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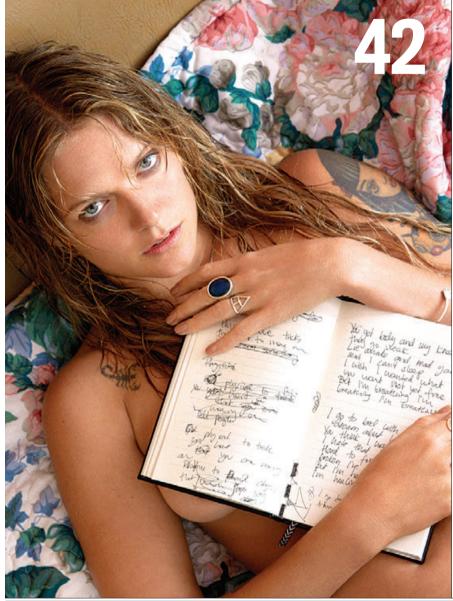
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BY HILLEL ARON

emocratic politicians around the country are tripping over themselves to denounce our new president and his executive order halting travel and refugees from seven majority-Muslim countries. The day after that order was given, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio unleashed a series of tweets calling the order "shameful" and "un-American," and then added: "President Trump's executive order erodes our constitutional rights. If this is where he's starting, imagine where he's going."

Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, also on Twitter, announced that he was rushing off to Logan Airport to help those who had been detained, and said: "We'll fight today, and we'll fight tomorrow." A bit later, in an opinion piece for CNN, Walsh pledged: "I will do everything lawful within my power to protect our immigrant neighbors, documented or not. If necessary, I will use City Hall itself to shelter and protect them from persecution." Here in California, the state Senate passed a sharply worded resolution condemning the order, saying it "desecrates our American values and panders to fears and nativist instincts that have resulted in some of our nation's most shameful acts." The sharpest response, perhaps, came from Congressman Ted Lieu, who just hours after Trump's executive order released a statement saying, "Trump's action is not based on national security, it is based on bigotry. Lady Liberty is crying."

L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti's comments were more temperate. His immediate statement said the order "unfairly targets refugees" and pointed out that "there is no evidence that this approach will improve national security." When asked last week about Trump's executive orders, Garcetti said, "I think on the face of them, [they] are unconstitutional and illegal."

Earlier last week, Garcetti came across as far more conciliatory. Asked by National Public Radio if he embraced the narrative of California being ground zero for the Trump resistance, he replied:

"I look forward to working with the

White House in areas like infrastructure, where President Trump says he wants to spend a trillion dollars. Great, we'd love to start right here in Los Angeles."

Garcetti went on to say that Trump "has been very supportive of our Olympic bid."

But, he added, not everything is hunky dory: "We're also going to stand up for our families not to be divided. We're going to stand up for our economy, where 61 percent of our Main Street businesses are started by immigrants, and [for] making sure that we can continue to tell the ... human story of ... that history, to engage with it and, yes, to work with this administration on fixing what's broken, an immigration system right now that works, really, for nobody."

When asked about Trump's threat to withdraw federal funding from so-called "sanctuary cities," Garcetti replied: "We've never declared ourself a sanctuary city; I'm still not sure what one is."

So was Garcetti being soft on Trump?

"I think many of us would like to see him be a little more aggressive and a little more resistant to the Trump administra"IT'S NOT IN HIS NATURE. AND THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT. YOU JUST CAN'T HAVE SOMEONE DO SOMETHING THAT'S NOT IN THEIR NATURE."

-POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR FERNANDO GUERRA, ON WHY GARCETTI HASN'T TAKEN AN AGGRESSIVE STANCE AGAINST TRUMP

tion, especially given how Democratic the city is," says Fernando Guerra, a professor of political science at Loyola Marymount University. "In terms of being the mayor of L.A., there is no cost to being the leader of resistance."

"Having said that," Guerra adds, "it's not in his nature. And there's nothing wrong with that. You just can't have someone do something that's not in their nature."

Indeed, Garcetti is famously diplomatic, capable of charming different rooms of people on different days. His slogan when he was running for mayor, if you'll recall, was "back to basics," a pleasant-sounding phrase that could be interpreted any number of ways.

There's another, more rational reason for Garcetti's moderate tone. The L.A. mayor is all but assured of re-election, so he doesn't have to worry about whipping the electorate into a Trump-hating frenzy, or about raising money — at least in the short term. His immediate priorities are getting things done. Garcetti hopes to expand L.A.'s rail network, turn the Los Angeles River into a giant urban park and bring the Olympics back to the city. All three require cooperation from Washington, D.C.

"I don't know that Garcetti has said anything dramatically different from [state Senate president pro tem] Kevin de Leon or [State Assembly Speaker] Anthony Rendon," says USC professor Dan Schnur. "But it's clear from his tone that he wants to find a way to stand up for the people of his city on the one hand but not forfeit the potential to move forward on large-scale infrastructure on the other."

Trump has pledged to pass a major infrastructure bill. While it's unclear what exactly that will look like, Garcetti and Gov. Jerry Brown have made it clear that they'd like their pet projects to be considered.

"Both Garcetti and Jerry Brown have been much more measured than other California politicians," Schnur says.

Should Garcetti decide to run for governor in 2018, the calculus may change dramatically. Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom, whom some consider the gubernatorial frontrunner, was quick to join protesters in San Francisco after Trump issued his executive order. If Trump continues on his current trajectory, the governor's race may hinge upon who is the biggest Trump basher.

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Protesters jammed LAX's Tom Bradley International Terminal as news of the travel ban spread.

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IMMIGRANTS TRAPPED AT LAX SHARE THEIR STORIES

n Jan. 30, three days after President Donald Trump banned travelers from seven mostly Muslim countries, a Turkish Airlines flight from Istanbul landed at Los Angeles International Airport carrying a 30-year-old Iraqi passenger named Alan Abdullah.

Abdullah has a green card, which he was able to obtain after moving to the United States with his family last year. Prior to that, he had earned a special immigration visa in exchange for his service to the U.S. military. For seven years he was an interpreter for the Army in the northern region of Kirkuk, and he was wounded twice.

BY JASON MCGAHAN

In 2006, at the age of 20, he was on foot patrol with an American GI in a restive and violent area of Kirkuk Province known as al-Rashad when the soldier stepped on a concealed explosive device. The detonation blew off both of the soldier's legs. Abdullah was wounded by shrapnel from the explosion. A year later, in 2007, the Humvee in which he was patrolling struck a bomb, and he survived a second explosion.

Abdullah is trim and fit and wears his hair close-cropped like a military man. He speaks with admiration for the American soldiers he knew in Iraq, who he says helped him improve his English and became his friends.

When Abdullah's daughter was born three years ago, medical tests revealed that she had a genetic heart abnormality called dilated cardiomyopathy, or DCM, which can lead to heart failure. He says that's what led him to come to the United States. "There was no treatment for her in Iraq. I took her to many places without any responses."

Abdullah says he waited two years in Iraq for his visa application to be approved. "Nobody can come to the U.S. easily — no one," he says. "It doesn't matter what your job was or what you did over there. That only gives you the right to apply."

The family relocated to Seattle last year, where further testing revealed that Abdullah's wife and (10 » > 9) 7-year-old son also have DCM. He returned to Iraq before the inauguration, to be with his mother when she underwent back surgery. He says that when he booked the flight, he didn't anticipate that returning to the United States would be problematic.

But by the time Abdullah boarded the LAX-bound plane in Iraq, he was fully aware of the days-old order that had turned the U.S. immigration system upside down. Historic in its sweep, Trump's order banned Syrian refugees indefinitely, barred all refugees for 120 days, and blocked entry to travelers with passports from seven mostly Muslim countries: Iran, Syria, Libya, Yemen, Somalia, Sudan and Abdullah's native Iraq.

Despite Abdullah's service to the U.S. military and his green card, his admittance to the country was far from a sure thing. The decree from Trump had sown chaos at LAX, as it had at airports around the country: Both green card holders and residents of countries that weren't on the list were being detained, and travelers were being denied legal counsel and threatened into signing paperwork that revoked their visas, according to legal volunteers. Dozens, perhaps hundreds – Customs and Border Protection won't release the numbers were sent back to their countries of origin, mistakenly believing they had lost their chance to enter the United States.

A spokesman for CBP did not respond to email and voicemail requests for comment from *L.A. Weekly*.

In recent days, there has been such swift legal back-and-forth over Trump's so-called Muslim ban that it's hard to know, day to day, who might be admitted or turned away. On Feb. 3, a federal judge in Seattle issued a ruling that blocked the key parts of the executive order and allowed immigrants and travelers who had been barred from entry to come to the United States. On Feb. 7, a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco held oral arguments on the earlier ruling.

Clearly, the order was exacerbated by its rushed implementation. It reportedly was written by Trump's White House advisers, led by Stephen K. Bannon and Stephen Miller, with only last-minute consultation with the federal agencies charged with enforcing or defending it: most notably, the Department of Homeland Security and the Justice Department.

Susan Riley, the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, told a federal judge during a Jan. 28 emergency hearing on the ban: "This has unfolded with such speed that we haven't had an opportunity to address the issues, the important legal issues." At JFK International Airport in New York, a customs officer allegedly told a legal advocate demanding to know who's in charge to "call Mr. Trump."

Sarah Brunet, an immigration attorney in private practice, who was volunteering her time at LAX last week, called the ban "pure discrimination, pure profiling." She and other legal volunteers had helped assemble packets of news stories and court orders issuing stays against the ban. This, simply to allow the passengers a chance to reach L.A.

Abdullah's flight arrived at LAX at 4:09

p.m., and as the plane was taxiing to the arrivals gate he texted his attorney, Matthew Walter, to let him know he was here. Abdullah had never met or even spoken to Walter; after panic initially spread following news of the travel ban, Abdullah posted a query on Facebook to see if anyone knew a good lawyer in L.A.

Walter was waiting at LAX with his boss, attorney Gihan Thomas, amid a crowd of desperate families and legal volunteers, length of the terminal holding up signs in English, Arabic and Persian offering free legal help.

"In 19 years, I've never seen anything like this," Thomas said, glancing around at the personal crises unfolding around her. "This is totally unprecedented."

Three days earlier, at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 27, an Iranian citizen named Ali Vayeghan was one of the first people de-



Ali Vayeghan, one of the first people detained at LAX under Trump's order, was sent back to Iran but returned to the United States thanks to a court order.



at the reception area outside the security checkpoint of Customs and Border Protection. The legal volunteers conducted triage, with one volunteer helping a Persian woman in a hijab fill out an intake form, another receiving a stranger's donation of extension cords. Others paced the tained at LAX under the order. Vayeghan had been heading to the United States to reunite with his wife and a son he had not seen in 12 years. Though traveling on a valid U.S. visa that made him eligible for a green card upon entry, he was held overnight and coerced into signing a voluntary removal order, according to attorneys with the ACLU of Southern California. When he refused to board the plane back to Iran on Saturday afternoon, he had to be physically carried onto the aircraft.

The ACLU filed an action in federal court in L.A. on the afternoon of Jan. 28, while Vayeghan was still on the ground, seeking to bar his removal. Five days later, Vayeghan became the first person removed under the executive order who was brought back pursuant to a court order. But there are dozens if not hundreds more people in his situation, valid visa holders who were sent back to their own countries due to the order, according to Peter Bibring, senior staff attorney at the ACLU of Southern California.

"We filed an emergency motion this week on behalf of individuals who had been detained, seeking access to those people," Bibring said. One of the ACLU's current missions is "to try to advise them as to their rights before they're coerced into withdrawing their visa applications unlawfully," he added.

Bibring said his office has seen numerous cases of travelers who were given false information: that their visas had been canceled and that they had the choice of voluntarily withdrawing them and going home or being forcibly deported and barred from re-entering for five years. At LAX, those travelers included two elderly women, one of whom is Iranian and the other Iraqi, who are in poor health and were detained for 26 hours; and a young mother from Iran and her 11-month-old child (a U.S. citizen), who were detained for more than 12 hours, according to Bibring.

By 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 30, hundreds of protesters had crowded the arrivals area at LAX's Tom Bradley International Terminal, chanting in unison, "Let them in! Let them in!" Bewildered-looking travelers fresh from customs steered their luggage carts past a line of airport police officers who were blocking protesters from the customs inspections area.

Glen Peterson, director of the World Relief office in Orange County, was waiting for a family of six from Afghanistan; their flight had arrived more than seven hours earlier. The father, 38-year-old Attaee Abdullah (no relation to Alan Abdullah), is a tractor mechanic who had spent eight years working for a private U.S. military contractor in Kabul, repairing American tanks and armored personnel carriers. Abdullah was traveling on a special immigrant visa from the U.S. Embassy and was carrying the ID badge from his job and a letter of recommendation from his American employer.

Peterson and other staff from World Relief were working in cooperation with the State Department to resettle the Abdullah family in Orange County.

The Abdullahs landed at LAX at 12:45 p.m., and at 8 p.m. Peterson still had not received word from them.

"CBP has refused to let our clients be seen or to talk to us or see counsel," Peterson said. "We've been told they've had access to interpreters. But on a day like this I'll believe it when I see it."

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>> 10) seven countries banned by Trump's order, and the Abdullahs are not refugees. Peterson rattled off the names of a dozen or more nations from which World Relief welcomed refugees fleeing war and persecution, as part of the U.S. duties under the 1951 Geneva Refugee Convention. "We have had phone calls from a lot of refugee clients since this started," Peterson said. "They're terrified that they're next."

Legal volunteers confirm that the immediate effect of the ban has extended beyond the seven countries on Trump's list. On Jan. 30, a family from India was held for at least eight hours, and a physician from Jordan with a U.S. green card was held for more than four hours. Once released, the Jordanian told volunteers that "at least 100 people" were still being held.

Airport cops on mountain bikes were weaving in and out of the flow of LAX travelers pulling suitcases through the concourse. Peterson took a phone call and looked relieved. The Afghan family had been released. Embassy in Kabul had confirmed his story.

Peterson shook his head at Abdullah's retelling. The chant from hundreds of protesters — "No hate, no fear, everyone is welcome here" — echoed around the concrete-and-glass exterior of the Tom Bradley International Terminal as the Abdullah family was helped into a waiting minivan. Back at the table of legal volunteers, exit interviews revealed that two more Afghan families with authorization to enter the United States were being held at the airport. One of the families, legal volunteers said, was detained for more than 12 hours.

For every refugee or "banned" immigrant guided through the barriers to entry at LAX, attorneys have found many more who weren't permitted to board flights in cities like Doha, Qatar; Dubai, U.A.E.; Istanbul; and even Paris and Stockholm. Those travelers were stuck in interminable layovers, paying for hotels or sleeping at the airport, or simply returned home thinking that getting to the United States was a lost cause.

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Standing near the exit to the terminal, Attaee Abdullah rested his hands on the shoulders of his sons Ahsan, 9, and Urfan, 7. The ordeal of the past seven hours was etched on his tired expression. He agreed to speak briefly while his 32-year-old wife, Fahima, sat in an airport chair, tending to the couple's 2- and 3-year-old children, Ashegh and Somaya.

Abdullah answered questions in his native Dari, his responses translated by a volunteer interpreter. For eight years, he said, he had criss-crossed Afghanistan while employed as the chief mechanic in a civilian unit attached to the U.S. Army. He said the stern border patrol agents who detained him at LAX made a show of doubting his bona fides, and after six hours threatened to deport him. "I told him I have a visa, you can't deport me," he recalled.

Asked if he ever came under fire during his work for the military, Abdullah nodded and told of a surprise attack by the Taliban in the province of Maidan Wardak, and how a friend of his, a fellow mechanic, was shot and killed.

Abdullah said that after seven hours of detainment at LAX customs, the border patrol officer informed him that the U.S. Lufthansa and Scandinavian were refusing to board passengers from the countries targeted by the ban. One legal volunteer had a copy of a waiver that Turkish Airlines was issuing to travelers who were green card holders or dual citizens, asking them to assume the cost of a return flight in the event the border patrol barred their entry in the United States.

On signing the ban, Trump said it was intended "to keep radical Islamic terrorists out of the United States of America." But at LAX on Jan. 30, the travelers who emerged after hours of detention at CBP appeared to be L.A. residents — predominantly Iranian-Americans — with family ties to the countries on Trump's list.

Susan Taleban, 54, a Muslim woman born in Iran, described how she travels regularly from her home in L.A. to care for her elderly mother in Esfahan, about 250 miles south of Tehran. She said customs authorities at LAX held her for questioning for more than two hours. She credited a team of volunteer attorneys for securing her entry, saying that had they not intervened on her behalf, she fears she could have been sent back to Iran.

Vartan Mokhtarian, 68, waited (14»

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>> **12**) three hours before approaching a Persian-speaking volunteer at the airport for help. He told the volunteer that he had not heard from his wife and son, Iranian Christians and U.S. green card holders, since they landed in L.A. His son, Artin Mokhtarian, 35, had gone to Tehran to propose marriage to an Iranian woman, the daughter of a family friend. The traditional engagement ceremony in a church calls for relatives from both families to attend, which is why his mother had accompanied him on the journey.

As an Iranian Christian, Artin Mokhtarian had received political asylum in the United States years ago. When he emerged from customs after four hours, he said the officer had pressed him, repeating the same question: Why did you go back if you knew that you had a problem there? "I tell him, 'This is a love story,'" he said.

On the evening of Jan. 30, Gihan Thomas, a well-dressed and plainspoken attorney of Egyptian descent, was still waiting at LAX for word from her client, Iraqi interpreter

folding table between the Cantina Laredo and a Pinkberry. Some were interviewing travelers who got through detention; others were looking for people who had family members detained or who were on flights with people who were detained. They combined the data into spreadsheets and shared it via social media with similarly structured groups of legal volunteers at airports across the country.

It turns out that customs officials had taken Abdullah to a sparse room, where he was left waiting for hours with about 20 other people, most of them Iranian. He said he watched as hundreds of fresh arrivals from countries in the Far East — many of them green card holders like him — breezed through customs and filed quickly past the room where he and so many others were being detained.

He wasn't allowed to text or talk with his wife, who was alone and 1,100 miles away at the apartment caring for the children.

Finally, the customs officer returned to him and said he was good to go, to grab his bags.



Alan Abdullah, more than three hours after he'd texted her. Thomas had retreated to a table at the Cantina Laredo, where she grew more aggravated with every unrewarded glance at her cellphone. Many of her clients are from Syria and Iraq. The executive order has wreaked havoc on their lives.

"Asylees can't petition to bring over family," she said. "Work permits are halted. Applications for green cards are halted. They are canceling oath ceremonies for naturalization for people from the seven countries."

Matthew Walter, the attorney at Thomas' firm whom Abdullah had retained, went to customs and asked an officer for an update. He said an officer told him, "We can't provide you any information about anyone in inspections." Walter was given the card of a public affairs liaison stationed in L.A. The call went to voicemail, and the mailbox was full.

The army of volunteer attorneys working in shifts at the airport had assumed the task of tabulating the scope of enforcement activities in reaction to the ban. A half-dozen of them were huddled around a "He walked with me to the exit from the room," Abdullah recalled, "and he said welcome back home."

Abdullah stepped outside — in his rush to call his wife, he went out the wrong door and ended up on the upper level flanking the terminal. Alone and savoring the first moments out of detention, he lit a cigarette. Then he called Walter, who met him up there.

