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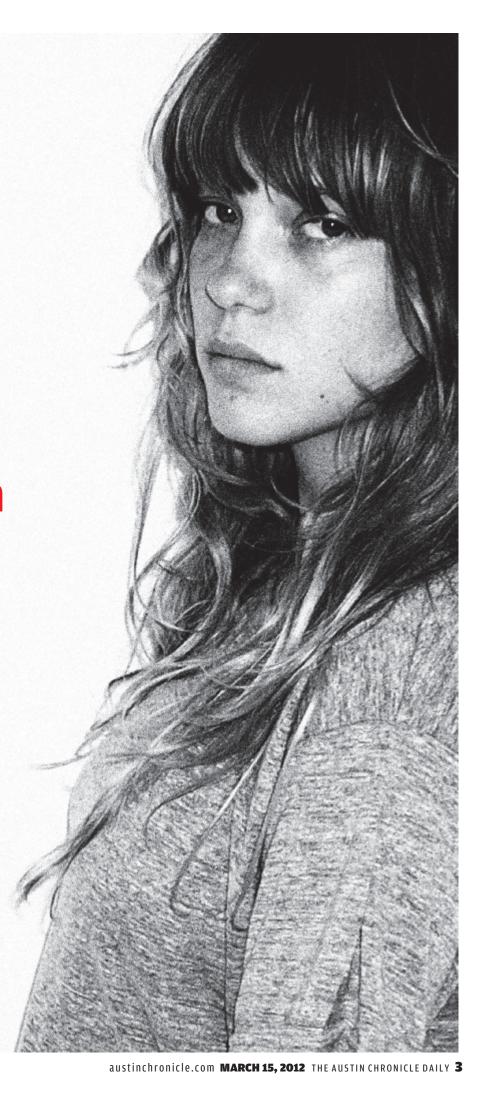
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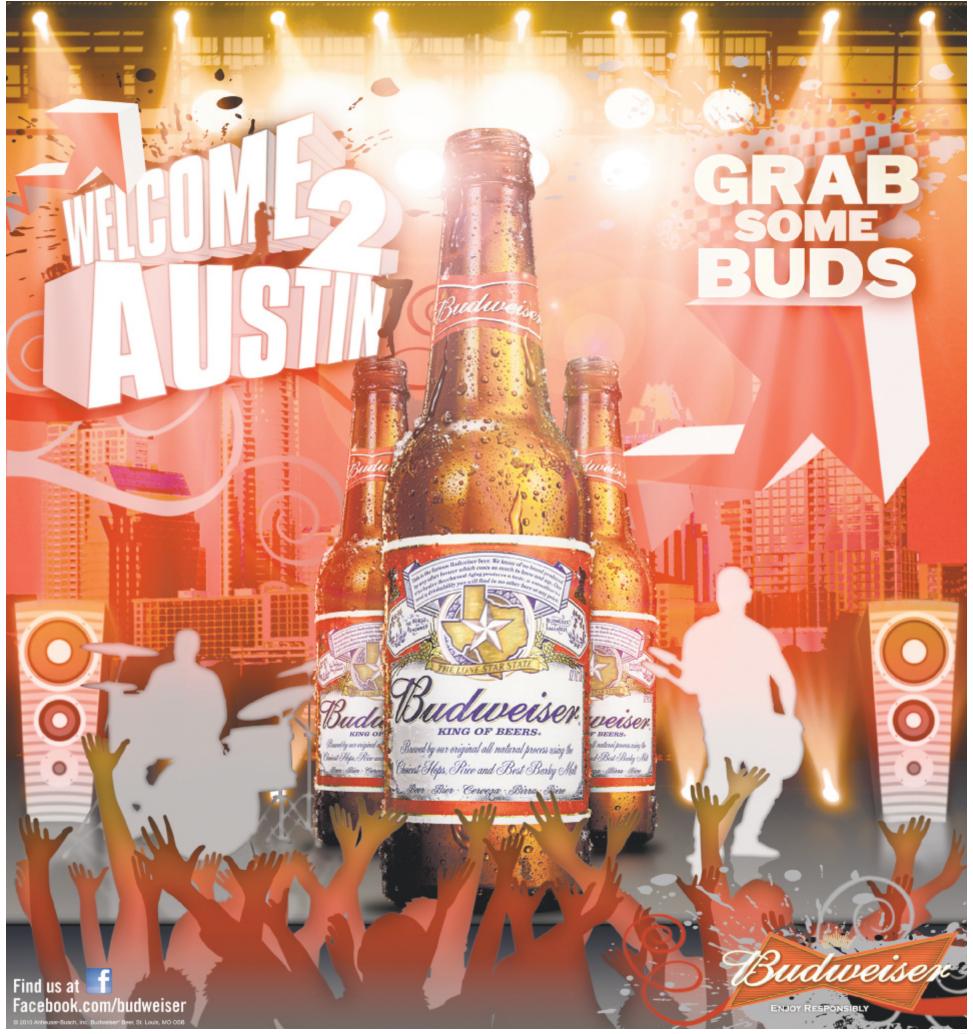
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FF THE RECORD SXSW NEWS AND CARRYINGS-ON BY AUSTIN POWELL



EMPIRE STATE OF MIND

This year, the biggest breakout success at South by Southwest Interactive wasn't an app or a social network. It was Jay-Z, the business, man. On Monday night, the Brooklyn mogul anchored the American Express Sync show at ACL Live at the Moody Theater, a grand spectacle on an X-shaped stage rig that was simulcast live on YouTube. Opening with Black Album banger "What More Can I Say," Jay-Z delivered a 75-minute set of Roc-a-Fella classics without a hype man or special guests. While a bit stiff, Hova didn't have to do much to win over the capacity crowd of smartphones and badges held by the likes of The New York Times Editor Jill Abramson and Linkin Park's Mike Shinoda. He's the sultan of swagger, after all, with an endless catalog of hits. "I got a million of these," he remarked after "La La La." Then, to reiterate the point, he rolled out five consecutive blockbusters with authority, including "Run This Town." The patriarch of hip-hop's first family also paid tribute to his daughter, Blue Ivy, with the unreleased "Glory," a moment of rare reflection that found the rapper struggling to describe the beauty of his newfound parenthood. Watch it on repeat on American Express' YouTube channel.

HEAVY CHEVY

Never has a band had more to prove on the Austin City Limits soundstage than Alabama Shakes on Tuesday evening. The Muscle Shoals-inspired quintet arrived with a flurry of hype and only a foursong EP to its credit. (The band's debut, Boys & Girls, drops next month on ATO.) While not on par with previous SXSW soul sensations Amy Winehouse, Adele, and **Charles Bradley**, singer **Brittany**



Howard has a stirring voice and bruising sincerity that demands attention. Mixing Gulf Coast R&B and homegrown country-soul, Alabama Shakes recalled Bettye LaVette's collaboration with **Drive-By Truckers** on stronger numbers like the impassioned plea "Be Mine" and rockabilly romp "Heavy Chevy," but a choice cover would have gone a long way.

RANDOM PLAY

- ▶ Like a SXSW version of his annual Fourth of July Picnic, Willie Nelson's Western outpost at Luck (1100 Bee Creek Rd.) hosts the **Heartbreaker Banquet** on Thursday. The all-day gathering of outlaw folk features Billy Joe Shaver, Ray Wylie Hubbard, Phosphorescent, J. Tillman's Father John Misty, and Blitzen Trapper, among others. For details, follow @HBbanquet on Twitter.
- > The Austin Record Convention was canceled after founder **Doug Hanners** suffered a concussion in a car accident earlier this year. Buyers can look forward to the fall edition Oct. 26-28.
- George Clinton made a surprise appearance at the CNN Grill on Sunday to promote his Indiegogo campaign to restore his studio and early recordings. Help the Funkadelic pioneer at www.igg.me/p/66930.
- **Bruce Springsteen**'s keynote speech at noon in the Austin Convention Center's Ballroom D is being simulcast by NPR, on air and online. Tune in at www.npr.org.
- ➤ After appearing on KUT-FM's morning broadcast from the **W Hotel**, Texas "Gambler" Kenny Rogers was scheduled to join Lionel Richie last night at his Billboard showcase at ACL Live at the Moody Theater.
- > Lil Wayne's Young Money bill at the Austin Music Hall on Friday, featuring **Busta Rhymes**, Mystikal, and Jay Sean, has been turned into an official SXSW showcase.
- Director Robert Rodriguez made a rare appearance with Chingon, his soundtrack outfit with **Del Castillo**, at the W Hotel on Tuesday. The occasion marked the official launch of his Spanish television channel. El Rey Network, and new Austinbased studio, Quickdraw Animation. First thing on the docket: a remake of the 1981 sci-fi fantasy Heavy Metal.

TEARGARDEN BY KALEIDYSCOPE

Attention SXSW showcasing artists: Billy Corgan has some fighting words. "I'm shocked by the lack of evolution in alternative rock music," he told me backstage after his Interactive panel with author Brian Solis on Monday. "Let me put it this way: I should not be here to the level that I still I am. If the music out there was that fucking great, where is someone crushing me on the numbers? They're not. Our generation crushed a lot of bands right out



the fucking door. And they had to sit on the sidelines for 20 fucking years until people got nostalgic and brought that stuff back." His Smashing Pumpkins are readying the release of a new album, which Corgan says will be more of a multimedia experience. "I'm standing exactly where every artist should hope to stand," said Corgan, who remained in town to see the Yahowa 13 documentary The Source, which screens one last time Friday, 6:45pm, at the Alamo Lamar B. "The only thing left to do is be great."





CHORD ORGAN BLUES

"In the darkness there's no other love except you," Daniel Johnston wrote in the foreword to Space Ducks: An Infinite Comic Book of Musical Greatness. But the release party for the pop savant's new graphic novel was a vastitude of warmth and gratitude on Tuesday night at the Belmont as musicians paid tribute to Johnston in song. Highlights included Kimya Dawson, Jeffrey Lewis, and local alt-folkie Graham Wilkinson all combining for "Story of an Artist" and the Space Ducks theme song; the indie-prog pop of Brooklyn's Dinosaur Feathers; Johnston's own "Rock This Town"; a startling cover of rarity "Cold, Hard World" by Okkervil River's Will Sheff; and a ghostly jaunt by Alex Maas of the Black Angels, who's showcasing new material at Empire Automotive tonight at 11pm. While the iPad app is available as a free download now, Johnston's manager, Tom Gimbel, says the accompanying soundtrack will arrive digitally next month and includes tracks by Unknown Mortal Orchestra, Deer Tick, and potentially Lykke Li, along with seven new Johnston tracks produced by Austin's Adrian Quesada.



LIVE SHOTS

2011-12 AUSTIN MUSIC AWARDS

Austin Music Hall, Wednesday, March 14

The Austin Music Awards are a populist poll. There's no academy and no membership. Anyone with stamp money or access to a computer can help determine who gets recognized as the local magnate of their genre or, more so, who garnered the most enthusiasm from fans.

If this year's AMAs represented a changing of the guard, the new sentries are Quiet Company, who grabbed 10 awards including Band of the Year. They hit the stage early and played tracks off their deeply personal Album of the Year, We Are All Where We Belong, Take note, would-be equals: When attending an award ceremony, keep your beards neatly trimmed, dress sharp, and always bring a cello.

Singer Taylor Muse alternated between gentle croons and harsh belting on "Everything Louder Than Everything Else" and "You, Me & the Boatman" before closing with an extra-loud version of "Preaching to the Choir Invisible." Roots-rock upstarts the Wheeler Brothers also collected a stack of plaques, nabbing four awards including Best New Band.

Joe "King" Carrasco was easily the best-dressed musician of the night, accepting his Hall of Fame award wearing a crown and cape before launching into a hi-fi set of Mexican-American dance party music. By the time he brought out an eightpiece mariachi band, Jon Dee Graham, and Shawn Sahm, the Austin Music Hall was brimming beyond the seats - the crowd peaking enthusiasm - and he drew bigger cheers than Quiet Company, demonstrating something locals already know: There's a strong current of nostalgia that moves Austin's music pool, sometimes so much so that the new goes unappreciated.

Master of ceremonies Andy Langer must be getting used to handing out awards to the same artists. 2012's reoccurring winners included Best Country Band Asleep at the Wheel and youngsters Schmillion, who will soon age out of the Best U-18 Band award. Austin heavies the Sword showed up to collect their obligatory Best Metal Band award, and Groupo Fantasma took another Best Latin Rock Band award as well as a Hall of Fame induction. They accepted the award, in part, by saying, "We've been to the Grammys and we've been to L.A. Those guys are all there to see Coldplay. So we're glad to be here in Austin where people care about music."

