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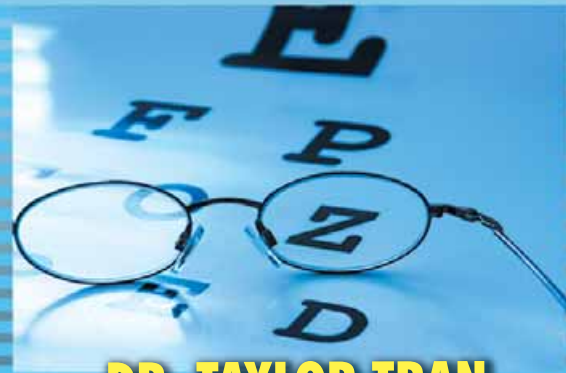
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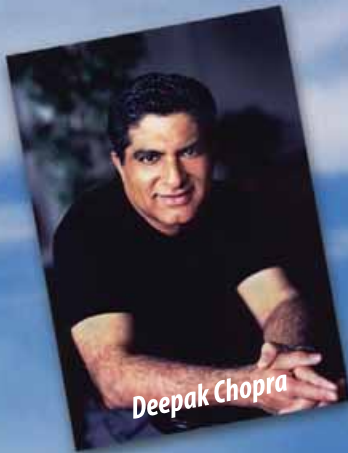
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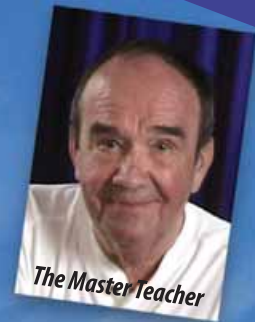
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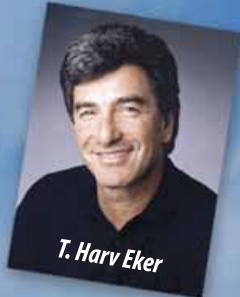
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## EDITOR'S NOTE

BY JOHN NEWLIN - [JOHN@THEWAVEMAG.COM](mailto:JOHN@THEWAVEMAG.COM)



It's time we put the skier/snowboarder feud to bed, once and for all. I grew up on a pair of skis, then switched to snowboarding about 10 years ago. But I still ski occasionally, so technically, I transcend both skier and snowboarder typecasts and should be qualified enough to finally bring peace to the mountains. I've been studying the conflict for the last couple of ski seasons – and I know I'm going to catch hell for this – but sadly, the conflict is more or less one-sided. It's not unlike the San Jose/San Francisco squabble. Some San Joseans have this chip on their shoulder and boast how we're the 10th or 11th largest city in the nation. San Franciscans couldn't care less.

Let's look at the particulars: Skiers call snowboarders “knuckle-draggers,” among other things. Snowboarders call skiers, “skiers.” I think that's where the animosity begins. I'm not sure what a knuckle-dragger is, but doesn't sound like a compliment. It sends a message of superiority and it does nothing for our personal relations. If snowboarders wanted to, they could call skiers “fruitcups” for wearing tight, colorful unitards while parading around on the snow sport's equivalent to rollerblades. But they don't. Snowboarders are generally too busy enjoying the mountain to get into that sort of exchange. So, step one: Skiers, stop the name-calling.

Incredibly, there are still resorts in this country that don't allow snowboarding. Deer Valley in Utah is one of them. It's probably one of the most beautiful mountain resorts in the world, too. They only issue a limited number of lift tickets, so lift lines are rare, and they have “ski valets” who will carry your gear to and from your car. But their no-snowboarding policy, for me, is *sportsist*. I skied there last winter, and when I walked into the lodge wearing snowboarding boots, people looked at me like I was tracking in dog poop.

Why no snowboarding?

“It's something we evaluate every year,” says Erin Grady, communications manager at Deer Valley. “We leave it up to our guests to vote on it, and it's overwhelmingly the same each year.” It's convenient that those voting on the no-snowboarding policy are all skiers. So, step two: Share the mountains. Snowboarders share the terrain parks. It's only fair.

But this is all really beating around the bush. These issues exist, don't get me wrong, but they're more symptoms of a larger disorder. The issue was best summarized by a skier I interviewed on this subject: “We were here first.” Which is true, if you don't count the wild and bearded frontiersmen who fashioned toboggans out of hollowed-out buffalo. If the tobogganers had as big a problem with the skiers invading their mountain as skiers do with snowboarders, the early ski pioneers would have been tossed off the mountain, literally. So, step three: Show more acceptance of snowboarders before they go all frontiersman on you.

I was going to make some ridiculous propositions to the winter sports community, but I think all we need is time. To help us get there, we offer you our Sixth Annual Ski & Snowboarding Guide – rich with resort profiles, travel tips, Tahoe spa information, and so much more. Additionally, we devoted our Style & Shopping section entirely to ski and snowboarding gear, compliments of Mel Cotton's, who, on November 10, 11, and 12 is having a huge sale. Many of the resorts will be there probably offering some pretty good deals on lift tickets, etc. The sale goes through November 19. So step four: Gear up and put in some time on the slopes, it's for a good cause.

Enjoy the issue,  
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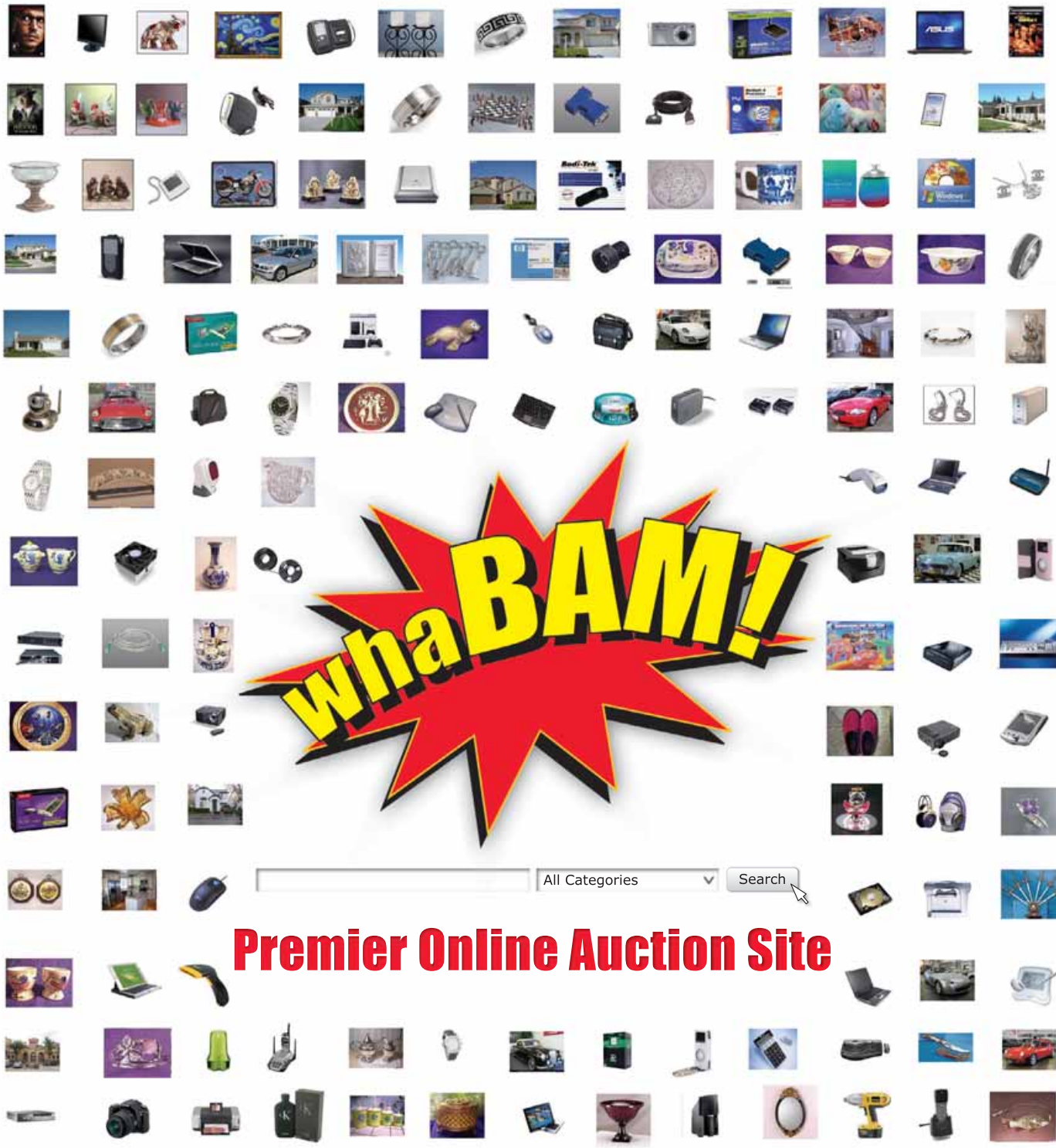
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## LETTERS

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*Letters answered by a single father of two.*

Though I have thoroughly enjoyed your dining issues in the past, as well as your most recent edition, I have a few items I'd like to address. (Notice how I didn't say "bones to pick." That would have been a bad pun, not to mention, slightly inaccurate. I'm not upset, just a little concerned). First of all, why don't you come out from behind the shield of your Readers' Choice voters and take an editorial stand on these restaurants? You're a fairly legitimate publication with a presumably fairly intelligent staff of editors and writers, you should, in my opinion, be making the call on the "Top 25 Restaurants," not the readers. At the very least, do "editor's picks" when you feature these lists of your readers' favorites. Come on. Are you afraid we'll disagree with you? Second, do you think it might be a bit of a stretch to feature a competitive eater in your Sports/Adventure section? Obesity in this country is on the verge of becoming a full-blown epidemic and what do we do? Invent a sport where the one who puts away the most hot dogs or whatever wins! That's madness. That's all I have to say. Don't mean to sound whiny. I usually hold on to your special dining issues until your next one comes out, so consider me a really intense fan, and not a bitchy critic.

Thom Lau,  
Palo Alto

*Thanks for the letter Thom. If only we received all our criticism in such a sugar-coated, pun-free package. The reason we only do specific editor's picks in our big fancy Readers' Choice issue is a matter of space. We've always thought the entire magazine is one big editor's pick section, and that it's a special exception when we showcase the readers' collective take on a subject. You have to admit, it's interesting which businesses win the most votes. We do have our Hit List section which is full of editors' picks, too. As for the competitive eating, oddly, most of the top eaters aren't overweight in the slightest. Don't know how that works but it's the truth. The reigning champion is a little Japanese dude. Thanks for the letter though.*

I thought your piece on Marc Salem, the "mentalist," was pretty interesting. I truly believe some people are exceptional when it comes to tapping into a higher power, wherever it comes from. But what I find particularly of interest is how Salem says he's a really good observer and that he picks up on things other people otherwise ignore. In other words, he's not calling his talents "supernatural" or "psychic." How does he explain, then, his ability to change the minute hand on Mike Wallace's watch from 2pm to 2:30? What's that got to do with observation?

W. Simon,  
San Jose

*That's a very good question. You should go to the show and ask him. Apparently he's very open to such inquiries. And if you can prove he uses any outside help, he'll give you \$100,000. Cha-ching!*

You did a story on Gary Owens a couple issues ago. It was right before his fight at the Civic Center. I met Gary once and was wondering how he did. I can't seem to find information on it anywhere.

Sean Reynolds

*Owens by KO in round three. Spectacular!*

A couple issues ago, you made a huge deal about the inaugural Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon. I went to it as a spectator because I'm probably too old to actually run in it. Great time and a successful event, by any standard. Thing is, why didn't you do a follow up piece on it? If it was a big enough deal that you'd devote so much to it in your pages, why not do a small wrap-up summary thing telling readers how many runners showed up, who won, etc.? I'd read something like that. In fact, now that I think of it, you never do any follow up news items on events. I think you're missing a good editorial opportunity.

Jeri Henderson,  
Campbell

*Thanks for the letter, Jeri. And you make a good point/observation. We come out every two weeks, so it's unlikely we're going to break any news. Plus, if you're looking for news, we figure the internet is the tool of the masses. If you don't have the internet, pretty much every televised newscast did a story on the Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon. But more importantly, we're decidedly focused on things that you can do that haven't happened, rather than "you should have been there" stories.*

I initially liked your new "14 Days" section and thought it was a clever way to group your events and timely listings. But I've lost faith. Page 110 of your last Dining Issue; it's your obligatory Halloween listing piece that you've done for years. The first listing says, "Callson Manor Haunted House: Thru 10/22" then you list the address blah blah blah. Correct me if I'm wrong but isn't Halloween on October 31?

