

# ON SCREEN

## SEE THIS

'Babel' RATED R

GRADE  
**B+**

The Tower of Babel is a biblical narrative that seeks to explain the existence of different races and languages, and "babel" can be defined as "a confusion of sounds or voices." The latter is the running theme in **Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu's "Babel,"** wherein a grieving couple from California, two young brothers in Morocco, a housekeeper from Tijuana and a deaf teenage girl in Japan cross lives in ways somehow both innocuous and tragic. It's weaving and stirring and melodramatic and messy and can leave you with a "well ... what?" on your face, and supposedly that's life.

— KYLE PROEHL



Paramount Vantage



'Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan'

RATED R

GRADE  
**B**

Some of it's forced, extra scenes to keep continuity in the "storyline." Some of it's over the top, for no reason but to be over the top. Some of it shows people so taken advantage of you wonder if he went back and apologized.

The best of "Borat" is surprisingly incisive, when **Sacha**

**Baron Cohen's** seemingly innocent and sympathetic Borat character prods people into moments of uncomfortable (for us) honesty, typically about women, Jews or homosexuals. Mostly, though, it's funny, and worth the TV-to-film move that usually doesn't work.

— KYLE PROEHL

## SEE THIS:

DVD REVIEW

**Eagles of Death Metal, 'DVD by Sexy' (Downtown)**

GRADE  
**D+**

If you thought **Josh Homme** was a 'bag before, this will probably confirm that. If you're a hardcore fan of his and **Jesse Hughes'** tongue-in-cheek

Southern rawk band, then maybe you can explain the walking, arcade game-playing banana. Or why this DVD exists. Why it wasn't just included as a bonus feature with this spring's album "**Death by Sexy**" makes no sense. Even with **YouTube** flushed, there's no reason to spend your money on this — **Eagles of Death Metal** sure didn't.

**Check it out:** Eagles of Death Metal plays with Joan Jett Monday at House of Blues.

— KYLE PROEHL

## STAY HOME

DVDS OUT TUESDAY

'Cars' — Animated fun for everyone. But are the cars fuel-efficient?

'Little Man' — A nickname no man wants. Ever. Unless he's age 8.

'Shadowboxer' — **Cuba Gooding Jr.** portrays **Helen Mirren's** stepson and lover. 'Nuff said.

## For the Record

The Web site for **Last Revival** in Street's Almost Famous feature last week was incorrect. The correct site is [www.thelastrevival.com](http://www.thelastrevival.com).

*The Union-Tribune* regrets the error.

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## HEARD FROM THE STREET

### ¿Que honda?

*Este día es (esta?) la Día de los Muertos.* Our knowledge of the difference between this and **Halloween**, and why

the two celebrations are like two days apart, is about as good as our Spanish. Does today mean that women we know will "pretend" to be, like, maids and "pretend" to have loose morals?

Because any excuse to keep this costume thing going sounds great. What's next weekend? Veterans Day? Camo and muscles? Hmmm ...  
*Lo siento, Street Team*

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