Austin's powerful contingent of female musicians was represented by Ruthie Foster, Carolyn Wonderland, and Patty Griffin. Foster opened her performance with a soulful send-up of Johnny Cash's "Ring of Fire" that employed a distinctly different melody and new refrain: "Let it burn, let it burn, let it burn." In an instant she was gone and Carolyn Wonderland stood in her place burning up the stage with her fiery threepiece blues band and showcasing what Austinites voted as Best Female Vocals.

Upon returning to the stage, Foster lauded, "My love for Carolyn Wonderland runs deep," and they joined forces for a set that included Joplin's "What Good Can Drinking Do?" and Bob Marley's "No Woman, No Cry," which Foster dedicated to politicians trying to limit women's right to health care, a midsong statement that prompted the night's first standing ovation. Later, armed with only an acoustic guitar, Patty Griffin brought a giant wave of emotion in just one song and accepted her Hall of Fame award by saying, "The last time I came to an AMA, they gave one of these to Pinetop Perkins, so I'm very humbled."

On the complete opposite end of the good-taste spectrum was a performance by light-rock god Christopher Cross. "We used to play these songs in clubs in Austin, but no one showed up," remarked his keyboard player during downtime between songs. "We mostly played frat parties." Cross' silky-smooth light rock didn't mesh with Austin then, and perhaps it still doesn't, but it didn't stop Nick Gregg and his enormous orchestra, Mother Falcon, from backing Cross on hits like "Sailing," which drew middle-aged-women shrieks at its opening notes.

AMA veteran Alejandro Escovedo closed the show with a slew of guests including Amy Cook, Rosie Flores, Dan Dyer, and Garland Jeffreys, as well as the Gun Club's Kid Congo Powers for a powerful version of "Sex Beat," and preeminent Texas troubadour Joe Ely, who hammered out a gritty version of "The Highway Is My Home" before asking, "Is there a guitar player in the house? We need one more guitar player!"

Out strode Bruce Springsteen to play lead on a cover of Jimmie Dale Gilmore's "Midnight Train" and sing along to Escovedo's "Always a Friend."

Before ending with a Jeffreys-led version of the Rolling Stones' "Beast of Burden," Escovedo, Springsteen, and Ely traded lines on the folk standard "Goin' Down This Old Dusty Road (Don't Want To Be Treated This Old Way)." When they sang about "going where the weather suits my clothes," everyone was thinking of the same place: a magnetic town in Central Texas where music is king and life is good.

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ADVENTURES IN SONGWRITING WITH PAUL WILLIAMS

Austin Convention Center, Wednesday, March 14

When he wasn't on the couch next to Johnny Carson or cutting up with Chuck Barris on *The Gong Show*, Paul Williams was penning pop classics like "Rainy Days and Mondays" and "The Rainbow Connection," songs that taught kids the meaning of melancholy before they learned to spell it. Stephen Kessler, director of the new Williams documentary, *Still Alive*, was one

such kid. Kessler's panel interview with Williams was a journey through the songwriting kingpin's career that alternated between entertaining anecdotes and song snippets. Williams related how his big break came when "God Only Knows" lyricist Tony Asher broke his hand skiing and recommended Williams to write a bank commercial that became "We've Only Just Begun." Now 22 vears sober. Williams discussed songwriting as therapeutic selfdiscovery. "There's this unconscious connection to our inner struggles that kind of shows up in my songs," he revealed. While the audience getting to sing The Love Boat theme with the man who wrote it was a hoot, the interview's most poignant moment came when Williams sang "I'm Going To Go Back There Someday" from The Muppet Movie. "There was never a moment with Jim Henson where he said, 'Write for children,'" Williams said. "I don't write for men, women, or children. I write for people."







WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BIG IDEA IN MUSIC TECHNOLOGY? Austin Convention Center, Wednesday, March 14

Moderated by Uncorked Studios' David Ewald and Dave Allen, interactive strategy director for North and former bassist for Gang of Four, this panel didn't so much answer the question proposed in its title as present a loose discussion about how digital technology serves musicians, fans, and the music industry itself. What are digital strategies in a post-label world in which listeners are now more interested in having access to music than owning it? How do we educate both artists and fans about the nature of digital cultivation, especially in streaming services? Do fans who use Spotify understand how little artists earn from the service? (Allen cited the statistic that Lady Gaga's 1.7 million spins on Spotify earned her \$127.) Who takes responsibility – a word that cropped up multiple times – the content providers who, the panel argued, should include transparency about to whom the money users spend goes, or the artists, who should make something people want? Who is responsible for educating musicians on the use of digital marketing tools? How, Allen asked, do we keep creators creating when their income streams seem to be drying up? There was plenty of discussion, but few clear answers. Maybe the big idea is this, courtesy of Cash Music's Jesse Von Doom: "Make something simple that works. Don't try to revolutionize shit – no one cares." — *Michael Toland*

DOWNLOADED: THE SXSW INTERVIEWAustin Convention Center, Wednesday, March 14

It's easy to look back and laugh at all the disastrous mistakes and miscalculations of Napster from atop a mountain of cash, so perhaps it's not surprising that founders Sean Parker and Shawn Fanning are now able to offer such a candid perspective on the cataclysmic rise and crash of their infamous peer-to-peer music-sharing platform. "We were both totally inexperienced and didn't know what we were doing," admitted Parker to actor Alex Winter, director of upcoming Napster documentary *Downloaded*. Parker and Fanning provided no shortage of hindsight in trying to decipher what all went wrong with the company. And nearly everything went wrong, from poor hiring and management decisions to legal assaults

completely unanticipated by the then-teenagers. "Our CEO was literally an attorney," emphasized Parker onstage. "The legal case was dictating the product." What the interview highlighted, however, is that as the digital music revolution matures, Napster's legacy is being more finely spun. The early disruptive innovations are now bookended with the promise of the Parker-invested streaming service, Spotify, and with the two co-founders reuniting in their new start-up, Airtime, that spin is now also pushing Napster as a precedent to serendipitous social connection online. Regardless, the history of Napster will continue to evolve over the next decade as the invention that opened the Pandora's box of digital distribution and online rights.

— Doug Freeman







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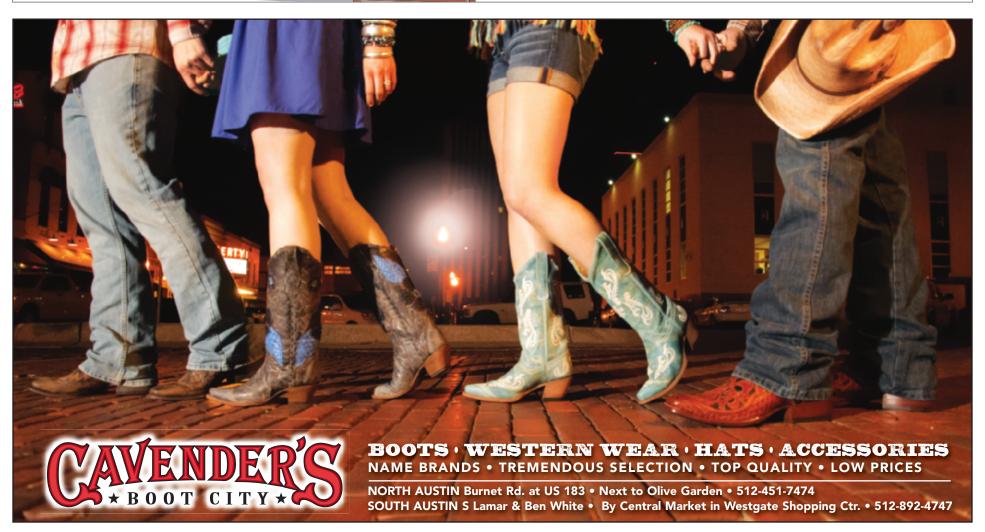
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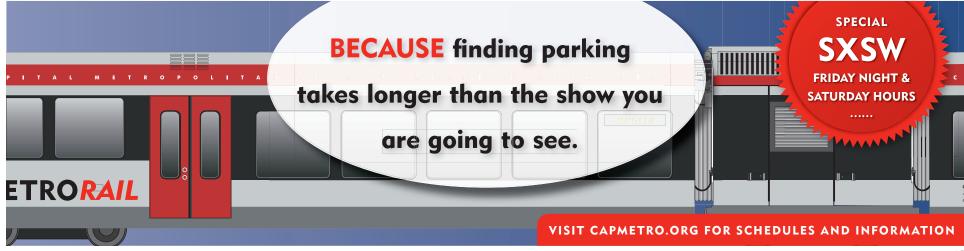




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THEE OH SEES

Red 7, Wednesday, March 14

A slight murmur slithered through the crowd when indie-pop heartthrobs Tennis started setting up at the top of the hour. They don't look or sound much like Thee Oh Sees, and with South by Southwest's muddled schedules, fearing the worst came easy. Did the kids who bristled through long lines and unyielding humidity make their odyssey in vain? No. San Francisco's favorite garage devils simply forgot they had a gig. Introduced with Carson Daly's "Are you fucking ready!," Thee Oh Sees proceeded to cave in the audience's collective skull equipped with fewer than 10 songs. Guitars barreled in every direction, John Dwyer's wily yelp sprang off the stage, and the doubled percussion of drummers Mike Shoun and Lars Finberg had everyone checking their orientation. Plenty of bands find it easy to take a breath-

er or phone it in when the showcase dates add up, but the Sees always aim to impress, to turn every audience into a batch of die-hards. The set encroached with such ferocity that some of the special-invite TV executives escaped to higher ground. Punk rock forever; even Daly called them underrated.

– Luke Winkie

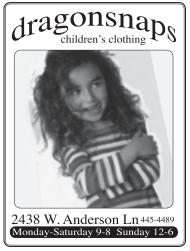


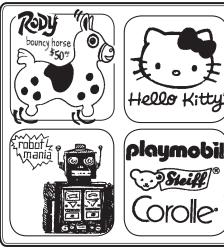


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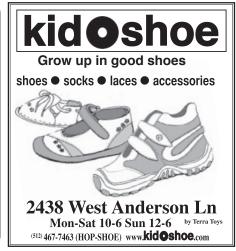
Illinois metal act Nachtmystium's set kicked off with a tedious, perplexingly long sound check where the snare was beaten, the sound tweaked, and then the drum beaten ad infinitum. Late and burdened with dampened momentum, the band seemed to start at a loss – a challenge it readily accepted and pummeled with a full 45 minutes of expansive metal touching on thrash and black and progressive flavors. Led by guitarist/vocalist Blake Judd, whose throaty voice is neither abhorrently guttural nor possibly mistaken for anything but metal, Nachtmystium played within the bounds of focused riffing trading off with almost ambient soundscapes thanks to keyboardist Sanford Parker, who brought Neurosis-style texture into the mix when he wasn't spitting into the crowd. The set was career-encompassing, with everything from 2004's "Ashes to Ashes" making an appearance alongside newer material from the not-even-wrapped and tentatively titled Silencing Machine. Maybe the extended drum and mic check at the start of the show was direly necessary, or maybe it didn't help a lick. Either way, by the time the band had wrapped up, horns were still in the air, and the crowd was more than ready for High on Fire.