*Yes, that is correct. Halloween is on October 31. That should have said, "Show dates: 12-15, 19-22, 25-31" Don't know what happened there. Sorry about that! At least we listed the address, phone number and website. But again, sorry for the mix up.*

### Apologies:

In our "Spa Express" feature (Vol. 6, Issue 21), we got Day Spa Paradise's address wrong. It should have been 526 S. Murphy Ave., Sunnyvale. Sorry. And here's an update: They've recently changed their name too; it's now Skin & Day Spa Paradise.

Also in Vol. 6, issue 20, we printed the website of Prime Physique Fitness Specialists wrong. It's [www.primephysique.com](http://www.primephysique.com).





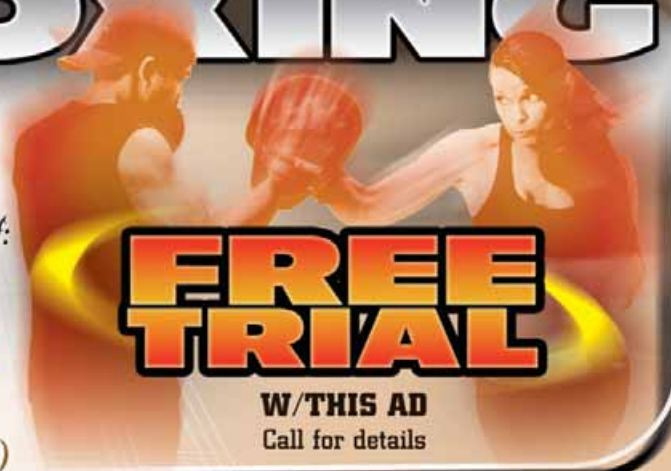
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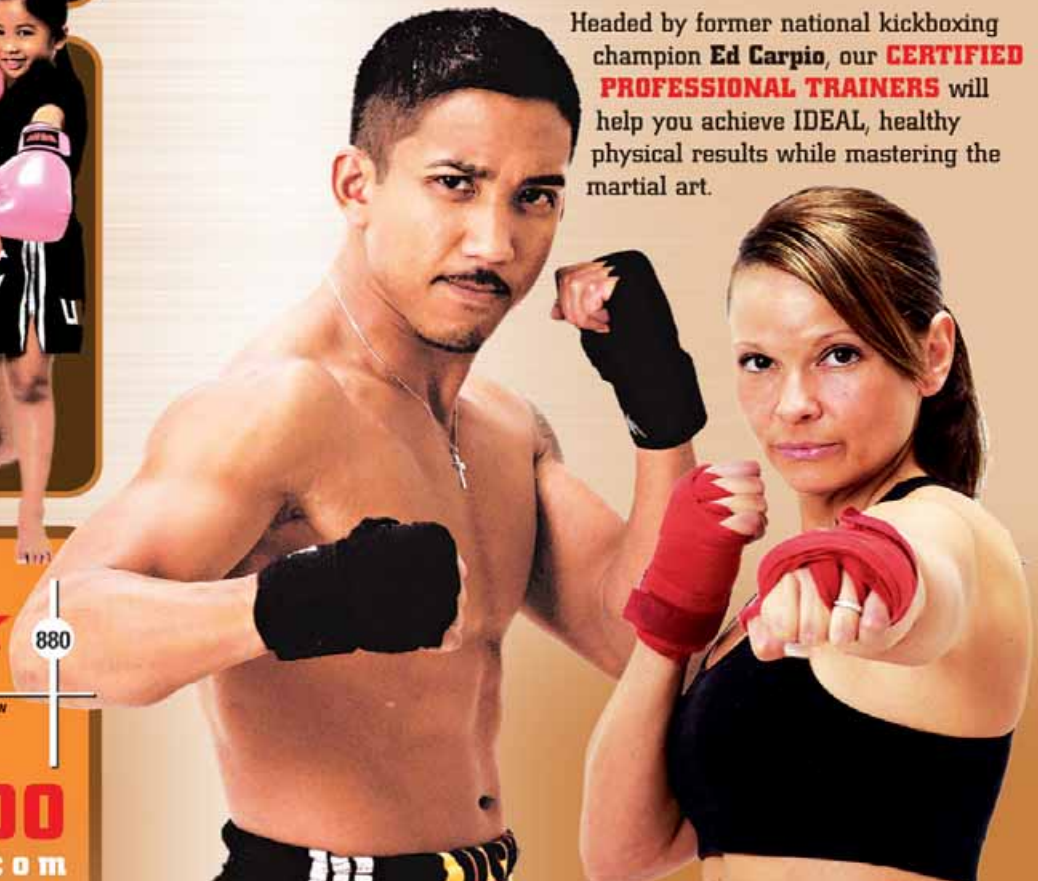
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Let us now all take our panties off and throw them in praise at MSNBC news anchor Keith Olbermann, the Dregulator's Official Sexiest M.F. Alive for 2006. Oh, Keith. Keith. Keith. Grrrrr. He's like Edward R. Murrow and Voltaire and Camus and young Dan Aykroyd and *Hawaii-5-0* era Jack Lord, all rolled up into one big succulent H.L. Mencken. Congratulations, Mr. Olbermann. Please contact The Dregulator personally to receive your award, which includes long walks on the beach, Greco-Roman mini-rolfing, some nice mangos, maybe a candlelit round of butterscotch Twister; long discussions about Truffaut's *Antoine Doinel* series in my high-performance, Michelin-certified champagne hammock... and possible adoption of Malawian orphan.



who are both apparently dying for the chance to give this baby the warm, fatherly influence it deserves. The tabloids are suggesting that Birkhead's paternal urges might be so sincere that he might go so far as to obtain the baby's DNA via dirty diapers.

"Skin cells are sloughed off during a bowel movement, even by a tiny baby, so her diaper would be a particularly rich source of DNA," someone calling him or herself a "forensics expert" told *Globe*.

Pick it up *anytime*, Mr. Olbermann. We at the Dregulator feel it is our duty as *American journalists* to make sure you are amply recognized and lavishly rewarded for your vital contribution to the public dialogue.

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Mr. Olbermann effortlessly steals this honor from the other worthy runners-up in this year's competition, George Clooney (too immature), Eliot Spitzer (too mature), and Scarlett Johansson.

The reason why Daddy I and Daddy II might prove troublesome for Ms. Smith is the nearly half-billion dollars that the Supreme Court finally decided she stands to inherit from that marriage to Mr. Dead Ancient Billionaire Prune when she was a 20-something Playboy Playmate.

In dumber and less important news:

According to *The Week*, "a British evolutionary theorist predicted that the human race will eventually evolve into two distinct groups: a tall, intelligent, symmetrically featured 'genetic elite,' and a sub-race of squat, hideous morons."

In the...uh...God *forbid*... uh, totally *unlikely* event that Anna (who was so over-sedated following the recent tragic death of her son that she needed to be repeatedly notified on numerous occasions about the recent tragic death of her son) should ever be labeled an *unfit mother*, the biological father of Dannielynn Hope stands, according to *Globe*, to "snag a huge payday in child-support fees."

This, coincidentally, appears in the same issue that reveals that Tom Cruise now has "conspicuous 'man-boobs.'"

Lawsy.

Other tabloids, trying to wrap themselves around this new evolutionary theory, are trying to understand the new Spears/Federline child, aka The Baby Formerly Known as Sutton Pierce, and his abrupt name-change to "Jayden James," an alliterative glyph largely unpronounceable to all but Southern persons.

There's only one solution, Anna: Guard those diapers with your *life!* Hoard them! Don't throw away a *single one!* Ever!

While we're on the subject of celebrity children tragically subjected to boozy confederate eponyms (or is that K-Federate eponyms?): Dannielynn Hope, daughter of Anna Nicole Smith, is still the subject of a paternity battle between freelance writer Larry Birkhead and Ms. Smith's attorney-cum-illegal husband, Howard K. Stern,

I suppose you could also try using a cork, but Dannielynn Hope has already suffered too much in her short life. This could also add juice to the 'unfit' thing. Hang in there.

Just ask yourself what Keith Olbermann would do. This will open up a tiny box in your head, and a tiny trickle of subtle, yet coherent thoughts will come.

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## 8-Bit Heroes

A local filmmaker produces one strangely compelling work of art.

When an artist spends three years working in his basement, he's either going to emerge with a work of genius or an entrance slip to the loony bin. Fortunately for San Jose filmmaker M Dot Strange, the verdict seems to be "work of genius." Strange recently debuted the trailer for his stop motion/3D animated film *We Are The Strange*, and fans of CG and Japanese anime have snapped to attention.

*We Are The Strange* stars the voice of San Jose graffiti artist David Choe. His character (Rain) must save Blue, a sad-eyed anime girl, and Emmm, a doll-headed boy who just wants some ice cream, from the monsters that haunt StopMo City. The Sculpey-and-wire figures (Rain and Emmm) were filmed in stop motion with a Canon DSLR camera. The 3D animation (Blue) was done with Cinema 4d and Adobe After Effects, while the editing was done with Final Cut Pro. The mix of production styles creates a jumbled, chaotic, Tim Burton-esque atmosphere that really does resemble "the inside of a retro Japanese videogame," as Strange says. But the apparent chaos masks some

very stringent artistic techniques pioneered by stop-motion master Ray Harryhausen. Strange planned the film frame-by-frame on storyboards, and has meticulously rendered a first print in time for submission to the Sundance Film Festival. "You may think I'm a super crazy guy who does what I want, but no," says the eccentric filmmaker. "I do it the way you're supposed to do it."

Strange hopes to have the 88-minute film ready for distribution by early 2007. No doubt, film festivals will snap it up – its unique look and production story recall 2004's *Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow*, a self-made film that garnered tons of media attention. But fame is not why Strange made his film; in an interview, Strange describes his urge to counter the slickness of mainstream films. "Mainstream films look all fancy and have shiny actors in them, but they lack a soul," he says. "There's no heart." *We Are The Strange* definitely has a heart – a heroic, ninja-inspired, indie one.

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"The word is getting out, and I am surprised at how quickly people are telling others," says Ghetau, who acts as the site's administrator. "This site is going to be a fun place, I think. There are already some great people who come here: A few artists and a lot of members with cool tattoos."

Like other social networking sites such as MySpace, TattooHood allows members to set up personal pages featuring photos, videos, and a profile that catalogues interests and friends. Members can discuss all things tattoo on the website's forums. There's also a separate global gallery featuring every photo on the site, so those looking for new tattoo ideas can seek out inspiration. And along with the requisite tattoo-rating feature, there's a "battle area," where members can match their tattoo against another individual's tattoo in a kind of inked skin fight to the death.

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Kumako is introducing Silicon Valley to New York-style ramen. After more than 30 years in the Manhattan restaurant business, owners Ray Kojima and Arthur Kunimoto have brought back a fusion of ramen flavors to San Jose. "We make it spicier and lighter," says Kojima. The signature dish is a hot Tan Tan Ramen, a Chinese-inspired soup with ground pork and a Szechuan-type flavor. The gyoza, a vegetable pot sticker made from a secret recipe, is also a popular item. "We're changing the ramen around here," Kojima says, "so that people will realize it's really something that can be built upon."

#### ORVIS (OPENING)

337 Santana Row, Suite 1040  
(408) 961-6450 www.orvis.com

Newest addition Orvis is giving Santana Row a little country twist. For 150 years, the retail store has been outfitting outdoors adventure lovers with high-quality apparel, hunting gear, fly fishing equipment, and home furnishings. "We don't carry things just because they'll sell," says communications manager James Hathaway. "We sell what represents the brand." And that includes everything from comfy overcoats to high quality hunting gear to goodies for Fido.



