



## Eli Roth Afraid Of Missing Out On Christie Brinkley

SAN DIEGO (Wireless Flash) — Horror king **Eli Roth** makes a living scaring the crap out of people, but what frightens him?

Believe it or not, Roth's biggest fear doesn't include blood, guts, and gore — in fact, it involves a leggy, sexy supermodel.

Roth explains, "What scares me the most is the thought that I might die without ever meeting **Christie Brinkley**. That terrifies me."

The director, producer, and actor admits that may be his "12-year-old self talking," but regardless, a Brinkley-free future is downright petrifying.

What else is scary is Roth's latest horror flick, *The Last Exorcism*, in theaters August 27.

He says test audiences have found the film "very creepy," and although it's a modern take on groundwork laid down by *The Exorcist*, Roth assures it's completely original.

He figures it's time someone tapped back into the exorcism genre since filmmakers have been recreating all kinds of things lately, including vampires, werewolves, and zombies.

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## Weird, Fishy Laws Easy To Break

NEW YORK (Wireless Flash) — There are so many weird, fishy laws out there, it's impossible to be a rule-abiding citizen at all times.

That's the verdict from attorney Nathan Belofsky, author of *The Book Of Strange And Curious Legal Oddities* (Perigee), out August 3.

The lawyer says that with so many stupid laws in place — like in Canada, where it's illegal to pay for something with more than 25 pennies — everyone's bound to be a criminal sometime.

Belofsky is constantly shocked by the odd rules that govern, but chalks it up to humans liking order no matter how ridiculous.

In Rome, for example, spherical fishbowls have been banned since 2004 when it was decided that making fish swim around in a circle was "animal cruelty." Square aquariums, however, are perfectly fine.

Meanwhile, in New Orleans it's unlawful to throw rodents during a parade and in South Carolina you can't go fishing with a yo-yo.

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## Who Made First Move On TV's Greatest 'Bromance?'

SAN DIEGO (Wireless Flash) — *Community* co-stars **Donald Glover** and **Danny Pudi** have an epic TV "bromance," but who made the first move?

Both of them did, actually.

According to Glover, who plays **Troy Barnes** on *Community*, the sparks began flying between himself and BFF Danny Pudi shortly after they met, when Pudi volunteered to help him move into his new apartment.

Glover says Pudi didn't know him at all, yet he still happily helped with the tedious task and before they knew it, "It was just us two in short shorts and visors moving boxes."

Looking back, Pudi — aka *Community's* **Abed Nadir** — says they must've looked suspicious to onlookers as "two ethnic guys with boxes in a Los Angeles alley," but that move is what made them inseparable.

Pudi says their penchant for wacky raps, such as *Community's* "La Biblioteca," also keeps their bromance strong.

Season two of *Community* premieres September 23 on NBC.

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## Woman Has Epiphany While Eating Canned Ham

LOS ANGELES (Wireless Flash) — For one woman, eating canned ham changed her entire life.

About five years ago, Crystal Chesney-Thompson was sitting around a campfire roasting SPAM with her friends when she began to wonder where the weird food actually came from.

After much discussion, she drew up an impromptu sketch of a little square, canned-shaped animal that she imagined canned ham to be and dubbed it “Haminal.”

Years later, her quirky character — a combination of a guinea pig, hamster, and regular pig — can be seen on T-shirts, books, and as a stuffed plush on haminal.com.

Chesney-Thompson says Haminal is beloved the world over but has an especially solid fanbase in Hawaii, where SPAM is very popular.

Since creating her little friend, Chesney-Thompson admits it’s harder for her to eat canned ham without thinking of Haminal’s cute face, so she limits herself to eating it only once a year out of respect for him.

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## ‘Tron’ Starlet Suffocated By Light Suit

SAN DIEGO (Wireless Flash) — One actress is not suited for wearing one of the most famous suits in movie history.

When it came time to put on the iconic light suit for *Tron: Legacy* — the revamped version of the classic ’80s flick hitting theaters this December — actress **Beau Garrett** had no idea what she was in for.

Turns out the shiny, flashing suit is a real pain in the butt to wear.

She explains, “I hate that thing. It was the most freaking difficult thing you could wear. The most claustrophobic outfit ever.”

But at least it was no sweat actually putting on the gear.

The material used for the suit was so unbreathable, Garrett says she never even broke a sweat on set.

After all was said and done, the *Tron: Legacy* actress says she had no intention of asking to keep the suit as a souvenir.

Besides, it’s not very flattering anyway.

She jokes, “You can’t look good in it. It’s like a onesie babies wear.”

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## ‘Wayne’s World’ Alumna Tia Carrere Goes Incognito

SAN DIEGO (Wireless Flash) — Is that actress **Tia Carrere** or a *Star Wars* wookiee?

That’s the question many fans might be asking themselves at next year’s San Diego Comic-Con since the *Warehouse 13* and *Wayne’s World* actress is already planning her costume for the event.

Though Carrere sported her regular clothes this year, she says it was “so crazy” out on the main floor of the nerdy convention that she might need to invest in a identity-hiding costume for next year.