A roar of cheers welled upward from the arrivals area below, where a young woman was speaking into a microphone to the crowd of protesters. Abdullah recalled the first news reports about Trump's ban — and about the massive wave of protests against it — that he had watched on TV back in Iraq.

"When I saw civilian people going outside [to protest] for people they didn't know, only that they knew they were human, it was really encouraging for me," he said.

"I was really scared back there" in customs, he added. "But I thought about what was happening outside, and I said I'm going to get through this. This is my country."

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BY RICK PAULAS

n July, Jerry Teigen, co-owner of WeHo Bistro in West Hollywood, was diagnosed with liver cancer. It was the first time Teigen and his husband/co-owner, Jeff Douek, had been forced to navigate the American health care

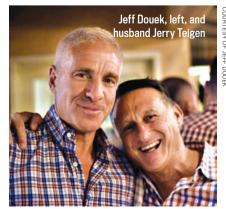
system. "It's hard enough to be sick, and hard enough trying to get better," Douek says, "but we didn't have to think much about it. We could do what we wanted because we had health insurance."

This luxury — the emotional freedom that comes with being insured — got them thinking about the health care needs of their restaurant staff, which includes fewer than 20 employees. After speaking with their employees, they discovered that nobody working for them had health care. So what would happen to them if they got sick or hurt and couldn't work, the couple wondered. "We saw how much this was costing and knew we had to explore options," Douek says.

Douek and Teigen offered to bring the employees into a group plan they constructed with the help of their insurance company. To help defray the cost and get their employees covered, they offered to pay the first \$100 monthly for those who bought into the plan; employees then would have to cover the rest on their own. But even after subtracting \$100 each month, the health care bill was too large for almost everyone. "Only one [employee] was able to buy coverage," Douek says. "Everyone else isn't covered."

Then, after a six-month fight with cancer, Teigen died this past December. Due to the frustration he felt during

his last months as he tried, and failed, to bring health care coverage to his



workers, Teigen decided to leave half of his ownership share in WeHo Bistro to his employees. In addition, he donated \$10,000 that will be used for emergency health care for his employees; Douek is hopeful that donations from friends and family will further expand the fund. "At least our employees will know something is there for them," he says.

For Los Angeles restaurants, the path of providing health care to employees can be fraught with confusion and exasperation. Even before the current presidential administration put health care in the political crosshairs, restaurants have faced difficulties providing insurance for their employees. Sometimes these attempts are motivated by more than simple kindness or even the financial penalties associated with the Affordable Care Act's coverage requirements — providing health care may be necessary to attract and retain quality employees.

"We wanted to have a grown-up business," says Josh Loeb, co-owner of Rustic Canyon, Sweet Rose Creamery, Milo & Olive and Huckleberry Cafe. "People getting benefits, being paid well and, for us, providing health care."

To get a sense of what premiums and benefits were needed for his workers to buy into group coverage, Loeb asked his employees. He soon realized that if the employees had to cover any of the costs, they'd mostly choose not to get health insurance. "A lot were hesitant to sign up, even with the penalties of Obamacare," he says. Loeb then devised a way to offer fully paid premiums to employees by adding small surcharges to customer bills. "We wanted to make sure everyone knows the people working in the restaurant are fully covered." On Sept. 1, 2014, a 3 percent surcharge began showing up on bills at Loeb's restaurants. And for the most part, customers didn't seem to mind, he says.

Other restaurants did the same. Bill Chait, co-owner of République and Bestia, implemented the same surcharge in his restaurants earlier in the year. In the Bay

Area, many San Francisco restaurants have been adding a health care surcharge since 2008. Using those San Francisco locations as templates, other L.A. restaurants — including Mélisse, Lucques and the Hungry Cat — began adding the same 3 percent surcharge to help cover health care costs for their employees. For many, this was the next logical step to



OURTESY OF JEFE DOUEK

account for the rising cost of coverage. "We started doing insurance for the

employees six or seven years ago," says David Lentz, chef-owner of the Hungry Cat. "We made the decision because we were doing well and could afford it."

Lentz instituted a tiered system, dependent on role. Managers got all their coverage paid for, while other staff were offered a 50/50 split. Things were going smoothly before passage of the Affordable Care Act forced Lentz to offer mandatory coverage, which raised prices.

"THREE PERCENT DOES NOT COVER 100 PERCENT OF THE COST, BUT IT MITIGATES IT." -HUNGRY CAT'S DAVID LENTZ ON SURCHARGES FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE

"We were looking at costs out of the gate of \$60,000 to \$70,000," Lentz says. "We can't just find this extra money to put toward insurance." So he decided to go with a surcharge as well. "Three percent does not cover 100 percent of the cost, but it mitigates it a little."

It did for a while, at least. About a year after the surcharges were introduced, a class action lawsuit was filed against the restaurants, alleging they had conspired to violate price-fixing and collusion laws. "Under California law, competitors cannot get together In July 2016, Jerry Teigen, co-owner of West Hollywood's WeHo Bistro, was diagnosed with liver cancer.

and agree to increase the prices of the goods or services," Daniel Sterrett, San Francisco attorney representing a plaintiff, told CBS2 in 2015. The lawsuit also named restaurants Animal and Son of a Gun, although neither has implemented a surcharge, because their owners, Jon Shook and Vinny Dotolo, allegedly encouraged other restaurants to implement the surcharge. Owners of the accused restaurants were unable to answer *L.A. Weekly* questions about the suit due to pending litigation.

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, a bipartisan organization that promotes policy communication between state legislatures, incomes in the United States are not keeping up with the rise in health plan costs. This means a greater percentage of earnings is being taken by health care coverage. (In 2006, health care costs took up 6.5 percent of a person's income, but by 2015, that number had risen to 10.1 percent.) The money's going somewhere, and most of the time, it's not going to those buying the plans.

"These insurance companies just continue to make money, because there's no regulation," Lentz says. "They're the ones making the money, we're the ones that have to pay it."



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here's no question that L.A.'s vibrant dining scene would not be what it is today without the diverse melting pot of immigrants who make up our city. For what we lack in high-end,

white-tablecloth establishments, we make up for in immigrant-owned-and-operated

restaurants. These are the true gems of the city, allowing us a direct portal into unique cultures outside our borders and personal bubbles.

The recent immigration ban by the Trump administration has left the Middle Eastern and North African community here in L.A. reeling. The presidential order (currently being battled in court) stops the admission of refugees

from Syria indefinitely, and bars entry into the United States from seven predominantly Muslim countries linked to concerns about terrorism. Those seven countries are Syria, Iraq, Iran, Sudan, Yemen, Somalia and Libya.

If the ban had happened years or decades earlier, some of our greatest restaurants would not exist. From Persian sandwiches to Iraqi grilled fish, our selection of cuisine from the greater Middle East and Africa is some of the best in the nation. We have entire communities dedicated to food from predominately Muslim countries. The section of Westwood lovingly dubbed Tehrangeles has a handful of kabob restaurants within a couple of miles of one another and some of the best Persian pastries in the city. Elsewhere, there are many other international offerings, like a vegan food truck dedicated to falafels by way of Sudan; a bakery from Syria; and a Somalian eatery that really knows its way around goat meat. While the historical origin of these dishes can be complex, they all share a common ancestry.

We are celebratory of our immigrant communities here in L.A.; they are what make us unique. As a sign of appreciation, here's a list of where to eat dishes from the seven countries banned by Trump. Iran: Persian sandwiches from Attari

Attari specializes in Iranian sandwiches, featuring perfectly toasted bread stuffed with a meat of choice, such as tongue, brain or chicken. Tomatoes, lettuce and a smattering of pickles give it an extra layer of texture. Located in Tehrangeles, Attari is owned by the family that opened the first Persian convenience store in the

area in the late 1980s. The food is made entirely from family recipes. Kabobs are plentiful here, served with Persian flatbread and greens. Don't miss the ash, which is a thick, barley-based stew made with white and pinto beans drizzled with a bit of *kashk*, a zippy, yogurtlike cream. 1388 Westwood Blvd., Westwood. (310) 441-5488, atarisandwiches.info.

Sudan: Falafel from Ihsan's Falafel

Chef Amin Musa was born in Sudan. educated in Dubai and went to university in Canada. Trained in macrobiotic cooking, he is the driving force behind Ihsan, which is the Arabic word for kindness. Ihsan is a vegan falafel stand that can be found at farmers markets throughout the city. Give the collard green wrap a try. It forgoes the traditional wheat exterior for collard greens and is stuffed with five falafel balls, grated carrots and homemade turnip pickles. Don't miss the traditional spicy peanut



Iragi food sauce, referred to in Sudan as at Massif dakwa. It's made with creamy peanut butter and jalapeños. Various locations; see website for schedule. authenticfalafels.com.

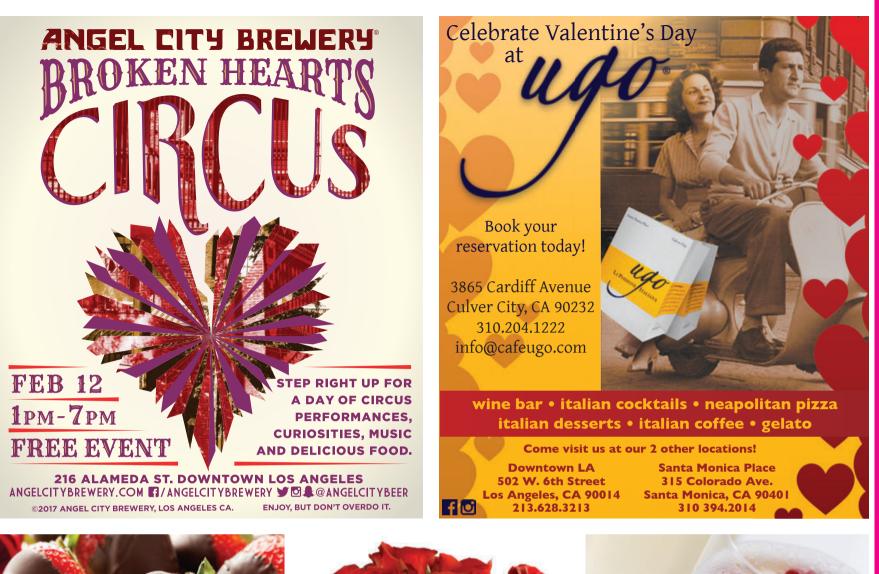
Syria: Saj from Sarig's Bakery

Owner Sako Dekirmanjian comes from Aleppo, Syria, where his grandfather ran a bakery. The *saj*, thin-crust bread baked on a convex metal grill, is a good way to start. It can be ordered with za'atar. an herb mixture of thyme, sesame seed and virgin olive oil, or paired with white cheese with homemade sausage. We like the laham b'ajin, which are Syrian openfaced meat pies stuffed with ground beef, pomegranate molasses and pine nuts. Don't forgo the dessert menu, which pairs saj with Nutella, marshmallows and sliced almonds. 19253 Roscoe Blvd., Northridge. (818) 727-7443, sarigsbakery.com. Somalia: Goat from Banadir Somali Res-

taurant

This halal mainstay specializes in goat meat, which permeates most of the menu. There's goat soup, pressure-cooked goat and braised goat, usually accompanied by traditional Somali spices like cardamom. cloves, coriander, bay leaves, cinnamon and cumin. For breakfast, the anjero is the primary carb of choice. It's a pancakelike bread similar to Ethiopia's injera but smaller and thinner. It is served with savory toppings like goat, chicken or beef, or can be eaten as a dessert sprinkled with sugar or a bit of sesame oil and honey. 137 W. Arbor Vitae St., Inglewood. (310) 419-9900. Yemen: Malawach from Toast Cafe

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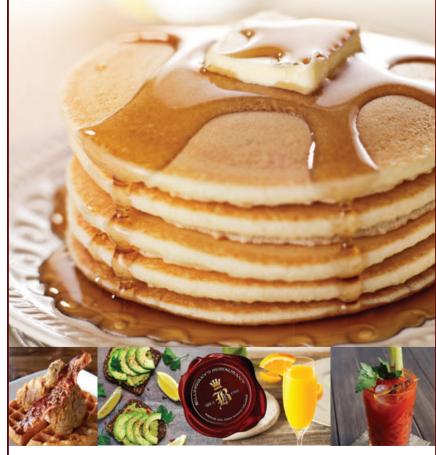


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Libya: Tagine from Revolutionario

While restaurants dedicated to the food of Libya aren't apparent in L.A., there is no shortage of places to get couscous, which is considered to be the national dish of Libya. There it is commonly prepared with slow-cooked beef, potatoes, carrots and garbanzo beans in a spicy tomato sauce. Tagine, another popular dish in Libya, can be found all over North Africa and, most commonly, in Morocco. We recommend the chickpea tagine tacos from Revolutionario near Exposition Park. It's owned by Farid Zadi, who is considered Los Angeles' foremost expert on North African cuisine. 1436 W. Jefferson Blvd., Exposition Park. (424) 223-3526, revolutionario.com. Irag: Kibbeh Mosul from Massif Mediterranean Grill

Massif has one of the most comprehensive Iraqi menus in the L.A. area. Owned and operated by Iraqis, it specializes in shawarma, which is significantly sweeter than the more established versions out there. A dash of cinnamon and cardamon renders it as one of the most flavorful in town. Kibbeh Mosul is a must. Ground meat with bulgur (cracked wheat) laced with cinnamon, it's a staple that originates from Mosul in northern Iraq. It comes out like a moist, meat-stuffed pancake; a side of hummus is highly recommended. For big parties, a whole lamb can be pre-ordered. Don't miss the *masgouf* — a grilled carp with lemon and herb, often considered the national dish of Iraq. 902 E. Colorado St., Glendale. (818) 245-6863. -Clarissa Wei

NEW RESTAURANTS

Chef Behind Mexico City's Huset Is Bringing His Rustic Cuisine to Silver Lake

Chef Maycoll Calderón at first appears to radiate nonchalance as he nurses a cappuccino in the serene, sun-drenched patio of Huset, his restaurant in Mexico City. The tables are being set for the soon-to-arrive lunchtime crowd. But the Venezuelan-born chef is brimming with excitement and eager to share the news. He has taken on an unenviable challenge — to conquer the world's second largest Mexican city, Los Angeles. Tintorera, Calderón's third restaurant, is scheduled to open this spring in the heart of Silver Lake, making him one of the handful of Mexico City chefs who have chosen L.A. for their latest projects.

Huset, which opened in August 2015 in trendy Mexico City neighborhood Colonia

Roma, is set in a restored early-20th century neoclassical residence. It is the acme of a revolutionary culinary scene that has been in the works for years, and began across town in the tony Polanco neighborhood. It's there that now-star chef Enrique Olvera pioneered what would become Modern Mexican cooking at Pujol, one of the world's most acclaimed restaurants. whose kitchen became a seedbed of creativity, spawning a generation of young chefs. These chefs would rethink Mexican traditions, turning them inside out. And, of course, they would highlight local, seasonal and sustainable ingredients. Calderón does just that at Huset, now one of Mexico City's most popular restaurants. He says he will continue that methodology when he launches Tintorera later this year in the former Cowboys & Turbans space.

Huset is set in a formal mansion, but the sensitive design by partner Walter Nevenberg brings the space up to date while evoking old-world grandeur. Smoke pervades almost every dish on the menu - Calderón's technique is to grill, then sauce. Some dishes, such as ceviches and aquachiles, refer directly to the Mexican lexicon, others are chef's creation; all take advantage of what is local and seasonal. For example, gnocchi are bathed in lemon cream sauce and accompanied by wild mushrooms from nearby Mexican states. A large meatball arrives in a sauce tropicalized by a Carribean-style sofrito and sprinkled with *queso cotija* from Michoacán. Calderón calls the style cocina de campo, where most rustic dishes are grilled over charcoal. At Tintorera, Calderón says the menu will continue that lineage of Modern Mexican cooking.

His newest outpost seems like a natural fit. After all, Colonia Roma has many cultural similarities to the enclaves of Northeast L.A., and it has undergone a rebirth in recent years. Roma was designed at the turn of the 20th century based on the urban ideal of Georges-Eugène Haussmann-the city planner responsible for Paris' arboreal avenues - who created orderly middleand upper-class housing. Single-family homes are interspersed with over-the-top mansions in every style, from art nouveau to deco. Until the 1940s, La Roma was the place to live. A cultural community thrived here well into the '50s – William S. Burroughs famously shot his wife in a game of William Tell gone awry here.

After World War II, American suburbanstyle living supplanted the baronial, servant-heavy scene, and the wealthy moved north to Polanco, or to car- and swimming pool-friendly Lomas. Mansions were left to abandonment, pretty homes demolished to make way for parking lots. The devastating 1985 earthquake, which hit the area hard, put the nail in the coffin.

It would be another 20 years before Roma would come back. Its affordable rents became attractive to creative types, both foreign and national. Art galleries, design shops, cool late-night bars and innovative restaurants sprang up like mushrooms and continue to do so. It's a story not unlike Silver Lake, which has seen a demographic shift in recent years. So it's logical for chef Calderón to open his first L.A. venue in a neighborhood that





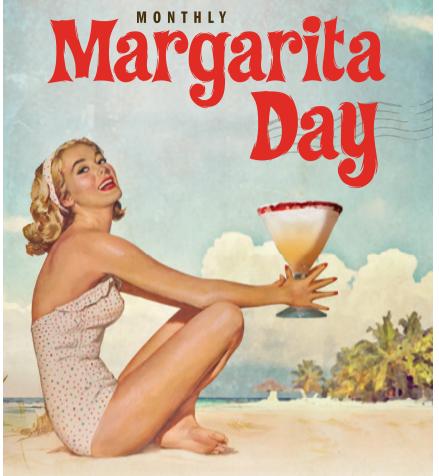
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As we talk in the increasingly bustling patio, the chef's calm shifts to spirited enthusiasm, as he reveals his plans to bring contemporary Mexico City flavors to L.A.

How did Huset come about?

First we found this beautiful house; it was a wreck so took a long time to renovate. The space was perfect for my dream restaurant, a *cocina de campo* — country kitchen — wood oven, hardly any gas, seasonal ingredients.

Why L.A. and Silver Lake?

I always had a dream to open a place in the U.S., because I lived there and was intrigued by the possibilities the ingredients would provide. You start with a dream, then you slowly build it.

I didn't know L.A. very well, but my partner did and he introduced me to Silver Lake — I knew it was right. We see similarities to La Roma there — that hip, creative vibe, you feel it everywhere. Like, you go into a café and everybody's talking about creating something. Here in Mexico, maybe it's more about design, architecture projects, art; there, of course, it's Hollywood so the subject is different, but the same exciting energy. We found a spot very similar to Huset, a simple, open space with lots of greenery. It's going to be called Tintorera, which is a type of blue shark. We're going to do a speakeasy, too.

What about the food?

I want to bring what's happening in

Mexico to California. In Huset we do cocina de campo — country cooking, everything charcoal. At Tintorera I'm going to take a similar approach, simple grilling and saucing, everything light, accessible. It will be all about seafood. I like fish, love ceviches. I want to explore that side of my personality. Fish tacos, done in a different way from Baja, more refined. The seafood in California is amazing, there's much more variety than here. And there's all the stuff from the East Coast, too: the clams, lobsters. It's exciting, man.