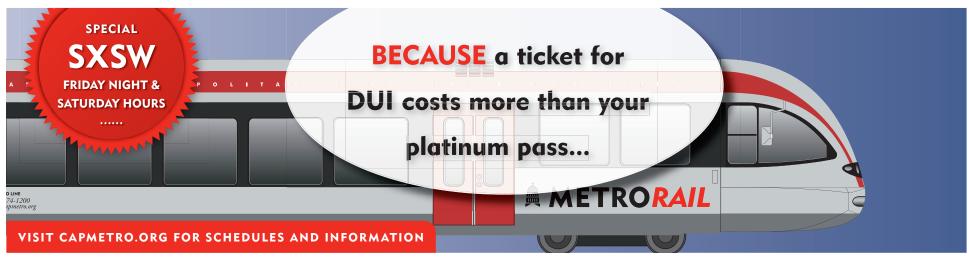
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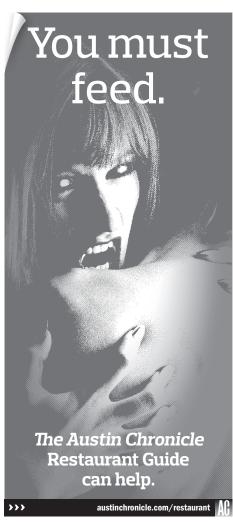


















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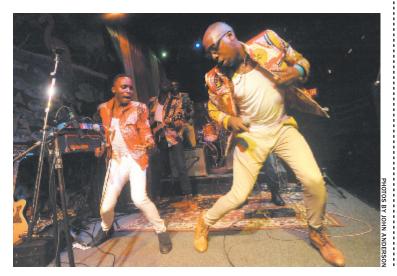
SAUTI SOL

Flamingo Cantina, Wednesday, March 14

Hand it to these top-selling Kenyan purveyors of modern Afro-pop on their U.S. debut in Austin: Sauti Sol showed no fear. Considering that six months ago they played before a crowd of 12,000 in their native Nairobi, it makes sense that this hearty sixpiece didn't flinch when faced with a half-full club. With the two main vocalists, diminutive Willis Chimano and lanky Bien-Aime Baraza, dressed in wide-shouldered jackets cut from bright colors recalling both Michael Jackson and Sgt. Pepper, the band started off at a gallop, letting the love shine through ("I'm giving you my heart, my soul," sung over braided guitar lines). A reggae interlude, then a ballad of sorts – introduced as "The Ones You Love" – left the impression that Sauti Sol's Pandora stations feature both Marley and Fleetwood Mac. Boasting coordinated dance moves, Chimano on alto sax, and the drummer on high harmony, the band's

vigor returned on continental hit "Nairobi," sung in English and Swahili. With the growing crowd swelled with cheerful expat Kenyans who call Austin home, the energy peaked. Soon those fancy jackets were shed, and dance lessons given to those in need.

– Dan Oko



JIMMY CLIFF

The Main, Wednesday, March 14

Beyond a certain global superstar with the surname Marley, no other Jamaican artist is more responsible for exporting reggae to the world than Jimmy Cliff. Spearheading the 1972 soundtrack to the film he starred in, The Harder They Come, the now 63-year-old singer put Jamaican music on the mainstream pop-culture map. That proved a proper starting place for an all-acoustic set of greatest hits beginning with "You Can Get It if You Really Want." With Cliff backed only by a drummer and guitar accompaniment, the stripped-down set was a marked contrast to his synthheavy 2010 Austin City Limits television performance with a ninepiece band and backup singers. This was certainly a case of less being more with little to interfere with Cliff's still-shining voice and the perfect melodies of early hit "Wonderful World, Beautiful People" and "Sitting in Limbo." Bob Dylan's favorite protest song, "Viet Nam," was updated to call for an end to the war in Afghanistan, while "I Can See Clearly Now" and "The Harder They Come"



proved the most boisterous sing-alongs of the night. An impassioned take on "Many Rivers To Cross" prepped closer "One More," which left the capacity crowd chanting the chorus long after the legend had left the stage.

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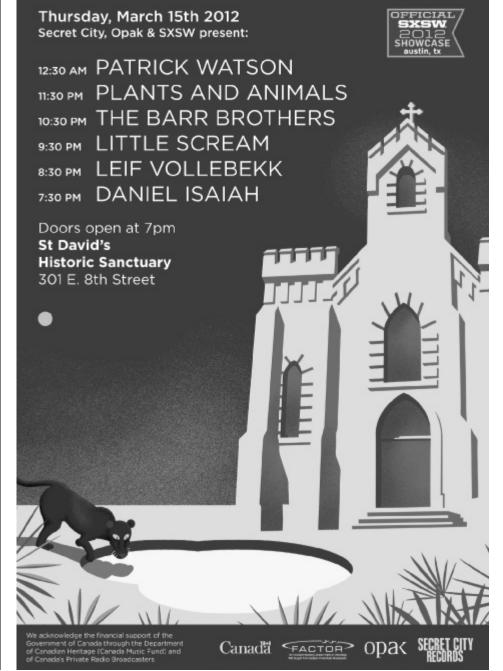
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FIONA APPLE

Stubb's, Wednesday, March 14

She still moves like a pissed-off 19-year-old. Standing first with her hands on her hips, Fiona Apple broke and chopped and spun about in violent disarray. She stretched and heaved, sucked air, and jumped around during instrumental breaks. She drank hot tea from a white mug, draped herself over her black grand piano, tugged her skirt, and slapped at her thigh repeatedly on "A Mistake." She struck the piano hard to close "Fast As You Can" and stayed there through "On the Bound," which lurked and stretched before recoiling and pouncing again. Her voice was grating when she sang "You're all I need." She flubbed one verse on "Paper Bag," but dismissed it with a brief moment of candidness: "I start spacing out because I'm like, 'Fuck, I'm doing a show!" She played three new songs: the first one slow and led by a high-pitched triangle melody; another in the same syncopated, percussive vein as "The Way Things Are"; and a third wherein Apple stood and strung poetry through long, continuous lyrical lines with her trembling voice. She received three ovations midshow, with the loudest coming when she sang, "I'll make the most of it, I'm an extraordinary machine,"

> and she smiled rarely. Instead, she kept a pointed scowl. She looked hungry for the stage again.

> > - Chase Hoffberger



SHARON VAN ETTEN

Stubb's, Wednesday, March 14

With Fiona Apple setting the stage for Sharon Van

Etten, the Stubb's opening block threatened to be a crash course in performance anxiety. Both rose above, yet whereas Apple buried her uncertainty in furiously unsettled outbursts, Van Etten handled the amphitheater crowd by turning inward, her rawness more an exposed bone than frantic slashing. Though starting nearly 30 minutes late, the Brooklyn singer proved calm and composed while still broiling with a pain and passion pulsing on opener "All I Can" from her new third LP, Tramp, on Jagjaguwar. With a backing trio and backing vocals bolstering her delicate intensity for the big stage, Van Etten tumbled trancelike into higher harmonies on "In Line" while the heavy percussion on "Warsaw" and "Major Chords" coursed emphatic, the latter writhing in darkly low moans that echoed Apple's earlier set. The acoustic turn of "Kevin's" managed to retain an impressive intimacy, and closer "Serpents" unleashed a wave of heady, hard-bitten turmoil like an emerging bruise, swollen and sore by the end. If last South by Southwest saw Van Etten impress in the clubs with the closeness of Epic, she's since harnessed her deeply personal style for the larger audience without losing the spark of connection and confidentiality that propels her songs. Doug Freeman









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LAGITAGIDA

Headhunters, Wednesday, March 14

It's rare for a band to garner yowls of approval just for doing its line check, but that's what happened when Tokyo instrumental prog-rock quartet Lagitagida plugged in Wednesday night. They roared to life with a rapid-fire dynamic that crossed Steve Vai-era Zappa with latter-day Japanese noiserockers like the Boredoms and Melt-Banana. Just when it reached a fever pitch, Lagitagida downshifted into a mellow passage accentuated by Fender Rhodes emulation. Despite its loud, fast tendencies, nothing about its compositions felt out of place. Much of the credit goes to barefoot guitarist Kohhan Ohtake, whose jaw-dropping dexterity was matched only by his impeccable tone. At times, Lagitagida channeled elements of jazz fusion if that genre were set on fire and driven over a cliff. Even though they were playing to a partially full room at a small club, they threw themselves into the performance with total abandon, screaming maniacally over their racket and pointing their instruments toward the heavens as if to protect us from aliens. Mathematical thwackery and directionless noodling never overwhelmed the youthful joy of their rock-god posturing. It was as if you'd stumbled into a music store and all the guys test-driving the instruments just happened to be both technically and viscerally fantastic.

- Greg Beets





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TENNIS

Red 7, Wednesday, March 14

There's not much to Tennis. Ostensibly just the married duo of Alaina Moore and Patrick Riley, it's grown into a full-fledged fourpiece for the purposes of playing live. And from opener "Petition," it was hard to tell whether the band was not yet particularly tight, lacking some dynamism, or just the victim of a shitty mix. By the time they got a couple of songs into the set with "It All Feels the Same," the answer was apparently: Eh, a little of all three. There were standout moments. OK, moment. "My Better Self," maybe the purest pop track on new sophomore effort *Young & Old* came off with the effortlessness of the studio version, but that was about it. And that's also because it was about a five-song, 15-minute set. How much can you fix or figure out in that time? Maybe on another night, they might be fighting each other and the soundboard a little less.

— *Michael Bertin*

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HOUSE, BLUES



LILA DOWNS

Speakeasy, Wednesday, March 14

You know it's a good party when the singer swigs from a bottle of tequila, then balances it on top of her head. Oaxaca, Mexico, siren Lila Downs brought with her no small sense of drama from our neighbor to the south, heralded upon her entrance by the cheers of an adoring audience and the horn section from Grupo Fantasma. Downs' creative mission is to represent indigenous and contemporary Mexican culture to the masses; as such, the set list included the gorgeous "El Palomo del Comalito," a celebration of the corn-grinding women of Oaxaca, which commences with Downs emulating a pan flute in its highest ranges. Later, Downs intoned, "I am the queen of the underground, a tombstone is my crown," before kicking off "La Reina del Inframundo," a dark yet



festive reflection on the drug violence in contemporary Mexico. She then transitioned, con mucha lágrima, to "Cucurrucucú Paloma," brought to prominence in 1965 by Lola Beltrán and previously interpreted by the likes of Pedro Infante, Caetano Veloso, and Joan Baez. Of course, historical context isn't all that important in the heat of the fiesta, which was in full swing all the way to the closing strains of "La Cumbia de Mole," Downs' musical shout-out to her home state.

— Melanie Haupt

SONS OF FATHERS

Saxon Pub, Wednesday, March 14

There were several things that made Sons of Fathers' debut one of the best Austin releases of 2011: substantial songwriting, uncommon harmonies, and sturdy musicianship. Onstage, those attributes remain abundant with an added advantage. Live, some of the studio polish gets sanded away to reveal gritty undercurrents and spunky, extended jams. Always smiling, the Sons – acoustic guitarist Paul Cauthen and stand-up bass player David Beck – lit into the country-rock hybrid from that debut with the slinky "Weather Balloons," retro do-wop blues of "Ruthless," and the menacing, eponymous title track especially effective. Dan Cohen, switching between guitar and mandolin, took the latter someplace not hinted at on the LP, with a crisp, extended solo. There were a couple of new tunes as well, pointing to the Sons' utmost confidence in their songwriting talents. Among the unrecorded songs, set closer "Big Diamond

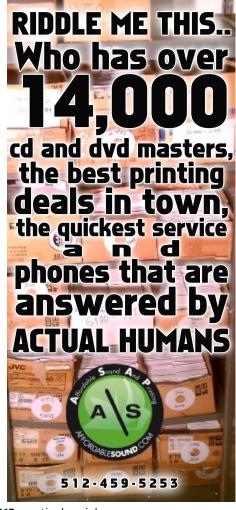
Waltz" showed a new path for the band, big Southern rock with Cohen leading the way on slide. Like the Band of Heathens, Sons of Fathers bring fresh blood and charismatic style to American music, not reinventing that wheel, just making sure it keeps on turning.