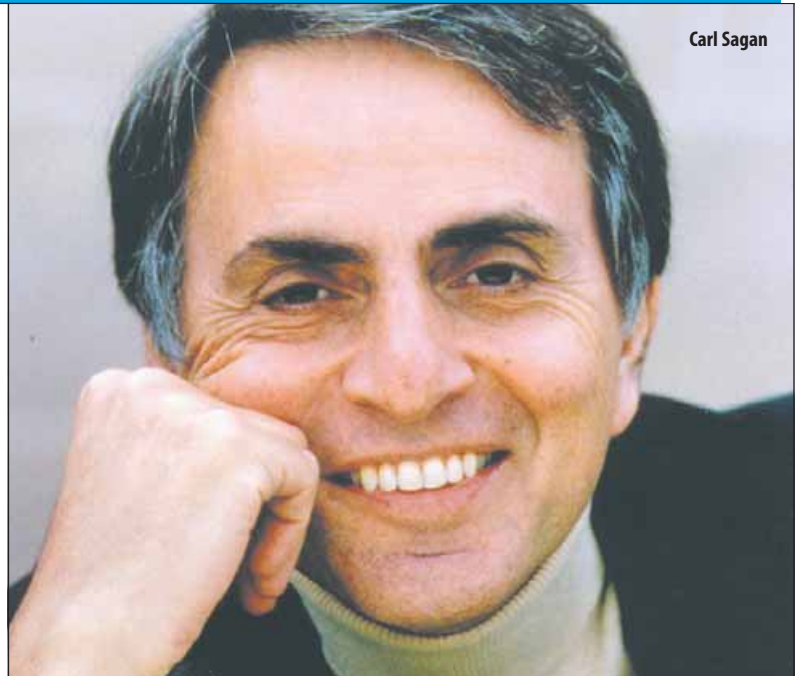
Alta Boutique, Los Gatos

### LOS GATOS

#### ALTA BOUTIQUE (OPENING)

130 N. Santa Cruz Blvd.  
(408) 288-5940 www.altaclothing.com

The 23-year-old boutique Alta has just opened its fourth location in the charming shopping district of Los Gatos. The mostly women's boutique sells contemporary clothing, accessories, purses, and unique jewelry at moderate prices. General manager Laura Swenson assures that each piece of clothing remains stylish and classic for a very long time, and that each style is unique. "We try very hard not to have anything that a department store has. We literally shop for boutique only," she says. "It's for people who want to look contemporary but age appropriate." To celebrate and support the work of women, Alta will be donating 10 percent of their November 9 receipts to the YWCA.



Carl Sagan

## Billions and Billions of Fans

SETI opens the Carl Sagan Center.

Is there life beyond Earth? If you were a fan of the popular 1980s PBS series *Cosmos*, hosted by Carl Sagan, the answer is probably yes: The show and Sagan's accompanying book continue to bring life to some pretty obscure astronomical science. Sagan's support of listening for interstellar signals with large radio telescopes brought respectability to a previously shadowy field. Sagan also campaigned endlessly for the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) program based in Mountain View. Now, SETI will return the favor by naming its new research facilities the Carl Sagan Center for the Study of Life in the Universe.

Sagan, who died in 1996, would no doubt be excited by the two high-tech laboratories, public gallery exhibition area, and 500-seat auditorium that will comprise his eponymous center — all to be built on seven acres of

land in the planned NASA Research Park at Moffett Field neighboring the space agency's Ames Research Center. And the project won't cost "billions and billions"; a mere \$40 million will bring it to life within the next three years.

The center will house 50 researchers studying how organisms evolve in extreme environments — an area of research known as "astrobiology." Sagan was a pioneer of the science; his experiments on amino acids, which he proved could be produced from basic chemicals by radiation, propelled scientists to consider the possibilities of extraterrestrial life.

"Understanding the origin, evolution, and distribution of life in the universe is one of the most important endeavors of the science community and all humanity," said SETI Institute trustee and Nobel Prize-winning scientist Baruch Blumberg. **fw**



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## Political Party

### Borat makes interview for American magazine.

BY FRED TOPEL

**MOVIE:** *Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan*

**STARRING:** Sacha Baron Cohen, Kenneth Davitian, Luenell, Pat Haggerty

**DIRECTED BY:** Larry Charles

**STUDIO:** 20th Century Fox

After half a decade in the business, it's only a matter of time before we interview every movie star on the planet. So, we move into fictional characters. Thank God for comedians like Sacha Baron Cohen who never break character. We never met Cohen. We only met Borat when he was promoting his first feature film, *Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan*. Borat is the Kazakhstani television personality who travels the country learning about America, and somehow always ends up with people who share his beliefs that Jews are evil. Along the way, he falls in love with Pamela Anderson. For the interview, he brought his producer, Azamat, who stood behind him and scowled for 20 minutes. This is definitely one of those instances where art imitates life, or perhaps the other way around.

**The Wave: For those readers who don't know you, tell us about yourself.**

Borat: My name is Borat Sagdiyev. I am a son of Asimbalat Sagdiyev and Boltolk the rapist. I am former husband of Osana Sagdiyev, who was daughter of Mary Anne Pulakby and Boltolk the rapist. My hobbies is disco

dance, table tennis, and also taking photographs of ladies doing toilet without their knowledge. Why not? They do not know. I have previous work as icemaker and gypsy catcher. And I was also work in computer maintenance. I was the one who paints the outside and then remove the dead bird from its pipes. You like the birds? I move on. I have three children. Bilalk, Bilam, and Huey Lewis, who is 12 years old. He has a two children. Bilalk, who is 13, has American pen friend called Mr. Foley. He say meet in hotel room. Is nice. My sister make my family very proud by being No. 4 prostitute in all of Kazakhstan. She recently received award from Kazakh minister of industry for best sex in mouth. I also have a brother named Bilo. He is a retard with small head, but very strong arms. He has 204 teeth, 201 in mouth and three in nose. My first wife is dead. High five! She was shoot by a hunter who mistake her for a bear because she has much arm on her arms and back. No problem. I have a new wife. But, I like cheat. Yes, I looking at you.

**TW: What is your opinion of our president?**

B: We in Kazakhstan very much admire your mighty warlord, George Walter Bush. He is a very wise man and also a strong man. But, perhaps not as strong as his father, Barbara. Next question.

**TW: Did you enjoy your time filming in America?**

B: I would like say that I liking U, S and A very much. Enjoy your peoples and enjoy your delicious food. First day I here, I go to restaurant named McDonald's, which is so fancy pants, it actually have a separate room for making toilet in. There, I eat 17 hamburgers and 600 packets of red soup called ketchup. These did not agree so much with my stomach, and the next day my anus was hang loose like the mouth of a tired dog. But, I learn many things that is different than what I expect from your country. For example, I was surprised to learn it is now illegal to shoot at red Indians. Once again, if anyone watching this, I would like to apologize with all my heart to Chief Running Deer at the Potawatomi Casino in Nevada.

**TW: What American person or people would you like to meet?**

B: I would most like to meet some of the new Hollywood starlets. In particular, Elizabeth Taylor [growls]. I would also like to meet fearless anti-Jew warrior, Melvin Gibson. We in Kazakhstan agree with his comments that the Jews started all wars, and we also have proof that they were responsible for killing off all the dinosaurs. Also, Hurricane Katrina. They did it. It's a long story. I would also like to have an encounter with American football player, American football hero O.J. Simpson, who is a huge star in my country and has earlier this year visited capital Almaty, where he judged the Ms. Kazakhstan contest. Our ladies very much like this muscular man, ya? One contestant was so crazy on him that she broke into his hotel room while he was sleeping. She then stab herself to death and covered his clothes in blood. Fanatic!

**TW: Were there any specific movies that inspired your film, and what films do you admire?**

B: In Kazakhstan, we are huge fannies of U, S and A movies. And we have shown this by manufacturing pirate DVDs of many of them. We like movies of funnyman Edward Murphy. We in Kazakhstan laugh very much when we see his chocolate face, ya? It is unusual. The color! Other American films we like are *Robocop*, *Titanic*, and the sex comedy *The Accused*. That scene on the snookie table...

**TW: Won't the release of this movie make you famous?**

B: You know, I try to stay a normal person. I like to relax like any other married man. I shoot dogs. I receive a open mouth party for my sister, and I like to drink fermented horse urine with the boys. I just a regular guy. But, I am proud of my status. I am now the fourth most famous person in all of Kazakhstan. No. 3 is ex-Olympic gymnast Liliut Zmarkem, who now perform in the state circus, where she is famous for being able to put one foot in her mouth while the other is in vajeen. It's incredible! No. 2 is our glorious premier, Nursultan Nzarbayev. And No. 1 is children's favorite animal actor, Jerry the Monkey. Who as you may know was the star of *Torotabilski Express* and many, many other pornos. But, it's not just me that has changed. Kazakhstan has improved very much since I return from U, S and A. We recently introduced the death penalty from your country. Great idea! We give it for serious crimes such as murder, cleaning anus with our national flag, and baking bagels.

**TW: Do you still enjoy watching *Baywatch*, and will Pamela Anderson be at your premiere?**

B: I must make clear this lady, Pamela, has start to stalk me as you say. Already this week she has sent me three love messages through her lawyer. Saying sexy things like, "I must not go further than 30 miles from her house, mail her dirty antipants or say on my MySpace bloggings that I want to make romance insider her." Pamela, leave me alones. Ah, she will not be arrive at the premiere, no. **TW**



# Getting to Know Hugh

Hugh Jackman broaches slugs, story-telling, and the afterlife.

BY FRED TOPEL

**MOVIE:** *The Prestige*

**STARRING:** Hugh Jackman, Christian Bale, Michael Caine, Scarlett Johansson

**DIRECTED BY:** Christopher Nolan

**STUDIOS:** Touchstone Pictures

With six movies opening before December, Hugh Jackman is this year's Ben Stiller. But Jackman could kill that Focker, Wolvy beserk style! His two most recent releases to date are *The Prestige* and *Flushed Away*. The former, for grown-

ups, is about rival magicians, where Jackman plays an obsessive-compulsive 19<sup>th</sup>-century David Blaine trying to steal Christian Bale's secrets. In *Flushed Away*, for kids, Jackman provides the voice of Roddy the rat, a house pet who winds up in the sewers. Good thing he put on a tux for his adventure instead of the Wolverine costume he found in the closet.

***The Wave:* Who was the first to start with the Batman vs. Wolverine s---t during *The Prestige*?**

Hugh Jackman: I brought my claws out on the first day and they just all went, "Ugh." I do remember Christian and I sitting, having an interesting discussion [while] waiting for a scene, and we're in our director's chairs. And I don't know how it turned there, but we did start talking about, "So what did you get on your contract? Like on the second one, what did you get?" Which is a problematic discussion, because we share the same agent. This is a discussion agents don't want their clients to be having.

***TW:* Can you do cool tricks at parties now?**

HJ: There's one trick I did. You know, the one where the lead shot disappears – that one, I did. But I have to have that particular bullet. I couldn't do it with this pen, for example.

***TW:* What's magical in your life today?**

HJ: My family. My kids, my wife, my relationship is heaven. That's the most magical. And crème caramel is still magical. I love that.

***TW:* Have your kids seen *Flushed Away* yet?**

HJ: My son has seen probably 20 minutes, sort of like a 20-minute version of it. He's very excited about it, because he had just turned four when I started work on it. Now he's six-and-a-half almost. Every time I would do a session, he would ask me what happened, so I'd tell him the latest installment. Of course, he'd want a half-hour version of it, so over the years, basically the version he's heard is sort of like the Tolkien version, *Lord of the Rings*-kind of thing. He might be a little disappointed. Some of the characters I invented to sort of pad it out a little bit are not actually in the final cut of the movie. What he saw, he loved. There's just enough bops on the head, slapstick, fart jokes to really keep it going.

***TW:* What did you make up for him?**

HJ: I can't remember now. I make up stories for him every second or third night. Sometimes he likes me to read, and sometimes he just likes the lights off and we make up stories. I can't remember what they are.

***TW:* Is he really creative?**

HJ: Very. That's his thing. He has a great imagination. All the kids at school have to say what they want to be when they grow up, draw a picture, and Oscar was like, "I want to be a pharaoh." I was like, "Excellent, we need one of those in the family." Apparently they have this instant pass to the afterlife. This is great.

***TW:* How did they feel about *X-Men*, or is that too violent for them?**

HJ: I've shown about 20 minutes of *X-Men* to Oscar, but I figure it's still a little weird for him to see his dad slicing people in half. Well, he'd probably like it. It'd probably give him license to go crazy, go to town at school, so I have a feeling I better not do it.