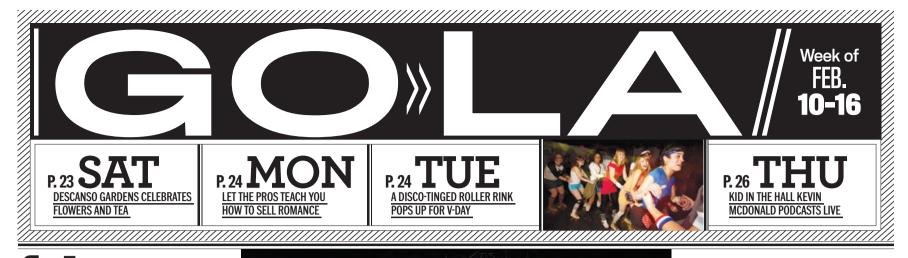
What differences do you see between the chefs in the United States and Mexico?

I think in Mexico right now there's more creative energy, people willing to take risks. In the U.S. it's the business thing, which can impede cooks to really open up. So I want to bring our creativity to the States. Make things that are fun, not academic, take more chances. This even applies to service; I find it cold in the States. Service here is more attentive. I hate that there they just bring the check. We want people to chill out, feel that no one is kicking you out of the restaurant.

Do you think being in L.A. will change you as a chef?

Of course it's going to change me. There will be so much more accessible, all the other cuisines like Thai, Korean, Japanese. I'm going to get into it. Managing three restaurants and living in two places is tight, but now's the time. L.A. is waiting for us, no? **-Nicolas Gilman**





THEATER

I Believe I Can Fly

"You ever seen a grown man naked?" No doubt you're familiar with that and other memorable quotes from Airplane!, the hilarious, gag-heavy and mildly racist disaster-film parody about a traumatized former pilot who tries to reconnect with an ex-flame/flight attendant on a troubled plane carrying an inflatable doll, pair of naked breasts, singing nun, Hare Krishnas, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and June Cleaver speaking jive. Directed by Tom O'Connor, Airplane LIVE! at Flight Theater at the Complex lovingly re-enacts the 1980 classic comedy, with some modern twists thrown in, including bonus character Samuel L. Jackson. Audience members are encouraged to yell out favorite one-liners. Surely they can't be serious? They are serious. And don't call them Shirley. Flight Theater at the Complex, 6476 Santa Monica Blvd., Hollywood; Fri., Feb. 10, 8 p.m. (runs Fri., 8 p.m., and Sat., 8 & 11 p.m., thru March 18); \$20. airplanelivela.com. –Siran Babayan

DANCE

The Golden Rules

The photo of the man at the drum set could be an outtake from the film Whiplash, but it's for Rules of the Game, choreographer Jonah Bokaer's collaboration with scenographer/visual artist Daniel Arsham for eight dancers, with original music by composers Pharrell Williams and David Campbell. Inspired by Luigi Pirandello, ROTG is one of three scheduled works from Bokaer, a former Merce Cunningham dancer whose combination of dance with video and other elements seems to achieve an equilibrium where the ancillary elements enhance but don't distract from the dancing. UCLA Royce Hall, 340 Royce Drive, Westwood; Fri., Feb. 10, 8 p.m.; \$29-\$49. (310) 825-2101, cap.ucla.edu. - Ann Haskins



FESTIVALS

To a Tea Camellias are so beautiful, so seductive



that Coco Chanel made the flower an official emblem of her fashion brand. But they're more than just eye candy - the leaves of Camellia sinensis are better known as tea. Like, black tea, green tea, white tea, oolong tea - all the biggies. Descanso Gardens celebrates its history with the camellia – they were the basis of founder E. Manchester Boddy's cut-flower business in the 1940s – at the Camellia and Tea Festival. The two-day event features a walk through the camellia collection, crafts for kids, a tea tasting and two daily performances by Invertigo Dance Theatre. Stop and smell the Chinese roses. Descanso Gardens, 1418 Descanso

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Drive, La Cañada Flintridge; Sat.-Sun., Feb. 11-12, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; \$9, \$6 seniors & students with ID, \$4 children 5-12, free 4 and younger. (818) 949-4200, descanso gardens.org. **–Gwynedd Stuart**

OUTDOORS

Put a Bow on It

Los Angeles is a city where man-made development butts up against raw, wild nature. The Bowtie Project perfectly embodies this characterization, as the 18-acre postindustrial site along the concrete banks of the L.A. River has been repurposed as a public park. Organized by California State Parks, Clockshop and the National Park Service, **Bowtie Field Day** offers visitors of all ages the opportunity to take full advantage of this quintessentially L.A. environment. Start the afternoon with park ranger–led nature walks, catch-and-release fishing demos or a clay workshop with artist Julia Haft-Candell. As day turns to night, gather 'round the campfire for an evening of stargazing and s'mores. Bowtie Project, 2780 W. Casitas Ave., Glassell Park; Sat., Feb. 11, 2-7 p.m.; free with RSVP. (323) 522-6014, clockshop.org/event/bowtie-fieldday. –Matt Stromberg



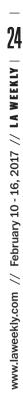
MUSEUMS **To Be Frank**

Show off your best vintage finds at Long Beach's Museum of Latin American Art for the L.A. Retro Festival, a free, daylong event to celebrate the opening of "Dreamland: A Frank Romero Retrospective." Romero, instantly recognizable for his mural of cars crawling alongside the 101, is a leading figure in Los Angeles' homegrown Chicano art movement, and the exhibition will encompass works from his long and illustrious career. Similarly, the festival looks back at L.A. over the years with a mix of classic cars, fashion and music. Check out old-school rides before catching a fashion show from vintage menswear purveyor Barrio Dandy Vintage or a performance from Greg Esparza of Thee Midniters. The museum will be open for tours of "Dreamland," which opens Feb. 11 and runs through May 21. Museum of Latin American Art, 628 Alamitos Ave., Long Beach; Sun., Feb. 12, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; free. (562) 437-1689, molaa.org/events/l-retro-festival/. -Liz Ohanesian

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LITERATURE

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VALENTINE'S DAY

Rabbit Run

Take a break from doing it like bunnies to visit the most hoppenin' place in Pasa-

dena: the Bunny Museum. Back in 1993, Steve Lubanski gave girlfriend Candace Frazee a plush bunny for Valentine's Day. The couple has been married since 1994, inviting Angelenos into their home since 1998 to gawk at the more than 33,000 bunny-related items inside. Take your sweetheart to this record-setting museum to learn more about the space's history. This will be the last Valentine's Day event at the original location, as the museum will be hoppin' on over to Altadena in March. The Bunny Museum, 1933 Jefferson Drive, Pasadena; Tue., Feb. 14, 3-6 p.m.; \$5. (626) 798-8848, thebunny museum.com. -Eva Recinos

COMEDY

Licensed to Iliza

Most people talk about physical comedy without acknowledging the pain and misery that goes into giving comics their unique type of physicality. Each comic moves through the space of a stage differently — and making her big move this time is Iliza Shlesinger on her Confirmed Kills tour. Telling jokes with seemingly every fiber of her being, Shlesinger has wrung big laughs out of everyone from hired killers to chairborne rangers, navigating her way through morasses of harassment, dating by gaslight, caustic commentary and other random indignities heaped upon her world - her lavish, prosperous, triumphal, Netflix-monied world. Wilshire Ebell Theater, 4401 W. Eighth St., Mid-Wilshire; Tue., Feb. 14, 6:30 p.m.; \$30. (323) 939-1128, ebellla.org/ theatre-events/iliza-confirmed-kills-tour. -David Cotner

VALENTINE'S DAY

With This Rink ...

Although it's supposedly all about love, Valentine's Day is filled with feelings of inadequacy for many, as those without partners suffer in solitude, while the happily coupled struggle to create that unattainably perfect romantic experience. Instead of the underwhelming but expensive dinner date, why not kick it old-school and head to the roller rink? This Valentine's Day, Thunder Ground and Down & Derby bring their mobile skate party to L.A. with the Rolling Hearts Pop-Up Roller Rink & Disco. The event features multiple DJs spinning a classic roll bounce soundtrack, as Trey Knight & the Knight Rollers dazzle the crowd with their fluid and acrobatic skating. Bringing your own wheels is encouraged, but there will be skates for rent until they run out. Union, 4067 Pico Blvd., Arlington Heights; Tue., Feb. 14, 8 p.m.-2 a.m.; \$15-\$20. restlessnites.com/ rolling. -Matt Stromberg



COMEDY

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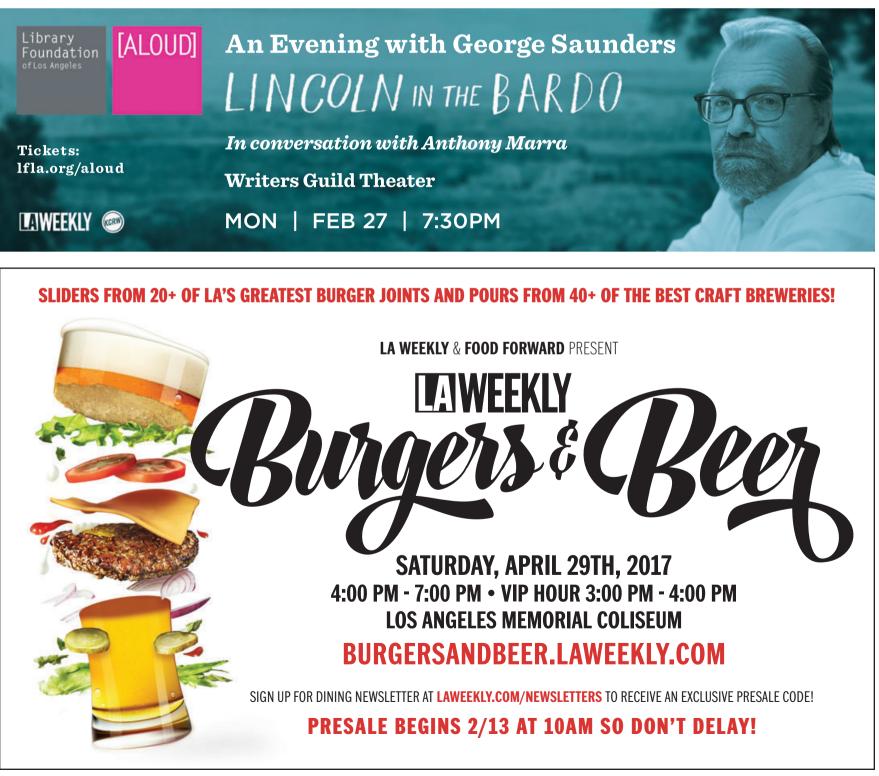
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recognized for his role as a band manager on Flight of the Conchords, and most recently guest-starred in an episode of last year's revival of The X-Files. But the foundation of his career is stand-up, which he started doing a couple of decades ago, long before relocating to the L.A. area. Rhys Darby's Saying Funny Things Society is a new monthly night of comedy curated by Darby and featuring material by a handful of funny people. As Darby himself quips, they also may be sleeping on his couch. Largo at the Coronet, Beverly Grove; Wed., Feb. 15, doors 7 p.m., show 8:30 p.m.; \$30. (310) 855-0350, largo-la.com. -Tanja M. Laden

COMEDY

Original Skin

Comedian, writer and director Jonathan Browning goes on a humorous journey of sexual discovery from adolescence through adulthood in his storytelling show All This Over an Apple. Browning, whose L.A.-based Screaming Frog Productions makes award-winning short films, recounts the myriad ways he learned about the birds and the bees: the Bible, talks with mom, the schoolyard, sex education and - like other cable watchers of a certain generation those blocks of late-night, soft-core porn movies on Skinemax. Browning connects the dots between misinformation and shame at a young age, the breakup of his first marriage and how learning more about sex as he's gotten

older has made him a better lover and husband the second time around. Comedy Central Stage at the Hudson, 6539 Santa Monica Blvd., Hollywood; Wed., Feb. 15, 8 p.m.; free with RSVP. comedy centralstage.com. –Siran Babayan



COMEDY

My Blue Kevin

Kevin McDonald's Kevin McDonald Show just might be the only place to see this many members of The Kids in the Hall. Launched in August, McDonald's comedy-variety podcast features sketches, live music, interviews and stories about the famed Canadian comedy troupe. Past guests have included Kids' Dave Foley, as well as Wallace Shawn, Bob Saget, Rachel Dratch, Michael Showalter, Crash Test Dummies' Brad Roberts, Fruit Bats' Eric D. Johnson, The Long Winters' John Roderick and Ted Leo. (In the first episode's skit, Shawn played Sherlock Holmes and talked about what it was like filming My Dinner With Andre and The Princess Bride.) For the show's first live taping in L.A., McDonald hosts another fellow alum, Scott Thompson, in addition to Dana Gould and Gin Blossoms' Jesse Valenzuela. Nerdist Showroom at Meltdown Comics, 7522 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood; Thu., Feb. 16, 7-8:30 p.m.; \$10. (323) 851-7223, nerdmeltla.com. -Siran Babayan

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LOS ANGELES





BY CATHERINE WAGLEY

his week, an artist takes down a vintage Clint Eastwood flick, and a longtime L.A. painter animates reproductive organs in the classiest possible way. Woman's Wild West The smell of lipstick — chalky, faintly

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chemical and, for some, nostalgic - fills Shoshana Wayne Gallery in a subtly aggressive way, since Rachel Lachowicz has covered the facades of two life-size buildings with melted red lipstick. The House of Worship and The Sheriff/Barbershop, buildings modeled after the set of Clint Eastwood's 1973 High Plains Drifter, are flawlessly made up, their wooden surfaces evenly covered. Photos in an adjoining room show the process: cubes of red lipstick on the floor, melted, dripping like blood over a roof or porch. Lachowicz has used makeup as a material since the '90s, often revising or mimicking historically masculine modes. This time, she's coated

the setting of violence with cosmetics - Eastwood's character rapes a woman

in High Plains Drifter, embodying the stereotype of the lawless Western conqueror. Now, a marker of old-school femininity has taken over. 2525 Michigan Ave., Santa Monica; through April 1. (310) 453-7535, shoshanawayne.com.

Bearded ladies

Linda Stark's painting Fixed Wave depicts a woman's crotch, but it's so much more than that. The oscillating, thin lines of green that make up the skin are curved just right to suggest volume. The blue bush is wave-shaped, and 3-D silver teardrops fall down from below the not-shown belly button. The only truly smooth, flat part of the painting is the outline of uterus and ovaries emerging out of the blue. This is the only work on canvas in "Painted Ladies," Stark's show at Jenny's. The works on paper are just as precise, and their perfection makes them funnier than they otherwise would be. Her Bearded Lady paintings show gold uteruses against blood-red backgrounds. The ovaries are eyes, and pharaoh's beards hang down, perfectly shaped, reproductive organs virtuosically turned into a regal caricature. 4220 Sunset Blvd., Silver Lake; through Feb. 25. (323) 741-8237, jennys.us. **Beautiful Homo-Homeboys**

When artist Joey Terrill launched his mail-art magazine, Homeboy Beauti*ful,* in 1979, he meant to satirize ladies magazines (Ladies Home Journal. House Beautiful) and pick apart stereotypes. In one issue, a reporter attends a Homo-Homeboys party, to discover the

gangsters getting high and listening to Judy Garland. Terrill's magazines appear in "Chapters," the bookarts show at the Craft and Folk Art Museum. So do books by L.A. icons Betye Saar and John Baldessari, and by younger artists Melissa Huddleston & Benjamin Lord and Patricia Fernández. The show's range is impressive; books by

mainstream artists are treated with the same care as those by artists who have spent their careers on the fringes. 5814 Wilshire Blvd., Mid-Wilshire; through May 7. (323) 937-4230, cafam.org. Blank-faced through no fault of her own

Janet Werner's painting MHMH depicts a photo pinned to a beige wall. In the photo, a woman with brunette bangs and braids wears an old-fashioned collared white dress with puffed sleeves. She's Laura Ingalls meets Brigitte Bardot, sweet while playing to the camera, but she has no facial features - just a fleshcolored nothingness where her face should be. This absence feels like a mean blow, especially given how evocative other details are. She's a victim, somehow, maybe of the artist. or of something or someone bigger who wanted her identity wiped out. The painting appears in "PDA Lovers," a show loosely about attachment



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and desire, organized by Montreal-based gallery Parisian Laundry. 4619 W. Washington Blvd., Mid-City; through Feb. 11. foursixonenine.tumblr.com.

Many famous babies

As a kid, activist Craig Kielburger looked a lot like he does now: eager, freshfaced, albeit blonder. He met Mother Teresa in the '90s, and David Ashwell painted him looking the nun in the eyes. Ashwell also painted Halle Berry as an adorable toddler, and Charlie Sheen as an innocent enough-looking boy. Ashwell's "Yesterday's Children" also includes portraits of young Nancy Pelosi, Dr. Oz and Sally Ride. The show looks sappy at first glance, and it does pull on pretty basic heartstrings (we were all kids once, MLK Jr. a cute one). But it's also a gratifying game to guess who's who. 2525 Michigan Ave., B-4, Santa Monica; through Feb. 25. (310) 828-5070, skidmorecontemporaryart.com.

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Stage // **BLESS THIS MESS** Kirsten Vangsness' one-woman show is

an appropriately untidy jaunt through the psyche

BY DEBORAH KLUGMAN

t would be an overstatement if I said that Mess was a completely accurate title for Kirsten Vangsness' one-woman show at Theatre of Note. Yes, Mess is a bit untidy. And, frankly, it doesn't pack the punch of her earlier work, Potential Space, a hilariously bawdy venture into the ruminations of an earthy gal looking for love in mostly the wrong places. The current show is considerably more cerebral, though it does touch on the adolescent awakenings of the first-person narrator (how literally autobiographical this is, I couldn't say).

In general, Mess is concerned with conveying the ambiguities within one person's inner sense of self, as opposed to telling a story involving people and relationships in the shared reality most of us ascribe to. And central to the narrative is a nonlinear concept of time, the idea (with a nod to quantum theory)

that moments in your life - yourself at 4 and yourself at 44, for example – can be unfolding simultaneously rather than in sequence

An hourlong meander into an individual's psyche, the play, by design, at

THIS SORT OF DIALOGUE CAN BE RATHER LIKE THE COMMUNICATIONS OF A FRIEND WHO'S SMOKED A LOT OF WEED WHEN YOU HAVEN'T.

times unwinds as if beneath the threshold of consciousness, emerging in sentence fragments and with odd references to furry little creatures operating within the mind, although for what purpose is never

clear (except to existence itself, perhaps). This sort of dialogue can be difficult to follow, rather like the communications of a friend who's smoked a lot of weed when you haven't.

On the other hand, Vangsness seems perfectly aware of the fuzzy nature of the feelings and impressions she's trying to relate; she sings a recurring song, and encourages the audience to join in the refrain: "For we all are a mess, I guess/And we act like we're totally cool." One can easily get with that.

Eventually the focus of the play grows sharper; Vangsness delivers first-person recollections of childhood and adolescence, the most developed one being her experience as a 14-year-old in Christian camp, with the stirrings of infatuation for a charismatic counselor. Although you wish there were more anecdotes



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like this to engage you, in the end it's sufficient to watch this performer cavort about the stage with that tremendously buoyant energy and disingenuousness that is her gift.