– Jim Caligiuri



















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MICHAEL KIWANUKA/ALABAMA SHAKES

Radio Day Stage, Austin Convention Center, Wednesday, March 14

Some scruffy American rock bands need a gimmick to help distinguish them from the ever-hopeful pack. Not Alabama Shakes. The Athens, Ala., fivepiece instead has Brittany Howard, frequently a pyrotechnical vocalist, accurately compared to Janis Joplin. The hype around the band meant its late-afternoon showcase took place before a capacity crowd. Howard and her crew unleashed a crackerjack run of soulful Southern rock, including the fresh radio staple "Hold On" off a full-length debut due out next month. Each number, from opener "Going to the Party" ("There's going to be dancing, there's going to be a fight") to "Boys and Girls" (drawn from Howard's childhood) built on the previous, uncorking a swirl of yearning and passion that the jeans-clad, retro-minded Howard embraced. Her impassioned performance earned the Shakes two standing ovations in their efficient 40-minute set. Prior to Alabama Shakes, London strummer Michael Kiwanuka, another buzzed-about student of Motown soul, sang and occasionally stammered his way through a highly hummable set of acoustic numbers, his only accompaniment a bassist introduced simply as Pete. The son of Ugandan parents, Kiwanuka arrived when the first-time Austin visitor played "Lasan," a shuffling track produced for his forthcoming album by Dan Auerbach, then introduced his song "Home Again" as about "being home anywhere in the world." The singer-songwriter, who's been

compared to Bill Withers, closed with an homage, singing Withers' classic "I Don't Know." – Dan Oko





CONSEQUENCE OF SOUND DAY PARTY

Beauty Bar, Wednesday, March 14

Ben Greenberg's addition to the **Men** may be what pushes the New York City foursome off the Detroit Motor City reservation. Thumping out a distorted rumble that would make White Denim's Steve Terebecki stand up and shout,



Greenberg gave guitarists Mark Perro and Nick Chiericozzi space to go nuts on the never-ending attack and release of new album Open Your Heart. Fellow New York shit-kickers Mr. Dream rummaged through last year's Trash Hit to find a wild mess of heathen chemistry powered by the shrill, irregular guitar lines of Alex Moerder. Miraculously, Nick Sylvester didn't pop his snare drum. Strapped with the perma-vibrato howl of Marissa Paternoster, New Brunswick, N.J., trio Screaming Females earned its name in the first 15 seconds. "What a way to toe the line between pain and pleasure," noted Titus Andronicus singer Patrick Stickles before his Glen Rock, N.J., quartet's loose, fistpump-inducing set. The same could be said of San Francisco's Mikal Cronin, who'll remind many of a Radish-era Ben Kweller with his psychedelic hue and distorted 12-string acoustic guitar. Cleveland, Ohio, headliners Cloud **Nothings** proved the most tightly packaged of the bunch, tearing up much of this year's Attack in Memory like they'd run that material for years. - Chase Hoffberger



GRAM PARSONS FOUNDATION LAUNCH

Jo's Coffee, Wednesday, March 14

The Gram Parsons Foundation was founded in 2004 with a series of concerts featuring Keith Richards, Lucinda Williams, Norah Jones, and many others, as well as a tribute CD, Return of the Grievous Angel. After being dormant, this party thrown by Parsons' daughter Polly, who is now a local, began to fund its goal of worldwide support for musicians and artists in need of addiction and recovery services. While financial success seemed apparent from brisk swag sales, musically it offered up the occasional tribute to Parsons in expected ways. Shurman drove the point home that it's one of Austin's premier country-rock outfits. Portland, Ore.'s Blitzen Trapper performed what they called their "country set," which featured dulcet harmonies while comfortably bringing to mind Seventies groups like the Ozark Mountain Daredevils. Great Lake Swimmers from Toronto brought breezy fiddle folk that was easily digestible. A side project for Christian Wargo and Casey Wescott of Fleet Foxes, Poor Moon retained the reverb-heavy sound of their main band while adding a bit of teeth to their folkiness. With a stellar band that included David Garza, Austin's Amy Cook showed off some solid new songs. Finally, Brendan Benson's power pop was as strong and riffheavy as ever, but his collaboration with the Animals' Eric Burdon, distilled to a hard-blues "When I Was Young," was anticlimactic. - Jim Caligiuri





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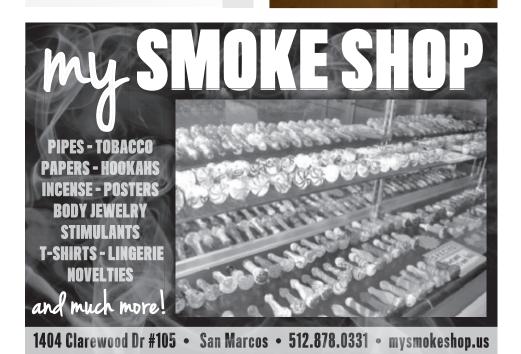
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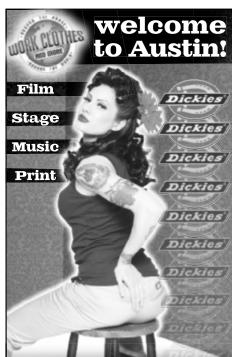
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AFTER A FASHION BY STEPHEN MACMILLAN MOSER

PAST The awards season is upon Austin, as we tied up Texas Film Hall of Fame Awards last week and moved on to last night's Austin Music Awards. The AMAs celebrated its 30th anniversary this year, and of course has been my sister Margaret's raison d'être for six months now (as well as directing the show for most of the last 30 years), and it paid off brilliantly. The show was chock-full of faaabulous performances like Tex-Mex godfathers Joe "King" Carrasco & the Crowns, grandly entertaining with special guests Mariachi Relampago, Jon Dee Graham, and Shawn Sahm. For roots and blues, we saw artists Ruthie Foster and Carolyn Wonderland perform together with Ruthie's Family Band, Rob Hooper, and Cole El Saleh. Memorable Nineties neo-psychedelic darling Sixteen Deluxe played its only show of South by Southwest 2012, and celebrating three decades of awards was Alejandro Escovedo. The finale was an exclusive reunion by Christopher Cross that held a helluva surprise. Excellent work, Margaret! Year after year

FUTURE Tonight (Thursday) you can wander into the **Style X**, aka Style By, **Music Showcase** presented by **Charming Charlie** at the Victorian Room at the Driskill Hotel, 8pm-2am, featuring stylish bands from here as well as distant shores. Tomorrow (Friday)



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begins the Style X fashion part of the conference with all activities free and open to the public. Dozens of vendors from all over will be offering takeout (items you can pick up at the event and wear immediately), including American Apparel, where you can design and print your own T-shirt, among the many clothing vendors; the very fun Bucketfeet canvas shoes and phenomenal local shoe manufacturer **Helm** among the many shoe vendors; Leaders in Leather accessories among many accessory vendors; and so much more. Sewing machine icon Bernina will also be there showing off its amazing machines. Friday offers panels, such as The Changing Landscape of the Fashion Industry, The Influence of Music on Style & Vice Versa, The State of Menswear, and Today's Fashion Media Business: Same Same But Different?. All include professional insiders and media fashionistas. Saturday offers more intriguing

The glamorous Ms. Drea of Madame Rêverie (www.facebook.com/FascinatorReverie) and Ms. Fiona of Sassy Miss Waxy (www.sassymisswaxy.com) spice up last week's Texas Film Hall of Fame Awards.



panels, such as What's Up With Urban Fashion & Streetwear?; Fashion Is Cool, but Fashion + Technology Is Cooler!; It's All in the Details: A Design Discussion; and What the Olsen Twins Got Right: Family in Fashion. After the panels conclude on both days, at 6:15pm, the runway shows begin, including SXSW musician/models Andrea Balency, Blitz the Ambassador, Candy Claws, Erin Ivey, Maya Azucena, Radiation City, Record Summer, Schmillion, Speak, and Torae. Catch this event in this, its second year, and be among those who are witnessing the genesis of what will surely become an international sensation.





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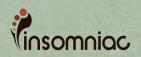
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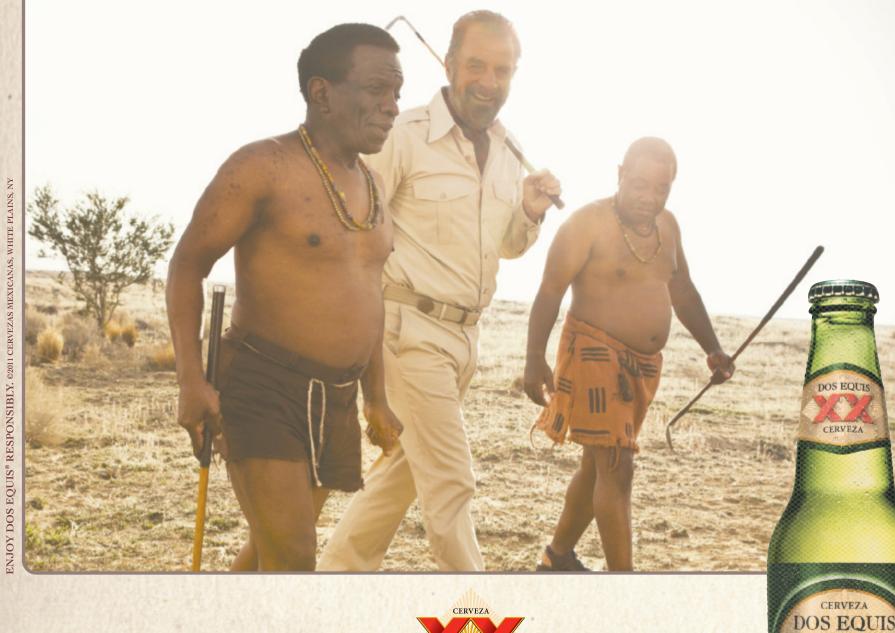
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SOUTH BY N. LAMAR Love up on the power of women in music: Kiya Heartwood, Zoe Lewis, Noelle Hampton, Christy Claxton, Nancy Scott, Stefanie Fix, Jan Seides, Meg Barnhouse, Jean Synodinos, Therapy Sisters, and more. 8pm. BookWoman, 5501 N. Lamar Ste. 105-A, 472-2785. www.ebookwoman.com

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SXSW MUSIC: HURRAY FOR THE RIFF RAFF

Alynda Lee Segarra's smoky, folky vocals will set you on a course to trainhoppin' wanderland. 11pm. Treasure Island Pirate Bar, 413 E. Sixth, 476-4466.

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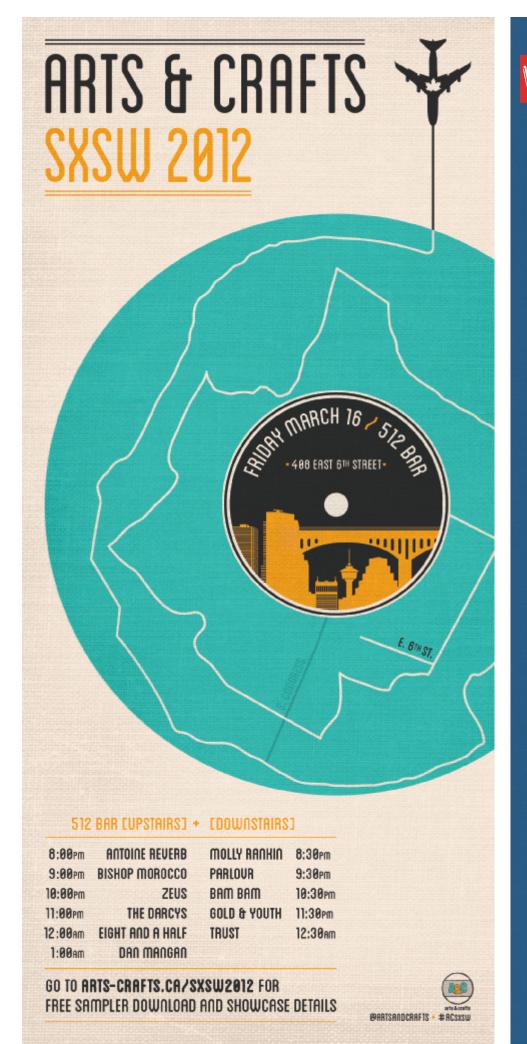
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This is our fifth consecutive year at South by Southwest. The first time we came to Austin was in 2008. That first time flooded our hearts.

You can feel the powerful passion for music coming from Austin and the energy in the air, thick as it is - almost touchable. All these feelings come together with the fact that SXSW has become our point of reunion with old friends and bands from everywhere - bands that we meet on the road while touring all year long in Europe, the states, and South America. This mix makes it one of our highest moments of the year and the beginning of our year on the road.

In Europe, we spend many months touring in the van, from the sun to the snow, from the beach to the mountains, crossing cities from old to modern. Dreams, roads, and guitars. Every year, coming to Austin is unique and special.

This one we're arriving at after being submerged for a whole week of recording sessions at Water Music Recording Studios in Hoboken, N.J., with pro-

ducer/sound magician John Agnello. The week was very high in energy and creativity. Recording consisted of our immersion into David Bowie's album The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders From Mars, a disc and artist that means so much for Capsula.

CAPSULA'S **THURSDAY** SHOWCASE: 9PM, THE IRON BEAR

Turned into Bowie's martians, we took the plane from NYC to Chicago. On the plane from Chicago to Austin, we started feeling the Austin atmosphere. For a band coming from Bilbao, Spain, SXSW has been the place where we've made lots of friends to spread the sound and love for guitars, albums, and awesome live music, onstage and down in front of the stage.

We have seen lots of great bands playing in small venues, face to face, receiving their full energy, from icons to new bands. And we also love to be the band onstage ready to give you our wild diamond of sounds. Now that our album In the Land of Silver Souls (see "SXSW Records Thursday," March 16) has been released in America, you will see us much more often touring in the States.



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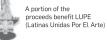
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'MOJO' EDITOR-IN-CHIEF PHIL ALEXANDER SPOTLIGHTS THE BEST NEW BRITISH TALENT AT SXSW

Benjamin Francis Leftwich

9pm, Latitude 30

Five years ago, the idea of a genuine singer-songwriter getting signed in the UK was a prospect possibly only reserved for the James Blunts of this world. In the time that's elapsed, however, Britain has truly learned to sing again, producing an underground scene where talent can be nurtured and where voices can truly develop.