She says, “I think next year I’ll don a costume. I’ll put on a helmet and full armor and be able to walk around.”

The geek goddess is even considering face paint, although she thinks her many fans will most likely still recognize her.

In the end, Carrere feels her best option is to go as a wookiee from the *Star Wars* movies since all she’d really have to do is wear her hair in front of her face.

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## TV's Newest First Lady A Budding Fashionista

SAN DIEGO (Wireless Flash) — Much like **Jackie Kennedy** and **Michelle Obama**, TV's newest First Lady is a fashionista in the making.

Actress **Lisa Vidal** plays **First Lady Christina Martinez** in *The Event*, a new mystery sci-fi series premiering September 20 on NBC.

Vidal says being First Lady certainly has its perks, starting with the amazing wardrobe.

She says her first experience shopping for her character was visiting Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills, where series stylists decked her out in a fancy **Valentino** dress and **Christian Louboutin** heels.

Vidal says it felt "like heaven" but despite the designer duds, assures that her portrayal of the First Lady isn't only about fashion.

To fit the bill of a strong, smart leader, she's been drawing on inspiration from her own favorite first ladies — Jackie Kennedy, **Hillary Clinton**, and Michelle Obama — although Vidal's version will be extra "fiery," since she plays a sassy Cuban opposite **Blair Underwood**, who plays the president.

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## Crazy People And Computers Don't Mix

SEATTLE (Wireless Flash) — Crazy people should stay far away from computers.

When nutty folks start sending emails, the weirdest and funniest things can come from it, as seen on [EmailsFromCrazyPeople.com](http://EmailsFromCrazyPeople.com), which compiles the most questionable online notes people have sent.

Spokesperson Kiki Kane says "many flavors of crazy" show up in the emails, like "crazy pet parents, crazy people calling 911, and ridiculously crazy neighbors."

But one lovelorn, wannabe rapper takes the kooky cake.

This weirdo sent a potential love interest an email completely in rhyming form saying he'd like to "mingle" and "consume her like Pringles."

Kane thinks people are drawn to the site since "everyone has a message from a creepy ex" and it's fun to share them with the world.

Though most of the weird emails are hoot, Kane thinks some might be from clinically insane people. She enjoys when those emails come with "photographic evidence of the crazy."

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LOS ANGELES (Wireless Flash) — Sometimes, the desire to lose weight isn't enough to actually make it happen. Unless, of course, your own hard-earned cash is on the line. Next Monday (Aug. 2), VH1 will debut *Money Hungry*, a new weight-loss reality show where 12 teams put up an entry fee of \$10,000 of their own money to begin the game. They'll compete in physical challenges and try to fight temptation in order to lose weight and the team that sheds the most pounds will win \$100,000 in the end. Contestants may be available for interviews. Media inquiries: Chris.Delhomme@vh1.com.

ALGONQUIN, Ill. — Magician and mind reader Nino Cruz will be donating his services on August 7 at the "Take A Stand For Turning Point" event at the Algonquin Commons Mall in Illinois. The event will help raise funds for the Turning Point shelter for victims of domestic violence. To find out what tricks Cruz has up his sleeve this time, call him at (815) 678-7630 for an interview or visit [ninothemagician.com](http://ninothemagician.com).

BOSTON — Today (Jul. 27) *GOLD: Before Woodstock. Beyond Reality.* is coming out on DVD. Considered a "lost" film for 40 years, *GOLD* has been found again for the first time ever on home video. It's a film made in the wilderness in 1968 with a rag-tag band of dreamers, drop-outs, and drug-happy darlings featuring tons of music from the times. Press contact: Clint Weiler; (800) 888-0486, ext. 115; [clint@mvdb2b.com](mailto:clint@mvdb2b.com).

LAS VEGAS — Domino's pizza has just crowned the "World's Fastest Pizza Maker" for 2010. Last Thursday (Jul. 22), Pali Grewal, a longtime Domino's employee from England took the coveted title after making three large pizzas in 39.1 seconds, setting a new world record. Grewal and his competition had to hand-stretch fresh dough, sauce, and top three large pizzas — one pepperoni, one mushroom, and one cheese — as quickly as possible for the win. Each was inspected for quality and if a pie wasn't up to par, they had to start all over again. Grewal may be available for interviews to discuss his win. Press contact: Holly Ryan; (734) 604-2322; [holly.ryan@dominos.com](mailto:holly.ryan@dominos.com).

LOS ANGELES — *So You Think You Can Dance* judge **Nigel Lythgoe** has declared July 31 "National Dance Day," a day to promote health and self-esteem through dance. Lythgoe's holiday started out as a grassroots effort, but it's now being recognized with an official act of Congress, as it's introduced at a press conference in Washington, D.C., on Saturday (Jul. 31). The inaugural holiday will kick off with flash mobs dancing in Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles and finalists from the show making special appearances. Media questions: Gina Sorial; [gsorial@rogersandcowan.com](mailto:gsorial@rogersandcowan.com).