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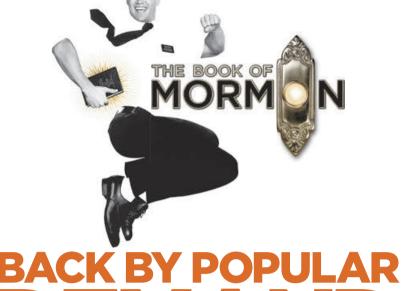
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Film/ WICK'S STILL III John Wick: Chapter 2 keeps the brilliant

Jonn Wick: Chapter 2 keeps the brilliant beatdowns at the expense of feeling

BY BILGE EBIRI



irst, the good news: The dog doesn't die in John Wick: Chapter 2. This will come as a relief to some of us who adored the original, an action masterpiece about a retired hitman

taking unholy revenge on the Russian scumbags who killed his pup and stole his car. The unbearable death of John Wick's pooch — and yes, I know I'm being hypocritical about this, since the film also featured scads of humans being killed — was one reason why I could never recommend the first film to certain people in my life. Animal lovers can see this new one.

Now, the bad news: The dog doesn't die in John Wick: Chapter 2. The thirst for bloody vengeance that fueled the original — that made us cheer our stonefaced hero on as he shot, strangled, sliced, stabbed, battered and blew up his way through armies of men — is less powerful this time. We knew very little about John Wick in the first movie, but he became real through his loss and his ensuing righteous bloodlust. Here, we care about him simply because we saw the first movie.

Without that crucial emotional element, John Wick: Chapter 2 is a somewhat more distanced affair. But it's still an impressively dizzying symphony of carnage. Our hero (again played with stoic angst by Keanu Reeves) finds himself a pawn in the middle of a Mafia family rivalry, as he's forced — thanks to an ironclad but somewhat awkwardly explained blood oath — by Camorra leader Santino D'Antonio (Riccardo Scamarcio) to assassinate the man's own sister, Gianna (Claudia Gerini). Wick still wants out of this life and is reluctant to take the job, but a couple of missiles aimed directly at his house convince him otherwise, so off to Rome he goes. The hit, however, makes him a target for fellow killer and old friend Cassian (Common), who runs Gianna's massive security operation. What's worse, Santino himself puts out a bounty on Wick, too - yes, the very man he hired — because he doesn't want any loose ends.

So basically, everybody wants to kill John Wick. And they all try. The film has some fun with the sheer volume of these attacks: Its most striking sequence involves intercutting between three separate attempts on Wick's life, each with its own rhythm and each requiring its own share of elaborate asskicking. By removing the least interesting element from these scenes — the question of whether John Wick will survive, because duh — director Chad Stahelski (who co-directed the original with David Leitch) turns them into pure studies in motion.

That actually holds true for most of the film. The first movie had an impressively formalist bent: Wick's movement through different, seemingly color-coded spaces highlighted the fact that he was turning on the world that created him — he was breaking its boundaries. Besides taking on qualities of dance, Wick fighting and shooting his way through rampaging, anonymous henchmen in long takes suggested that this man, for all his attempts at a new life, was most in his element while killing. The long takes are still there; if anything, they're even more protracted and impressively choreographed than before.

The intense stylization now seems to contrast the clean, angular world of the proper and powerful with the subterranean world of the transgressor. Wick uses the catacombs beneath Rome to get around, and later turns to the highly organized beggar army of an underworld leader called the Bowery King (Laurence Fishburne) to go into hiding



in New York. Stahelski makes the most of the diversity of this palette, from ancient tunnels and crowded rooftops to futuristic train stations, from elegant Baroque waiting rooms to vast gallery spaces filled with neoclassical sculptures. The John Wick movies are the coffee-table books of action cinema.

ANIMAL LOVERS CAN ACTUALLY WATCH THIS SEQUEL. THAT'S NOT NECESSARILY A GOOD THING.

The film is at its least interesting when it tries to make sense. There's a greater focus this time on fleshing out the details of Wick's weird, fairytale world of assassins. In the original, the setting of the Continental Hotel — an all-powerful, seemingly ancient institution for hired killers run via an elaborate honor system — was treated not as universe-building mythology but as a fascinating grace note, a sign that PHOTO BY NIKO TAVERNISE / COURTESY OF SUMMIT ENTERTAINMENT

none of this was meant to be taken very seriously. Here, we see a lot more of the Continental, as well as its counterpart in Rome. We also see more of its inner workings: When Santino puts his hit out on Wick, it goes through a switchboard in a massive office where tattooed women in business attire professionally type up the orders on a variety of outdated machines and then send them out in pneumatic tubes. It's as if they got J.K. Rowling to do a rewrite.

These scenes are amusing, but they also create a disconnect: The more details we get, the more questions we ask, and I'm not sure any of it really stands up to that sort of scrutiny. In the end, this much plot detail and world-building feels like a distraction from the cleverly coordinated scenes of slaughter. This new film doesn't have the emotional grounding of the original, and it probably dwells too long explaining things we never cared about. But it's still a visceral, cathartic and most important — gorgeous two hours of kinetic, poetic bloodshed.

> JOHN WICK: CHAPTER 2 | Directed by Chad Stahelski | Written by Derek Kolstad Summit Entertainment | Citywide

BATMAN GETS A LAUGH GOING LEGO, BUT THIS DARK KNIGHT SERVES HIS BRAND FIRST

The LEGO Movie was a big studio hit that did well with kids and adults alike, but it also poked real fun at itself: Its LEGO World was one of stultifying conformity, and the fact that everybody ate the same food, did the same jobs and lived in the same spaces warned against the repetitive monotony of a prefab plastic reality. The film was goodnatured, but its humor was so self-aware that you got the sense that any joke was possible, that nothing was off-limits — and its nonstop critique of all the common tropes of blockbuster movies seemed like an arrow aimed directly at its own corporate heart.

The LEGO Batman Movie has some of that

same spirit, but it never goes far enough. Early on, someone suggests that Batman (Will Arnett) enlist a group of imprisoned villains in the fight against the Joker (Zach Galifianakis), to which he replies, "What am I going to do, get a bunch of bad guys to fight bad

guys? That's stupid." Yes, it's the mildest of digs at *Suicide Squad*, Warner/DC's notoriously loathed superhero hit from last year. But guess what Batman winds up doing late in the film? It all feels so predictable ... so conformist. *The LEGO Batman Movie* is entertaining, but it also sometimes feels less like a spinoff of *The LEGO Movie* and more like one of its targets.

Still, given that it's a sequel/spinoff built



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around a mostly throwaway gag, *The LEGO Batman Movie* is funnier than you might think it has any right to be. But those of us who were expecting something more can't help but feel a twinge of disappointment. **–Bilge Ebiri**

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Film // **A** Kingdom Shortchanged A REAL-LIFE STORY OF LOVE. RACE AND ROYALTY

GETS CRAMMED INTO A MOVIE

BY APRIL WOLFE

n director Amma Asante's epic political romance A United Kingdom, David Oyelowo and Rosamund Pike star as Seretse and Ruth Khama, the interracial royal couple who stunned the world when they fought to rule the country that would become the Republic of Botswana. The story's a wildly interesting history lesson on African poverty, the rise of apartheid in the late 1940s and Britain's passive role in separating Botswana's blacks from whites. But here all that complexity plays more Disney than drama, with a script from Guy Hibbert (*Eye in the Sky*) that turns love into a montage and politics into a trite cartoon of good vs. evil.

The couple lindy-hops through courtship and right into an engagement in the early scenes, which are set to an American jazz soundtrack. They first lock eyes at a dance in London, where he's a law student and she's an office worker. In real life, the two met secretly for a year before Seretse even got the nerve to ask, "Do you think you could love me?" But the script ramming right through the early romance and into the marriage leaves so many open questions about the characters' love; as portrayed in the film, they barely know one another when Ruth decides she's going to move

to Africa to be Seretse's queen. Against the wishes of their families — and the British and South African governments - Seretse and Ruth marry and travel to Bechuanaland so that he can ascend the throne and use his education to help his people. Soon after their arrival comes one of the film's most poignant moments: Seretse's aunt Ella (Abena Ayivor), who's the current queen, drills right into the thin white woman before her to ask if Ruth knows what it would mean

THE FILM FAILS TO EXPLORE CULTURAL DISTANCE.

to be a mother to the nation and its predominantly black citizens. Ella has a good point: At a time when white people are swarming into Bechuanaland to turn black citizens into servants, how good an idea is a white queen? Later, Ruth sits in her room, practicing British queen skills such as waving and smiling, while the tribe's women break their backs outside to get food to their families. But A United Kingdom doesn't fully explore this cultural distance; the film's structure requires that Ruth be quickly accepted into the tribe, so the story can move on to

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Britain's treachery. Soon. Seretse's tricked into

coming to London and slapped with a five-year exile from his home country, ostensibly to make the South African apartheid people happy - mixed-race royalty right next door doesn't bolster their separatist policies. But we find it's really the British including a comically stereotypical mustachioed villain - who are mostly opposed to the marriage. Unfortunately, when Seretse and Ruth are apart, there's a dearth of scenes in which we can see the couple developing their own authentic language of love. Oyelowo and Pike are certainly world-class actors, both exhibiting flashes of their capabilities with a misty eye or shaking hand here and there, but the scope of the politics in this story is too wide to make room for an in-depth portrayal of Seretse and Ruth's relationship - and I haven't even covered the diamond-mining subplot.

In some spots, exquisite performances are cut short by overzealous editing in service of covering narrative ground: When he's at his wit's end stuck in London away from his wife and new baby, Sereste madly sweeps everything off his desk — but we're already in the next scene before his books hit the floor. The exploits and accomplishments of these two trailblazing lovers could fill a miniseries. Condensed to 100 minutes, character development suffers. Asante's already proven she can world-build while wrangling a romance with her indie hit Belle, but she needs a jewel of a script, and this one is no diamond.

A UNITED KINGDOM | Directed by Amma Asante | Written by Guy Hibbert Fox Searchlight | ArcLight Hollywood, Landmark



EX-NAZIS DIG EXPLOSIVES FROM THE BEACH IN THE SUSPENSEFUL LAND OF MINE

on't hold it against writer-director Martin Zandvliet's landmine drama that its English title is the dopiest movie-title pun since John Singleton's *Poetic Justice*. That film concerned a poet named Justice: Land of Mine a land of mines. Called Under Sandet in the original Danish - roughly Under the Sand - Zandvliet's tense, prickly third feature finds a squad of pubescent German soldiers enlisted after their führer's death to help clean up his mess. In this case, that means a slow, terrifying sweep of the beaches of Denmark, where the Nazis had buried tens of thousands of land mines. The boys lie facedown and inch along, tapping gently with metal rods. every couple feet

story has 45.000 Chekhoy's guns just waiting to go off? The scenario is based in historical fact, but the incidents and characters are invented. That allows for variety in the suspense scenes - no two crew members go out the same

turning up a bomb that they then must disarm. What other



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way. Zandvliet scores in his scenes of high suspense, leave ing you to wince and suck in your breath, anticipating the boom. (Or he does so until you figure out his tell.) What truly kept me guessing was whether or not Land of Mine would ever become the inspirational-coach movie it continually hints at: Roland Møller (A Hijacking) stars as a hardass Danish officer tasked with getting the boys to clear the beach. The film is sometimes too sentimental, too predictable in its drift, but electric in individual moments. -Alan Scherstuhl

LAND OF MINE | Written and directed by Martin Zandvliet Sony Pictures Classics | Royal

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ANATAHAN Long celebrated but too often difficult to see. Anatahan. Josef von Sternberg's final film. re-emerges in a new 2K restoration from Kino Lorber - and what a strange and still-radical swan song it remains. Sternberg dramatizes a real-life incident that found a band of Japanese soldiers stuck on the enonymous island for seven years at the tail end of World War II and beyond, re-creating the setting in a Japanese studio without bothering to cloak its artificiality. Further adding to the alienation is Sternberg's decision to leave the wholly Japanese dialogue - delivered by Kabuki-trained native Japanese actors - untranslated. But the director's own English-language voice-over narration gives the film a documentary-like flavor that clashes with the stylization. The result is a film full of fascinating contradictions. Anatahan plays as a near-anthropological study of humanity pushed to the brink, with the soldiers slowly succumbing to power plays, petty jealousies and sexual rivalries the longer they're trapped on this island. But Sternberg's eye for sensuality, familiar from his many collaborations with Marlene Dietrich, is undiminished, especially in his ripely erotic treatment of Keiko (Akemi Negishi), the lone female character. Somehow, through all this abstraction, the feeling of bearing sobering witness to the breakdown of civilization comes through vividly. Though some of these people are rescued in the end, the final sequence suggests that their newfound understanding of the depths of human cruelty within themselves will haunt them for the rest of their lives. (Kenji Fujishima) BORNLESS ONES Every generation gets its own signature demonic-possession film. Bornless Ones, regrettably, is not that horror classic for millennials. Riffing on Sam Raimi's The Evil Dead, albeit without any of Raimi's goofy humor or aesthetic deliriousness, writer-director Alexander Babaev's rote genre exercise follows five 20-somethings to a remote woodland

cabin that Emily (Margaret Judson) has purchased, inexplicably, so she can better care for her brother. Zach (Michael Johnston), who has cerebral palsy. That residence has been furnished with creepy dolls and butcher tools, its windows boarded up with planks featuring strange inscriptions, its walls and floors covered in satanic symbols - all of which slowly tin these morons off to the fact that things are about to get unholy. Per convention, it's not long before the darkskinned sexpot (Bobby T) is being butchered, the blond-haired prude (Judson's Emily) is saving the day and the physically disabled boy's condition is being cheaply used as a plot point. The most off-putting element of Bornless Ones isn't its crude exploitation of Zach's impairment, however, but its turgid storytelling. which fails to generate even a faint sense of mounting-insanity momentum. Rather, the film merely goes about its clichéd carnage with a dutifulness made all the more tiresome by stilted performances and dime-store CGI. (Nick Schager) CHAPTER & VERSE Chapter & Verse shows

how difficult it can be for a dude from the streets to stay away from the streets. For the first half, Daniel Beaty walks the streets of Harlem like a brooding, hulking, blank slate. As fresh-outta-jail ex-con S. Lance Ingram (the "S" stands for Sir), Beaty keeps his head down, his mouth shut, and mostly does a lot of chin-ups. He's so intent on staying out of trouble that he comes off as socially awkward. like he's afraid anything he says or does could send him right back. But that deadeyed iciness begins to thaw when he begins delivering food to the apartment of Miss Maddy (Loretta Devine, hamming it up even more than she does on The Carmichael Show) and her grandson Ty (Khadim Diop). While their initial meeting is less than cordial - she starts throwing food at Ingram - Ingram becomes a welcome guest in their abode and, eventually, a reliable friend of the family It becomes obvious that Ingram is hanging around these two as personal penance for his own years of thugging and bugging, You see, Ingram once was Crazy L from 118th St., a gang leader so notori-



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ous that even those young-punk knuckleheads Ty rolls with have to give him respect. Too bad the story, scripted by Beaty and poet/author-turned-filmmaker Jamal Joseph (who himself did 51/2 years in Leavenworth) dips into sloppy, melodramatic heavy-handedness, sullying the occasional spurts of fresh perspective. Every well-written moment in which we catch Ingram trying to be an honest man gets undercut by some over-the-top nonsense. (Craig D. Lindsev)

DON'T HANG UP Right from minute one, Don't Hang Up breaks the cardinal rule of horror movies: It gives us characters you immediately wish would die slow. painful deaths. In this case, it's a couple of teenage dudebros (Gregg Sulkin and

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Garrett Clavton) who get their kicks making prank phone calls, mostly convincing the shnooks on the other end of the line to fear for their lives and unloading videos of those calls online for likes. Of course, these two get their comeuppance when a mysterious caller turns the tables on them, terrorizing the boys and their loved ones on a dark and stormy night. At first it seems like an elaborate ruse set up to teach these punks a lesson. But once blood enters the picture, shit looks like it could get gravely real. Clocking in at just 83 minutes, this flick cuts all kinds of corners in its basic plot. (The gotcha ending raises questions the movie could've easily answered.) It all plays more like a demo



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Remembering Artists Who Are No Longer With Us Friday, Feb. 10

"My heart has joined the Thousand, for my friend stopped running today." So wrote Richard Adams in *Watership Down*, a children's book so disturbing it probably shouldn't be considered one. The Egyptian honors Adams — who himself stopped running last month at 96 — by screening the animated adaptation of his talking-bunnies novel on 35mm. Martin Rosen pulls no punches in bringing the English author's vision to the screen, so rest assured that the fields of blood and dead rabbits are all accounted for. (Rosen also adapted Adams' *Plague Dogs* a few years later, and it's just as age-inappropriate.) *Egyptian Theatre, 6712 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood; Fri., Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m.; \$11. (323) 466-3456, americancinemathequecalendar.com.*

Acropolis Cinema and Mubi co-present the North American premiere of *Le Parc*, Damien Manivel's minimalist sophomore feature. Described as *Before Sunrise* by way of *Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives* director Apichatpong Weerasethakul, the film unfolds over a single day and night as two adolescents walk and talk their way through a quiet suburban park – a simple premise that, by most accounts, gives way to lush dreaminess. *Echo Park Film Center*, *1200 N. Alvarado St., Echo Park; Fri., Feb. 10, 8 p.m.; \$12. (213) 484-8846, acropoliscinema.com.*

Saturday, Feb. 11

What links **Don't Look Now** and **Candyman**, beyond a pervasive sense of unease and a lot of death? Both were shot by cinematographer Tony Richmond, who will appear in person at the Aero to discuss this double feature. Not exactly light fare but essential viewing for horror buffs, the two films – adaptations of short stories by Daphne du Maurier (*Don't Look Now*) and Clive Barker (*Candyman*) – are as rich in atmosphere as they are in dread. Whatever you do, don't say "Candyman" into the mirror five times when you get home. *Aero Theatre*, 1328 *Montana Ave., Santa Monica; Sat., Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m.;* \$11. (323) 466-3456, americancinemathequecalendar.com.

For relaxing times, make it **Lost in Translation** time. Sofia Coppola's best film screens at the Palace Theatre in time for Valentine's Day courtesy of Cinespia, which means the Tokyo romance will be complemented by cocktails, DJs, a karaoke bar and the famous free photo booth. We may never know what Bill Murray whispers to Scarlett Johansson at the end, but isn't that probably for the best? *Palace Theatre, 630 S. Broadway, downtown; Sat., Feb. 11, 9 p.m. (doors at 7:30); \$25-\$50. (213) 553-4567, cinespia.org.*

David Bowie is the new definition of "gone but not forgotten." Beyond his better-known contributions, the multihyphenate starred in a number of art-house favorites, **The Hunger** among them. Tony Scott's post-



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punk vampire saga stars the space oddity opposite Catherine Deneuve and Susan Sarandon, with all the stylized moodiness those names imply. Perhaps the greatest moment comes early on and consists of nothing more than a beautifully sad line reading from Bowie: "Forever? Forever ... and ever." New Beverly Cinema, 7165 Beverly Blvd., Fairfax; Sat., Feb. 11, 11:59 p.m.; \$8. (323) 938-4038. thenewbey.com.