***TW:* It's only been six years, but how has your Hollywood journey been?**

HJ: Well, the great thing about doing Wolverine first, in terms of my life as an actor, is [that] for about a year after that film came out, no one recognized me. Even fans, I'd walk down the street and they'd go, "You kind of look like, but you're not him." At one point, I even got out my driver's license to show them who I was, because they were having an argument. And to settle the argument, I said, "Actually, I am the guy." So, it was this great kind of thing, because the movie really opened up my career for me, gave me great opportunities that I had never had before. So it was something I'll always be forever grateful for.

***TW:* Are you a little shy on the inside?**

HJ: I'm not shy, no. It took me a while, probably, since hosting the Tony Awards or doing the shows on Broadway, particularly the last show on Broadway. I've done a lot of theatre, but I had to interact with the audience a lot. And doing that eight times a week, and all the variables that come up when you're genuinely going off script for 400 times, gives you a great sense of calm, I suppose, and confidence in doing that. But I think it's fair to say I've always been fairly at home on the stage. I don't remember why, but I remember when I was six, there was a group singing, and I was the one who got brought out to sing the lead part. I don't think I was a great singer or anything like that. It was just if there was a speech to be made, or when I was at school, I became school captain. I wasn't particularly a goody two-shoes, but I was always somehow the guy that everyone would get up to make a speech, or get up on stage. I don't know. I remember thinking, "I don't know why I've been chosen to do this." But there you go. **TW**

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& Snowboarding Guide – a resource packed with all the essential information needed to get the most out of the ski season. Since kids are in this year, we've even included a section on kid-friendly resorts in addition to our usual coverage of on-and-off mountain entertainment. *Enjoy!*



## SKIING WITH KIDS

Kids and black diamond slopes don't mix. So, what should powder-loving, law-abiding parents do with their offspring? The answer: Day Care. Below you'll find a rundown of kids' programs at the major resorts. All programs are state-licensed and supervised by professionals. Just make sure you call ahead – while kiddie lessons can be booked on short notice, most of the day-care-only centers ask that you make reservations four-to-six weeks in advance.

### ALPINE MEADOWS

No child care facilities are available on-site, but kids age 4-6 (Little Mountaineers) or 7-12 (Junior Mountaineers) can sign up for full- or half-day group ski lessons that include lunch, lift ticket, equipment rental, and either one or two 2-hour lessons. Snowboard lessons for kids 4-6 are available in private lesson format only. (530) 581-8240

### BEAR VALLEY

Kids four and older can sign up for ski and snowboard lessons that take place on a safe, 300-foot moving carpet. Lunch and equipment are provided with full- or half-day program costs. Non-skiing child day care is also available at an hourly rate. (209) 753-2301

### BOREAL

The Kids Club Learning Center teaches kids to ski without the intimidation of the cold mountain. Children age 4-10 learn the basics on a moving carpet that simulates skiing. Kids seven and older can even learn to snowboard on this safe machine. Full- and half-day programs available. (530) 426-3666

### DIAMOND PEAK

Children age 3-7 can sign up for full- or half-day sessions at the Bee Ferrato Child Ski Center, named for the New Zealand grandmother who runs the school. Must be toilet-trained. Kids 7-12 can sign up for full-day group ski lessons. (775) 832-1130

### DODGE RIDGE

Day care programs that incorporate skiing lessons are available for kids 4-12. Children are grouped by age, and participate in group activities and meals in addition to on-slope group lessons. (209) 965-3474

### HEAVENLY

Located on the main level of the California Lodge, Heavenly's full- and half-day programs can accommodate children age six months to six years, with separate play areas for each age group and plenty of snow-related activities. (775) 586-7000

### HOMEWOOD

Kids two and older can sign up for full- and half-day programs that include computer time, as well as outdoor activities. Kids 4-12 can also take ski and snowboarding lessons. (530) 525-2977

### KIRKWOOD

The huge kid zone at Kirkwood (dubbed the Seawood Child Care Center) provides full- and half-day programs for children age 2-6. Professional caretakers provide a fun day of art, music, and activities that build character and self-esteem. Kids four and older can add a half-day of skiing to the program. (209) 258-7274

### NORTHSTAR

Toilet-trained children two and older are invited to join a full-day program that includes art, drama, science, nature walks, field trips, pony rides, storytelling exercises, and, of course, snow play. Children 3-6 can sign up for ski lessons that include equipment. Pagers provided to all parents. (530) 562-2278

### SIERRA AT TAHOE

Kids 18 months to five years of age have a great time at the Dyno-Tykes Day Care Center. Indoor and outdoor activities fill morning-only and full-day schedules, which also include snacks. Children age 4-5 years of age can sign up for a half-day Ski Camp that includes lift ticket and equipment. (530) 659-7453

### SUGAR BOWL

Located in the Village Lodge, Sugar Bears Child Care is available to children age 3-6. Program consists of full- or half-day ski lessons, and includes equipment rental, lunch, and other activities. All children must be toilet-trained and bring a change of clothes. (530) 426-6776

### SQUAW VALLEY USA

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## SKI RESORTS

### ALPINE MEADOWS

[www.skialpine.com](http://www.skialpine.com)  
(800) 441-4423

Hours: 9am – 4pm daily

#### BASIC RATES

Adult full-day: \$46/\$55 (weekends & holidays)

Adult half-day: \$39

Adult full-season pass: \$899

#### THE SLOPE

Elevation: Base, 6,835 feet; summit, 8,637 feet

Runs: 100+ (25% beginner, 40% intermediate, 35% advanced)

Lifts: 13

Vertical Drop: 1,797 feet

Average Annual Snowfall: 495 inches

#### DEALS

**Group Rates:** Skiing with 20 or more people? Lift tickets are only \$41 each, plus get one free ticket for every 25 paid guests, and deals on rentals, lessons, and transportation.

**VIP First Timers:** For \$119, get three hours of instruction with a small group, a beginner lift ticket, and equipment on weekends and holidays. Another new program is the VIP Private Lesson, which will buy Premium Demo equipment, a three-hour lesson, and highly customized fun, all for \$400 (\$450 for a semi-private package).

**Group Lessons:** The Beginner Package for \$59 includes a lift ticket, ski and snowboard rentals, and a two-hour lesson. Non-package group lessons are sold for \$32 every day.

**Private Lesson Specials:** Detailed lessons at discount prices certain times of the day. The Early Bird Special (9-10:30am) is offered privately for \$110 and semi-privately for \$160. The Sunset Special (2:30-4pm) is \$100 for private lessons and \$150 for semi-private lessons.

### BEAR VALLEY

[www.bearvalley.com](http://www.bearvalley.com)  
(209) 753-2301

Hours: 9am – 4pm daily

#### BASIC RATES

Adult full-day: Call for prices.

Adult half-day: Call for prices.

Adult full-season pass: \$399

#### THE SLOPE

Elevation: Base, 6,600 feet; summit, 8,500 feet

Runs: 67 (25% beginner, 40% intermediate, 25% advanced, 10% expert)

Lifts: 10

Vertical Drop: 1,900 feet

Average Annual Snowfall: 359 inches

#### DEALS

**Beginner Ski/Board Package:** Purchase a lift ticket, a 90-minute group lesson, and all-day equipment rental for just \$69. Valid for the entire season.

**Interchangeable Parent Ticket:** Ski while your significant other takes care of the kids, then switch roles. Half-day, two-day and three-day packages are available: call for prices.

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**Bargain Three-Pack:** Beginners get lift tickets, rentals, and lessons for three full days: \$174. That's three days for the price of two, or a savings of \$66.

**Luv to Ski BV Grad Pass:** Intermediate skiers who buy a Bargain Three-Pack can get an unlimited sea-

son pass, 50 percent off ski and snowboard rentals, and group lessons for the rest of the season: \$219.

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**Perfect Ride-Three Pack:** Save \$51 by purchasing an all-mountain lift ticket, standard rentals, and a 90-minute group lesson for three days: \$234. For children age 9-12, the package is only \$192.

### BOREAL

[www.borealski.com](http://www.borealski.com)  
(530) 426-3666

Hours: 9am – 9pm daily

#### BASIC RATES

Adult full-day: \$38

Adult night ticket: \$22

Adult full-season pass: \$279

#### THE SLOPE

Elevation: Base, 7,200 feet; summit, 7,700 feet

Runs: 41 (30% beginner, 55% intermediate, 15% advanced)

Lifts: Nine

Vertical Drop: 500 feet

Average Annual Snowfall: 400 inches

#### DEALS

**Super Saver Pass:** Sunday thru Friday, non-holiday, \$199

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**Learn to Ski/Board:** Packages come with a beginner lift ticket, all day rentals, and instruction for an hour and 45 minute: \$60/\$65 (holidays)/\$50 (children)

**Learn to Ride Parks and Pipe:** On weekends and holidays, get a park and pipe lesson from Boreal's expert teachers – all levels welcome! Packages include lift tickets, rentals, and/or park/pipe lessons: \$70

### DIAMOND PEAK

[www.diamondpeak.com](http://www.diamondpeak.com)  
(775) 832-1177

Hours: 9am – 4pm

#### BASIC RATES

Adult full-day: \$46

Adult half-day: \$35

Adult full-season pass: \$535

#### SLOPE

Elevation: Base, 6,700 feet; summit, 8,540 feet

Runs: 30 (18% beginner, 46% intermediate, 36% advanced)

Lifts: Six

Vertical Drop: 1,840 feet

Average Annual Snowfall: 300-350 inches

#### DEALS

**Learn Together Special:** Spend the day learning from a private instructor with friends and family! For groups of two to five, whole day lessons are \$475 and half-day lessons are \$300.

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**Blue Man Group**, Nov. 2, Reno Events Center

**Foreigner**, Nov. 3, Harrah's Lake Tahoe

**Nick Lachey**, Nov. 3, Grand Sierra

**Lisa Marie Presley**, Nov. 3-4, John Ascuaga's Nugget

**Bill Maher**, Nov. 4, Grand Sierra

**John Popper**, Nov. 4, Crystal Bay Club & Casino

**k.d. lang**, Nov. 10-11, Silver Legacy

**Debbie Reynolds**, Nov. 10-12, John Ascuaga's Nugget

**Anne Murray**, Nov. 17-18, Silver Legacy

**Robert Cray**, Nov. 17-18, John Ascuaga's Nugget

**Tower of Power**, Nov. 24-25, Harrah's Lake Tahoe

**Gregg Allman**, Nov. 25, Grand Sierra

**Kenny Wayne Shepherd**, Dec. 7-8, John Ascuaga's Nugget

**The New Cars**, Dec. 9, Harrah's Lake Tahoe

**Aerosmith**, Dec. 15, Peppermill

**Blind Boys of Alabama**, Dec. 16, John Ascuaga's Nugget

**The Temptations**, Jan. 12, Grand Sierra

**Art Garfunkel**, Jan. 13, Grand Sierra

**Guns N' Roses**, Jan. 13, Reno Events Center



## SNOWMOBILING

For many, the word "skiing" is irrevocably tied to "the agony of defeat" – the infamous *ABC's Wide World of Sports* clip where an out-of-control Olympic skier crashes headfirst through a crowd of onlookers. For these folks, the mechanical maneuvering of a snowmobile is likely to be more calming than the frictionless sliding of waxed skis on ice. In fact, snowmobiling is considered so safe that it has quickly become one of the top family attractions in Tahoe.



The companies below offer a variety of ways to experience snowmobiling: Beginners can take slow, guided tours along well-known paths to spectacular vistas and photo opportunities; intermediates can race around carved snowmobile tracks; and advanced snowmobilers can get guided tours to treacherous off-path locations. Prime snowmobiling season begins after Thanksgiving and can last through April. Make reservations early.

