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GINA VILLALOBOS, Miles Away (FaceWest): Having logged thousands of miles over the past few years touring abroad, LA-based "rock 'n' roll pony" Villalobos truly comes into her own on her newest disc (in stores Tuesday), which benefits from the roughened grain of her slyly engaging vocals and a band that revels in digging into Stones- and Small Faces-style feel-good grooves. A creative reinvention of the Yvonne Elliman/Bee Gees hit "If I Can't Have You" is a refreshing highlight amidst a bounty of hook-laden midtempo ballads and rockers such as "Don't Let Go" and the connection-minded title track. www.ginavillalobos.com

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