Sunday, Feb. 12

When Chantal Akerman died last fall, she left behind one of the most revered bodies of work in modern world cinema. If you're a first-timer, there's no better place to start than with the Belgian filmmaker's debut, the massively ambitious *Jeanne Dielman, 23 quai du Commerce, 1080 Bruxelles*. The 3½-hour-long domestic drama consists almost entirely of a widowed single mother (Delphine Seyrig, luminous as ever) going about her daily tasks in real time: peeling potatoes, bathing, earning extra money by entertaining male clients. That may sound tedious on paper, but in practice it's uniquely enthralling. *UCLA's Billy Wilder Theater, 10899 Wilshire Blvd., Westwood; Sun., Feb. 12, 7 p.m.; \$10, (310) 206-8013, cinema.ucla.edu.*

Thursday, Feb. 16

In light of John Hurt's death a couple weeks back, the Egyptian's double feature of The Elephant Man and Freaks will be especially poignant. David Lynch's and Tod Browning's carnivalesque classics are both exercises in empathy, the latter surprisingly so - about and starring a troupe of circus freaks, it's not at all the movie you expect it to be. Hugely controversial upon its release in 1932, Freaks torpedoed Browning's career and was banned in the U.K. for three decades. The Elephant Man had the opposite effect for Lynch, earning eight Oscar nominations and instantly establishing itself as one of the saddest, most sympathetic movies ever made. Together, the two films cry out: "We accept you, one of us!" Egyptian Theatre, 6712 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood; Thu., Feb. 16, 7:30 p.m.; \$11. (323) 466-3456, american cinemathequecalendar.com. -Michael Nordine

Alexis Wajsbrot and Damien Macé are throwing out there so major studios might give them blockbuster work. The pair pull off some impressive visual trickery — like threading together scenes to look like one continuous shot as the camera snakes in and out of a house — that'll have you thinking they must've seen *Panic Room* a bunch of times. Basically, *Don't Hang Up* is a hire-me sign masquerading as a slasher film. (Craig D. Lindsey)

EAGLES OF DEATH METAL: NOS AMIS

(OUR FRIENDS) HBO's Eagles of Death Metal: Nos Amis (Our Friends) revisits the tragic night that gunmen opened fire during a concert at the Bataclan — and, later, shifts its focus to the band's eventual return to Paris. In his second documentary, actor/director Colin Hanks showcases a rocker bromance for the ages with band members Jesse Hughes and Joshua Homme at the film's heart. During their decades-long friendship, Homme has helped Hughes out of difficulties, whether it be high school bullies, a broken marriage or, now, facing this unthinkable tragedy. Although Homme wasn't there during the attack (he was working with his other band, Queens of the Stone Age), he helps Hughes pick up the pieces afterward. With testimony from the rest of the band and a handful of survivors. Hanks' film recounts the horrors of the attack and what it was like hiding under bodies or waiting it out in a bathroom. Concertgoers describe the night in horrific detail, and Hughes barely holds back tears behind his signature rose-colored glasses. This poignant film

champions the curative powers of rock & roll – and also reminds us: Always know your exits. Hanks doesn't go into detail about the attackers or their motivations. He also doesn't spotlight Hughes' politics or controversial theories (like suggesting the venue's security team may have known about the attacks in advance), save for a particularly uncomfortable interview with French media before the band's return show. Instead, *Nos Amis* focuses on healing and moving forward. (Tatiana Craine)

CO LEFT ON PURPOSE When he began making a celebratory documentary about Mayer Vishner's life as a progressive activist, Justin Schein never expected to be asked to bear witness to his subject's death. In *Left on Purpose*, an anguished and compassionate chronicle of Schein

and Vishner's relationship, the activist declares his intention to commit suicide as a final act of self-determination and Schein tries mightily to dissuade him while wondering how much the presence of the camera affects his resolve. Schein (No Impact Man) and co-director/editor David Mehlman portray Vishner as the unheralded wunderkind of the 1960s youth movement, an astute organizer providing support to his mentor, Yippie trickster-in-chief Abbie Hoffman. By his 60s, Vishner's revolutionary fire has nearly extinguished even when he witnesses Occupy Wall Street. This new digital activism, he concludes, has little use for someone who still uses a rotary telephone. As Schein becomes enmeshed in Vishner's life, the image he had of the iconic rebel-turned-journalist (including a stint as managing editor of L.A. Weekly) is replaced by the reality of an aging alcoholic with severe depression and OCD. He captures the contradictions of the Greenwich Village stalwart, a curmudgeon who decries his loneliness even as he pushes loved ones away. While Vishner debates his fate with mental health professionals, his vast personal archive heads. to the University of Michigan's Labadie Collection of materials documenting social protest and radical politics. This frail man ferociously defending his decision to die believes his only value is as a memory, but his heartsick biographer pleads for a future. Only one of them gets what he wants. (Serena Donadoni)

STRAY BULLETS "She's a beauty," 16-yearold Connor says to his friend Ash as they gaze upon the glory that is their newly purchased paintball gun. In his feature-length debut as a writer-director, actual 16-yearold Jack Fessenden (who also stars as Connor) captures that feeling, so familiar to kids but forgotten by adults, of mundane tasks being drawn out to the point of adventure - a feeling that fades once Stray Bullets takes a dark turn. The two friends quote Scarface and Apocalypse Now as they head to the trailer they've been tasked with cleaning out, distancing themselves from the reality of their situation. In these early scenes the film seems on the verge of making cogent points about how young minds process violence, whether real or fictional, but then the necessities of plot intervene:





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An initially separate narrative thread finds three criminals on the lam after a job gone wrong. The film doesn't fare as well once this trio (including Fessenden's father, Larry, a longtime actor-director) takes over, as the young filmmaker almost does too good a job of making the thugs seem two-bit and inept. (Watching one slowly bleed out in the back of a getaway vehicle. Reservoir Dogs-style, is somehow more reminiscent of the Wet Bandits from Home Alone, which is oddly appropriate.) If we're grading on a curve, though - and seriously, it bears repeating: Fessenden is literally 16 years old - it's impossible not to give the film kudos for being a not-bad genre exercise that shows promise for its teen director. (Michael Nordine)







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Music // INHESOWNLANE <u>A night out bowling with Gallant, whose intense performances and</u> otherworldly falsetto have made him one of R&B's fastest-rising stars

BY REBECCA HAITHCOAT

allant stands still as a pointer, his gaze steady. Under a velvet buttonup the color of midnight, his shoulders are squared off and hunched close to his ears. Naked

lightbulbs wink, and squeals from every direction attempt to lure his attention, but he's zeroed in.

This is some serious shit, man. It's Thursday night at Pickwick Bowl.

"I'm not a huge club guy. Not a huge partier. I'm pretty boring," the 25-year-old singer says, tipping a \$2 pitcher of Bud Light into his plastic cup. "I need to stay grounded. Still need people around you to make you feel like you're 11 years old, riding your bike to your best friend's house."

Staying grounded might be a challenge in the wake of the rise Gallant just had. In 2015, Zane Lowe bestowed his first "Hottest Record in the World" title on Gallant's "Weight in Gold," and a year later, the singer was performing it with Sir Elton John. *Billboard* proclaimed his 2016 Coachella performance, during which he brought out a fan (Seal), the best of the weekend.

Last April, he released his slow-burning debut album, *Ology*. And this Sunday,

he'll attend the 2017 Grammy Awards as a nominee for Best Urban Contemporary Album, where his competition includes Rihanna and Beyoncé. Nobody would begrudge Gallant a bit of cork-popping.

But he's just not that guy. "I was really shocked [about the Grammy nomination]. That was the first time in a long time I was physically excited," he says. But that was the extent of his celebration. "Being nominated, I won. Just being mentioned."

At the moment, he'd rather be here with his three roommates (who also all work for Th3rd Brain, Gallant's management company) for dollar bowl night, dipping his hot dog into a side of gloopy "cheese." He's so very ... normal that he almost seems to be hiding something. Which, in a way, he is.

"We met and he was kind of awkward. I didn't know if he was an indie kid or an urban kid. Didn't know what his vibe was," says David Dann, founder of Mind of a Genius, the label that signed Gallant. "I went to his show at the Bootleg Theater and there was nobody in the room except the people working there. Lights go down and he starts singing and I was having a religious breakdown. I was like, holy shit, this is an unearthly artist."

Many artists have personas that perform for them — Beyonce's Sasha Fierce, Prince's Camille. But the contrast between Gallant's Clark Kent, whose vices are "isolation and watching too much news," and his Superman is riveting. He sings deeply personal lyrics in a gorgeous, airy falsetto that rivals D'Angelo's. Onstage, he stomps, shimmies and straight-up spazzes, leaping onto risers or kicking over his mic stand. He borrows from both James Brown and Pentecostal preachers, his body shaking as if electric currents are shooting through him. It's no wonder Dann caught religion watching him.

"I wish I could say I didn't know it was gonna happen," Dann says, not just of Gallant's Grammy nomination but about his career. "But I did."

Growing up in the bedroom suburb of Columbia, Maryland, Christopher Gallant's childhood was "storybook, cul-de-sacs, lots of kids." One of his early jobs was bagging groceries. He describes his parents, who are still married, as "blindly" supportive. Mild-mannered, he played sports ("not willfully") and the cello for 12 years. He never wished to be anybody else, exactly. But he did wish to be himself, amplified.

"My outlet was really just any way I could be a version of myself that I felt I never got to be. Writing stuff down or doing very 'alone-in-the-bathroom-looking-atyourself-in-the-mirror' type stuff," he says. "Eventually, that manifested itself into writing music. That was the thing I felt I could do without anyone looking over my shoulder, or being too self-conscious."

He dug into R&B and ballads, downloading from Limewire. (Someday, the documentary on Gallant's life will include home videos of him belting "I Believe I Can Fly.") He began writing as a teenager, and by his senior year of high school was spending a lot of time in recording studios.

"All I knew was that the way for me to get to the best version of myself possible was through this one small outlet I discovered completely on my own," he says.

But the artistic voice he'd been developing wasn't well received. While he had fun attending NYU, the Clive Davis Institute of Recorded Music rejected him. His lyrics were too weird and the city's style didn't suit him — it seemed the industry mostly consisted of meetings and busywork.

"I was clinging to life," he says. "You felt you had to fill out your calendar. And most of the stuff you filled it out with don't mean anything. It didn't do anything to help me write the music that was going to make me feel a certain way and get me to the next place in my life."

So he left. In the fall of 2013, he arrived in Los Angeles with one objective: to feel the way he did when he was a kid, staring out his bedroom window and into the trees.

At Pickwick, Gallant is up. He and his roommates rib one another gently, as if they've been buds forever.

These are easier relationships for Gallant than the ones that stoke some of his teethgnashing, sheet-twisting lyrics. He says he's been in love "maybe three times. It's very tough for me to fall in love. Even when I do, I get in trouble because it's very hard for me to show that explicitly. And that's usually why it doesn't work out."

But what provided most fodder for *Ology* ("a subject of study") is the relationship Gallant has with himself. Take "Jupiter": "I've been whispering to ghosts lately/I'm begging for more time/Before I'm buried deeper in the trenches of insanity/Feed me a piece of my mind."

"Right now, everything I write, I don't want people to hear," he says of his confessional lyrics. "That feeling is exciting when I reveal to other people, I'm revealing to myself. [It's] the difference between music that makes you grow and music that just exists."

It's a tangled-up way to say he prizes vulnerability in his writing. And he's right: When he shines a light into his dark recesses, it's exciting. His sedate personality belies the psychological war raging beneath, which manifests itself in tortured lyrics and an onstage battle. Any artist can withhold interviews and manufacture mystery, but Gallant is an enigma without even trying.

The bowling's moving at a clip, and it has caught Gallant in a reverie. Slipping his fingers into the ball, his mind seems elsewhere.

Suddenly, he pounces, lightly skipping forward before flinging his arm backward and forward again in a single, swift motion. For one long beat, there's silence — then a loud thwack, and the sound of pins toppling. He spins on his heel, and smiles.





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RICKY ON THE RISE

<u>PRODUCER RICKY REED COULD</u> WIN A GRAMMY THIS WEEKEND — <u>BUT JUST A FEW YEARS AGO,</u> <u>HE WAS SURFING COUCHES</u>

BY JEFF WEISS

his Sunday, Ricky Reed will wake up, put on a tuxedo, maybe stuff a couple airplane-sized bottles of Don Julio in his pockets, and head down to Staples Center to

discover whether the Grammys named him Producer of the Year.

"It feels a little weird, honestly," Reed says when asked how it feels to be nominated alongside Greg Kurstin (Adele), Nineteen85 (Drake) and Max Martin (every indelible pop song ever). "I started off making music that made fun of pop; now I'm nominated for helping produce pop songs that aim to be as honest as possible."

It's not that Reed doesn't belong. The 34-year-old, Bay Area-bred multiinstrumentalist and producer born Eric Frederic has accrued an enviable résumé in the last three years. He's operated as the hidden hand behind Twenty One Pilots and Meghan Trainor, and produced smashes for Pitbull, Fifth Harmony and Jason DeRulo. On the short list of indemand industry hitmakers, Ricky Reed is near the top. But the sudden velocity of his ascent, after nearly a decade of coming extremely close but falling short, makes the Grammy recognition feel a little bizarre.

Raised on Gilman Street punk and E-40, Reed taught himself Pro Tools and record engineering to make extra cash in high school. After graduation he enrolled at UC Berkeley, but dropped out after two years to tour nationally with his "pimp rock" band Locale A.M. and wait for a major recording contract that never came.

His next swing was a prog-indie band, which scored minor underground notoriety but ultimately disbanded. The future Reed returned to college, studied music and formed Wallpaper, his closest attempt to realizing pop stardom.

"Wallpaper started almost as a joke — a satirical pop-art thing to blow off steam from the prog band," Reed says in his Elysian Park studio complex, a sprawling, multilevel compound filled with guitars, keyboards, production consoles, platinum plaques, office space for his Atlantic Records–affiliated Nice Life imprint, and a serene garden where Reed and musicians often write.

"When hyphy hit its peak, I realized how much I loved that, and started incorporating that into Wallpaper," Reed



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says. "Gradually, everything became less satirical."

Wallpaper became as big as a local band could get in the Bay Area, which meant that Reed made the cover of *SF Weekly* but was still broke. Gradually, he began coming down to L.A. to do songwriting and production gigs. The odds seemed bleak until the famed producer and record executive Tricky Stewart discovered Wallpaper and brought them to Epic Records head L.A. Reid, who fell in love with the project and immediately offered a deal.

"I STARTED OFF MAKING MUSIC THAT MADE FUN OF POP."

Fame, fortune and Grammys beckoned — until they didn't. Wallpaper's 2013 major-label debut, *Ricky Reed Is Real*, bombed. The bottom fell out: Reed's manager died, he and his then-girlfriend broke up, his house was broken into, and he was reduced to couch surfing. Then, almost miraculously, one song changed his life.

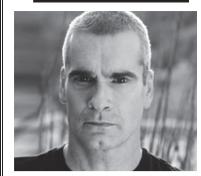
That song was Jason DeRulo's "Talk Dirty," a quadruple-platinum smash that started with Reed flipping a Balkan Beat Box sample that no one else could figure out how to properly chop. Seizing his opportunity, Reed unleashed a trail of hits that made him one of the most sought-after purveyors of left-center pop. He's even restarted his solo career with a new single, "Be the 1." Few have earned the right to be at Staples Center more than Reed.

"I'm really interested in delivering honest stories from myself and the artists that I work with," Reed says. "I truly believe that you can do that and still have fun, and be fucked up, and be as guilty-pleasure pop as anything else."

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GO TO SLEEP

SA is currently in one of its difficult periods. Ah, regression pains. At least comrade Trump is keeping things lively. Must be frustrating for him when so many people pack the airports and streets in shows of resistance

Watching Kellyanne rock the Sunday shows has become the weekly Orwell Goodtime Disinformation Hour. KellCon's got a lot to distract citizens from. Seany Spice takes over on Monday and the Elections Have Consequences Express keeps rattling down the tracks. It probably doesn't help that Stephen Bannon always looks as if he sleeps in his car, wakes up to a bag of whiskey and spends the rest of the day showing his dick to little kids, but we're all getting used to it. Everything is so different now! Easily the most interesting time in the last several years.

So interesting, in fact, that the littlest dab o' news will do ya for a good while and perhaps send you off in search of more serene and sublime altitudes. All the reality you can handle will be waiting for you upon return, so if you choose to leave for a little while, who could blame you? Temporary departures from the breathtaking wretchedness of this administration are mandatory for mental health.

While at this moment, I don't feel the desire to consume cannabis products, I am a stoner at heart, a pseudo wasteoid, blazing up in my mind on a regular basis. That is to say, I listen to a lot of music that gets filed in the "stoner" section.

Also, while I don't worry about the world coming to an end anytime soon, I dig a lot of bands that lurk under the umbrella of "doom." As a listening environment, the slow and crushing heaviness of these bands is beyond satisfying. Many years ago, as was the great fortune of millions all over the world, I was turned on to the genius of Black Sabbath. From then to now, I have always searched for music that sought either to smash the earth or turn its back to it and plunge deep into the human/alien experience. Bands such as Earth, Electric Wizard and Sunn O))) make some of the best records ever.

Somewhere in the 1990s, someone turned me onto an album by a California band named Sleep, called Sleep's Holy Mountain. There were traces of Sabbathocity on the record, but also an originality and wallop that could not be denied. It was and is still one of my favorite heavy spins.

However, it is the album the band released

next that has proven to be a genuine classic. It is called Dopesmoker. You will never forget that title.

Originally released in 1999 in an edited form called Jerusalem, in 2003 Dopesmoker was unleashed in all of its pummeling, 63-minute glory, stretching across three sides of a double LP. It is an undeniable and monumental piece of music. The album went out of print for a few years and was bought back by the mighty Southern Lord label in 2012. As the pressings sell through, the label keeps coming up with new color variations, and out the door they go.

Words rarely serve to describe the band as well as experiencing the music. Sleep have to be heard to be understood and seen to be believed. They are one of the most full-on live shows you will ever be lucky enough to attend. While bass player Al Cisneros has a band called OM and guitarist Matt Pike has High on Fire, both bands releasing one excellent album after another, they continue to get together, along with Neurosis drummer Jason Roeder, as Sleep. The band is in constant demand all over the world.

Al contacted me several weeks ago to let me know that Sleep were playing two nights at the Fonda at the end of January. I couldn't wait to find out what it would be like to weather the sonic storm for both shows. There was no way I was going to miss them.

DOPESMOKER IS AN UNDENIABLE AND MONUMENTAL PIECE OF MUSIC.

The two shows were what it's all about. With The Melvins opening, it was a perfect double bill. Both shows were great, but for me at least. it was the second night that caused the serious tectonic plate shifting. After the first song, the familiar opening chords of "Dopesmoker" made the building shudder. The audience roared with approval. How many shows have you been to where people are happy about a song that might take the rest of the night to perform? Sleep have a great 25-or-so-minute version of "Dopesmoker" that they do in concert, which works perfectly. Going from that to a new track, "The Clarity," clocking in at nearly 10 minutes, was epic.

Sleep don't play songs so much as build them with a deliberate patience that seems like meditation. Intros go for minutes on end, picking up momentum and power almost imperceptibly until, like storm clouds unable to bear their own weight, they finally unleash their awesome power. All the while, Al and Matt are at the front of the stage, seemingly hypnotized by the magnitude of what they are creating, as if they had no idea it was going to result in that big a boom. Behind them, Jason drives it with an energy that loses no intensity through a set that clocks in at well over 100 minutes.