### SOUTH SHORE

**Zephyr Cove Snowmobile Center**  
Hwy. 50 at Zephyr Cove, Nevada (775) 589-4908  
[www.zephyrcove.com](http://www.zephyrcove.com)

**Lake Tahoe Snowmobile Tours**  
2500 Hwy. 50 at Lake Tahoe Golf Course  
(530) 546-4280 [www.laketahoesnowmobile.com](http://www.laketahoesnowmobile.com)

**Lake Tahoe Adventures**, Multiple locations  
(800) 865-4679 [www.laketahoeadventures.com](http://www.laketahoeadventures.com)

**Lake Tahoe Winter Sports Center**  
3071 Hwy. 50 (530) 577-2940

### NORTH SHORE

**Lake Tahoe Snowmobile Tours**  
Hwy. 267, just south of Northstar Ski Resort  
(530) 546-4280 [www.laketahoesnowmobile.com](http://www.laketahoesnowmobile.com)

**Snowmobiling Unlimited, Inc.**, Tahoe City  
(530) 583-7192 [www.snowmobilingunlimited.com](http://www.snowmobilingunlimited.com)

**TC SnoMo's**, Tahoe City (530) 581-3906  
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**Eagle Ridge Snowmobile Tours**  
14 miles north of Truckee on Hwy. 89 (530) 546-8667  
[www.tahoesnowmobiling.com](http://www.tahoesnowmobiling.com)

## TO CHAIN OR NOT TO CHAIN

There's an ongoing dispute about whether you should put chains on car tires. The debate typically begins when one person – usually a snowboarder who doesn't own a car – tries to convince someone else to drive them up to Tahoe when the snow report says something to the effect of "dumping." No one likes to put chains on their car, and you actually shouldn't, according to Mike Young, shop foreman at Smythe European (4201 Stevens Creek Blvd., 408-735-7012). Some cars, especially those with low-profile tires, shouldn't be chained. "Most of your higher-end cars will have a section in their owner's manuals specifically regarding whether you should put chains on the tires," says Young. "They vary from model to model, so if you have any question, you should check." So there you have it.

## SNOWBOARDING A to Z

It wasn't very many years ago that snowboarding was an alternative alpine sport, relegated to teenagers and adrenaline junkies. These days, snowboards dominate many ski slopes and snowboarding is practiced by downhillers of all age groups – but the lingo used in the sport still has a teenage slang feel, leaving many older boarders feeling a little left out. We're here to help: Digest the list below and soon you'll be able to speak with your fellow snowboarders in their native tongue.

**Alley-oop:** Any half-pipe maneuver where one rotates 180 degrees (or more) in the uphill direction

**Boning out:** Straightening the legs during any aerial maneuver for extra style points

**Corn snow:** Thawed snow that has refrozen

**Duck foot:** Any stance angle that leaves the toes pointing outward

**Eurocarving:** A style of riding where the boarder makes large and hard-cutting turns

**Fakie:** Riding backwards

**Goofy foot:** Riding with the right foot forward

**Hucker:** Someone who throws himself or herself wildly through the air but does not land on the feet

**Indy:** Grabbing the toe edge of the board between the feet using the back hand

**Jib:** Sliding on the rails or other platforms with your snowboard

**Kicker:** Any jump ramp designed more for air, rather than distance

**Lip:** The top edge of the half-pipe

**McTwist:** An inverted aerial flip with a 540-degree twist. Don't try this.

**Nose:** The front edge of the snowboard

**Off-piste:** Snowboarding zones outside the designated areas of a resort or trail

**Pipe dragon:** The machine that grooms the half-pipe, not the guy who brought the weed

**Quarterpipe:** A half-pipe with one wall

**Rolling down the windows:** When a boarder is off balance and wildly rotates their arms to regain control

**Screamer:** An extremely steep hill

**Tranny:** The curved portion of a half-pipe between the flat bottom and the vertical wall

**Ugly:** Pink UGG boots

**Vultures:** Small crowds that gather at dangerous course sections to watch crashes

**Wall:** Any bank at or above 90 degrees

**X-Games:** Wow, you really don't know any snowboarding terms, do you?

**Y:** Slang short for wipeout

**Zonk:** Hitting the wall. Ouch!

# SNOW.COM

The information superhighway is a faster route to Tahoe than Interstate 80. The following webpages are must-bookmarks if you're serious about snow sports.

## www.SKIBONK.com

This awesome website harnesses the power of Google Maps with all the slope info you want and need. As soon as you hit the site, a page pops up showing all of the nearest resorts on an interactive map, complete with a sidebar of snow reports. Clicking on tabs at the top of the screen changes marks on the map to lift ticket prices, snowfall amounts, number of runs open, etc.

## www.ONTHESNOW.com

Although this is one of the best websites for accurate, up-to-the minute ski and snow reports for all the major resorts, the most useful section of the site updates constantly with the latest ski deals, highlighting those package deals you may have missed on the resort homepages.

## www.SNOWLUVA.com

For those addicted to all things snow, consider this your news wire. Everything from skiing competition results to snow reports to links to ski/snowboarding stories in major magazines gets listed here.

## www.SNOWHEADS.com

If ski and snowboard discussion is your thing, this forum should be your homepage. Thousands of snow buffs from around the world gather to trade thoughts on a variety of snowsport-related topics.

## www.NATIVES.co.uk

If you've ever dreamt of becoming the ultimate snow bum, this site is your enabler. Natives list ski jobs around the globe – everything from snowboard instructor to ski patrol to lift ticket counterperson, including contact info and pay rates.

# SKI RESORTS

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Sierra at Tahoe



## Life beyond Tahoe

### SKI UTAH

www.skiutah.com

Our neighbors in Utah claim that you can hop a plane and be on the slopes making turns in less time than it takes to drive to Tahoe. They also claim that their snow is the best in North America. Interesting theory. We tried it last season, and they were mostly right on both counts. And even with gas prices on the decline, airfare to Park City is almost cheaper than driving your SUV up to Tahoe and back. Give it a try. We recommend Snowbird, The Canyons, and Park City Mountain for starters.

### MAMMOTH

www.mammothmountain.com

Mammoth Mountain lives up to its name. With 3,100 vertical feet and 3,500 skiable acres, it's one of the largest skiable hills in North America. It also boasts the longest ski season in the country (November to June). Other impressive stats include a top elevation of 11,053 feet, 150 named trails, 28 lifts (nine express quads, two gondolas), 300 days of sunshine per year and 400 inches of annual snowfall. It's friggin' heaven on earth. The only downside is that it's not in our backyard and isn't the easiest commute. If you're driving, plan on at least eight hours from San Jose and don't – DO NOT – attempt the Sonora Pass, because it's rarely open. That said, Mammoth's amenities are legendary and worth the trip.

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**Group Rates:** For groups of 10 or more, get discounted lift tickets at \$30 per person on weekdays and \$36 per person on weekends. Great for corporate events.

**Group Lesson Package:** A lift ticket, one hour and 45-minute group lesson, and all-day equipment rentals for \$72. Buy the package at levels 1, 2 and 3, depending on experience. Single Beginner Packages go for the same price.

**Diamond Pete Special:** Get a half-day of ski and play for kids age 3-7. They'll get two hours of lessons, lunch, and two hours of indoor supervision, all for \$220.

**Frequent Private Lesson Program:** The Child Ski Center offers a complimentary sixth private lesson after a kid takes five.

**Midweek All Day Special:** For \$180, kids receive an all-day group lesson for two days out of any five-day period. Includes lunch, lessons, and indoor supervision.

## DONNER SKI RANCH

www.donnerranch.com

(530) 426-3635

Hours: 9am – 4pm

### BASIC RATES

**Adult full-day:** \$25/\$32 (weekends & holidays)

**Adult half-day:** \$16/\$24 (weekends & holidays)

**Adult full-season pass:** \$249 or \$199 before November 15

### THE SLOPE

**Elevation:** Base, 7,031 feet; summit, 7,781 feet

**Runs:** 52 (25% beginner, 50% intermediate, 25% advanced)

**Lifts:** Six

**Vertical Drop:** 750 feet

**Average Annual Snowfall:** 396 inches

### DEALS

**Ski/Snowboard Value Package:** Equipment rental, "all-chair" lift ticket, and a one-and-a-half-hour lesson can be purchased: \$45/\$58 (weekends & holidays)

**Group rates:** Groups of 20 or more receive discounts for tickets, lessons, and equipment, along

with access to various amenities.

**If you own equipment:** Get a one and a half-hour group lesson for \$20 if you bring your skis or snowboard

## HEAVENLY

www.skibeavenly.com

(800) 2HEAVEN

Hours: 9am – 4pm, weekdays;  
8:30am-4pm, weekends

### BASIC RATES

**Adult full-day:** Call for prices.

**Adult half-day:** Call for prices.

**Adult full-season pass:** \$349

### THE SLOPE

**Elevation:** Base, 6,540 feet; summit, 10,067 feet

**Runs:** 91 (20% beginner, 45% intermediate, 35% advanced)

**Lifts:** 30

**Vertical Drop:** 3,500 feet

**Average Annual Snowfall:** 360 inches

### DEALS

**Tequila Snowfall:** For \$284 per person, stay two nights midweek at Harvey's, get a free day of skiing or riding, and a two-for-one dinner coupon for the Cabo Wabo Cantina. Call for prices on longer stays.

**Group packages:** For every 25 tickets, get a 26th free! Prices vary during the season, so call now for discounted tickets, lessons, and more.

**Fun 101:** Get three nights of lodging, three days of skiing or riding, 25 percent off beginner lessons, two-for-one coupons at the best restaurants, and live show destinations around. Call for prices.

**Ski Free and Stay Free:** Early season deals that include free days and nights, as well as skiing on either your third, fourth or fifth day. Call for prices.

**Early Season Buy-One-Get-One-Free:** The Heavenly mid-week, buy-one-get-one-free deal is back with a variety of lodging options and prices. Get two nights of mid-week lodging and two days of skiing or riding (excluding the Thanksgiving holiday weekend). Call for prices.

**A Heavenly Weekend Getaway:** Includes three nights in a Heavenly condo or suite, and two days of skiing and snowboarding. Call for prices.

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### CARSON HOT SPRINGS

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**1500 Hot Springs Rd.**  
Carson City, NV (30 minutes from Heavenly, Kirkwood and Homewood) (775) 885-8844  
[www.carsonhotspringsresort.com](http://www.carsonhotspringsresort.com)

### DAVID WALLEY'S HOT SPRINGS

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**2001 Foothill Rd.,** Genoa, NV (775) 782-8155  
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### GROVER HOT SPRINGS STATE PARK

Family-friendly place run by the Forest Service with two large, natural, outdoor pools and more than 70 camping spots. Open Friday thru Sunday 9am – 5pm.

**Markleeville, CA** (near Kirkwood) (530) 694-2249  
[www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov)

### HIGH CAMP

Famous place for people to get wild mid-mountain; includes a pool.

**On-slope at Squaw Valley**  
[www.squaw.com](http://www.squaw.com)

### INCLINE RECREATION CENTER

Sauna, pool, massage services and a gaggle of sports facilities

**980 Incline Way,** Incline Village, NV (near Diamond Peak) (775) 832-1310  
[www.inclinerecreation.com](http://www.inclinerecreation.com)

### NEPHELES

Three private spa rooms located inside a restaurant. Cocktail service available in tubs 2pm – 2am

**1169 Ski Run Blvd.,** South Lake Tahoe (on the way to Heavenly) (530) 544-8130  
[www.nepheles.com](http://www.nepheles.com)

### SIERRA HOT SPRINGS

Sierra is the more rugged sibling to the popular Harbin Hot Springs outside of Sonoma. Clothing optional.

**Sierraville, CA** 96126 (30 minutes from Truckee) (530) 994-3773  
[www.sierrahotsprings.org](http://www.sierrahotsprings.org)

### THE SPA AT SQUAW CREEK

Slopeside spa with lift service to and from the mountain.

**Olympic Valley, CA** (530) 581-6624  
[www.squawcreek.com](http://www.squawcreek.com)

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Separate facilities for men and women include hot tub, saunas, and steam rooms.

