

# NIGHT OUT

## Kevin Nealon laughs in the face of aging

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Kevin Nealon doesn't pull any punches when he talks about getting older.

The 55-year-old funnyman admits it surprises him when fans in their mid-30s approach him to say they grew up watching him on "Saturday Night Live." Yet, he turns the realization around and uses the guise of his advancing years to hilarious effect in many of his routines.

Springing from stand-up to mainstream success as a cast member of "SNL" from 1986-95, Nealon has since starred in films and appeared on other TV shows, like "Weeds."

He has consistently performed live, too. He comes to Cobb's Comedy Club in San Francisco for three nights this week, coinciding with the release of his new DVD special, "Now Hear Me Out."

"It's really good having that immediate connection," Nealon says of doing live stand-up. "You don't get that anywhere else, and you're in complete control of it."

In the one-hour special, taped live in Hollywood last year, Nealon riffs on vari-

ous subjects, particularly the recent birth of his first child, along with idiosyncrasies he finds in himself as he ages.

He successfully mined the material for his first book — "Yes, You're Pregnant, But What About Me?" — in which he further explores the joys and tribulations of becoming a father later in life.

"It was such a life-changing event, when you're about to have a baby, you start thinking about your childhood and your parents, and that brings up a lot of memories," Nealon says. "It was very cathartic to write about it."

At his live performances, Nealon meets a lot of fans, including misinformed followers of his marijuana-smoking character on "Weeds."

"A lot of people think I'm a pothead because I'm on the show, and they'll offer me a joint. I say, 'I don't smoke pot, thank you,' but they don't believe me," he says, laughing. "I wonder if the actors from 'The Sopranos' have people come up to them at dinner and say, 'Hey, you want to whack a few people after your steaks?'"

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### IF YOU GO Kevin Nealon

**Where:** Cobb's Comedy Club, 915 Columbus Ave., S.F.  
**When:** 8 p.m. Thursday and Sunday; 8 and 10 p.m. Saturday  
**Tickets:** \$25.50 to \$30.50  
**Contact:** (415) 928-4320, [www.cobbscomedyclub.com](http://www.cobbscomedyclub.com)

**Still bringing the funny:** "SNL" funnyman Kevin Nealon, currently enjoying a stint on Showtime's "Weeds," performs three nights this week at Cobb's Comedy Club.

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## EVENTS

### TODAY

#### Anne Appleby and Tomas Nakada

New works by the artists make up a gallery double bill. Appleby's encaustic paintings feature images of Earth and a technique of pure abstraction. Nakada's sumi ink drawings are based on Okinawan textile patterns and reflect his experience with calligraphy.

**When:** 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays; 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays; closes Nov. 14

**Where:** Gallery Paule Anglim, 14 Geary St., San Francisco

**Price:** Admission is free  
**Info:** Call (415) 433-2710 or visit [www.gallerypauleanglim.com](http://www.gallerypauleanglim.com)



#### Five local artists

Celebrating local talent, Market Street Gallery presents a show spotlighting five artists who are part of the current Open Studios exhibition. Works by printmaker David Avery, mixed-media sculptor Mirto Golino (pictured), printmaker Mike Kimball, digital photographer Ron Newman and mixed-media collage artist Stephen C. Wagner are on view.

**When:** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays; closes Oct. 30

**Where:** Market Street Gallery, 1554 Market St., San Francisco

**Price:** Admission is free  
**Info:** Call (415) 290-1441 or visit [www.marketstreetgallery.com](http://www.marketstreetgallery.com)

### FRIDAY



#### Poster fair

The three-day 2009 International Vintage Poster Fair begins. Original vintage posters — featuring art nouveau, art deco, midcentury modern, World War I and World War II styles — are on sale. Subjects include food, wine, film, travel and sporting. Aviation posters make up the featured display this year.

**When:** 5 to 9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday

**Where:** Conference Center, Building A, Fort Mason Center, Marina Boulevard and Buchanan Street, San Francisco

**Price:** Admission is \$15 for the weekend  
**Info:** Visit [www.posterfair.com](http://www.posterfair.com)

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