; they've definitely earned the right to individuality.

Some of the album's singles, however, are the not the finest of the band's new material. "Oh Love" is a fun tune, but not nearly at the level Green Day is capable of.

Highlights include "Rusty James," a bitter song about proving early critics wrong, "Let Yourself Go," a fast-paced track reminiscent of Green Day's *Insomniac* and *Nimrod* eras, and "Fell For You," which points to something everyone can relate to: love.

*¡Uno!* will have genuine Green Day fans happy to hear they're back in action and taking a new turn with their music. Knowing the boys of Green Day, the best is still yet to come.

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