Possibly the most visible aspect of that scene has coalesced around the club nights hosted by Communion, an amalgam of right-thinking folk that includes Mumford & Sons' Ben Lovett, ex-Cherbourg bassist Kevin Jones (now in Bear's Den), and producer lan Grimble. Communion assembles wonderfully democratic bills based on musical merit rather than any kind of snobbery.

In fact, as you read this, it will have hosted a bash at Maggie Mae's Rooftop on Wednesday, with Bear's Den on the bill alongside Marcus Foster, Nathaniel Rateliff, and the Treetop Flyers, among others. A sec-

ond night follows tomorrow – more of which you can read about in tomorrow morning's edition of the *Chronicle*. But one of tonight's musical highlights is a performance by Communion acolyte Benjamin Francis Leftwich, a man who's slowly carved out a formidable live reputation in the UK.

Now 22, Leftwich began doing what most aspiring musicians do: playing covers. In his case, he turned mostly to latter-day indie rock typified by his rendition of Arcade Fire's "Rebellion," sticking his version up on YouTube. There Leftwich began to realize that an audience wasn't

beyond him.

FOUR MORE BRITS

FOR THURSDAY:

Spectrals

Swan Dive, 8pm

Savaging Spires

Beale Street Tavern, 9pm

Marcus Foster

Creekside at Hilton

Garden Inn, 12mid

The Jessie Rose Trip

Victorian Room at

the Driskill, 11pm

As his taste developed and stretched into the classicism of Bruce Springsteen, so too his ability grew, and the quiet York-born singer began writing his own songs. Playing live added to his confidence, and an appearance on Communion's first album (a version of which was subsequently cover-mounted with *Mojo* magazine), while EP *A Million Miles Out* announced him to the wider world.

Since then, Leftwich has recorded and released his debut album, Last Smoke Before the Snowstorm, which was produced by Grimble. An easy listen, the album's divided opinion, certain critics viewing it as safe, OC-approved post-folk

even as others applaud Leftwich's burnished songwriting, his hushed, summer tones drawing distinct comparisons with José Gonzalez.

Certainly he lacks the musical bombast of his hero Bruce on material like "Pictures" and the outstanding "Box of Stones," but Leftwich does little to hide his desire to follow in



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Springsteen's footsteps and seduce the masses. Catch him tonight, and he may well seduce you, admittedly without sweating, rocking, or bellowing to the same extent as this year's keynote speaker.



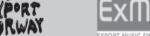




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Brazos

8:30pm, Mohawk Patio

Like Will Sheff and Annie Clark before him, indie-pop songwriter Martin Crane knew when it was time to leave Texas and try his luck in the big city.

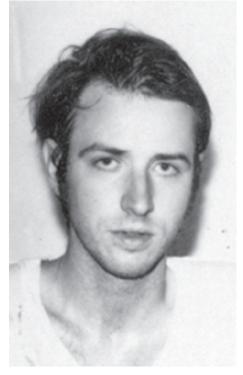
"I left quietly," the Brazos leader says of his unannounced departure in January 2011. "I was a feeling a little stagnant. I needed a change of pace. I had gone through many layers of change. I needed to shed everything."

It's easy to understand why. In late 2009, Brazos released its full-length debut, Phosphorescent Blues, a stunning album of buoyant pop built on Crane's winding narratives and curiously colorful production that recalled the work of Jon Brion in Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind. Despite earning local praise and a national tour with White Denim, the album was never picked up for broader release.

But it did catch the attention of Dead Oceans, the Austin-based label offshoot of Jagjaguwar and Secretly Canadian. The indie label signed Brazos early this year, and a new album is expected in late summer or early fall. Thus far, Crane has about 15 new songs tracked with new Brooklyn bandmates, bassist Spencer John and drummer lan Shane.

"My idea of a perfect song used to be like a poem in the ways that the structure of a thought unfolds, without repeating much, just moving forward and ending with a small conclusion," Crane says. "But what's exciting me about some of the new songs is that they have a couple of lyrical voices where the perspective changes with the melody. It's almost musical theatre or something. That's been fun to explore. One person can view a problem from several different angles."

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While Crane's found success in NYC, he's looking forward to visiting Austin.

"I'm definitely going to go to Broken Spoke, and then I'll hit up Red's shooting range. Those are the two things I've missed the most. Two-stepping is the best. It's a whole world of chivalry and really excellent - Austin Powell

Big Star 'Third' Concert

9pm, Paramount Theatre

While its first two LPs were released under the impression that superstardom was waiting in the wings, by the time 1978 rolled around, Memphis, Tenn., power-pop outfit Big Star suffered no such ambitions. The album resulting from this slow disillusion - the band's last in its original incarnation - was sarcastic, incendiary, and a frequently frustrated work released that same year as Third/Sister Lovers.

It's also Big Star's best.

Alex Chilton, the lead singer, guitarist, and driving force behind the band, died in New Orleans on March 17, 2010, just prior to his appearance at South by Southwest. Musicians came together at Antone's on the final night of the Festival days later to pay tribute to a musician ignored in his time but revered in another.

This year, Big Star's legend gets added perspective with a SXSW documentary about the band called Big Star: Nothing Can Hurt Me (see "The Ballad of Big Star," Screens, March 9) combined with a performance of Third/Sister Lovers by a band featuring "musical director" Chris Stamey, as well as members of REM, the Posies, and more. The performance gets a local infusion through the Tosca String Quartet, who've been practicing along with the album since Stamey first got in contact with them in the fall to prepare.

"My husband and I are both pretty big fans," deadpans Ames Asbell, violist in Tosca. "To the extent that I walked down the aisle to an instrumental version of 'Thirteen.'"

Not exactly wedding music, but Asbell still finds Third/Sister Lovers more nuanced than its reputation implies.

"You may think of it having a melancholy feel overall, but I think within each tune there are moments of light and dark, and just trying to search out the mood of the moment is really important."

- Adam Schragin

'll Be a Blue Moon in the Dark' Alex Chilton 1950-2010

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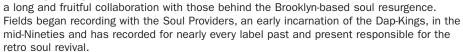
10pm, ND at 501 Studios

"I consider myself a true soul man," declares Lee Fields with a confident laugh.

It's hard to argue with the North Carolina native. He's been on the grind since cutting his first single in 1969, an aching cover of James Brown's "Bewildered" that helped earn him the nicknames Little J.B. and Soul Brother No. 2. He's been at it ever since, in a journeyman's career full of hills and valleys.

"Oh man, more downs than ups, but the ups have been so beautiful," he says.

Among the highs has been



"I'm the first guy that they started with, before Sharon Jones or anybody. I was into heavy blues and Southern soul at the time, and was humming the charts with the Southern soul thing. When I first met these guys, they were young kids. Gabe Roth [Daptone co-owner] was in his first year of college and most of the band members were around 16 years old."

With this unlikely crew behind him, Fields released the hard-hitting *Problems* in 2002 and the modern-soul classic *My World* in 2009. Latest album *Faithful Man* on Truth & Soul taps into the same slow burn that made "Honey Dove" one of the best R&B tracks of the last 15 years. The live performance doesn't disappoint either.

"What we try to achieve every night is a moment of euphoria, a few moments of total bliss. We want people to feel like they've been somewhere. For a moment, no matter what problems you might have or how downhearted you may be, all those things have been lifted. "You can't stay there, but you gotta go there for a minute."

— Thomas Fawcett

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Seun Kuti & Egypt 80

12:30am, Copa

Seun Kuti, youngest son of Afrobeat pioneer and political firebrand Fela Kuti, is acutely self-aware.

The 29-year-old grew up in Nigeria's Kalakuta compound, his father's radical ganja-smoke-filled commune where it was routine for hundreds of people to stay at any given time. He knows most people wouldn't consider it a normal childhood.

The younger Kuti started performing at age 8 when he opened shows at the Shrine – Fela's infamous Lagos nightclub – by covering his father's Afrocentric fusion of jazz, funk, and fury. When the elder Kuti died in 1997, his Egypt 80 band was on the verge of breaking up until Seun stepped in as lead singer and saxophonist despite being only 14 years old.

"Being Fela's son shaped my ideas and who I am," reflects the bandleader. "I accepted that a long time ago. It's very important to know who you are, but even more important is being able to accept it."

Seun's now the one railing against injustice over blaring horns and pounding polyrhythms. Last year's *From Africa With Fury: Rise* on Knitting Factory is an urgent call to action with corrupt politicians and corporations squarely in its crosshairs. Music is still the weapon, and the Afrobeat scion sees recent protests as proof of progress.

"Back in the day, Africans were easily manipulated by the government and propaganda in the newspaper, but not anymore," he states. "Look at Occupy Nigeria and you'll see that Africans are more educated and progress has been made in the move-



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ment. This new generation of Africans carries the boulders of their fathers on their shoulders, and I think that has to stop.

"We have to break free from the norm of oppression and corruption in Africa."

When that day comes, Seun Kuti believes his father deserves credit.

"Afrobeat represents part of a bigger institution of change in Africa. In the bigger picture, when Africa starts living up to its potential, Kalakuta and the Shrine will be monuments of freedom and change."

— Thomas Fawcett





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Tommy Stinson

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Tommy Stinson might be a hero. Not bad for a bass player, much less one who's been in two incongruously influential bands.

"I've been a replacement longer than I've been a Replacement."

Tommy Stinson cops to cribbing the joke ("Everyone's been making it"), and while it seems bizarre to contemplate, do the math. Stinson's stint replacing Duff McKagan in Guns n' Roses is now longer than his tenure doing the same job for the Replacements. But Stinson isn't heroic for any gig he's held down with four strings, nor does simply surviving Axl qualify him for a cape. He's merely transforming lives in the poorest country in our hemisphere.

"After the [2010] earthquake in Haiti, I'd see a lot of stuff going on about it and I just felt like I wanted to help," he says.

Many people want to help. Plenty even do, mostly by writing a check. Stinson had done the same in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, donating to the Red Cross.

"I was completely disappointed with what they did," he says. "So I decided with Haiti, if I'm going to do anything, I've got to get involved emotionally and get down there and see what's going on. I didn't feel that giving money blind to some entity to hopefully do the right thing was going to work again."

After making a trip to Haiti to see the devastation first-hand, Stinson found the Timkatec school.

"People I had made connections with said there's the school that takes abandoned homeless kids off the street and teaches them a trade. Hopefully they'll be the kids that'll rebuild their country. I just thought that was a winning prospect for something I could do to help."

Through an online auction, Stinson single-handedly raised \$40,000 for Timkatec. In the grand scheme of things, that's not a huge chunk of change, but that money funded an entire building extension and covered the entire first-year fees for over 20 students. Within a year of the earthquake, the extension was housing 200 and had graduated a record 61 kids.

Playing armchair psychologist, it's not hard to see where



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maybe some of this selflessness comes from. For someone who started in the 'Mats at all of 13, the years are starting to nile up

"I was talking to Paul [Westerberg] about it yesterday in fact, because [Replacements guitarist] Slim [Dunlap] is in the hospital. He had a major stroke. He's on the mend right now, but it's going to be a long fucking mend, and you get to that age where people start popping off or getting sick," says Stinson, who comes to South by Southwest to work last

year's under-the-radar but stellar solo effort One Man Mutiny.

"It makes you think about your mortality a little bit more than you want to," he muses. "When Alex Chilton died, it was the first sort of All of these guys that I know died in a very short amount of time. They were all young, you know. Rock & roll is not kind to the health, I'll put it that way.

"It's a stressful existence."

Hey, nobody said being heroic was ever going to be easy.

- Michael Bertin





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REVIEWS

Narrative Feature Competition D: Megan Griffiths; with Jamie Chung, Matt O'Leary, Beau Bridges

To call this a magnificently told tale would discount its history, undersell its breathtaking cinematography, and vastly oversimplify the nuanced tragedy Megan Griffiths has brought to life. Based on one woman's true story (but no doubt informed by hundreds or thousands of others), Eden bravely examines an unsavory atrocity, a corner of our society that media largely ignores and many desperately try to forget: human trafficking and sex slavery. As the young, abducted Hyun Jae (renamed Eden in captivity), Jamie Chung gives a dynamic performance, exhibiting extraordinary growth in her character as she attempts to usurp power from those depraved degenerates who have taken everything from her. Her climb toward empowerment is wholly captivating. Combine that with an entrancing soundtrack, the beauty of the immense landscape, and a truly impressive supporting cast, and it's hard to deny Eden's success. This is a visceral, haunting work that will not soon be forgotten by any who see it.

