



[write to the editor](#) | [email a friend](#) | [print article](#) | [Write Your Comment](#)

## Israeli-Palestinian Comedy Tour

Cross-cultural comedians prove what's so funny about peace, love and understanding

By [Nick Keppler](#)

Published: March 20, 2008



"Israeli-Palestinian Comedy Tour" may seem like four words that shouldn't go together. Charley

Warady and Ray Hanania, the Israeli and Palestinian who founded just such a tour, beg to differ. Warady is a -Chicago-born comedian who appeared on Comedy Central before emigrating to Israel. Hanania, also a Chi-town native, is a Palestinian-American -journalist/commentator who authored the book *I'm Glad I Look Like a Terrorist*. Joining them are Aaron Freeman, a Second City comedy troupe graduate, and Yisrael Campbell, who jokes about being a Catholic convert to Orthodox Judaism. "You can take a joke that, if we had a serious discussion, would really create an emotional argument," Hanania told the Los Angeles Times. "But when you do it as a joke — me making fun of the wall, Charley making fun of the checkpoints — then everyone laughs. And everyone's unified for the moment." 6 p.m. Hobby Center, 800 Bagby. For tickets and information, call 713-522-7811 or visit [www.thehobbycenter.org](http://www.thehobbycenter.org). \$20 to 35.

Tue., March 25, 6:30 p.m., 2008

### Most Popular

Most Viewed [Most Commented](#) [Entertainment](#)

- [Barack Obama and Me](#)  
It was the year 2000 and I was a young hungry reporter in Chicago covering a young hungry state legislator
- [A Prison Cover-up During Hurricane Rita](#)  
For days after the storm, inmates in Beaumont lived without A/C, electricity or hot meals. Press releases kept saying everything inside was fine. Guards and prisoners agree — that was nothing but B.S.
- [Little Bitty Burger Barn](#)  
"It's okay to be little bitty in the big city" is an apt slogan for this new burger joint, where sliders rule
- [Live-Action Role-Players Get Boffed in Amtgard](#)  
Amid flailing swords and flying shields, these modern-day knights fight on

"Most Popular" tools sponsored by:



Houston Press  
**Menu of Menus**  
EXTRAVAGANZA 2008  
APRIL 1ST  
TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

#### Blogs

- [Secret Crimes of the Characters from "Gilligan's Island"](#)  
06:24AM 03/18/08
- [Last Week: Jason Webley at Notsuoh](#)  
06:06AM 03/19/08
- [Rockets-Celtics: Requiem for a Streak](#)  
09:31AM 03/19/08
- [\\$13 at Zake Sushi Lounge](#)  
11:41AM 03/18/08

#### Be Social



American Gangster  
Amy Sillman: Suitors...  
birth defects Bob Dylan



What we are writing about

Christmas Tree-O [Continental Club](#)

**Houston art** [Houston local music](#)

**Houston music stores** [Houston Rockets](#)

**Houston theater** [I'm Not There](#) [illegal immigrants](#)

[Main Street Theater](#) [McGonigel's Mucky Duck](#) [Meridian](#)

[Perspectives 158:...](#) [players' scoring averages](#) [Proletariat](#)

[Rudyard's Rumors](#) [Sig's Lagoon](#) [Somerville](#)

[Sound Exchange](#) [toxic industrial...](#) [Toyota Center](#)

[Turkeys of the Year](#) [Verizon Wireless Theater](#)

[Warehouse Live](#) [Wii](#)

#### Recent Articles

Search  
Advanced Archive Search >>

#### Houston Press Insiders

- Local food, music and news blasts
- Free Stuff

Subscribe

[backpage.com](#)

buy, sell, trade (5,408)  
musician (721)  
rentals (7,571)  
jobs (6,254)  
adult entertainment (4,305)



at the



March 29 & 30



**CLICK HERE FOR  
MORE INFO**

## Recent Articles By Nick Keppler

- ❖ [The Barbeque People](#)  
This family has more dirty secrets than the Sopranos
- ❖ [Chris Porter](#)  
This *Last Comic Standing* star recalls the late, great Bill Hicks
- ❖ [Harvest Festival](#)  
You can squish your wine and drink it too at Messina Hof
- ❖ ["Residential Architecture 1948-1966"](#)  
Hugo V. Neuhaus, Jr.'s work survives in demolition-happy Houston
- ❖ [Kenneth Scott](#)  
Local singer offers up folk-pop

## PERSONAL OF THE DAY



[sexy\\_woman\\_in\\_red](#)  
Why you should get to know me: "Because make-up is not a necessity."

[More Personals >>](#)

## National Features

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <p><b>Phoenix New Times</b><br/><a href="#">Canine Crusaders</a><br/>That drug-sniffing dog up ahead? He may not be your best friend.<br/><b>By Ray Stern</b></p> <p><b>Miami New Times</b><br/><a href="#">Picked On</a><br/>Farm workers earn nada in America's green-bean capital.<br/><b>By Janine Zeitlin</b></p> | <p><b>Broward-Palm Beach New Times</b><br/><a href="#">The Muscle Men</a><br/>Thanks to a string of Florida "anti-aging clinics," baseball's steroid scandal isn't limited to superstars.<br/><b>By Michael J. Mooney</b></p> <p><b>Village Voice</b><br/><a href="#">"Why I'm No Longer a Brain-Dead Liberal"</a><br/>An election-season essay from one of America's greatest playwrights.<br/><b>By David Mamet</b></p> |
|--|---|

## NOW CLICK THIS

- [Menu of Menu Tickets](#)
- [SXSW Showdown](#)
- [Ad Index](#)
- [Virtual Job Fair](#)
- [Literacy Through Photography & Houston Press](#)
- [Digital Jukebox](#)
- [High School Photo Contest](#)

[Write Your Comment](#)


7 1 3 . 5 2 4 . 2 3 3 3  
WWW.LAFFSTOP.COM  
526 waugh Drive @ Allen Pkwy.

[About Us](#) | [Work for Houston Press](#) | [Esubscribe](#) | [Free Houston Classifieds](#) | [National Advertising](#) | [Privacy Policy](#)  
[Problem With the Site?](#) | [RSS](#) | [Site Map](#)

©2008 Village Voice Media All rights reserved.

[Repage Jacket](#)

[POS System w/ Elo Touch Screen \(HARDWARE ONLY\)](#)

[Pitbull babies on the way Black Iron Bed w/frame](#)

[More buy, sell, trade ads](#)

IT'S A BIG WORLD.  
SEARCH IT.

 