Sleep's music isn't for everyone. Unless you like to ride the big waves of sonic attack, you might want to listen elsewhere. However, if you want jams that make a lot of what you've heard before seem completely casual, check out Dopesmoker immediately. Make room for OM and High on Fire, too. Ultimate.

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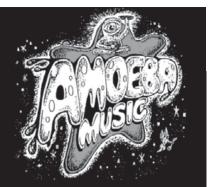


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Tuesday • February 21st • 6 PM FROTH

L.A. shoegazers Froth celebrate their new album, *Outside (Briefly),* with a live show and signing at Amoeba. Album comes out 2/24 on Wichita Recordings but will be available early for the in-store!

Wednesday • February 22nd • 6 PM RYAN ADAMS

Celebrating the release of his new album, *Prisoner*! To attend the in-store performance and receive limited-edition "Ryan Adams, Live at Amoeba" poster, purchase *Prisoner* starting Friday, February 17th in-store only at Amoeba.

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Tove Lo, Phoebe Ryan @ THE NOVO

The video for Tove Lo's "Habits (Stay High)" - during which she carouses with various beautiful dum-dums even as her private sadness blossoms like fireworks exploded too close to the ground - is so necessary to tell the story of that song that experiencing one without the other leaves the art incomplete. Hotly sought after as a songwriter, especially since co-writing Ellie Goulding's "Love Me Like You Do," Tove Lo now embarks on her tour supporting Lady Wood, the sophomore record that sees the Swede flaying her psyche open for all to autopsy. She's been called "weird" and "sad," but she's just honest, and honesty tends to weird people out. Sad. In the plum spot of the opening slot: Phoebe Ryan, the electro-poppish singer-songwriter lately of collaborations with The Chainsmokers and intense adoration from Radio Disney. -David Cotner

Robert Glasper Experiment @ THE MINT

Every couple of years there emerges a jazz musician who's supposed to make jazz music "relevant and cool again." Recently that figure was saxophonist Kamasi Washington, but before Washington there was pianist Robert Glasper. Released on the legendary Blue Note Records, Glasper's 2012 album, Black Radio, presented a sound that lived between the soulful late-night jazz of Donald Byrd's later albums, D'Angelo's Voodoo and the off-kilter drum grooves of J Dilla. Since then Glasper has done an immense amount of work with other jazz, soul and hip-hop musicians, including playing on Kendrick Lamar's To Pimp a Butterfly. Glasper has swayed to the lighter, funkier, jazz-soul of latter-day Herbie Hancock with his most recent album, ArtScience, which finds him singing to his own compositions. Also Saturday, Feb. 11. -Sam Ribakoff

Los Rakas

@ LOS GLOBOS

Oakland hip-hop duo Los Rakas are in town for the Grammys, hoping to score their first golden Gramophone for their self-titled 2016 album, which is nominated for Best Latin Rock, Urban or Alternative Album. Clunky though that category name may be, it's an apt description for Los Rakas' polyglot sound, which mixes reggaeton, pop, hip-hop and rock elements to party-starting effect. Los Rakas seamlessly folds into the mix guests as diverse as rapper Scoop DeVille and legendary jazz/funk percussionist Sheila E., as Panamanian-American duo Raka Rich and Raka Dun ride the pan-Latin beats with their nimble Spanish-language rhymes. Win or lose at the Grammys, expect them to celebrate their nomina-



tion tonight with sweaty abandon, aided by DJs from co-presenters Subsuelo and Late Night Laggers. –Andy Hermann



The Knocks @ THE FONDA THEATRE

You can't help but get caught up in the sentiments of "Feel Good Feel Great," The Knocks' slogan of the moment and title of the NYC dance-pop duo's current tour. It has only been a couple of months since The Knocks completed 42 dates supporting Justin Bieber on his European tour. They kicked off their own North American headlining tour the same day (Feb. 3) that they released a six-song EP, *Testify*, which itself comes barely a year after the duo's neatly executed debut full-length, 55. Testify leans noticeably toward the pop side of The Knocks and matches some stellar voices to the duo's increasingly chart-friendly productions. including MNEK on "Worship" and Sam Nelson Harris on "Heat." If we're lucky, perhaps Los Angeles' Powers, who put The Knocks on the public's radar with their unforgettable song, "Classic," will make a guest appearance. -Lily Moayeri

The Living Sisters @ MCCABE'S GUITAR SHOP

The Living Sisters aren't actually related to one another, but the local quartet's close harmonies evoke the seamless tone and simpatico spirit of sibling singers who've spent their entire lives together. Considering that each "sister" belts out distinctive lead vocals in her own project, it's even more impressive that their voices blend so naturally. Newest member Alex Lilly has performed with Obi Best and Touché, and Becky Stark fronts the pop group Lavender Diamond, whereas Inara George is half of the indie duo The Bird and the Bee, and Eleni Mandell has PHOTO BY MATT JONES

had a long folk-pop solo career occasionally interrupted by her rock side project, The Grabs. But something wonderfully enchanting happens when they join forces as The Living Sisters, and they usually avoid being cloying when they cover unexpected tunes such as Funkadelic's "Can You Get to That." –Falling James

Ardalan, Christian Martin, J. Phlip, Kill Frenzy @ EXCHANGE L.A.

Last year, San Francisco-based DJ/ producers Ardalan and Christian Martin unleashed "Flight of the Pterodactyl," a cut of dark beats and squeaks that soars through the speakers. The labelmates and touring buddies now lead the flock of Dirtybird Players landing at Exchange. Dirtybird, the label launched by Claude VonStroke in the Bay Area and now based in L.A., has garnered a following for its tight-knit group of artists who hold down the good vibes at clubs, festivals and their own Dirtybird Campout. Joining Ardalan and Martin is J. Phlip, whose recent techno-heavy mix ">>>---Where's Jess?! --->" is so heavy on party-starting beats and rousing vocals that it can get you moving at an office desk. Also along for the ride is fellow Dirtybirder Kill Frenzy, who draws on classic house and techno influences in his mixes and productions. -Liz Ohanesian



The Tribe Presents Goodbye Yellow Brick Road @ BOGIES

Elton John spent the early 1970s exploring and expanding the singer-songwriter genre while introducing Americana themes, symphonic accompaniment and "album-oriented rock" influences. John and co-writer Bernie Taupin did this while composing an unparalleled collection of songs that were as catchy as

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they were deeply effective. John's second album, 1973's Goodbye Yellow Brick Road, furthered all of these influences while adding several others. The album went platinum eight times over and still feels like one of the most towering achievements from the greatest decade in music. The amorphous collective known as The Tribe will be performing the iconic double album in its entirety. This particular lineup includes Steven Goddard (Aerosmith), Jeff Alan Ross (Badfinger), Rosemary Butler (Jackson Browne) and John Pratt (Firefly). -Jackson Truax



A Night for Oakland @ RESIDENT

While DIY venues continued to come under intense scrutiny following the Oakland Ghost Ship fire, local DJ collective Homicide: Life on the Streets - who are also performing — have organized this event, proceeds from which will go to support victims of that fire. Featuring a talented music lineup including short sets from such local standbys as Xander Singh, Alina Bea, Steady Holiday, Greg Alsop (Tokyo Police Club), Ian Hultquist and more, the night also will feature comedians George Chen, Frankie Quinones and Matt Lieb. Originally billed as a surprise mystery guest, Daedelus is the final addition to the lineup; his roots as a producer are in DIY culture. In addition to benefiting the Oakland Immediate Relief Fund, this night will continue to ensure that the memory of December's tragedy doesn't fade away anytime soon. -Daniel Kohn

Bobby Rush

@ MAUI SUGAR MILL SALOON The center of the blues universe will be located in funky Tarzana at the unpretentious Maui Sugar Mill Saloon, at least for this one notable blue Monday. The great blues singer Bobby Rush is in town for the Grammys because his 2016 album, Porcupine Meat, has been nominated for Best Traditional Blues Album. For tonight's stripped-down set, Rush won't be cavorting with his usual traveling crew of sassy female dancers. Instead, he'll be backed by a band of local soul and blues musicians. Even without some of his trademark lascivious onstage distractions. Rush will draw upon his mix of Deep South inspiration and Chicagostyle blues as he laments about those mysteriously elusive women who've put a whammy on him and bares his soul movingly on such slow ballads as "Got Me Accused," from Porcupine Meat. -Falling James



Valentine's Day Planned Parenthood Bénefit @ TERAGRAM BALLROOM

Planned Parenthood's critics sometimes forget that the national nonprofit does

more than provide a safe environment for women who need abortions. The organization offers an array of other health services, including pregnancy tests, counseling, cancer screenings and sex education for its clients, most of whom are poor. With Planned Parenthood's funding and even existence threatened in the current retrogressive political climate, tonight's benefit serves as a reminder that many musicians also rely on its services. Tonight, numerous performers show their support with a Valentine's Day concert in which they'll cover their favorite love songs. The lineup includes ubiquitous garage-punk warrior Ty Segall, as well as his frequent collaborator Mikal Cronin, sister act Jennifer and Jessie Clavin from Bleached, Kevin Morby, King Tuff, Entrance, La Luz's Shana Cleveland and Feels' Shannon Lay. -Falling James

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The Crazy World of Arthur Brown THE REGENT

"I am the god of hellfire, and I bring you fire," a face-painted madman announced on The Crazy World of Arthur Brown's self-titled 1968 debut album. Even at the height of the psychedelic '60s, singer Arthur Brown stood out as, well, kind of crazy. He took the primitive horror-rock shtick of fellow Brit Screaming Lord Sutch and vamped it up into a harderrock spectacle by lighting himself on fire, getting naked and slathering on garish makeup that anticipated groups such as Alice Cooper and KISS. Brown often is credited with inspiring heavy metal's operatic vocal style and theatrical delivery, and he later worked with The Who and Frank Zappa drummer Jimmy Carl Black. In recent years, he's put together a new version of TCWOAB, which is finally touring the United States again for the first time since 1969. -Falling James



Big Jav McNeelv

@ JOE'S GREAT AMERICAN BAR Thanks to a horde of brilliant transplants T-Bone Walker, Willie Mae Thornton, Joe Turner, Esther Phillips, Charles Brown – Los Angeles was the epicenter of an explosive postwar R&B renaissance. But one of the most artistically significant, successful and influential of them all was a native son, Watts-born sax cat Big Jay McNeely. McNeely was a groundbreaking stylist whose volcanic 1949 chart-topper "Deacon's Hop" both ignited the primitive, squealing, downright irresistible honking sax craze and created the mixed-race audience and social context that allowed rock & roll's subsequent rise. Almost 70 years later, McNeely's wild, hot sound rages unabated, and this still lethally capable, energetic titan (he'll blow that mad tenor sax for hours) must be seen to be believed. Don't blow it, kiddies. Be there. -Jonny Whiteside









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AKBAR: 4356 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, Glen Meadmore & His Kuntry Band, Tramp for the Lord, Sat., Feb. 11, 8 p.m., free.

ALEX'S BAR: 2913 E. Anaheim St., Long Beach. Fishbone, The Aggrolites, Fri., Feb. 10, 8 p.m., \$20. The Legendary Shack Shakers, The Brains, Delta Bombers, Sun., Feb. 12, 8 p.m., \$15. Fang, Stalag 13, Rhino 39, Spider, Thu., Feb. 16, 8 p.m., \$15.

ARROYO SECO GOLF COURSE: 1055 Lohman Lane, South Pasadena. Cynthia Carle, Ted Russell Kamp, Wed., Feb. 15, 7 p.m., \$10. The Pete Olstad Trio, Thu., Feb. 16, 7:30 p.m., \$10.

BARDOT HOLLYWOOD: 1737 N. Vine St., Los Angeles. A Prince Tribute, with Alex Isley, Tamar Davis, DJ Rashida, Sidibe, Sat., Feb. 11, 2 p.m., \$40. Sid Sriram, Haux, Mon., Feb. 13, 8 p.m., free.

BLACKLIGHT DISTRICT: 2500 E. Anaheim St., Long Beach. Cardiac, Railgun, Soulera, Gravity Lane, Mon., Feb. 13, 8 p.m., \$5.

BOGIE'S: 32001 Agoura Road, Westlake Village. The Tribe, Sun., Feb. 12, 7 p.m., \$25 & \$35. (See Music Pick.) Anna Mjoll, The Ladd McIntosh Big Band, Tue., Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m., \$20.

BOOTLEG THEATER: 2200 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles. Boogarins, Winter, Fri., Feb. 10, 8:30 p.m., \$14. Heron Oblivion, White Magic, The Cairo Gang, Sat., Feb. 11, 8:30 p.m., \$14. Buke & Gase, Fell Runner, The Alexander Noice Sextet, Mon., Feb. 13, 8:30 p.m., \$12. Kino Kimino, Criminal Hygiene, Daydreams, Tue., Feb. 14, 8:30 p.m., \$8. Sloppy Jane, Crush, Shannon Lay, Wed., Feb. 15, 8:30 p.m., \$5. Crocodiles, AJ Davila, Thu., Feb. 16, 8:30 p.m., \$15.

CAFE NELA: 1906 Cypress Ave., Los Angeles. Pedal Strike, Cheap Tissue, Tenement Rats, Akrid, Fri., Feb. 10, 8 p.m., \$8. The Sold & Bones, The Alley Cats, The Rosemary Reyes Band, Electric Children, Sat., Feb. 11, 8 p.m., TBA. Lawndale, Plastic Harmony, Sweet Reaper, Thu., Feb. 16, 8:30 p.m., \$5.

CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF ABNORMAL ARTS (C.I.A.): 11334 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood. Valentine's Day Massacre Night, with Only Theatre of Pain (with Rikk Agnew), Rebel Rebel, Pet the Music, Molly Vamp, 3 Days in the Grave, Fri., Feb. 10, 8 p.m., \$10. Circus Secrets, with Ventage, Doctor Ka, Flying Carpet, Ptolomek, Jag War plus sideshow performers, Sat., Feb. 11, 8:30 p.m., \$10.

CANYON CLUB: 28912 Roadside Drive, Agoura Hills. DSB, Fri., Feb. 10, 9 p.m., \$19.50. Boogie Knights, Sat., Feb. 11, 10 p.m., \$19.50. Ottmar Liebert, Sun., Feb. 12, 9 p.m., \$28-\$38. Fantastic Diamond, Tue., Feb. 14, 9 p.m., \$19.50. Dada Forever, Thu., Feb. 16, 9 p.m., \$28-\$38.

CLUB FAIS DO-DO: 5257 W. Adams Blvd., Los Angeles. Divine Weeks, Thee Holy Brothers, The Praties, Sat., Feb. 11, 7 p.m., \$5.

COAXIAL ARTS: 1815 S. Main St., Los Angeles Pedestrian Deposit, Filth, Gnawed, CBN, Circuit Wound, Black Sand Desert, Thu., Feb. 16, 8 p.m., \$7.

CODY'S VIVA CANTINA: 900 Riverside Drive, Burbank. Janice & Rock'n Retro, Fri., Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m., free. Missing Persons, Sticks Hastings & Blue Light Band, Attractive Nuisance, Sat., Feb. 11, 8 p.m., free with resv. LoveyDove, Solvej Schou, D'Animal, P.A.N.D.A., Long Story, Sun., Feb. 12, 7 p.m., free. Keller Juice, The Randy Horne Singers, H.B. Barnum's Life Choir, Mon., Feb. 13, 7 p.m., free.

DIEGO'S ROCK-N-ROLL BAR: 220 E. Third St., Santa Ana. Eddie Spaghetti, Fri., Feb. 10, 7 p.m., \$10. THE ECHO: 1822 W. Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles.

You Blew It, All Get Out, Free Throw, Fri., Feb. 10, 8:30 p.m., \$16.50. Lucy & La Mer's Locks of Love Valentine's Benefit, with Leslie Stevens, Lauren Ruth Ward, Emma Cole, Sat., Feb. 11, 2-5 p.m., \$10; Night Talks, Psychic Love, Alyeska, Sat., Feb. 11, 5:30 p.m., \$9.50. Basecamp, Different Sleep, Sophia Black, Sun., Feb. 12, 8 p.m., \$13.50. Mind Meld, The Birth Defects, Flying Hair, Jesus Sons, Mon., Feb. 13, 8:30 p.m., free. Cold Cave, Black Marble, Drab Majesty, Tue., Feb. 14, 8 p.m., \$20; Legendary Shack Shakers, The Brains, The Delta Bombers, Tue., Feb. 14, 8:30 p.m., \$14.50. Milemarker, Big Jesus, Ever So Android, Wed., Feb. 15, 8:30 p.m., \$13.50. Slim Cessna's Auto Club, Amigo the Devil, Gabriel Hart & the Fourth Wall, Thu., Feb. 16, 8:30 p.m., \$13.50.

THE ECHOPLEX: 1154 Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles. The Red Pears, The Altons, The Steady 45s, La Chamba Chicha, Mon., Feb. 13, 7 p.m., \$10. A Night of Sad Songs & Love Songs, with Avid Dancer, Banta, Brass

Box, Cellars, Donna Bummer & the Histrionics. Draemings Emerson Star Gospelbeach, Joel Jerome Kail Baxley, Lauren Ruth Ward, Maxim Ludwig, Miya Folick NK Riot Samira Winter Swimm Wyatt Blair and others, Tue., Feb. 14, 7 p.m., \$8, Deadly Dragon Sound, Scratch Famous, JD, Johnny Go Figure, Screechy Dan, Carlton Livingston, Wed., Feb. 15, 9 p.m., \$15. Ninet Tayeb, Robbery Inc., Thu., Feb. 16, 7 p.m., \$12.50; The Koreatown Oddity, Thu., Feb. 16, 10 p.m., \$8.50.

THE FEDERAL BAR: 102 Pine Ave., Long Beach. Sicwest, J Riela, DL, Manik, Kaze, Bob T, Thu., Feb. 16, 8 p.m., TBA.

4TH STREET VINE: 2142 E. Fourth St., Long Beach. Bottled Spirits, Echo Sparks, The Honey Whiskey Trio, Fri., Feb. 10, 8 p.m.

GENGHIS COHEN: 740 N. Fairfax Ave., Los Angeles. Jennifer Hall, Sun., Feb. 12, 6 p.m., TBA. Havaiia, Thu., Feb. 16, 9:30 p.m., TBA.

THE HI HAT: 5043 York Blvd., Highland Park. Mating Ritual, Satchmode, Fri., Feb. 10, 8 p.m., \$12. Tyvek, Fred Thomas, Shark Toys, Sat., Feb. 11, 8 p.m., \$10. Lauren Ruth Ward, Liphemra, Emily Gold, Petheaven, in a "Galentine's Day" performance, Sun., Feb. 12, 8 p.m., \$8. Ages & Ages, Haunted Summer, Mon., Feb. 13, 8 p.m., \$13. Sarah Kramer, Harrison Whitford, Tue., Feb. 14, 8 p.m., free; I See Hawks in L.A., Tuesdays, 8 p.m. Thru Feb. 28, free. Cesar Saez, El Haru Kuroi, Wed., Feb. 15, 8 p.m., \$8. Stotsu, Jack Pharaoh, Tadeh the Terrible, Joey, Craig Tiger Smith, Six Foot Pigeons, Thu., Feb. 16, 8 p.m., free.