- Monica Riese

Thursday, March 15, 3:30pm, Alamo Ritz

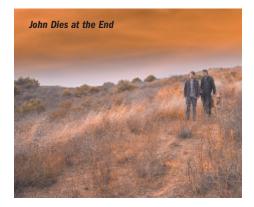
SUN DON'T SHINE

Emerging Visions

D: Amy Seimetz; with Kate Lyn Sheil, Kentucker Audley

An enigmatic Southern Gothic that wends its way over and around the back roads of Southern Florida, this haunting and mysterious film feels like a fever dream. Moody Crystal (Sheil) and boyfriend Leo (Audley) are close enough in tone to Badlands' Kit and Holly to be distant family, although what this pair is running from isn't evident to the viewer at first. When the truth in the trunk is revealed, the stakes are raised and questions of sanity, truth, and love envelop the couple like a dark, starless night. Sheil has a formidable screen presence, all pouts and wild mood swings. Audley is, in his own way, just as arresting, the cool head with the dangerous heart. High praise goes to cinematographer Jay Keitel, whose work here brings new meaning to the world "sultry." - Marc Savlov

Thursday, March 15, 11:15am, Alamo Lamar



God Gave Rock & Roll to Her

'Electrick Children'

Last month, Electrick Children had its world premiere at the Berlin Film Festival. Which is pretty remarkable when you consider that the film's writer/director, Rebecca Thomas, is still in film school and Electrick Children is her first feature. Even more remarkable is that Thomas didn't even start writing the script until last April, which means barely 11 months passed between the moment she first put pen to paper (or finger to iPad) and when her movie opened at one of the most prestigious film festivals in the world. If Thomas weren't so nice, I would hate her with great enthusiasm.

Electrick Children is a modern-day retelling of the Virgin Mary story set in a small fundamentalist Mormon colony in rural Utah. Thomas' story follows Rachel (the brilliant Julia Garner), a 15-year-old innocent who believes God has caused her to immaculately conceive a child by way of a rock song she hears on a forbidden cassette tape. Convinced that the voice on the tape is the father of the child, Rachel sneaks off to Las Vegas in search of love and religious revelation.

"I was raised in Las Vegas, in a normal Mormon upbringing," Thomas says. "But my grandparents lived in southern Utah, and we would visit them and see the FLDS [Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints]. I was intrigued by it because I had seen it my whole life and wondered about the places where Mormonism and fundamentalism overlapped. I really wanted to adapt the Virgin Mary story, and I thought if there was ever a girl who thought she had gotten pregnant by God

or by some force, it would probably be someone from one of these sheltered places."

Thomas wrote the screenplay for *Electrick Children* after her second year at the Columbia University School of the Arts. She and her producer, Jessica Caldwell, also a Columbia student, had planned to shoot the film on a microbudget simply for the experience, but after producer Richard Neustadter expressed interest in Thomas' screenplay, Electrick Children suddenly had a real budget and access to a casting director. Soon, Billy Zane (Titanic), Cynthia Watros (Lost), and Rory Culkin (You Can Count on Me) were onboard.





Writer/director Rebecca Thomas

ELECTRICK CHILDREN **Emerging Visions** Thursday, March 15, 5:30pm, Violet Crown

To capture the hidden life of a notoriously secretive and suspicious sect, Thomas visited several polygamist colonies in Utah. She wanted to translate, without judgment, the rituals of a group that has been plagued in recent years by allegations of widespread, even institutional, abuse of children and women. Though the plot of Electrick Children hinges on the forced marriage of a minor, Thomas says she was more interested in exploring faith through the eyes of a believer than in debating the more controversial religious practices of the FLDS.

'The movie is subjective; it's told through Rachel's eyes, and I don't think she can see the controversial things," Thomas says. "As the audience, since you're in her POV, you can feel that there's something else going on, but you still remain in her subjective view believing this thing really happened, but she never really gets into the details of it. She just accepts this thing and goes with it.

"I want people to think about the repercussions of faith in a good light and in a negative light. I want there to be a conversation. I want to keep my mind open. I love existence and I love talking about it. I love thinking about faith and what it means and if there's something else out there or if it's just us. That's something that haunts me, and I'm sure you'll see more movies from me about it." Josh Rosenblatt

JOHN DIES AT THE END

Midnighters

D: Don Coscarelli; with Chase Williamson, Rob Mayes, Paul Giamatti, Clancy Brown

Don Coscarelli's 2002 film, Bubba Ho-Tep, marked a major shift for the creator of the Phantasm series. Sure, it's got an evil mummy, but Bubba was more quirky and funny than scary. Now, a decade later, Coscarelli's topped himself with John Dies at the End, which begs to be compared to something, anything. Ghostbusters? Sure, two wisecracking twentysomethings hunt otherworldly creepies. Pulp Fiction? The dialogue and plot structure certainly rival Ouentin Tarantino's best. Adventures in Babysitting? Why not. The truth is Coscarelli has adapted David Wong's book into a singularly slick, otherworldly adventure tale about two guys who take a drug known as soy sauce that gives them psychic powers while unleashing

alien baddies intent on destroying the world. Told in a disjointed flashback, the film is funny, well-acted, slickly made, sometimes confusing, and sometimes mystical, but always engaging. Coscarelli said the version screened at South by Southwest included edits and better effects than the cut at its Sundance premiere. It's odd to predict a career-changer for a director who's been at it since the Seventies, but don't be surprised if John comes alive for an audience well beyond diehard genre fans. - Joe O'Connell

Thursday, March 15, 11:59pm, Alamo Ritz

DECODING DEEPAK

Headliners

D: Gotham Chopra

Beware when sons point movie cameras at their famous dads. Especially when Dad happens to be Deepak Chopra, the bestselling author of 65 books and the mind-

body-spirit guru to everyone from the late Michael Jackson to Lady Gaga - even hailed by Mikhail Gorbachev. Gotham Chopra set off for a year of reflective quality time with his dad, starting with a stop-off in Bangkok, Thailand, where Deepak was to be ordained as a Buddhist priest. Will anyone be surprised to learn that even Ayurvedic gurus have feet of clay - or strong attachments to their BlackBerries, five-star hotels, and Starbucks? Or that Dad was not the greatest, most attentive of fathers? Always the reveal in this genre of softcore Daddy Dearest films is the inevitable affection deficit lurking in the family history – even with the New Age dad who should have known better. Luckily, Gotham is a nice, understanding guy who doesn't carry a grudge. - Anne S. Lewis

Thursday, March 15, 11am, Vimeo

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DOCUMENTARY FEATURES

Decoding Deepak (Headliners)	11:00am, Vimeo ACC						
Eating Alabama (Emerging)	11:30am, Lamar C						
Wildness (Emerging)	Noon, Violet 1						
Cubaton - El Medico Story (SXGlobal)	1:30pm, Violet 2						
Uprising: Hip Hop & The LA Riots (24 Beats)	1:30pm, Lamar A						
The Central Park Effect (Doc Comp)	1:45pm, Lamar C						
Last Call at the Oasis (Fest Faves)	2:00pm, Lamar B						
Mustafa's Sweet Dreams (SXGlobal)	2:00pm, Ritz 2						
Shut Up & Play the Hits (24 Beats)	2:00pm, Stateside						
Dreams of Life (Fest Faves)	3:15pm, Violet 1						
Grandma Lo-fi (24 Beats)	3:45pm, Violet 2						
Jeff (Doc Comp)	3:45pm, Lamar A						
Just Like Being There (Doc Spot)	4:15pm, Vimeo ACC						
La Camioneta (Emerging)	5:45pm, Violet 1						
Under African Skies (24 Beats)	6:45pm, Vimeo ACC						
Big Star: Nothing Can Hurt Me (Doc Spot)	7:00pm, Paramount						
Girl Model (Doc Spot)	7:00pm, Lamar A						
The Imposter (Doc Spot)	7:15pm, Lamar B						
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Code of the West (Doc Spot)	9:30pm, Vimeo ACC						
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SPECIAL EVENT

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NARRATIVE FEATURES

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In Our Nature (Category)	11:00am, Stateside
King Kelly (Category)	11:00am, Ritz 2
Bijuka (Category)	11:15am, Violet 2
Sun Don't Shine (Category)	11:15am, Lamar A
Eden (Category)	3:30pm, Ritz 1
Pilgrim Song (Category)	3:30pm, Lamar C
Sleepwalk With Me (Category)	4:30pm, Ritz 2
Lovely Molly (Category)	4:45pm, Lamar B
Gayby (Category)	5:00pm, Stateside
Electrick Children (Category)	5:30pm, Violet 2
Los Chidos (Category)	6:15pm, Ritz 1
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Daylight Savings (Category)	7:00pm, Ritz 2
Francine (Category)	7:30pm, Violet 1
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See Girl Run (Category)	9:15pm, Lamar C
Booster (Category)	9:45pm, 7:30pm, Stateside
Extracted (Category)	9:45pm, Violet 1
Compliance (Category)	10:00pm, Violet 2
Intruders (Category)	11:30pm, Ritz 2
The Tall Man (Category)	11:30pm, Lamar A
Citadel (Category)	12mid, Lamar B
John Dies at the End (Category)	12mid, Ritz 1

SHORTS PROGRAMS

SXGlobal Shorts 11:00am, Violet 1

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Documentary Spotlight

D: Kevin Mazur

Longtime photog to the stars Kevin Mazur's first doc about the bad photogs to the stars, aka the paparazzi, is a true crowdpleaser. Encouraged by his A-list celeb friends to make this film, Mazur takes an in-depth look at how media and tabloid bounties like the Jennifers (Lopez and Aniston) - as well as Sarah Jessica Parker, Shervl Crow, and Elton John, to name just a few - are preyed upon and their privacy obliterated by those ruthless paparazzi who hide in the bushes and hover over their weddings and backyard pools in helicopters. It's a fun, slick, glossy, and fast-moving snapshot of the myriad conflicting and converging interests, bottom lines, and cellulite shots that conspire to ensure that the big-ticket product the paparazzi sell to outlets, both sleazy and mainstream, ain't going away anytime soon. If you need more proof of that, just think about why you came to see this film. - Anne S. Lewis

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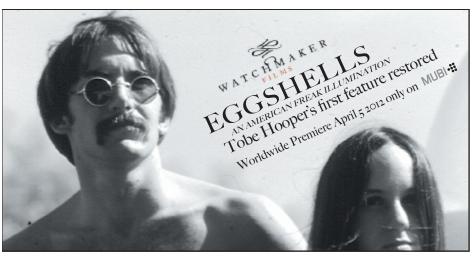
CODE OF THE WEST

Emerging Visions

D: Rebecca Richman Cohen

Navigating the world of drug policy in the U.S. can be a daunting task. It's a world where public opinion clashes often with law and where misinformation steeped in fear can quickly dominate the conversation. Rebecca Richman Cohen's doc illuminates well these issues by focusing on the saga of medical marijuana in Montana. A law to legalize medipot there passed with widespread bipartisan support. But when lawmakers subsequently failed to adequately regulate the new industry, a repeal movement quickly grew and

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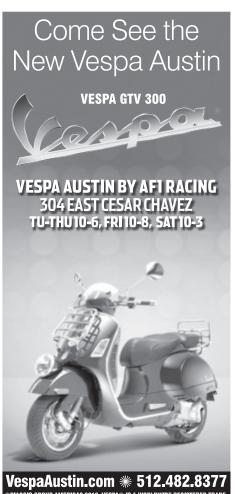
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tramples state sovereignty. Code of the West is a must-see for anyone interested in drug reform and patients' - or states' - rights. - Jordan Smith

Thursday, March 15, 9:30pm, Vimeo; Friday, March 16, 9:30pm, SXSatellite: Alamo Slaughter

GIMME THE LOOT

Narrative Feature Competition D: Adam Leon; with Tashiana Washington, Ty Hickson

If The Wire and The Odyssey taught us only one thing, it's that sometimes the journey is more meaningful than the destination. So, yes, young graffiti artists Sofia (Washington), a softer, perhaps not-toodistant cousin of The Wire's Snoop, and Malcolm (Hickson), her hapless partner, are looking to tag one of New York City's biggest icons. But it's the gauntlet of NoHo flats, rival gangs, stolen goods, and Sirens they





run across - sometimes literally - en route to that target that keeps us hooked. There's a lot to be seen in the boroughs along the way, and so much more we'd typically overlook, but first-time feature director Adam Leon's shots are precise and full of detail; it almost doesn't even matter what's being said. What's important is the art, and Leon and his leads have a palpable passion for it. but they also aren't afraid to stop and smell the carnations along the way. - Monica Riese

