

**SPF ≠ BFF**

Lies your sunscreen  
tells you

**RAND ON THE RUN**

Go Galt! Right-wingers  
head for the hills

**GOOD NIGHT AND...**

Can democracy survive  
the end of news?

**NICE MELONS!**

But what's their water  
footprint?

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# totally wasted

We've blown \$300 billion.

Death squads roam Mexico.

Cartels operate in 259 US cities.

**This is your War on Drugs.**

## any questions?

**Charles Bowden:** Running from the  
narcostate **William T. Vollmann:** Torch  
songs of the drug lords **Kevin Drum:** Will  
Obama legalize? **WTF:** The feds scored  
dope for Joe McCarthy?!

# EVERYTHING MUST GO

PHOTOGRAPHS BY BRIAN ULRICH

Since January 2008, 221,000 retail stores nationwide have gone out of business. Here's a partial list of store deaths within a one-block radius of *MoJo's* San Francisco office: The New Balance store in our building quietly pulled up stakes. So did a Gap, a Shoe Pavilion, a men's clothing store, and a retailer of fancy writing accessories. Our favorite bento place closed overnight.

And luggage retailer Malm one day posted this note on its door: "Thank you for your patronage. After 141 years we are now closed for business."

Photographer Brian Ulrich has been documenting the retail carnage across the nation.

Seen here: a Powerhouse Gym gone dark in Saginaw, Michigan, a dead mall in Akron, Ohio, and a former Dominick's grocery store in Niles, Illinois. More of Ulrich's photos are at [motherjones.com/everything-must-go](http://motherjones.com/everything-must-go).