**2565 Lake Tahoe Blvd. (Hwy. 50),** South Lake Tahoe (530) 544-6222

## SKI RESORTS



Mt. Rose

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### HOMEWOOD

[www.skihomewood.com](http://www.skihomewood.com)  
(530) 525-2992

**Hours:** 9am – 4pm

#### BASIC RATES

**Adult full-day:** \$27/\$45 (weekends & holidays)

**Adult half-day:** \$37 (weekends & holidays)

**Adult full-season pass:** \$399

#### THE SLOPE

**Elevation:** Base, 6,230 feet; summit, 7,880 feet

**Runs:** 59 (15% beginner, 50% intermediate, 35% advanced)

**Lifts:** Eight

**Vertical Drop:** 1,650 feet

**Average Annual Snowfall:** 450 inches

#### DEALS

**Kids Ski Free:** Children 10 and under ski free every day.

**Consecutive Days Deal:** Ski two consecutive days and get \$5 off each ticket.

**Group packages:** Groups of 10 or more get discounts on lift tickets, rentals, and lessons. Look for group races with prizes, free local shuttles, après ski and birthday parties, catering, and even filming services. \$24/adult, \$20/junior, \$9/senior (Mon thru Thurs); \$37/adult, \$27/junior, \$20/senior (Fri thru Sun & holidays)

### KIRKWOOD

[www.kirkwood.com](http://www.kirkwood.com)  
(209) 258-6000

**Hours:** 9am – 4pm

#### BASIC RATES

**Adult full-day:** \$67/\$70 (weekends & holidays)

**Adult half-day:** \$54/\$57 (weekends & holidays)

**Adult full-season pass:** \$489

**Adult value pass (excluding holidays):** \$339

#### THE SLOPE

**Elevation:** Base, 7,800 feet; summit, 9,800 feet

**Runs:** 65+ (15% beginner, 50% intermediate, 20% advanced, 15% expert)

**Lifts:** 12

**Vertical Drop:** 2,000 feet

**Average Annual Snowfall:** 650 inches

#### DEALS

**Two-pack Tickets:** \$99 to ski two consecutive days, during non-holidays.

**Kids Ski Free Sunday:** Up to two children ski free every non-holiday Sunday with a paying adult.

**Midweek Pass:** Get an adult midweek ticket for \$199, valid all weekdays excluding holidays.

**College Card:** Sundays thru Fridays all college students with ID can ski or ride for \$35.

**Costco 2Paks:** Save by buying two lift tickets for \$104.99 at participating Costco stores. Junior packs (for ages 13-18) sell for \$84.99.

**\*This year, Kirkwood is offering a Women's Learn to Ride program in partnership with Burton Snowboards to accelerate the learning curve of new riders. A variety of clinics will be offered for different skill levels.**

### MT. ROSE

[www.mtrose.com](http://www.mtrose.com)  
1-800-SKI-ROSE

**Hours:** 9am – 4pm

#### BASIC RATES

**Adult full-day:** \$58

**Adult half-day:** \$48

**Adult full-season pass:** \$900

#### THE SLOPE

**Elevation:** Base, 8,260 feet; summit, 9,700 feet

**Runs:** 60+ (20% beginner, 30% intermediate, 40% advanced, 10% expert)

**Lifts:** Eight

**Vertical Drop:** 1,800 feet

**Average Annual Snowfall:** 400 inches

#### DEALS

**2'er Tuesdays:** Get two full-day lift tickets for the price of one (\$58).

**Student Wednesdays:** Present any current student ID (college, high school, etc.) and get a full-day lift ticket for \$21.

**Ladies Day Thursday:** Women receive a full-day lift ticket for \$19.

**Weekend Extender:** Get a three-day lift ticket for \$99 – sold Fridays and Saturdays only.

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Northstar



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**Runs 'N' Roses:** A family package for \$116 includes two adult full-day lift tickets and two lift tickets for children under 12. Available every weekday.

### NORTHSTAR

[www.northstaratahoe.com](http://www.northstaratahoe.com)

(800) GO-NORTH

Hours: 8:30am - 4pm

#### BASIC RATES

**Adult full-day:** Call for prices.

**Adult half-day:** Call for prices.

**Adult full-season pass:** \$399 (good at Northstar and Sierra at Tahoe) or Northstar only: \$299

#### THE SLOPE

**Elevation:** Base, 6,330 feet; summit, 8,610 feet

**Runs:** 79 (13% beginner, 62% intermediate, 25% advanced)

**Lifts:** 16

**Vertical Drop:** 2,280 feet

**Average Annual Snowfall:** 350 inches

#### DEALS

**Safeway Lift Ticket Card:** Select Safeway locations offer a two-day lift-ticket special for any two out of three consecutive days: \$109

**Season-Long Rentals:** Limitless rentals at \$119, good for equipment at both Sierra and Northstar any day except holiday blackout periods.

**Demo Four-Pak:** Test out the most up-to-date equipment at Northstar's demo shop for only \$129.

**Military Appreciation Days:** Active duty personnel can present a CAC card for free skiing and riding on Sundays (except December 31, January 14, and February 18)

**Value Season Shop Ticket:** Participating ski and snowboard shops in the Bay Area, Sacramento and Reno will sell discounted lift tickets during the early and late season (before December 22, from January 2-12, and after March 19): \$44. Saves \$20.

**Vertical Plus:** With a device worn as a belt, Vertical Plus is a program that allows skiers to calculate the amount of vertical feet covered. It offers prizes, discounts, electronic ticketing, and members-only

lift lines, as well as \$5 off lift tickets, all for \$119 (\$89 with a season pass). Free Advanced Lessons: Sundays thru Fridays for skiers with a lift ticket or season pass.

**Parent Predicament Lift Ticket:** Parents can share a lift ticket if one cares for the child while the other skis.

**Afternoon Credit:** Turn in a full-day lift ticket before 12:30pm to receive a discount credit voucher for your next stay.

**Children's Program:** Season pass holders can get their kids four days of all-day lessons and lunch for just \$219.

**Mommy, Daddy and Me:** Free 45-minute lessons for parents and their toddlers, Sundays through Fridays.

**Stay & Ski Free:** Get two free lift tickets and slope-side lodging for just \$98 a night per person. Offer valid through December 19 and after April 1.

**Four-Night Stay for Three:** Book three nights at the resort lodge and get the fourth free, with complimentary on-site shuttle transportation and access to the Northstar Recreation Center. Valid daily except for Christmas and President's Day holidays.

### SIERRA AT TAHOE

[www.SierraAtTahoe.com](http://www.SierraAtTahoe.com)

(530) 659-7453

Hours: 8:30am - 4pm

#### BASIC RATES

**Adult full-day:** \$59/ \$62 (holidays)

**Adult half-day:** \$50/ \$53 (holidays)

**Adult full-season pass:** \$399 (good at both Northstar and Sierra At Tahoe) or Sierra only for \$199

#### THE SLOPE

**Elevation:** Base, 6,640 feet; summit, 8,852 feet

**Runs:** 46 (25% beginner, 50% intermediate, 25% advanced)

**Lifts:** 12

**Vertical Drop:** 2,212 feet

**Average Annual Snowfall:** 560 inches

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## Sierra at Tahoe



## Sugar Bowl



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### DEALS

**Season-Long Rentals:** For just \$119, free yourself from the hassle of tramping equipment out every time you want to ski. Good for equipment at both Sierra and Northstar any day except holiday blackout periods.

**College Season Pass:** Present a college ID and ski or ride either Northstar or Sierra all season for \$289.

**Vertical Plus:** Calculate the amount of vertical feet you ski or ride, and win prizes, discounts, electronic ticketing, and access to members-only lift lines, as well as \$5 off lift tickets, all for \$119 (\$89 with a season pass).

**Sierra 3-Pak:** \$129 for three full-day tickets. Good on holidays, weekends, and non-consecutive days.

#### Learn to Ski/Ride Guarantee:

Beginners get a two-hour lesson, free rental equipment, and a lift ticket for three days at \$46 per day. If skiers can't ride down Sugar 'n' Spice by the third day, a fourth complimentary lesson awaits.

**Wild Mountain Three-Pack:** For as low as \$66 per day, children ages 3-12 receive an all-day lesson, lift ticket, rental equipment, and more at the Wild Mountain Ski and Snowboard camp. Valid daily.

**Value Season Shop Ticket:** Participating ski and snowboard shops in the Bay Area, Sacramento, and Reno will sell discounted lift tickets during the early and late season (before December 22, from January 2-12, and after March 19): \$44. Saves \$20.

**Three-Day Demo Pack:** Try the latest and most highly advanced models of skis and snowboards from the demo shop for only \$99, or \$33 per day.

**Limitless Lesson Season Pass:** For \$99, intermediate and advanced skiers and snowboarders can take unlimited lessons throughout the season on non-holidays.

**Parent Predicament Lift Ticket:** Parents can share a lift ticket if one cares for the child while the other skis.

**Preferred Parking Pass:** Forget that trek to the slopes and park in front of the lot for only \$99.

## SQUAW VALLEY

[www.squaw.com](http://www.squaw.com)

(530) 583-6985

Hours: 9am – 9pm

### BASIC RATES

**Adult full-day:** \$69/\$73 (weekends & holidays)

**Adult half-day:** \$52

**Adult full-season pass:** \$1,749

### THE SLOPE

**Elevation:** Base, 6,200 feet; summit, 9,050 feet

**Runs:** 170+ (25% beginner, 45% intermediate, 30% advanced)

## Squaw Valley



lift tickets and lessons starting on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays at \$265.

**Five-Day Lift & Lesson Package:** Starting Mondays, get five days of lift tickets and ski lessons for just \$375.

**First Time Adventure Package:** First-time skiers and boarders get an equipment rental, beginner lift ticket, and a two-hour introductory lesson for \$89.

**\$5 Kid's Ticket:** Children under 12 ski and ride for \$5 every day.

**College Student Discount:** For \$45, students can purchase a lift ticket valid on non-holidays. Must register online first.

**Free Night Skiing and Snowboarding:** With the purchase of any lift ticket, including afternoon tickets, receive five free hours of practice on the slopes.

**All Mountain Adventure Package:** Get a two-hour lesson, rental skis or snowboard, and a full access lift ticket for \$134.

**Morning Half-Day Credit:** Get \$17 credit toward your next ticket when you finish riding before noon.

**\*This year, Squaw is increasing their snow-making to 600 acres and 15% of terrain. Look also for the return of the on-mountain Demo Center, with an innovative women's line and new skis.**

## SUGAR BOWL

[www.sugarbowl.com](http://www.sugarbowl.com)

(530) 426-9000

Hours: 9am – 4pm daily

### BASIC RATES

**Adult full-day:** \$50/ \$63 (holidays)

**Adult half-day:** \$42/ \$49 (holidays)

**Adult full-season pass:** \$879

### THE SLOPE

**Elevation:** Base, 6,883 feet; summit, 8,383 feet

**Runs:** 82 (17% beginner, 45% intermediate, 38% expert)

**Lifts:** 12

**Vertical Drop:** 1,500 feet

**Average Annual Snowfall:** 500 inches

### DEALS

**McSki Savings:** Go to any participating McDonald's in the Sacramento, Chico/Redding, and greater Reno/Tahoe areas and get a coupon for \$10 off a kid's lift ticket (ages 6-12) with the purchase of an adult ticket. Adults, too, can get \$10 off a "First Turns" Learn to Ski Package by bringing a receipt from McDonald's to the ticket window.

**Core Mountain Club:** Join this frequent skier club for \$59 and get benefits such as \$10 off lift tickets

every day, a free non-holiday lift ticket, and points toward free ski gear, discounts, and other rewards. Save \$10 by ordering online, where membership is only \$49. Season pass holders are automatically enrolled in the program. Membership for kids is \$29 at the resort, and \$19 online.

**Group Program:** Got 20 or more friends, family or co-workers you want to take to the Bowl? Call for more info on group deals, from a free ticket for every 20 tickets purchased to free posters to promote your outing, shuttle buses to pick up the crew from as far away as Sacramento and San Francisco, pizza and soda after skiing, and more.

**Early Departure:** Turn in your all-day lift ticket before 12:30pm and receive a voucher for the difference between the all-day rate and the half-day ticket.

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### DEALS

**Early Departure Option:** Turn in your full-day cross-country pass before noon and get \$6 off your next full-day pass.

**Kids Learn Free:** Every non-holiday Tuesday, any child 7 – 12 gets a free 90-minute lesson (mid-week, non-holiday) with a child's full-day lift ticket (\$13).

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## Oakley O ROKR Sunglasses

[www.oakley.com](http://www.oakley.com)

Oakley has teamed up once again with Motorola to create a rockin' pair of sunglasses – literally. The O ROKR possesses Bluetooth capability and built-in earphones, so you can tune in to the iPod (or any MP3 player), talk on the phone, *and* protect your eyes from UV rays. Earphone speakers pivot off both sides of these sleek shades, offering wearers a snug fit. Buttons on the arms make it easy to adjust volume, switch music tracks, and even toggle between phone and iPod. When a call comes, the music automatically pauses. Now why should anyone settle for ordinary sunglasses? \$250



## Virtual Laser Keyboard

[www.virtual-laser-keyboard.com](http://www.virtual-laser-keyboard.com)

Finally, our travels through space and time have brought back some treasures. Introducing the Virtual Laser Keyboard (VKB), a finger-friendly, travel-ready, and space-saving device that projects a keyboard on any surface. We haven't actually tried this thing, but it looks like something that would be great if it worked. This optical laser recognition technology is a hot topic with the geeks, so it could actually work. Try it and let us know. \$180.