Thursday, March 15, 7:30pm, Stateside

STARLET

Narrative Feature Competition D: Sean Baker; with Dree Hemingway, Besedka Johnson, Stella Maeve, James Ransone

What do porn, bingo, and a Chihuahua named Starlet have in common? They're somehow the humanizing elements in a movie about two vacuous, beautiful, skinny young things with perpetually mussed hair, Jane (Hemingway) and Melissa (Maeve), and a not-



so-sweet lady on the wrong side of 80 years old named Sadie (Johnson). Between them, it's hard to say who is the most crotchety. The former live in a nondescript L.A. apartment where they spend most days smoking pot in short shirts and boy underwear. It's a testament to their acting or the directing or to some other movie magic in this beautifully shot film that their special brand of whinypouty comes across not as grating but as comedic crossed with sweet and sometimes sad. Sadie, meanwhile, is the kind of sassy lady whose lawn you'd better get off of, except that Jane - who found some serious cash stashed in a Thermos bought at Sadie's yard sale - can't seem to stay away from her. Watching their relationship unfold, it turns out, is a lovely thing. - Nora Ankrum

Thursday, March 15, 6:30pm, Alamo Lamar

IN OUR NATURE

Narrative Spotlight

D: Brian Savelson; with Zach Gilford, John Slattery, Jena Malone, Gabrielle Union

Seth (Friday Night Lights' Gilford) and Andie (Malone) are two crazy Brooklyn kids in love and have stolen away to Seth's family cabin in the Catskills for a romantic weekend. Discomfort ensues when Seth's father, Gil (Slattery), and his girlfriend, Vicky (Union), arrive unexpectedly. The two men, whose filial relationship is deeply damaged, to say the least, circle testily around one another, making passive-aggressive jibes through conver-

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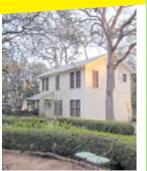
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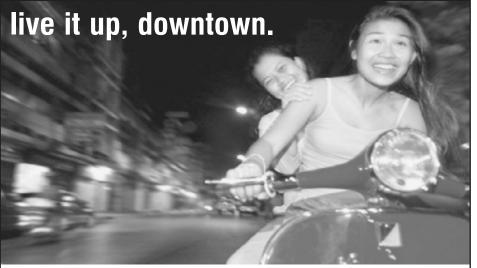




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Lovers of film comedy are familiar with that thing called the Lubitsch Touch, that ill-defined but readily identifiable quality that elevates Ernst Lubitsch's movies above the pack. The director's urbane comedies of manners are beloved for their intelligence and sophistication, sexual savoir faire, and humanistic understanding of social class. Often heady with excitement after watching great latter-day Lubitsch films such as Design for Living and Trouble in Paradise, viewers turn to his earlier silent films for greater insights into the filmmaker and wind up disappointed. Not only is so little of it available to view, but among what survives are several dramatic clunkers that demonstrate how even the great ones didn't always spring forth fully formed.

The Oyster Princess, an hour-long comedy from 1919, contains everything we have come to recognize as the Lubitsch Touch. The silent comedy tells the story of a rich oyster king and his daughter, Ossi, who becomes obsessed with the idea of marrying a prince. Her father locates an eligible monarch, who in turn sends his emis-



sarv, which leads to a royal mix-up. Austin's jazz/rock band Bee vs. Moth will accompany The Oyster Princess live with an original score it composed specifically for this silent film. - Marjorie Baumgarten

Thursday, March 15, noon, Alamo Ritz



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sations about food choices and materialism. Meanwhile, the two women are aghast to witness their partners' more unsavory sides; Seth assumes a defensive pose and lashes out childishly while Gil barks at and browbeats his son, apparently his default parenting method. The scenery is lovingly shot, and the bucolic setting is a genius counterpoint to the ugliness that lurks beneath the lovers' facades. The weak link here is Malone, who scans as a dippy rendition of Kristen Stewart with a hideous wardrobe. - Melanie Haupt

Thursday, March 15, 11am, Stateside

THE IMPOSTER

Festival Favorites D: Bart Layton

On its surface. The Imposter is a documentary about a young boy's disappearance and the bizarre, possibly sociopathic opportunist who attempted to assume his identity. Digging more deeply, the film is also about the lengths to which people will go to deceive themselves and others. What lies will people tell themselves when they desperately want - or need - them to be true? Just as the true story pushes the boundaries of believability, so do the film's narrative techniques push the boundaries of the documentary trope. The dramatized scenes bleed into the narration and

clips of old American police shows are spliced in to stand in for the act of calling the police; these are just two of the ways the filmmakers comment upon how various layers of simulacra factor into daily existence. When the commingling of fantasy and reality constantly fog the consciousness, it's a wonder any of us can tell which end is up. - Melanie Haupt

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FRANCINE

Emerging Visions

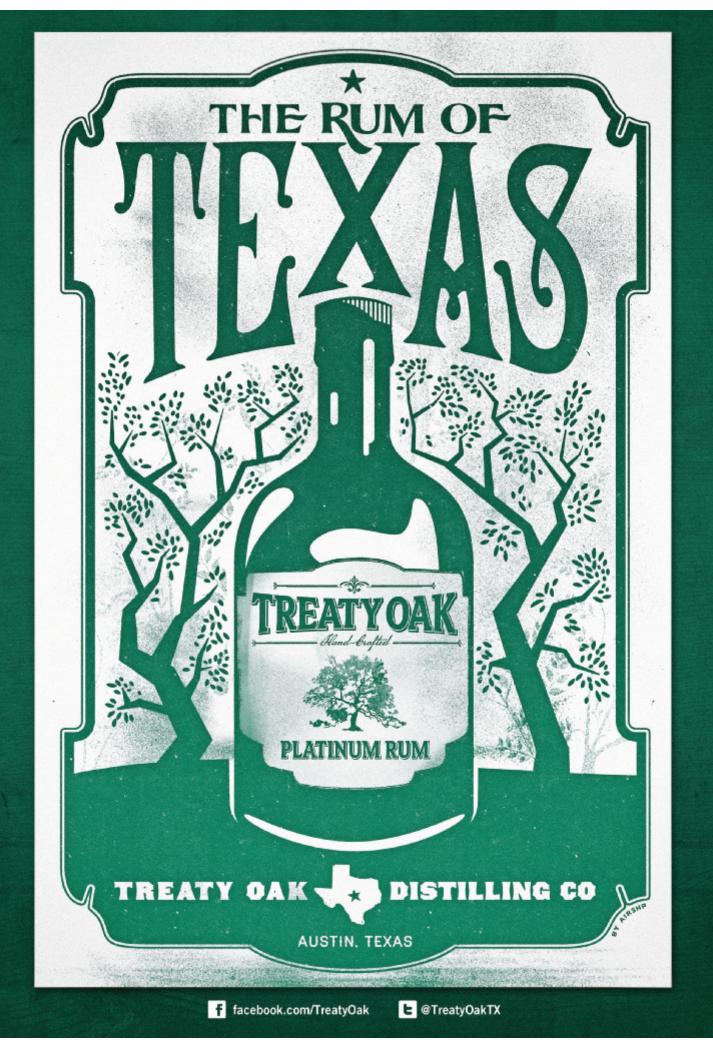
D: Brian M. Cassidy, Melanie Shatzky; with Melissa Leo, Keith Leonard, Victoria Charkut

Despite being an acutely observed portrait of a woman, Francine curiously raises more questions than it answers. Filmmakers Cassidy and Shatzky, making their narrative feature debut after directing several documentaries, bring their observational skills to the fore as they home in on Francine, who has just been released from prison for a crime that's never specified and returns to a rural bungalow (in an unspecified locale). She embarks on a series of jobs, all of them around animals, and she appears to have more connection to these creatures than to humans. Francine is clearly damaged, but we never learn the cause. Because Francine is portrayed by Melissa Leo, one of the most brilliant of all contemporary actors, this unhappy character is complexly moving and enormously compelling. Naked in a prison shower in the film's opening scene, Francine clearly does not shy away from exposure, yet this gripping character consistently resists full revelation. - Marjorie Baumgarten

Thursday, March 15, 7:30pm, Violet Crown

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The Path to Enlightenment

'Pilgrim Song'

Pink-slipped at the end of the school year, music teacher James (Timothy Morton) registers no obvious emotion regarding his termination. Neither delighted by being cut loose from the daily grind nor angered or fearful about his fate, James merely packs his things and drives off, rejecting the principal's kind offer to help him find other work. This is the pilgrim we get to know over the next hour and a half: an unmoored man in transit. Back at home, he's aloof if not downright cold toward his live-in girlfriend Joan (played by Karrie Crouse, who also co-wrote the screenplay with director Martha Stephens). Meanwhile, he packs camping gear for a trip and raids his penny jar to make ready for his journey. James is going to leave Louisville and hike Kentucky's Sheltowee Trace Trail.

"He's not a really extremely nice guy. He's fun to watch but he's not always nice. He's selfish," says Stephens of her protagonist, James. For this filmmaker, hooking viewers with ingratiating characters is not necessarily part of her game plan. The journey that characters undergo is what piques Stephens' curiosity. Initially, James' journey occurs in silence as he hikes and communes with nature. Bit by bit, however, his solitude is interrupted by other wanderers. At a barn dance, he succumbs to infidelity, and later on, James is befriended by a man and his young son who are living in a camper. It's here that James makes a midnight confession that releases a weight from his shoulders. "Karrie's from North Carolina; I'm from Kentucky," Stephens offers by way

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of explanation. "And salvation and redemption are everywhere. Religion is everywhere. And with James [that admission] is his salvation, at least admitting it to himself. He's such a pent-up person, his unhappiness is so bottled-up that admitting all this is like him releasing it. We see him really vulnerable for the first time, and it's rewarding to us to see him vulnerable."

The journey that James undergoes is inward and lyrical. It's informed by nature as much as it is by the characters he

meets. In this regard, Stephens' work has much in common with her fellow graduates of the University of North Carolina School of the Arts, whose work tends to strongly reflect the region's natural environment. "We went to school in Winston-Salem, which is a city, but we are surrounded by the Piedmont," Stephens reflects. "It's just hills and stuff, and maybe there's something about the slower pace of life in the South and in North Carolina that makes slower movies. Maybe if I went to school in New York, I might be more in tune with city life. ... I mean, you write what you know, right? So if filmmakers are living in small apartments in New York and just broke up with their girlfriend, then they're going to write about that. I actually live in West Virginia; I don't live in

Los Angeles or New York."

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Still, there's a lyricism in Pilgrim PILGRIM SONG Song that is purely Stephens and can't be chalked up to the influence of her natural surroundings. The film unfolds in poetic vignettes, as if we are witnessing elliptical moments from James' trek.

Stephens confesses to strong literary influences in her work. Cormac McCarthy and John Steinbeck are among her favorite writers. But movies, especially some from the Seventies, have also had a strong impact on her. "I love breathing room in movies," says Stephens. "I'm sad that audiences can't be more patient sometimes with slow, methodical stories." It's true that Stephens builds movies that beat with your respiration, yet their power still manages to take your breath away.

