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Until three years ago, Dusty Groove America, the Wicker Park record shop and Web site specializing in rare Brazilian, soul, and jazz recordings, mounted an annual in-store liquidation sale at which it peddled its huge stock of promo CDs. But when crowds became too big, owner Rick Wojcik stopped the sale and started the bargain bin. Lucky us. Now, a few racks of super-low-priced CDs are available daily. Wojcik says the bargain bin CDs are “mostly promos that just don’t fit with [the store’s] tight mix.” Although you’ll sometimes take home a chunker, you can also walk off with an armload of true gems (a recent trip yielded discs by Brazilian singer Karine Alessandrinia and one from a groovy German all-girl band called Die Moulinettes) at just $2.99 to $6.99 a pop.