## Air Conditioner Cover

[www.lesriefry.com](http://www.lesriefry.com)

Combining her passion for art with her love for cookies, artist Leslie Fry has come up with a winning solution to mask summer's best, but also unsightly, friend: the air conditioner. The artwork (plaster replicas of gourmet cookie containers mounted on a block of wood) fits directly over the humming AC and quickly transforms something plain into visual candy. And Fry can also custom-make covers for wall vents, concrete footings, or other utility areas in the home. \$850

## Motorola Dynatac 8500x

[www.retrobrick.com](http://www.retrobrick.com)

You're familiar with cyclical or generational trends in music, food, media, and fashion (Bob Newhart is back in style again; same goes for Foghat, red meat, sexy big belt buckles, golf shoes, nerds, and the Detroit Tigers). But now it's time for the resurgence (again) of something else: *Huge* cell phones! The folks at Retrobrick – a UK company that prides itself on “having the widest stocks of the most collectable and vintage phones” – have re-released the bulky 8500x Motorola to nostalgic talkers worldwide. Initially introduced in 1987, this phone, according to their website, was used by “the majority of people working in [Central London's] financial sector.” The phones were “considered state-of-the-art, essential, a status symbol, and probably an aphrodisiac.” To this, we say: So much for Spanish Fly and oysters. \$110

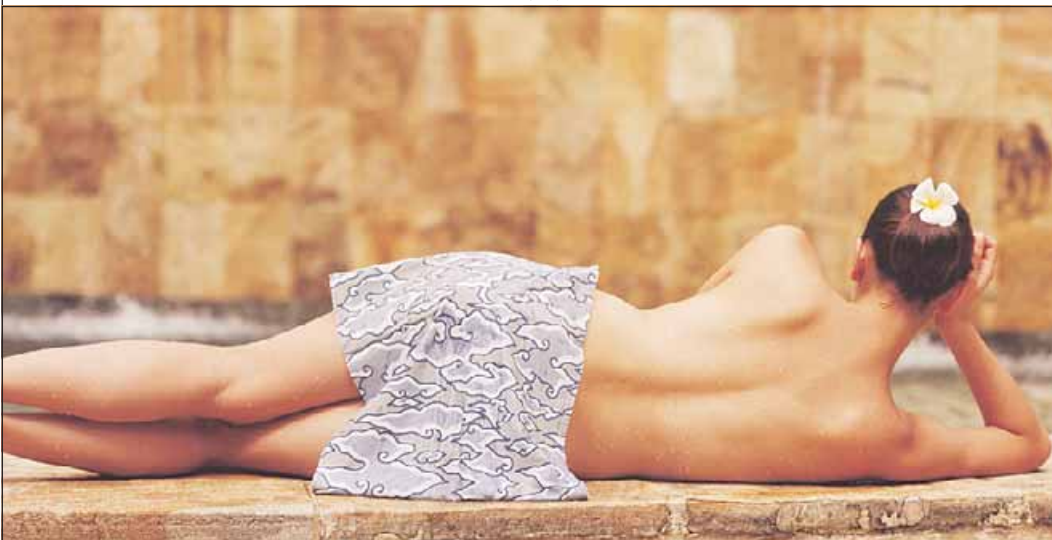


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## 2. Space

**The basics:** Be patient. Virtues for hardcore travelers include 1) the willingness to act on impulse, and, conversely, 2) enthusiasm for extensive fore planning. Generally speaking, “space travel” occurs when someone goes more than 60 miles above the Earth’s surface (which is known as the Karman line). Right now, if you’re willing to part with about \$20 million, you can do this, no problem (just like Anousheh Ansari, the Iranian businesswoman who entered space last month with the Russian Air Force, and spent 11 days there). But if you can wait three years or so, you can travel into the cosmos with Richard Branson’s Virgin Galactic airlines (VGA) for a mere \$200,000. Total proposed time of weightlessness through VGA: seven minutes.

**Random factoid:** VGA made a deal with the New Mexico state government to construct Spaceport America for \$225 million. The proposed launching pad for VGA is in Upham, N. M., about 200 miles from Roswell (supposed home of sneaky, inconsiderate space aliens).

**How to get there now:** If you’re chomping at the bit for weightlessness, check out the Zero Gravity Corporation, which offers “parabolic flights” during which you can feel weightless for 30–45 seconds.

**Resources:** Zero Gravity Corporation ([www.goz-erog.com](http://www.goz-erog.com)); Virgin Galactic ([www.virgingalactic.com](http://www.virgingalactic.com)); Anousheh Ansari ([spaceblog.xprize.org](http://spaceblog.xprize.org)); *The City and*

## Roughing It

Four incredible international destinations to quench your thirst for adventure.

BY MATT STROUD

After a boulder fell on his arm, crushed it, and immobilized him during a 2003 canyoneering trip, Aron Ralston cut off his own arm with a multi-tool (like a Swiss-Army knife), and – in possibly the most surprising twist to his story – lived. You may remember this. For six days, he tried and failed to budge the rock, fought starvation and dehydration, and eventually came to the indescribably difficult (not to mention complex and painful) decision that he would snap his radius and ulna bones, and then cut through the soft tissue around the break. Which is exactly what he did. But that wasn’t the end of his ordeal: Finally free of the boulder, he then applied a tourniquet, administered first aid, and rappelled to the bottom of Blue John Canyon. Then he hiked eight miles to meet rescuers.

Our recommendation to you: Don’t do that.

Instead, take our advice, and consider these four adventure getaways. They range from the absurdly expensive yet majestic, to the preposterously crowded yet friendly. And you don’t have to amputate an arm to get there!

### 1. Antarctica

**The basics:** Huge, icy, and technically uninhabited by humans, Antarctica was undiscovered until the 19<sup>th</sup> century (when it was visited by Russian explorers Mikhail Lazarev and Fabian Gottlieb von Bellingshausen). Today, the world’s southernmost land mass is a popular cruise destination, and home to scientific expeditions and some of Earth’s most breathtaking natural views. Despite being absurdly cold (the lowest temperature ever recorded was –128.6 F in 1983) and very expensive to visit, Antarctica is a must see for any adventurous person with deep pockets. It’s easily the most exquisitely barren, untouched place on Earth.

**Random factoid:** In 1959, 12 countries, including the United States and the United Kingdom, signed the Antarctic Treaty to keep Antarctica as close to pure as possible by prohibiting military activities and mineral mining, while supporting scientific research. Not a bad idea, considering this is the largest stretch of uncultivated land on Earth.



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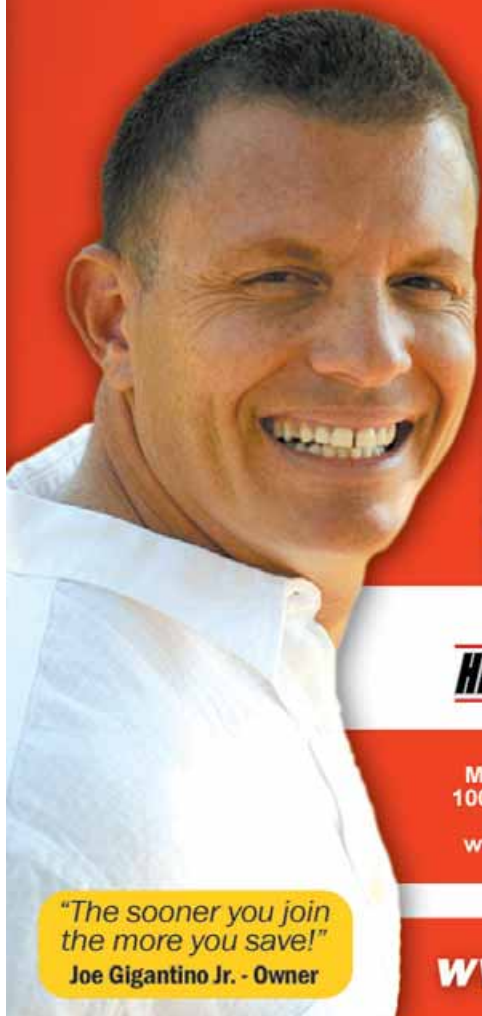
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*The Stars*, by Arthur C. Clarke; Space Exploration Technologies ([www.space.com](http://www.space.com)); Rocketplane-Kistler ([www.rocketplane.com](http://www.rocketplane.com))

### 3. Bangkok

**The basics:** Don't knock Bangkok. Yes, it's one of the most popular tourist destinations in the world. And yes, it's the most populous city in Thailand (and 21<sup>st</sup> worldwide, situated between Hong Kong and Lahore, Pakistan). But its popularity is easily justified: It's one of the most interesting, culturally diverse places on Earth, and, despite the crowds, it's still a fantastic place to get incredible wares – silver, gold, trinkets, silk – very inexpensively. And because their democratically elected prime minister was ousted last month (with little incident) by a military coup, history is being made as we speak. Overall, Bangkok is dirty and crowded, and traffic is ridiculous, but you're likely to run into friendly, accepting locals eager to inexpensively cater to your interests, no matter how simple, lavish or strange they may be.

**Random factoids:** Because almost everyone speaks English in Bangkok, it's not difficult to navigate if you don't know Thai. Westerners are called *farangs* (pronounced "fa-langs") by locals. ("Farang" simply means "Westerner" or "white Westerner," regardless of nationality – American, Dutch, and British are all the same. Black Westerners are called "farang dam," which just means

"black Westerner.") "Farang" is not a negative racial epithet, but farangs tend to look like giant walking dollar signs to native Thai entrepreneurs, so you'll probably pay double for merchandise and services (which is still usually half of what you'd pay in the States).

**How to get there now:** Bangkok is accessible. Virtually any local travel agency can get you there by plane, normally with a layover in Taipei, Hong Kong or Tokyo.

**Resources:** Thai Airways ([www.thaiairways.com](http://www.thaiairways.com)); San Jose International Airport ([www.sjc.org](http://www.sjc.org)); Orbitz ([www.orbitz.com](http://www.orbitz.com)); Atlantic Pacific Travel, San Jose ([www.carlsonwagonlit.com](http://www.carlsonwagonlit.com)); Craigslist, Bangkok ([bangkok.craigslist.org](http://bangkok.craigslist.org)); Bangkok Resources ([www.bangkok.com](http://www.bangkok.com)); *Sightseeing*, by Rattawut Lapcharoensap

### 4. Peruvian Amazon (for a mind-expanding ayahuasca trip)

**The basics:** "All at once, I willed myself to rise," says Kira Salak in *National Geographic Adventure*, describing the effects of ayahuasca. "I sailed up through the tunnel of fire, higher and higher until I broke through to a white light. All darkness immediately vanished. My body felt light, at peace. I floated among a beautiful spread of colors and patterns. Slowly my ayahuasca vision faded. I returned to my body, to where

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Amazing Amazon



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I lay in the hut, insects calling from the jungle." Shamans and psychedelic believers believe ingesting ayahuasca involves a psychological, life-altering movement beyond consciousness into richly emotional, often horrifying, introspective new quadrants of your own uncharted reality. Others believe it just gets you really, really messed up. Regardless, if you're willing to experiment with mind-altering substances in the Amazonian rain forest, you might consider an ayahuasca tour. And you'd do this, of course, at your own risk.

**How to get there now:** Blue Morpho, based in Iquitos, Peru, "specializes in all inclusive Shamanic Workshops (including ceremonies of the sacred visionary medicine Ayahuasca)." They're probably your best bet for a safe, supervised journey. They'll help with flight info and logistics, too.

**Resources:** Blue Morpho Tours ([www.bluemorphotours.com](http://www.bluemorphotours.com)); *Food of the Gods*, by Terrence McKenna; Erwid (source for "reliable, non-judgmental information about psychoactive plants and chemicals," [www.erowid.org](http://www.erowid.org)); Ayahuasca Resources ([www.ayahuasca.com](http://www.ayahuasca.com)) **TW**

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## PROMOTION

## Combat Sports Unlimited

Don't let the gloved fists and flaming eyebrows on the company's fire-breathing dragon logo intimidate you: Combat Sports Unlimited is a place where kids and families can practice mixed martial arts together in a friendly, encouraging environment.