HM157: 3110 N. Broadway, Los Angeles. Paw2thePeople Fundraising Community Fest, with The Mad Walls, SoCal Tennis Pros, Lint Vaccine, Little T & the Swigs, The Andes Dinner Party, Sat., Feb. 11, 5 p.m., \$3 & \$5. Papercuts, Bart Davenport, Karina Denike, Lily Taylor, Sun., Feb. 12, 7 p.m., \$10.

KULAK'S WOODSHED: 52301/2 Laurel Canyon Blvd., Studio City. Annette Conlon, Fri., Feb. 10, 7 p.m., \$10. LARGO AT THE CORONET: 366 N. La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles. Our Lady J: The Gospel of Dolly, Fri., Feb. 10, 8:30 p.m., \$30.

LOS GLOBOS: 3040 W. Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles. Annika Wolfe, Bapari, EAS, Louie Okami, Luis Lozano, Fri., Feb. 10, 9 p.m., \$10; Los Rakas, Fri., Feb. 10, 9 p.m., \$7. (See Music Pick.) Salem's Bend, The Rare Breed, Blackwülf, Zed, Sat., Feb. 11, 5:30 p.m., TBA. DJ Zintax, Ekolekua, The Steadians, Rebelion 68, Mala Vibra, Razon Skeptika, Sun., Feb. 12, 8 p.m., \$8; Coast 2 Coast, Sun., Feb. 12, 9 p.m. The Asstronauts, Dena Rey, The Helen Hannas, Jacob James, Wed., Feb. 15, 8:30 p.m., free. VerBS, Noa James, Asad III, Tru, Cam Gnarly, Greg Nwmn, Aye Brook, Quiet, WeAreSkywalkers, Thu., Feb. 16, 9:30 p.m.

LOT 1 CAFE: 1533 W. Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles. Madame Headdress, Circus of Books, Ryan Fuller, Deenah Vollmar, Fri., Feb. 10, 9 p.m., \$5.

MAUI SUGAR MILL SALOON: 18389 Ventura Blvd., Tarzana, Transers, The Twistin' Tornados, Firemelon, The Whisky Dick Rebellion, Fri., Feb. 10, 9 p.m., free. Killroy, The Hardnocks, No Advisory, Let Rage, For Sale, Sat., Feb. 11, 9 p.m., free. Bobby Rush, Mon., Feb. 13, 8 p.m., \$20-\$80. (See Music Pick.) Just Dave Bernal's Last Chance Country Jam, Wednesdays, 9 p.m. The Stone Byrds, Thursdays, 9:30 p.m. Starts Feb. 16. Thru Feb. 23. free.

MCCABE'S GUITAR SHOP: 3101 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica. Griffin House, Fri., Feb. 10, 8 p.m., \$20. The Living Sisters, Sat., Feb. 11, 8 p.m., \$25. (See Music Pick.)

THE MINT: 6010 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles. The Robert Glasper Experiment, Chris Dave, Fri., Feb. 10, 10 p.m.; Sat., Feb. 11, 9 & 11:15 p.m., \$29.50. (See Music Pick.) Lauren Hulbert, Leandra, Cristina Vane, One World, Sun., Feb. 12, 7 p.m., \$15. The Mint Jam, Mon., Feb. 13, 8 p.m.; Mon., Feb. 27, 8 p.m., \$5. Eric Leach, Sophia Pfister, Petra Jarrar, The Frank & Dino Show, Jillian Jensen, Tue., Feb. 14, 8 p.m., \$8. Jon Wayne & the Pain, Sky Choice, Kyle LaLone, Wed., Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m., \$12. Orange Mayfield, J. Bonigno, Bonnie Daffoe, Bikes, Checkerneck, Thu., Feb. 16, 8 p.m., \$10.

MOLLY MALONE'S: 575 S. Fairfax Ave., Los Angeles. The Ray Davis Band, Mon., Feb. 13, 9 p.m., TBA. OHM NIGHTCLUB: 6801 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles.

Gucci Mane, 2 Chainz, Young Thug, Sun., Feb. 12, 9 p.m., TBA

PAPPY & HARRIET'S PIONEERTOWN PALACE: 53688 Pioneertown Road, Pioneertown. Brandy Clark, Sara Petite, Thu., Feb. 16, 8 p.m., \$20.

THE REDWOOD BAR & GRILL: 316 W. Second St., Los Angeles. The Two Tens, Well Hung Heart, Vision, Sat., Feb. 11, 9 p.m., TBA.

REGAL INN: 6753 E. Carson St., Lakewood. Epyon, Project Human, Seeds of War, Voice of Dissent, Fri.,

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Feb. 10, 8 p.m., free.

- RESIDENT: 428 S. Hewitt St., Los Angeles. Cassandra Violet, Cutty Flam, Fiona Grey, Fri., Feb. 10, 8 p.m., free. The Prince & Michael Experience, with DJ Dave Paul, Sat., Feb. 11, 9 p.m., \$15. Bag Raiders (DJ set), Overjoy, Sam Hiller, Kah-Lo, Sun., Feb. 12, 9 p.m., free. A Night for Oakland, with Daedelus, Alina Bea, Drum & Lace, Greg Alsop, Ian Hultquist, Steady Holiday, Xander Singh, Mon., Feb. 13, 8 p.m., \$10. (See Music Pick.) Night Lights, Bogart, Former Faces, Wed., Feb. 15, 8 p.m., \$10. Steve'n'Seagulls, Thu., Feb. 16, 8 p.m., \$17.
- THE ROSE: 245 E. Green St., Pasadena. Jack Mack Rhythm N Blues Revue, Fri., Feb. 10, 9 p.m., \$19.50. Gino Vannelli, Sat., Feb. 11, 9 p.m., \$38-\$68. Keiko Matsui, Carly Robyn Green, Sun., Feb. 12, 7 p.m., \$24-\$48. Kenny Metcalf, Tue., Feb. 14, 9 p.m., \$19.50.
- THE ROXY: 9009 W. Sunset Blvd., West Hollywood. Tokimonsta, Cri, Fri., Feb. 10, 9 p.m., \$20. Alesana, For the Win, Charlatan, Vesta Collide, VS, Sat., Feb. 11, 7 p.m., \$25. Sevyn Streeter, Sun., Feb. 12, 9 p.m., TBA. Ro James, Candice Boyd, Mon., Feb. 13, 9 p.m., TBA. David Duchovny, Tue., Feb. 14, 8 p.m., \$29.50-\$150. Viza, Tiffany Madadian, Avakian, Christopher Piliguian, Thu., Feb. 16, 8 p.m., \$25.
- SAINT ROCKE: 142 Pacific Coast Hwy., Hermosa Beach. Metalachi, Madonnica, Fri., Feb. 10, 9 p.m., \$15. The Babys, The Relatives, Sat., Feb. 11, 8:30 p.m., \$20. Ages & Ages, The Brevet, Sun., Feb. 12, 8 p.m., \$15. THE SATELLITE: 1717 Silver Lake Blvd., Los Angeles.
- Paper Bird, Thu., Feb. 16, 8 p.m., free. <u>SILVERLAKE LOUNGE:</u> 2906 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles. Fayleen Morrow, Bells, Hunted, EZ Tiger, JoLivi, Maximise, Ward, Fri., Feb. 10, 8 p.m., \$15. The
- Mountain & the Moon, Missy Masters, Tom Schulz, Colin Hotz, Sat., Feb. 11, 5 p.m., \$12. SKINNY'S LOUNGE: 4923 Lankershim Blvd., North
- Hollywood. Uptown Funk Grammy After-Party, with musicians TBA, Sun., Feb. 12, 7 p.m., \$20. **THE SMELL:** 247 S. Main St., Los Angeles. No Parents.
- Snowball II, The Planters, The Side Eyes, Sat., Feb. 11, 9 p.m., \$5.

<u>SOL VENUE:</u> 313 E. Carson St., Carson. Adrian Marcel, Fri., Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m., \$20-\$200.

- THE TERAGRAM BALLROOM: 1234 W. Seventh St., Los Angeles. Murder City Devils, Joel Cuplin, Fri., Feb. 10, 9 p.m.; Sun., Feb. 12, 8 p.m., \$25. The Griswolds, Dreamers, Sat., Feb. 11, 9 p.m., \$18. Planned Parenthood Benefit, with Ty Segall, Kevin Morby, King Tuff, Mikal Cronin, Jennifer Clavin & Jessica Clavin (Bleached), Entrance, Tim Rutili, The Cairo Gang, Shana Cleveland, Shannon Lay, Dinner, Gal Pals, Warm Drag, Rodrigo Amarante, Tue., Feb. 14, 7 p.m., \$40. (See Music Pick.) Lisa Hannigan, Heather Woods Broderick, Wed., Feb. 15, 8 p.m., \$20. Cherry Glazerr, Slow Hollows, Jerry Paper, Thu., Feb. 16, 8 p.m., \$15.
- TIMEWARP RECORDS: 12204 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles. G-Spot, Pipe Dreams, Kitty Empire, Nightmare Enterprises, Tue., Feb. 14, 8 p.m., \$5.
- TRIP: 2101 Lincoln Blvd., Santa Monica. Cosmik Playground, Marcus Rezak, Joel Cummins, Jason Hann, Arthur Barrow, Aaron Provisor, Kid Culver, Sat., Feb. 11, 8 p.m., \$35.
- THE TROUBADOUR: 9081 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood. Lalah Hathaway, Fri., Feb. 10, 7 p.m., \$38. Tribute to Loretta Lynn, Sat., Feb. 11, 7 p.m., \$50. Brandy Clark, Greg Holden, Tue., Feb. 14, 8 p.m., \$20. Kevin Garrett, Thu., Feb. 16, 8 p.m., \$15.
- UNION NIGHTCLUB: 4067 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles. Whore(er) Stories: Xenstation XIII, with Craig Xen, Killstation, OmenXIII, Velvetears, Nyx, DJ CrystalMeth, Tue., Feb. 14, 7 p.m., \$20. Expire, Bent Life, Bib, I Against I, Wed., Feb. 15, 7 p.m., \$15. Gata, Low Country Kingdom, Thu., Feb. 16, 9 p.m., \$10.
- THE VIPER ROOM: 8852 W. Sunset Blvd., West Hollywood. Danse de Sade, Black Magic Beach Party, Psycho Charger, Fri., Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m. Every Mother's Nightmare, Strikeforce, Monroe, Mad Margritt, Newmachine, Baby & the Nobodies, Ripped, Axeticy, Sat., Feb. 11, 5:30 p.m., \$25 & \$70. We're No Gentlemen, Angels for Sale, Thu., Feb. 16, 6:30 p.m., TBA; Concrete Kiss, We're No Gentlemen, Angels for Sale | Voodoo Kills, Thu., Feb. 16, 6:30 p.m., TBA.
- WHISKY A GO-GO: 8901 Sunset Blvd., West Hollywood. Agent Orange, Fri., Feb. 10, 6 p.m., TBA. The Greg Kihn Band, Sat., Feb. 11, 11 p.m., TBA. Cheetah Chrome, Thu., Feb. 16, 8 p.m., TBA.

JAZZ & BLUES

ALVAS SHOWROOM: 1417 W. Eighth St., San Pedro. Lockout Station, Sun., Feb. 12, 4 p.m., \$20. AU LAC: 710 W. First St., Los Angeles. Dolores Scozzesi, Sat., Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m., \$25.

- **BLUEWHALE:** 123 Astronaut E.S. Onizuka St., Los Angeles. The L.A. Jazz Quartet, Fri., Feb. 10, 9 p.m., \$10 & \$15. Randy Brecker, John Clayton, Peter Erskine, Alan Pasqua, Jeff Hamilton, Sat., Feb. 11, 9 p.m., \$20. Maksim Velichkin, Sun., Feb. 12, 9 p.m., \$10. The VDE Big Band, Mon., Feb. 13, 9 p.m., \$15. The Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz Ensemble, Tue., Feb. 14, 9 p.m., \$5. The Glitch Quintet, Wed., Feb. 15, 9 p.m., TBA. Dylan Ryan, Thu., Feb. 16, 9 p.m., \$15.
- CATALINA BAR & GRILL: 6725 W. Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles. Andrea McArdle, Mon., Feb. 13, 8:30 p.m., \$15-\$35. Steve Tyrell, Feb. 10-11, 8:30 p.m.; Sun., Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m.; Tue., Feb. 14, 8:30 & 10:30 p.m.; Thu., Feb. 16, 8:30 p.m., TBA.
- GROUND ZERO PERFORMANCE CAFE: 615 Childs Way, Los Angeles. The USC Thornton Concert Jazz Orchestra, Thu., Feb. 16, 7 p.m., free.
- THE LIGHTHOUSE CAFE: 30 Pier Ave., Hermosa Beach. The Slide FX Trombone Band, Sat., Feb. 11, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., free. The Paul Kreibich Quartet, Sun., Feb. 12, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., free. The Daryl Strode Quartet, Wed., Feb. 15, 6-9 p.m., free.
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- Saturday of every month, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., free. **PIONEER CAFE:** 450 Pioneer Drive, Glendale. The Jazz All-Stars, Karen Hernandez, Tue., Feb. 14, 12:30-7 p.m., \$25-\$40.
- THE SMOKEHOUSE RESTAURANT: 4420 W. Lakeside Drive, Burbank. Andy Cowan & Nina Beck, third Thursday of every month, 7:30 p.m., free.
- **VIBRATO GRILL & JAZZ:** 2930 Beverly Glen Circle, Bel-Air, Scott Martin's Latin Soul Band, Pat Senatore, Fri., Feb. 10, 6:30 p.m. Tom Freund, Sat., Feb. 11, 9 p.m., free. A Celebration of the Music of Herb Alpert, with Clinton Patterson, Adam Bravo and others, Sun., Feb. 12, 8 p.m. Billy Valentine, Tue., Feb. 14, 8 p.m. Margo Rey, Wed., Feb. 15, 8 p.m., \$25-\$55. Rogelio Douglas Jr., Thu., Feb. 16, 8 p.m., \$20.

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- **COCOPALM RESTAURANT:** 1600 Fairplex Drive, Pomona. Chino Espinoza y los Duenos del Son, Fridays, 10 p.m., free.
- LEONARDO'S: 6617 Wilson St., Huntington Park. Los Socios del Ritmo, Los Vaskez, Los Caminantes de Agustin Ramirez, Los Ex-Bukis, Los Mismos, Grupo Miramar, Los Diablos Locos, Los Flamers, Sat., Feb. 11, 7 p.m., \$50.

COUNTRY

- THE COFFEE GALLERY BACKSTAGE: 2029 N. Lake Ave., Altadena. The Burgans, Terry Rangno, Fri., Feb. 10, 8 p.m., \$20. The Folk Collection, Sat., Feb. 11, 7 p.m., \$20. The Haymarket Squares, Sun., Feb. 12, 2 p.m., \$15; Victoria Vox, Sun., Feb. 12, 7 p.m., \$18. Lisa Lynne & Aryeh Frankfurter, Tue., Feb. 14, 8 p.m., \$20. The Salty Suites, Thu., Feb. 16, 8 p.m., \$18.
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- **E.B. S BEER & WINE BAR, FARMERS MARKET:** 0333 W. Third St., Los Angeles. Merle Jagger, Sat., Feb. 11, 7 p.m., free.
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- Magnolia Blvd., Burbank. Jack Brand & the BC Riders, Fri., Feb. 10, 9 p.m., free. Centerfold, Sat., Feb. 11, 9 p.m., free. The Deep Cuts, Sun., Feb. 12, 8 p.m., free. The Mountaineer Cowboys, Mon., Feb. 13, 9 p.m., free. Big Lucky, Tue., Feb. 14, 9 p.m., free. SitaraSon, Wed., Feb. 15, 9 p.m., free. Big Jay McNeely, Thu., Feb. 16, 8:30 p.m., free. (See Music Pick.)

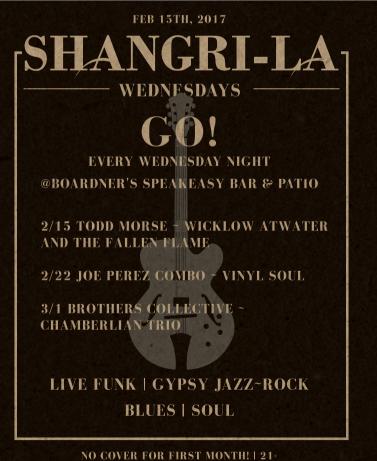
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- AVALON HOLLYWOOD: 1735 Vine St., L.A. Zaytoven, G-Buck, RootsQueen, Dainjaa, Fri., Feb. 10, 9:30 p.m.
- Erick Morillo, Sat., Feb. 11, 10 p.m., \$25 & \$50. BOARDNER'S: 1652 N. Cherokee Ave., Los Angeles. Bar Sinister, Saturdays, 10 p.m., \$10-\$15. Blue Mondays,
- 18+, Mordays, 8 p.m., \$3-\$7. Club Moscow, an indiepop dance soiree, 18+, Wednesdays, 8 p.m., \$10. CANA RUM BAR: 714 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles.
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- THE ECHO: 1822 W. Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles. Funky Sole, with Music Man Miles, DJ Soft Touch and others, 21+, Saturdays, 10 p.m., free-\$5.
- THE ECHOPLEX: 1154 Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles. Baby Girl: Ride or Die, Fri., Feb. 10, 9 p.m.-2 a.m., free-\$10. Echo Flex: A 2000s-Era Hip-Hop Party, Sat., Feb. 11, 9 p.m.-2 a.m., free-\$10. The Cure Nite, with DJs Ray D & Alex Transistor, Sun., Feb. 12, 10 p.m., \$8. Dub Club, 21+, Wednesdays, 9 p.m., \$7.
- EXCHANGE L.A.: 618 S. Spring St., Los Angeles. Seven Lions, Fri., Feb. 10, 10 p.m., \$45 & \$125; Awakening, Fridays, 10 p.m. Inception, Saturdays, 10 p.m.; Ardalan, Christian Martin, J.Philp, Kill Frenzy, Sat., Feb. 11, 10 p.m., \$30 & \$90. (See Music Pick.) GRAND STAR JAZZ CLUB: 943 N. Broadway, Los
- Angeles. Club Underground, 21+, Fridays, 9 p.m., \$8. Barrio Funky, second Saturdays, 9 p.m., \$5-\$10. HONEYCUT: 819 S. Flower St., Los Angeles. DJ
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- Magic, Sat., Feb. 11, 8 p.m., \$20.
- LA CITA: 336 S. Hill St., Los Angeles. Punky Reggae Party, Fridays, 9 p.m., \$5. Doble Poder, Sundays, 2-9 p.m., free; DJ Paw, 21+, Sundays, 9 p.m.-2 a.m., free. DJ Moist, Mondays, 9 p.m., TBA.
- THE LASH: 117 Winston St., Los Angeles. Southern Hospitality, Fri., Feb. 10, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., free.
- LOS GLOBOS: 3040 W. Sunset Blvd., L.A. Afrobeat Pre-Valentine's Day Party, with DJ Nice, DJ Kev, DJ Core, DJ 619, Fri., Feb. 10, 10 p.m. Bootie L.A.: Valentine's Party, with Shyboy, Mysterious D, Sat., Feb. 11, 9 p.m.; Pink Lemonade, with DJ Huneycut, HeyTeeTee, Lafayette Bless, Flash Niper, Sat., Feb. 11, 10 p.m. ZZay, Big Rob, Lewism, Mr. Wobbles, Napom, Kenny Urban, Anthm, DJ Tasko, Thu., Feb. 16, 8:30 p.m., \$10.
- MANDRAKE BAR: 2692 S. La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles. GoldenYearz Valentinez Edition, Sat., Feb. 11, 9 p.m., free.