- Marjorie Baumgarten

CITADEL

Midnighters

D: Ciarán Foy; with Aneurin Barnard, James Cosmo, Wunmi Mosaku

When Tolkien created Middle Earth, his shire was inspired by the rolling fields of pastoral England, Now Citadel's piss-stained take on urban blight reimagines the dilapidated Edenstown estate as a modern-day Mordor, roamed by orclike teens shrouded in puffy jackets. Embattled and besieged single dad Tommy (Barnard) is a dead ringer for Frodo midquest and Nurse Marie (Mosaku) is his ever-optimistic and loyal Sam, while James Cosmo's grizzled priest leads this fellowship as a blaspheming, surly Gandalf. Yet Tommy's precious is not the one ring but his baby daughter - and the orcs are always hunting for her. Foy's script keys into the UK's mediadriven "hoodie" scare, where kids were flesheating demon spawn, and makes it a literal

truth. This is the apocalypse of degeneration and collapse, and Foy ably and shockingly skates between the grounded and the gruesome, making a pedestrian tunnel as epic as the bridge of Khazad-dûm. - Richard Whittaker

Thursday, March 15, 12mid, Alamo Lamar

BLUE LIKE JAZZ

Narrative Spotlight D: Steve Taylor; with Marshall Allman, Claire Holt, Tania Raymonde

Don, played by Austinite Marshall Allman, is a Texas boy who is the youth minister's righthand man. Everything in his life makes sense until he discovers his mother and the youth minister are doing the nasty. His jazz-loving, free-spirited father offers an option out – a free ride at godless and deep-thinking Reed College in Oregon. Don hits the highway, hides his past, and parties hard. But he soon must





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JEFF

Documentary Feature Competition D: Chris James Thompson

If you weren't paying attention back in 1991 when the Jeffrey Dahmer serial murder story dominated front pages - 17 dismembered bodies discovered in Dahmer's apartment (parts of which he'd actually eaten) - this movie's for you. Director Chris James Thompson gets into it big time – despite his mother's disapproval - but takes a novel approach. He constructed his film using present-day interviews with the police detective who interrogated Dahmer, the medical examiner who processed the victims, and a neighbor who lived in the same apartment building with the killer. From them, the film fleshes out the many ways that this heinous crime affected those closely involved with it. The rest is filled in with archival footage and re-enactments, an actor playing Dahmer in imagined sequences of his daily life. How you react to the latter will likely turn on how you feel about the use of re-enactments in documentaries. - Anne S. Lewis

Thursday, March 15, 3:45pm, Alamo Lamar

LOVELY MOLLY

Festival Favorites

D: Eduardo Sanchez; with Gretchen Lodge, Johnny Lewis, Alexandra Holden

The Blair Witch Project shadows Eduardo Sanchez's career, but with a little distance, it now seems like the first step that lead to this blue-collar creeper. Newlywed Molly (Lodge)



is in trouble: The film opens with her holding a butcher knife to her own neck, telling a video camera, "It's not my fault." It's clear that she's a victim of something, but Sanchez skillfully obscures whether family secrets or eldritch forces are to blame. As with Amy Smart in Sanchez's underrated 2008 Chinese ghost story Seventh Moon, the movie thrives on Lodge's strange, textured, and brittle performance. It's also right to talk about Blair

Witch here as Sanchez has evolved its strongest parts: His sparing use of Molly's POV footage is as much a nod to his breakthrough creep show as the rattling soundtrack provided by Chicago post-rock giants Tortoise. Yet its real inheritance is a sense of powerlessness before the supernatural.

- Richard Whittaker

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BOOSTER

Narrative Feature Competition D: Matt Ruskin; with Nico Stone, Adam DuPaul, Seymour Cassel, Kristin Dougherty, Brian McGrail, Megan Hart

In custody and charged with armed robbery, Sean (McGrail) asks his little brother, Simon (Stone), to commit a few similar crimes to raise doubt about Sean's guilt. Simon's no saint, but violent crime lies outside his repertoire. Torn between helping his brother and the reality of the crimes he may commit, he turns to his friends Harold (Cassel), an aged criminal in his twilight years, and Paul (DuPaul), a longtime family friend familiar with the scene. Both Harold and Paul express what the audience knows as well: Simon is a good kid with no business in jail. Booster builds momentum, but it lacks concrete resolution. Still, it offers an honest glimpse into the lives of good people navigating bad situations. Wellplaced banter between the male characters and quiet familial moments nicely temper the film's overall serious tone. - Ashley Moreno

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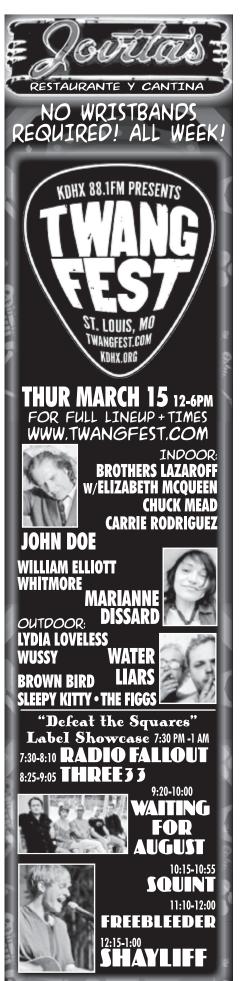
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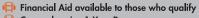
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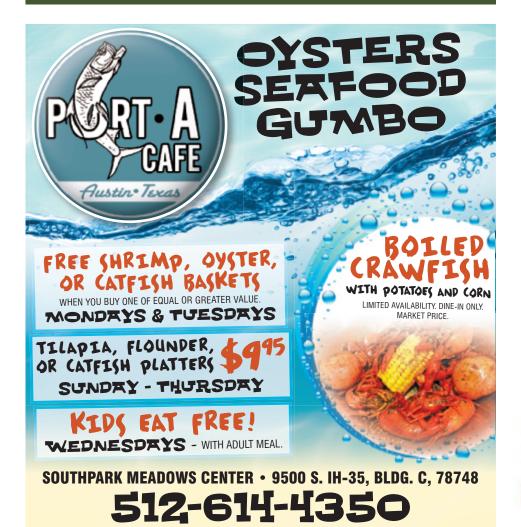
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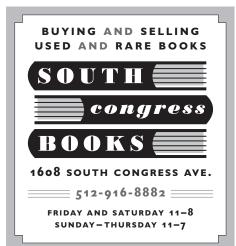




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WTF FEST Words, up. Sixties icon and revolutionary John "Ten for Two" Sinclair will be appearing with Mike Williams IX (frontman for EyeHateGod). The two will speak separately and together and perform with an ATX supergroup featuring Mike Flannery. Also: Ugly Shyla, showing some of her dark dolls and art; comic Rick Shapiro; and more. Thu., March 15, 1pm-1am. Ruta Maya, 3601 S. Congress Ste. D-200, 707-9637. Donations accepted. www.wtffest.com.

VISUAL ARTS

O DOMY BOOKS: THE ART OF WAYNE WHITE

The man who most famously - besides his many other tropes and triumphs - joined typography with paintings found at thrift stores to brilliant effect is celebrated with an exhibition, "Beauty is Embarrass ing." We should paint this word in warped woodgrained letters of three dimensions: Recommended Through April 19. 913 E. Cesar Chavez, 476-3669.

GALLERY SHOAL CREEK: MILT KOBAYASHI New figurative paintings by the popular New York artist who blends both Eastern and Western aesthetic forms. Through March 31. 2905 San Gabriel, 454-6671. www.galleryshoalcreek.com.

GRAYDUCK GALLERY: ABSURDITIES CREPT IN Jennifer Davis, Mark Nelson, and Terrence Payne smartly exploit patterns, candy colors, and imagery in this show of odd tales waiting to be told. Through April 1. 608-C W. Monroe, 826-5334. www.grayduckgallery.com.

HEATHER TOLLESON: SPIRAL PLEXUS Two thousand acrylic wind spinners, hooks, and swivels on a steel armature create a tapestry of color and movement that sparkles with the wind, reflecting sunlight off the polychrome array. Tolleson's bright cynosure 12 feet tall and 9 feet wide – presented by Art On The Way, improves the air right outside GSD&M. Through June 9. 828 W. Sixth. www.artontheway.com.

SOUTH AUSTIN POPULAR CULTURE CENTER: LUCKY 13 This collection of work from 1973-2012, curated by Emma Little, features paintings, drawings, etchings, gig posters, and collages by musicians who are also art ists: Grego Anderson, Bill & Ruth Carter, Joe Ely, Butch Hancock, Cleve Hattersley, Lissa Hattersley, Elizabeth Lee, Billy Perkins, Howard Rains, Jesse Sublett, Charlie Terrell, and Blackie White, Through April 14. 1516-B S. Lamar, 440-8318. www.samopc.org.

THOMAS BENTON HOLLYMAN: CHROMES Here are Kodachrome photographs that the late Hollyman shot from the 1940s through the 1950s while working on assignment for *Holiday* magazine. Featuring candid shots of many celebrities of the day: Jack Benny, Rita Moreno, Josephine Baker, Prince Vitaliano Borromeo, and others. *Through April* 14. 1202-A W. Sixth, 825-6866. www.bhollymangallery.com.

WALLY WORKMAN GALLERY: JENNIFER BALKAN Balkan's new show "Peep Holes" brings private relationships into public view, exploring the social circles of local lives, amplifying the beauty of her figurative work with patterns of circles literally among the people so sublimely rendered in oil and pencil. Recommended. Through March 31. 1202 W. Sixth, 472-7428. www.wallyworkmangallery.com

COMMUNITY

RODEO AUSTIN Not even South by Southwest can completely overshadow the other big party in town. As if the cattle-roping and bull-riding weren't enough, there will also be livestock contests, a barbecue cook-off

a carnival, and enough kid-friendly events to keep the ADD at bay. Oh yeah, artists such as Bret Michaels, Josh Turner, Demi Lovato, Glen Campbell, and many more will take the main stage. Go online for a complete list of events or to buy tickets and just follow the big, gleaming belt buckles. March 9-24. Travis County Expo Center, 7311 Decker, 854-4900. Fairgrounds admission: \$7 (\$4, children); carnival: \$32 (includes fairground admission); rodeo and concert: \$37-175 (includes fairground admission). www.rodeoaustin.com.

SPRING VEGETABLE GARDEN SEMINAR Come early to this popular seminar, and find out the recommended planting times for spring veggies and other helpful tips to grow food in your own backyard. Thu., March 15, 10am. Travis County AgriLife Extension, 1600-B Smith, 854-9600. Free. www.tcmastergardeners.org.

17TH STREET PARTY AT THE RAIL What? You want free magaritas, beer, and live music? Well, it is SXSW, so, OK. All of those things get you partying for a good cause: promoting youth entrepreneurship on the Eastside. Thu., March 15, 12-7pm. PeopleFund offices, 2921 E. 17th, 472-8087. Free. www.peoplefund.org/sxsw-party.

EAST BY NORTHEAST: CELEBRATING EAST AUSTIN Local food vendors and live music; really another day in East Austin, but there are health screenings too. Thu., March 15, 12-6pm. Marvin C. Griffin Building, 1009 E.11th. Free. www.austinexne.com

STATE DEPARTMENT CULTURAL EXCHANGE **OPPORTUNITIES** Have you made art that needs to be seen by other countries and cultures? If so, the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs wants to help. Red tape? We'd expect some. Thu., March 15, 4pm. Scottish Rite Theatre, 207 W. 18th, 974-7700. www.austincreates.com

MAMMO MIXERS Manicures, refreshments, and oh yeah, mammograms. Call to RSVP. Thu., March 15, 6pm. The Breast Center at St. David's Medical Center. 919 E. 32nd #111, 544-8800. Free. www.stdavids.com.

PALEOFX 2012 We somehow missed the "ancestral health" movement. Learn about fitness, nutrition, and self-help from experts who in turned learned from Neanderthals. Whatever about it, the people pictured on the website look very fit and happy. Not our thing, but we don't recommend you live like us. Through March 17. Stark Center, Darrell K. Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium. \$249 (\$249, students); \$99, oneday pass, www.paleofx.com

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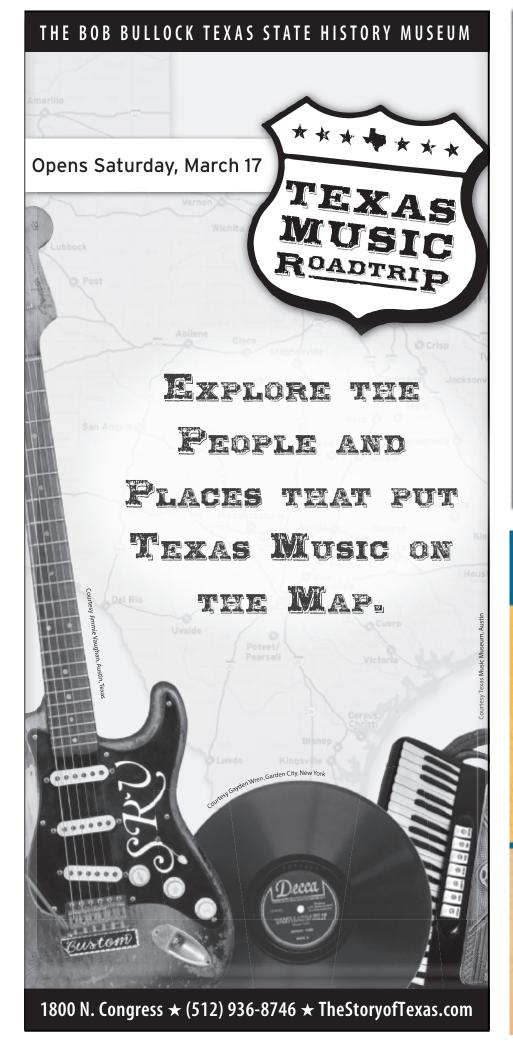
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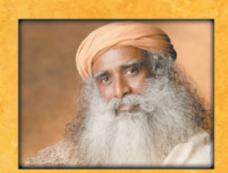
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