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## What to do in LA: see NANO exhibit at LACMA

Recently opened at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art: "nano," a cool art/science exhibit for geeks of all ages:



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exhibition that merges the arts and the atom by presenting the world of nanoscience through a participatory aesthetic experience. The exhibition, a collaboration between LACMALab and a UCLA team of nanoscience, media arts, and humanities experts, is free to the public and runs through September 6, 2004 in LACMA's Boone Children's Gallery.

This groundbreaking project provides a greater understanding of how art, science, culture, and technology influence each other. The exhibition addresses sophisticated subject matter that is especially relevant for the next generation. Modular, experiential spaces using embedded computing technologies engage all of the senses to provoke a broader understanding of nanoscience and its cultural ramifications. The various components of nano are designed to immerse the

## The Guestbar!

*A tiny, guest-edited blog!*



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visitor in the radical shifts of scale and sensory modes that characterize nanoscience, which works on the scale of a billionth of a meter. Participants can feel what it is like to manipulate atoms one by one and experience nano-scale structures by engaging in art-making activities.

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Narco News has just posted the [final chapter](#) in an otherwise unpublished book that they've been serializing on the site-- [Borderline Security: A Chronicle of Reprisal, Cronyism and Corruption in the U.S. Customs Service](#) by Bill Conroy. In the prologue, he writes:

Along with reviewing stacks of legal filings, internal Customs documents, congressional testimony and other public records for the investigation that led to this book, I also interviewed dozens of individuals, many of them whistleblowers-- including current and former Customs supervisors, inspectors, intelligence officers and investigative agents. The book explores corruption allegations affecting Customs' operations in Texas, Louisiana, Arizona, California, New York—and beyond, into the very heart of the nation's capital.

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## Mossad Goes Dot-Com

From [Reuters](#):

The Israeli spy agency Mossad emerged from the shadows Monday when it launched a Web site to attract recruits for "special tasks" -- as well as intelligence analysts, waiters and drivers.

Long a secretive elite, Mossad is raising its profile to compete with the private sector in the search for talent.

"Mossad's mainstay is its people," reads the site's ([www.mossad.gov.il](http://www.mossad.gov.il)) foreword by agency chief Meir Dagan, posted next to backlit photographs of unnamed intelligence analysts at their desks.

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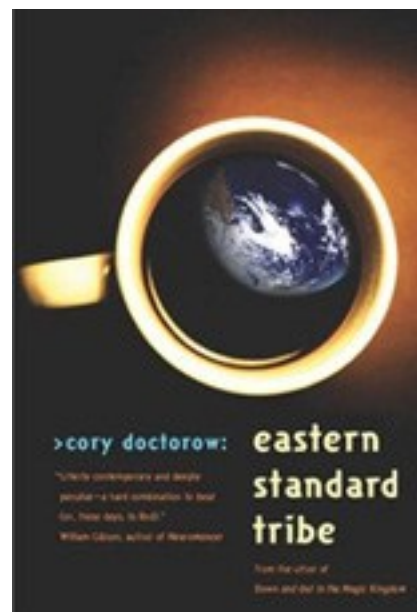
## Another Forgotten WWII Ammo Explosion

In response to my post about the neglected [West Loch disaster](#), M. L. has alerted me to an even worse ammunition kaboom during World War II: the Port Chicago Naval Magazine Explosion of 1944, which produced a detonation of Krakatoan proportions and killed 320 personnel, including 202 African Americans. It led to a mutiny and the mass court-martial of 50 men.

Check out the [government's official take](#) on the disaster and this [heavily-illustrated, less forgiving website](#).

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*My second novel is out, and I've released it online, too (though I won't complain if you buy it!) -Cory*



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Mark is selling blank notebooks with his cover illustration of a girl feeding some magic pellets to her pet slugs. (click [here](#) for a larger image). The notebooks are wire-o bound, measure 5" x 8", and contain 80 sheets of paper. Yours for just \$10. [More info](#)



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