Calexico’s ninth studio album, “The Thread That Keep Us” is excellent. I HIGHLY recommend. This local Arizona band formed in 1996 has some great southwestern and Latin influence in an indie rock album. This is the kind of content happy music that you make waves with your hand out the window of a car to. Tracks go from relaxing to more upbeat and danceable. Vocals range between smoky and in the slightest bit raspy to a smooth and high sound between the two singers, Joey Burns and Jacob Valenzuela. All instruments are played beautifully, especially the Spanish guitar and horns. The combination of instruments is amazing. Calexico really captures the essence of the southwest in their music and I really think this album has something for everyone. Not to mention there is a song sung entirely in Spanish.

Sounds Like:
Giant Sand (but better)

Recommended Tracks:
5 Under the Wheels: Awesome song. It has trumpet and great vocals!
7 Flores y Tamales: Spanish lyrics, super danceable, and exactly what flowers and tamales sound like. :P
12 Dead in the Water: Most rock sounding track in the album. Wild west song mixed with rock.
15 Music Box: Vocals and guitar carry you with it.

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