

Showcase

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LAUGH IT OFF

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FIRE UP THOSE FUNNY BONES



IF YOU GO
WHEN: 8-11:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16
WHERE: The Laugh Factory, 8880 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA

Imagine a show that combines the spry, irreverent wit of *Weekend Update* with the raucous, ribald humor of *Blues Brothers*...

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Lead by creative director Andrew Paul, local comedy troupe C&K improv provides a steady stream of laughs to the Valley with monthly performances at Butler's Coffee in Pasadena. (Clockwise from top left) C&K/Valley Press Inc.

Homegrown improv offers big city laughs

BY ANDREW SHACKLEY
There's nothing more fun than watching a group of improvisers in a room, creating a story on the spot. It's a unique experience that's both spontaneous and hilarious.