

Not the real Santa

CDs/DVDs Prickly St. Nick

The *Mirror*'s own jolly Holiday elf critiques the latest batch of seasonspecific releases

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Ho, ho—cough—ho. I've been checking my list and checking it twice, but after listening to the latest laser-guided holiday claptrap, it seems that the majority of these greedy Grinches have been more naughty than nice.

Other worthwhile rap picks include Jazzy Jeff's Hip Hop Forever III CD, with tracks by Gang Starr, Mobb Deep, Redman, Eric B. & Rakim and the Pharcyde (but no Will Smith), the dope Blackalicious DVD, 4/20 Live in Seattle (guess why they chose that particular date...), and on a local note, Sunglasses Is a Must, the DVD from Montreal's A-Trak—five-time DMC champ, Kanye West sidekick and obsessive zoo visitor.