THE MAYAN: 1038 S. Hill St., Los Angeles. Saturday Nightclub, 21+, Saturdays, 9 p.m.-2:30 a.m., \$20.

- THE REGENT THEATER: 448 S. Main St., Los Angeles. 40oz Van, Kool John, Dre Sinatra, Orange Calderon, Marcus Shadden, Fri., Feb. 10, 9:30 p.m., \$20. Brownies & Lemonade, Sat., Feb. 11, 9 p.m., free-\$!5.
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- SOUND NIGHTCLUB: 1642 N. Las Palmas Ave., Los Angeles. Marco Carola, Neverdogs, Fri., Feb. 10, 10 p.m. Club Cheval, Sat., Feb. 11, 9 p.m. Space Yacht: Valentine's Day, Tue., Feb. 14, 10 p.m., free-\$10. UNION NIGHTCLUB: 4067 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles.
- Rhondavous: A Lover's Ball, Fri., Feb. 10, 10 p.m., \$20. Gavlyn, Sahtyre, Blimes Brixton, Butterscotch, King Klio, Sun., Feb. 12, 9 p.m., \$12. Rolling Hearts: Pop-Up Roller Rink & Disco, with Allie Tielz, James Rockwell, Daniel T, Stacy Christine, Restless Nites, Tue., Feb. 14, 8 p.m., \$15-\$25.

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FRIDAY, FEB. 10

- **BECK:** 9 p.m., \$100. Hollywood Palladium, 6215 W. Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles.
- CHIEF KEEF: 8 p.m., \$5. The Observatory, 3503 S. Harbor Blvd., Santa Ana.
- CHITA RIVERA: 7:30 p.m., \$60-\$95. The Broad Stage, Santa Monica College Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th St., Santa Monica.
- GERARDO ORTIZ: With La Septima Banda, 7 p.m., \$69-\$199. The Forum, 3900 W. Manchester Blvd., Inglewood.
- THE HYPNOTIC BRASS ENSEMBLE: 8 p.m., \$25-\$35. James R. Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center
- Drive, Torrance. <u>THE JAZZ BAKERY PERFORMANCE FUND BENEFIT:</u> With Joey Alexander, Peter Erskine, Carmen Lundy,
- Patrice Rushen, 7:30 p.m., \$75-\$250. Ann & Jerry Moss Theater, New Roads School, 3131 Olympic Blvd., Santa Monica.



JOHNNY RIVERS: 9 p.m., \$38-\$78. Saban Theatre, 8440 W. Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills.

- ONE LOVE CALI REGGAE FEST: With Slightly Stoopid, Soja, Stick Figure, Fortunate Youth, Hirie, Fishbone, The Expanders, The Aggrolites, Inna Vision, Arise Roots, Leilani Wolfgramm, Quinto Sol, Janelle Phillips and others, 12 p.m., \$65-\$225. Queen Mary Events Park, 1126 Queens Hwy., Long Beach.
- THE SOIRÉE RED CARPET GALA: 7 p.m., \$50-\$100. El Rey Theatre, 5515 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles.
- GO TOVE LO: With Phoebe Ryan, 8:30 p.m., \$29.50. The Novo by Microsoft, 800 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles. See Music Pick.
- UNCLE KRACKER: 9 p.m. Morongo Casino Resort & Spa, 49500 Seminole Drive, Cabazon.

WAX TAILOR: With L'Orange, 9 p.m., \$25. The Fonda Theatre, 6126 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles.

SATURDAY, FEB. 11

BAILE DE EL AMOR Y LA AMISTAD: With Bronco, Los Yonics, Pancho Barraza, Industria del Amor, Liberacion, Los Caminantes, 6 p.m., \$50. Anaheim Convention Center, 800 W. Katella Ave., Anaheim.

- THE BRANFORD MARSALIS QUARTET: With Kurt Elling, 8 p.m., \$39-\$79. UCLA, Royce Hall, 340 Royce Drive, Westwood.
- D.R.A.M.: With River Tiber, Ari Lennox, Nebu Kiniza, 8 p.m. El Rey Theatre, 5515 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles.
- THE EIGHTH ANNUAL EDWARDIAN BALL: 8 p.m.-2 a.m., \$70. Globe Theatre, 740 S. Broadway, Los Angeles.
- KHALID: 11 p.m., \$20. The Observatory, 3503 S. Harbor Blvd., Santa Ana.
- <u>KNEEBODY</u>: 7:30 p.m., \$45-\$70. The Broad Stage, Santa Monica College Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th St., Santa Monica.
- CO <u>THE KNOCKS:</u> With Lophile, Mark Johns, Skylar Spence, 9 p.m., \$30. The Fonda Theatre, 6126 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles. See Music Pick.
- MICHAEL BOLTON: With Pacific Symphony, 8 p.m., \$45-\$177. Segerstrom Center for the Arts, 600 Town Center Drive, Costa Mesa.
- MIGOS: 8 p.m., \$39.50. The Novo by Microsoft, 800 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles.
- MURDER CITY DEVILS: 8 p.m., \$25. The Observatory, 3503 S. Harbor Blvd., Santa Ana.
- OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN, BETH NIELSEN CHAPMAN, <u>AMY SKY:</u> 8 p.m., \$44-\$88. Saban Theatre, 8440 W. Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills.
- ONE LOVE AFTER-PARTY: With Israel Vibration, 11 p.m., TBA. Queen Mary Events Park, next to the big boat, 1126 Queens Highway, Long Beach.
- ONE LOVE CALI REGGAE FEST: With Rebelution, Iration, J Boog, The Green, Chronixx, Don Carlos, Israel Vibration, Seedless, Protoje, Passafire and others, 12 p.m., \$65 & up. Queen Mary Events Park, next to the big boat, 1126 Queens Highway, Long Beach.
- STEPHANIE MILLS: With Eric Darius, The L.A. Collective, 7:30 p.m., \$98-\$159. Long Beach Terrace Theater, 300 E. Ocean Blyd. Long Beach
- UNA NOCHE ROMANTICA: With Ramon Ayala, Banda Machos, Ramon Ayala Jr., 8 p.m., \$45-\$75. Riverside Municipal Auditorium, 3485 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside
- <u>VALENTINE'S MARIACHI CONCERT:</u> With Mariachi Divas de Cindy Shea, Mariachi Los Reyes, Mariachi Garibaldi de Jaime Cuellar, Chris Reza, Ballet Folklorico Resurreccion, 8 p.m., \$35-\$65. Downey Civic Theatre. 8435 Firestone Blvd., Downey.
- VINTAGE VALENTINE AT THE RIALTO: With The Johnny Holiday Dance Orchestra, plus a screening of Singin' in the Rain, 6 p.m., \$100. Rialto Theatre, 1023 Fair Oaks Ave., South Pasadena.
- WAVE LOVE AFFAIR: With The Delfonics, GQ, The Fuzz, Atlantic Starr, The Moments, The Impressions, The Heatwave, Color Me Badd, Barbara Lynn, Patti Drew, 7:30 p.m., \$44.80-\$97.75. Honda Center, 2695 E. Katella Ave., Anaheim.

SUNDAY, FEB. 12

- ANIMAL COLLECTIVE (DJ SET): With Avey Tare, Geologist, Daniel T., Panama Jack, 9 p.m., \$16.50. Globe Theatre, 740 S. Broadway, Los Angeles.
- JOHN ANDERSON: 7:30 p.m., \$59. Janet & Ray Scherr Forum Theatre, 2100 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd., Thousand Oaks
- LOS TEMERARIOS: 8 p.m., \$27-\$145. The Forum, 3900
- W. Manchester Blvd., Inglewood. METALLICA: 10 p.m., \$100. Hollywood Palladium, 6215 W. Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles.

- ONE LOVE CALI REGGAE FEST: With Dirty Heads, 311, Steel Pulse, The Wailers, Long Beach Dub All-Stars, Anuhea, Tha Dogg Pound, Shwayze, Pacific Dub, Mike Love, Iya Terra and others, 12 p.m., \$65 & up. Queen Mary Events Park, 1126 Queens Hwy., Long Beach. PARIS COMBO: 7:30 p.m., \$60-\$95. The Broad Stage.
- Santa Monica College Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th St., Santa Monica. THE SECOND ANNUAL VALENTINE LOVE JAM: With Joe
- Bataan, 5 p.m. The Yost Theater, 307 N. Spurgeon St., Santa Ana.

MONDAY, FEB. 13

- LISA HANNIGAN: With Heather Woods Broderick, in the Constellation Room, 9 p.m., \$18. The Observatory, 3503 S. Harbor Blvd., Santa Ana.
- MIGOS: 8 p.m., \$40. The Observatory, 3503 S. Harbor Blvd., Santa Ana.
- THEO BLECKMANN: 8 p.m., TBA. The Broad Stage, Santa Monica College Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th St., Santa Monica.

TUESDAY, FEB. 14

- ANGEL OLSEN: With Jonathan Richman, Chris Cohen, 7 p.m., \$25. The Wiltern, 3790 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles.
- THE FRIGHTS: With The Buttertones, 8 p.m., TBA. El Rey Theatre, 5515 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles.
- KALI UCHIS: 8 p.m., \$25. The Observatory, 3503 S. Harbor Blvd., Santa Ana.
- POSTMODERN JUKEBOX: 8 p.m., \$35 & \$50. Arlington Theatre, 1317 State St., Santa Barbara.
- TANK: 9 p.m., \$58-\$99. Saban Theatre, 8440 W. Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills.
- WARREN G: 8 p.m., \$5. The Novo by Microsoft, 800 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15

BLACK ARM BAND: 8 p.m., \$19-\$39. UCLA, Royce Hall, 340 Royce Drive, Westwood.

- BONNIE RAITT: 8 p.m., \$38-\$98. Long Beach Terrace Theater, 300 E. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach.
- CO THE CRAZY WORLD OF ARTHUR BROWN: With Electric Citizen, White Hills, 8 p.m., \$27.50-\$62.50. The Regent Theater, 448 S. Main St., Los Angeles. See Music Pick.
- TWENTY ONE PILOTS: 7 p.m., \$39-\$49. Honda Center, 2695 E. Katella Ave., Anaheim.
- WHITE LIES: With Vowws, 9 p.m. El Rey Theatre, 5515 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles.

THURSDAY, FEB. 16

- THE COATHANGERS: With Zig Zags, in the Constellation Room, 9 p.m., \$12. The Observatory, 3503 S. Harbor Blvd., Santa Ana.
- JOHN SCOFIELD: 7 p.m., \$40. Theatre Raymond Kabbaz, 10361 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles.
- KAMASI WASHINGTON & THE NEXT STEP: 8 p.m., \$25 & \$40. Campbell Hall, UC Santa Barbara, Building 538, Mesa Road, Santa Barbara.
- LUCERO: With Esme Patterson, 9 p.m., \$25. The Fonda Theatre, 6126 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles.
- METRO BOOMIN: 11 p.m., \$10. The Observatory, 3503 S. Harbor Blvd., Santa Ana.
- **R. KELLY:** 8:30 p.m., \$59.50-\$149.50. The Novo by Microsoft, 800 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles.
- REEL BIG FISH, ANTI-FLAG, BALLYHOO: 6 p.m., \$25. The Belasco Theater, 1050 S. Hill St., Los Angeles. RIFF RAFF: With Ponce De'Leioun, DJ Afterthought,
- Dolla Bill Gates, 8:30 p.m., \$15.50-\$70.50. The Regent Theater, 448 S. Main St., Los Angeles. TWENTY ONE PILOTS: 7 p.m., \$39-\$49. Honda Center,
- 2695 E. Katella Ave., Anaheim.

CLASSICAL & NEW MUSIC

- <u>THE ABDUCTION FROM THE SERAGLIO:</u> The kidnapping in Mozart's comic opera takes place on board the Orient Express in the '20s, Sun., Feb. 12 & 19, 2 p.m.; Thu., Feb. 16, 7:30 p.m., \$22-\$309. The Music Center, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 135 N. Grand Ave., L.A.
- AMERICAN YOUTH SYMPHONY: Bizet's Carmen overture, Sun., Feb. 12, 11 a.m., free. Juan Felipe Molano conducts music from video games by Takeshi Furukawa, Jason Graves and Austin Wintory, following interludes by Britten and Stravinsky, Sun., Feb. 12, 4 p.m., free. UCLA, Royce Hall, 340 Royce Drive, Westwood.

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THE COLBURN CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY: French cellist Marc Coppey sits in with the student musicians on Bach, Arensky, Carter and Ravel, Sun., Feb. 12, 3 p.m., \$10-\$25. The Colburn School of Music, Zipper Concert Hall, 200 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles. THE COLBURN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA: The string band

ties together Mozart's Divertimento in F major, K. 138; Ticheli's *Rest*, Bartók's Roumanian Dances; and Tchaikovsky's Serenade for Strings, Op. 48, Sun., Feb. 12, 6 p.m., free. LACMA, Bing Theater, 5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles.

- THE ELIXIR OF LOVE: Pacific Opera Project presents its irreverent remake of Gaetano Donizetti's opera *L'elisir d'amore*, relocated to a 1950s soda shop, Feb. 10-11, 14, 17-18, 24-25, 8 p.m., \$20-\$120. Highland Park Ebell Club, 131 S. Avenue 57, Highland Park.
- L.A. PHILHARMONIC: Composer-conductor Thomas Adès ushers in a program of death-themed music that culminates in the West Coast premiere of his *Totentanz* and the U.S. premiere of *Lieux Retrouvés*, following shorter pieces by Jean Sibelius (*The Bard*) and Camille Saint-Saëns (*Danse macabre*). Fri., Feb. 10, 8 p.m.; Sat., Feb. 11, 8 p.m., \$20-\$158. Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles. L.A. CHAMBER ORCHESTRA: Selections from

Beethoven, Mozart, John Lennon and Jimi Hendrix, Fri., Feb. 10, noon, free. Bank of America Plaza, 333 S. Hope St., Los Angeles. An acoustic performance in the Sixth Street lobby, Wed., Feb. 15, 1 p.m., free. Figueroa at Wilshire, 601 S. Figueroa St., LA.

MOZART MAGIC: Victor Vener leads the California Philharmonic in a program of music by Mozart, Sun., Feb. 12, 1:30 p.m., \$46.46-\$84.37. Noor, 300 E. Colorado Blvd., #200, Pasadena.

<u>MUSE/IQUE:</u> The focus is on lyricists as Rachael Worby "leads a symphony of soaring sonnets and stanzas," Sun., Feb. 12, 7 p.m., \$5. Pasadena Central Library, 285 E. Walnut St., Pasadena.

THE MUSICAL OFFERING: Harpischordist Kathleen McIntosh and a small string-winds ensemble proffer J.S. Bach's *The Musical Offering*, Sun., Feb. 12, 5 p.m., \$20 donation. All Saints Episcopal Church, 504 N. Camden Drive, Beverly Hills.

ORCHESTRA SANTA MONICA: Allen Robert Gross conducts two of *The Four Seasons* apiece by Vivaldi and Piazzolla, and closes with a pair of Bach's *Brandenburg* Concerti, Sun., Feb. 12, 2:30 p.m., \$30. Ann & Jerry Moss Theater, New Roads School, 3131 Olympic Blvd., Santa Monica.

SALASTINA MUSIC SOCIETY: Violinists Maia Jasper and Kevin Kumar, violist Meredith Crawford and cellist Peter Myers perform Benjamin Britten's String Quartet No. 2 in C major, Sat., Feb. 11, 8 p.m., \$40. Barrett Hall, Pasadena Conservatory of Music, 100 N. Hill Ave., Pasadena.

THE SANTA CECILIA ORCHESTRA: String-laden melodies by Vivaldi, Bartók and Grieg, Sun., Feb. 12, 4 p.m., \$24 & \$26. Santa Cecilia Arts & Learning Center, 2751 W. Broadway, Los Angeles.

STARS OF TOMORROW: Members of the USC Thornton School of Music unwind Johannes Brahms' Quintet for Clarinet & String Quartet, Sun., Feb. 12, 2 p.m., free. Rolling Hills United Methodist Church, 26438 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes Peninsula.

WILD UP: Christopher Rountree conducts John Adams' Hallelujah Junction (with pianist Gloria Cheng) and Shaker Loops, juxtaposed with selections by Charles Ives and Deerhoof, Thu., Feb. 16, 8 p.m., \$63. Valley Performing Arts Center, 18111 Nordhoff St., Northridge.

YUJA WANG & LEONIDAS KAVAKOS: Phenomenal pianist Yuja Wang and Greek violinist Leonidas Kavakos stir up a fast-moving storm of Janacek, Schubert, Debussy and Bartók, Sun., Feb. 12, 7 p.m., \$20-\$150. Segerstrom Center for the Arts, 600 Town Center Drive, Costa Mesa. Also Mon., Feb. 13, 7 p.m., \$35-555.

\$55. Granada Theatre, 1214 State St., Santa Barbara. <u>YVETTE DEVEREAUX & KEVIN O'NEAL:</u> Violinist Devereaux and bassist O'Neal celebrate Scott Joplin.

Wed., Feb. 15, noon, free. Glendale City Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 610 E. California Ave., Los Angeles. ZOË KEATING: The former Rasputina cellist leads a free

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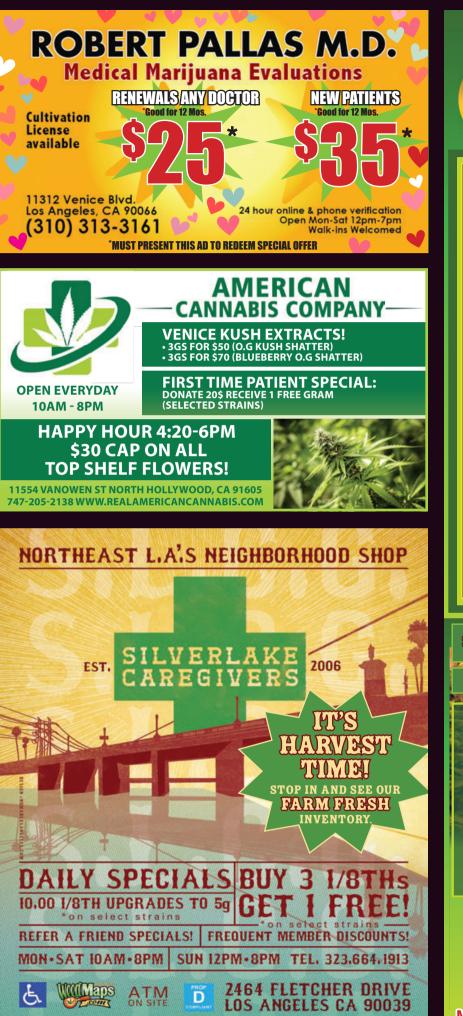


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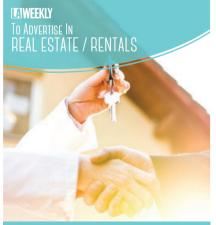
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