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# By the Seat of Their Rants

Slogging through L.A. blogs? Here's what to bookmark

**IN THIS SPRAWLING CITY**, where it's not easy being heard, blogs have fast become a favored forum for venting gripes, listing events, calling out politicians, and giving stream of consciousness room to thrive. Want to find out where Tom Wolfe will be signing his latest book? Curious how a young hipster deals with heartache? Pissed off at potholes? Chances are, if you've talked about it, someone out there is blogging it. Here are a few of the many blogs recording every nuance of life in Los Angeles. —Elizabeth Kotin

NAME/URL	WHAT'S FEATURED	WHO IT'S FOR	WHO'S BEHIND IT	REGULAR RANT	WHAT WE LIKE
<b>LAist</b> <a href="http://www.laist.com">www.laist.com</a>	Event listings; live-music postings; spicy, bite-size political entries	Closet hipsters	Jake Dobkin, creator of the NYC blog Gothamist	Split personality of the Grove	Ongoing look at L.A., as seen from the inside of a Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf
<b>Blogging.la</b> <a href="http://www.blogging.la">www.blogging.la</a>	Musings on the odd, infuriating, and inspiring in L.A.; cool-event alerts; community gripes	Fans of Warren Clym and Estella Warren	Sean Bonner and Jason DeFillippo, creators of a 22-city blogging network	Ugg boots	On-site civic complaints have the ear of local politicians
<b>Art.Blogging.la</b> <a href="http://art.blogging.la">art.blogging.la</a>	Previews and reviews of events and exhibitions; art news and trends; gallery and museum listings	People who take their neoconceptualism seriously	Caryn Coleman, co-owner-director of the downtown art gallery sixspace	Ongoing melee at the Gatty	Features on newly discovered artists and breakthrough works
<b>LAvoice.org</b> <a href="http://www.lavoice.org">www.lavoice.org</a>	Town hall-style member postings; opinions on ultralocal news and politics	Those who know Carthay Circle from Carthay Square	Mack Reed, ex-manager of the defunct LAinsider.com	Mayor Hahn	Architect Rogan Ferguson's accounts of renovating a former crack house
<b>Defamer</b> <a href="http://www.defamer.com">www.defamer.com</a>	Celeb gossip; Hollywood wonkage; delicious dish unfit for print	Abused assistants	Mark Lisanti, former writer's assistant for short-lived sitcom <i>Bram and Alice</i>	Downward-spiraling Mrs. Kevin Federline	Coverage of "inevitable galactic dictator" Les Moonves and his ascent to power
<b>The Elegant Variation</b> <a href="http://marksarvas-blogs.com/elegvar">marksarvas-blogs.com/elegvar</a>	Book recommendations; literary news; interviews; links to book signings and events	People who know that NBA also stands for National Book Awards	Mark Sarvas, TV writer and aspiring novelist	L.A.'s oft-overlooked literary scene	Recommendations of books found in the back stacks at Barnes & Noble
<b>SportsbyBrooks</b> <a href="http://www.sportsby-brooks.com">www.sportsby-brooks.com</a>	Local and national sports coverage; commentary; pics of bodacious SportsbyBrooks girls	People who appreciate the T&A in team athletics	Brooks Melchior, stand-in sports-radio host	Dodger owner Frank McCourt	Forums allow visitors to toss around observations with Brooks and fellow fans
<b>LA Observed</b> <a href="http://www.laobserved.com">www.laobserved.com</a>	News and observations about the news; peeks inside the city's newsrooms; tidbits on historical L.A.	People who take their CNN intravenously	Kevin Roderick, Los Angeles contributing writer	Friction between the Times and its owner, the Tribune Co.	Regular obits commemorate the passings of less-recognized Angelenos