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HOME

COVER STORY

Hijacking the AM Band
Beating the odds and predictions of its demise, Air America not only stays afloat, but helps swing an election and spawns a new industry in progressive talk radio

FRONTLINES

Silencing Tia Chucha's
Artists and patrons rally around the Valley cultural mecca, now in search of a new home

Secret Police
Newly confidential disciplinary hearings protect controversial LAPD matters from public scrutiny

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Hearts of Protest

~ By DR. REBECCA EPSTEIN ~



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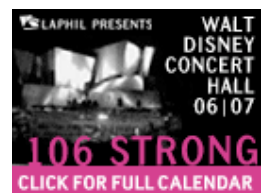
I'm Bringing Sexy Back (see Wednesday)

Neil Young's Living With War Today website (Neilyoung.com/lwrtoday) may not be the most unusual site out there, but it brings together people of a common cause in a way only the Internet can. Young's Living With War protest album was released last year to much media attention. Among its related website's features is a growing collection of links to more than a thousand Iraq war protest songs written and submitted by a large variety of amateur and professional musicians. Some are better than others, and some are a lot worse, but the populist impulse driving the endeavor perfectly suits the sentiments of the protest genre.

The best tunes on the site don't bother bullshitting you. L.A.-based musician Cindy Lee Berryhill has her own favorites, many of which will be performed by the original artists during the group concert "Songs of Protest: An evening with the songwriters featured at Neil Young's Living With War website" this Saturday at Fairfax nightclub Largo. Berryhill organized the event, hoping to offer a dose of reality in this



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~ SPECIAL
SCREENINGS ~

~ NOW PLAYING ~

DVD EYE

Struck Dumb

After a muted release by Fox, Mike Judge's 'Idiocracy' arrives on DVD

SONIC NATION

Man with Many Names

Blur's Damon Albarn concocts another fine side project with 'The Good, the Bad & the Queen'

STAGE

Humor and Humanity

There's empathy behind the laughter in 'Kimberly Akimbo' and 'Search and Destroy'

LISTINGS

~ ROCK, POP,
ACOUSTIC ~

~ JAZZ, BLUES, LATIN

~

~ DANCEBEAT~

~ CLASSICAL/DANCE ~

~ CABARET ~

~ CONCERTS ~

~ STAGE ~

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~ READINGS, ETC. ~

~ GIVE IT UP! ~

EAT

A Whimsical Winner

The décor is fun, but the food is fabulous at Lucy's

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EAT LISTINGS

Guide

L.A. architect Michael Maltzen, is a technological and aesthetic confection for cinema. To finally see it in action will be sweet, indeed. 7:30 p.m. \$7-\$10. 10899 Wilshire Blvd., L.A., (310) 443-7000. Archive info: (310) 206-8013 or Cinema.ucla.edu.

Saturday 10

CRAFT, MY LOVE

For DIY folks, crafting stuff oneself is more than just a holiday exercise. This weekend brings the 2007 DIY Festival, emphasizing the creation, promotion, and distribution of film, music, books, and digital media. Check out the panels, screenings, and guests, including Henry Jaglom (Egyptian Theatre, 6712 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, 323-466-3456; Diyconvention.com; Fri.-Sun.; prices vary). Also, from 10 p.m. until midnight tonight, see how an array of "underground" fine artists reinterpret a beloved DIY icon: the paint-by-numbers kit. The benefit Charity by Numbers at the Corey Helford Gallery includes innocent, pastoral scenes lovingly corrupted by, among others, Mark Ryden, Tim Biskup, and the Clayton Brothers. The paintings will be auctioned on eBay, with proceeds going to the Alliance for Children's Rights. 8522 Washington Blvd., Culver City, (310) 287-2340 or Coreyhelfordgallery.com. Free.

Sunday 11

ADMIRE, MY LOVE

There's a lot to love about L.A.'s African-American cultural history, and two events today will send more admiration its way. This morning at the Pan African Film Festival, which opened February 8 at the Magic Johnson Theaters, see the affectionate documentary Leimert Park: The Story of a Village in South Central. Producer-director Jeannette Lindsay calls the recently completed and already adulated film "a celebration of this still largely unknown community and the artists and musicians who created it" (3650 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., L.A., 323-290-5900; Leimertparkmovie.com; 11 a.m.; \$7.50). Then, in Malibu, Bruin and Laker legend Kareem Abdul-Jabbar signs his autobiography On the Shoulders of Giants at Diesel, A Bookstore. Buy a copy in advance to save time and secure your place in the autograph line (3890 Cross Creek Rd., Malibu, 310-456-9961; 3 p.m.; free, book sold separately).

Monday 12

SHOUT, MY LOVE

If Valentine's Day for you is typically a Valentine's dud, maybe it's time for something radical. Tonight Sean Carnage – champion of L.A.'s present-day underground punk scene, who made the 2006 documentary 40 Bands 80 Minutes to give you a noisy-good taste of it – hosts another Monday night line-up at Il Corral, a raw performance space on Hollywood's eastern edge. Teaming with Totally Mag!, an off-center celeb zine, Carnage presents "St. Valentine's Gay: A Night of Radical Music, Food & Fun for Queers." Of course, even the straight sort can enjoy post-post-punkers Robin Williams on Fire, all-female hard rockers The Pristines, plus Kate Hall (Mika Miko) performing with guitarist Elijah Forrest. Outpunk Records' Joshua Ploeg, also a vegan master chef, will serve radical compassion with his entirely plant-based edible treats. 9:30 p.m.; \$5, all-ages. 662 N. Heliotrope Dr., L.A. Info: Seancarnage.com.

Tuesday 13

WRESTLE, MY LOVE

And you think love gets you twisted ... Back to knock you out are the Mexican wrestlers and divinely dishy characters of Lucha VaVOOM, presenting a “Valentine’s Sextacular” tonight through February 15. It’s not just comedy and brutality but garish costumes and stripteases, too – a bit like a relationship you maybe once knew. If you’ve never caught a Lucha show – this will be the 14th – take a date or just yourself down this brash candy aisle of fun. Featured performers include superstar luchadore Blue Demon Jr., twin female wrestlers the Poubelle Twins, the Wau Wau sisters, and, new to the crew, performance artistes Leroi and Lucy Fur. Meeowwie! Tue.-Feb. 15 at 8 p.m.; doors at 7 p.m. \$30-\$65. Mayan Theater, 1038 S. Hill St., L.A. Info: Luchavavoom.com.

Wednesday 14

SURRENDER, MY LOVE

Here’s an excellent Valentine’s plan: First, see Love Conquers All, a collaborative art exhibit by graphic artists The Love Bandits and art-making cultural satirists The Love Movement, together exploring the love/hate dichotomy (project., 8545 Washington Blvd., Culver City, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Projectgalleryla.com; reception Feb. 10, 7 p.m.-11 p.m.; free). From 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., take your canine to the singles-and-their-dogs “Yappy Hour” at the Omni Los Angeles Hotel. Wine and cheese for you; gourmet Buddy Biscuits for your furry bodyguard; proceeds to PAWS/LA (Grand Café Terrace, 251 S. Olive St., downtown L.A., 213-617-3300; \$10). Couples, too, can get cookies and drool by taking an aphrodisiac cooking class from Diane Brown, author of The Seduction Cookbook: Culinary Creations for Lovers. Tonight’s potent ingredients? Agavero tequila and you. (Chef’s Inc., 10955 W. Pico Blvd., L.A., 310-470-2277; 7 p.m.; Chefsinc.net; \$190).



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