Opened in May 2006, Combat Sports Unlimited has been wowing the community with its energetic and enriching martial arts classes. "Mixed martial arts (MMA) includes fighting styles such as tae kwon do, judo, kickboxing, boxing, and karate," says owner, instructor, and four-time Ultimate Fighting Championship veteran Brian Johnston. This innovative blend allows beginners to learn a variety of techniques without having to train under any particular system. Instead of whipping out signature offensive moves, students are taught specific, practical skills for encountering an opponent. "MMA is a hybrid approach to fighting," co-owner Maggie Gore adds. "It combines the best aspects and essential parts of each style, as well as the respect and discipline found in all of them." Johnston highlights self-defense and natural physical movements as one of the finest traits of mixed martial arts.

Kids and grownups alike can punch and kick their way around Combat Sports Unlimited's medium-sized gym, perfect for classes of one to 15 people. To sign up, parents can take their children to a class or two to observe and tryout before deciding whether to



sign on for a year. The center caters to various commitment levels, and offers one-hour programs from once a week to three and five times a week. For those who can't stay away from the punching bags, unlimited kickboxing and mixed martial arts are available. "Some people come once a week, and some come six days a week," Johnston lets on.

At this family-focused facility, a belt system ensures a set curriculum for learning children, while knowledgeable, compassionate trainers guarantee that everyone's enjoying the lesson. "Most of the time," says Gore, "the kids are having such a good time, they don't mind their mistakes. They don't have to do everything perfectly." At Combat Sports Unlimited, the philosophy of fun over frustration keeps both children and adults excited to work out. "Parents have even been using it as leverage," says Gore, mentioning how some moms threaten kids with missing practice if they exhibit bad behavior. "You don't want your mom to put you into a submission hold," she laughs.

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11/1: vs. L.A. Lakers, 7:30pm  
11/3: vs. Portland Trail Blazers, 7:30pm  
11/9: vs. NO/Oklahoma City Hornets, 7:30pm  
11/11: vs. Detroit Pistons, 7:30pm  
11/14: vs. Toronto Raptors, 7:30pm  
11/16: vs. Sacramento Kings, 7:30pm  
11/18: vs. Seattle SuperSonics, 7:30pm  
11/20: vs. Phoenix Suns, 7:30pm

#### PROFESSIONAL BOXING

**HP Pavilion**, 525 W. Santa Clara St.  
San Jose [www.fightnightatthetank.com](http://www.fightnightatthetank.com)  
11/16: Fight Night at the Tank, 7:30pm

#### PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL

**Oakland Raiders**, McAfee Coliseum, 7000 Coliseum Way  
Oakland [www.raiders.com](http://www.raiders.com)  
11/12: Denver Broncos, 1:05pm

**San Francisco 49ers**, Monster Park, 602 Jamestown Ave.  
San Francisco [www.sf49ers.com](http://www.sf49ers.com)  
11/5: vs. Minnesota Vikings, 1:05pm  
11/19: vs. Seattle Seahawks, 1:05pm

#### PROFESSIONAL ICE HOCKEY

**San Jose Sharks**, HP Pavilion, 525 W. Santa Clara St.  
San Jose [www.sjsharks.com](http://www.sjsharks.com)  
11/2: vs. N.Y. Rangers, 7:30pm  
11/4: vs. Pittsburgh Penguins, 7:30pm  
11/7: vs. Minnesota Wild, 7:30pm  
11/18: vs. Philadelphia Flyers, 7:30pm

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11/18: vs. Bay Tickets 49ers, 7pm



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11/11: vs. Boise State, 3pm  
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11/4: vs. USC, 4pm  
11/18: vs. Oregon State, 12:30pm

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11/4: vs. BYU, 7pm  
11/17: vs. San Diego State, 7:45pm  
11/18: vs. San Diego State, 7pm

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11/3: vs. Portland, 7pm  
11/5: vs. Gonzaga, 1pm

**Maloney Field**, El Camino Real & Sam McDonald Rd.  
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11/3: vs. Cal, 7pm

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## The Devil Gets Facials

Indulge in the exclusive Prada face and body treatments at The Ritz-Carlton Spa in Half Moon Bay.

BY JO ABBIE

The devil supposedly presents itself to the world with the face of an angel. So, to complement the snappy Prada outfit with which the devil has become so inextricably linked of late, the mischievous imp should indulge in the latest from the design powerhouse – Prada quality skin.

A fashion giant entering the beauty realm is by no means a new trend – so it comes as no surprise that Prada is now offering fans a skincare regime to match their purse, shoes, and skirt. What is refreshing is that unlike many of its contemporaries, the fashion house has chosen to make its namesake beauty products and services as exclusive as possible. Prada facials can only be found on the spa menu at full-service Ritz-Carlton spas in North America.

The pairing of the renowned Italian label and the hotel chain that put the Ritz in ritzy is a match made in first-class heaven – both companies are well versed in the language of luxury. And no better word describes the Prada suite of spa services. Facials can feel more like punishment than pampering with all that steaming, plucking, and squeezing. But one of the things that set Prada facials apart is the fact that they are as pleasurable as they are beneficial.

“Yes, you want to have an outcome, you want to have results; but it needs to be a treatment, it needs to be

an experience,” Ritz-Carlton Half Moon Bay’s spa director Melinda Milner explains.

The Prada offerings come complete with high-end touches and techniques – such as pre-treatment deep breathing, and soothing, rhythmic massage – to complement the products. “The products themselves are very simple. They are not hard to understand in terms of what they do or how to use them, but it is the techniques the aesthetician uses to apply the products,” says Milner of what makes these facials uniquely deluxe.

The massage technique used during the facials is a six-step process, which involves six different movements. “It’s probably one of the most highly technical facials that I’ve ever seen, just because of all of the memorization that has to go into the massage portion,” says Milner. “That in itself feels amazing, and it does wonders for your skin.”

Another characteristic of the Prada facials is the take-home aspect. Included in the price of each treatment is an eight-day supply of products that patrons receive in a to-go kit. “You’re not just getting the facial, walking away and not knowing what to do next – you’ve got your retail products to take home, which helps extend your treatment,” explains Milner.

“We always try to recommend at-home care following all of our facials, but this way, it’s packaged together, so that we’re sending you out the door with it already in your hand and have shown you how to use it,” Milner continues.

So, just what have the people at Prada sent down the skincare catwalk? The spa at the Ritz offers Prada’s three facials, plus a replenishing body treatment. The first facial is the Exfoliant Visage, a gentle peel which promises to revitalize dull skin and minimize the appearance of pores and fine lines. Or, for those who desire a dazzling glow to match those towering Prada platforms, the Radiance Visage facial offers to restore lost luminosity, even out skin tone, and provide long-term results fast.

For those wanting to lift their fallen angel face, Prada’s Reviving Visage facial is touted as a non-surgical lift, using massage techniques, collagen, and fatty acids to improve firmness and elasticity, reducing the appearance of fine lines for supple, younger-looking skin. Finally, the ultimate head-to-toe Prada experience is offered with the Replenishing Body Facial, a full body treatment that uses massage, exfoliation, and a firming clay wrap to revitalize and nourish the body.

So while Prada may have made recent headlines for its devilish associations, its foray into the skincare realm could see the iconic name become synonymous with a heavenly complexion. **EW**

*The Ritz-Carlton Half Moon Bay is located at One Miramontes Pt., Half Moon Bay. The spa prioritizes weekend appointments for hotel guests; non-guests can experience the spa services from Monday thru Friday before 3pm. For Prada Spa reservations or further information, call (650) 712-7040. Treatments range from \$275 to \$375.*



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**Special Features:** Rendezvous offers "specialty add on services," including detoxifying arm treatment, decollate microdermabrasion, decollate rejuvenation treatment, balancing back facial, hydrating hand and paraffin treatment, and after facial makeup application.

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#### THE SPA ~ LOS GATOS \$\$\$

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**Services:** Massages (Swedish, deep tissue, sports, warm stone, aromatherapy, pre-natal, lomi lomi, Endermologie™, reflexology), facials (DNA cryo-stem, glycolic, teen, back, gentlemen's, vitamin C, and papaya enzyme), body therapy (body detox, chocolate dream, chardonnay bliss, bath rituals, hand and foot), waxing, manicures, pedicures, vichy shower treatments, wraps, hydrotherapy treatments, makeup, and hair salon.  
**Special Features:** All treatments at this large European-style day spa include a private aromatherapy steam session, plus use of a robe and slippers. Wines and hot teas are available while you wait in the well-appointed "library" for your appointment. Along with the typical spa favorites of various massages and facials, The Spa ~ Los Gatos shows its dedication to the complete well-being of its clients by offering such services as oncology massage, detoxing body wraps, teen skin consultations, and motherhood massage.

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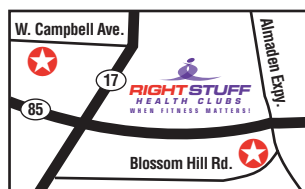
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Michelle Riazi, R.N., founder and owner of the two-year-old skin center, offers a complete menu of non-surgical skin-saving procedures, ranging from facials, laser hair removal to massage therapy, all in a comfortable, relaxed atmosphere. An inviting reception area, replete with Victorian-inspired seating and floor-to-ceiling mirrors, draws clients in, while piped-in soothing nature sounds, complimentary drinks (coffee, tea, and water), magazines, and chocolate help them relax. "Most clients who go in for laser treatment are nervous," says Riazi.

Laser procedures at Artemis run the gamut from vein removal to cellulite therapy. However, a popular treatment among men and women is laser hair removal, a relatively painless procedure that permanently reduces hair growth on the face and/or the body. Depending on one's skin type, the treatment is performed every six to eight weeks. Artemis' facials are another big hit. Using non-invasive techniques such as laser rejuvenation, microdermabrasion, acne phototherapy, and chemical peel procedures, these facials treat skin discoloration, and tighten and perk up dull complexions. "After each facial," Riazi says, "you immediately look better and have a glow." For head-to-toe pampering, clients can look to Artemis' calming Swedish, deep tissue, and hot stone massages.



All newcomers are welcomed with a free, personalized consultation so that treatments provide maximum benefit. The friendly and well-trained staff members also take time to take questions and explain all the available treatments and procedures. "All of my clients know exactly every little thing I do to them," Riazi says. Clients are also informed of what laser or cream the skin center uses during their treatments. And it's this personalized service and attention to detail that clients really appreciate. "When people see their doctors, they don't have enough time to answer questions. We have time," she adds.

For the holiday season (November to December), Artemis Skin Care is offering special prices: All facials, chemical peels, microdermabrasion sessions, and massages (\$120 each) are buy one, get one free.

Artemis Skin Care is located at 2242 Camden Ave., Suite 105 in San Jose. For more information, call (866) 716-SKIN or visit [www.artemislaserskincare.com](http://www.artemislaserskincare.com). Open Monday thru Saturday from 10am-7pm.

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## Rock Stars

These rockers were not designed with grandma in mind.

BY IRENE KEW

**W**hen it comes to rocking chairs, comfort and chic don't always readily click. Often relegated to the porch or regarded solely as an old-fashioned nursery staple, these frumpy furniture pieces have been putting design buffs (and babies) to sleep with their uninspired, bulky outlines.

But thanks to such modern designers as Charles and Ray Eames, who've transformed rockers into dynamic, sculptural beauties, these chairs have slowly, but surely made their way back onto the decorating checklist of homeowners. Passing the butt-and-beauty test is designer Alban-Sebastien Gilles' upholstered Neo rocking chair that appeases tired backs with a lumbar pillow, while the Eames Rar rocker, made from lightweight, environmentally-friendly plastic, aspires to rock the cradle. Whether one uses these modern marvels for much-needed quiet moments or to calm a crying baby, they'll irrefutably be the best seats in the house for years and years to come. **TW**



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Your friendly neighborhood flea market is filled with funky finds.

BY JENNIFER AND KITTY O'NEIL

There's nothing like spending a beautiful Saturday morning at the flea market when looking for decorator finds on the cheap. From an antique printer's tray to a handcrafted wire and crystal wreath, the De Anza Flea Market offers a great mix of old and new. We were thrilled with the abundance of affordable beads and jewelry, but what really struck us were the bargains in plants, decorating accents, garden accessories, and authentic fruit crate labels. Here are a few pointers when exploring the De Anza flea market:

selections of high-quality, low-cost foliage we've seen. On our visit, the choices included plumeria, Passion flower, bougainvillea, and angel's trumpet, all over four feet tall. We found an eight-foot tall Magnolia for only \$30. We couldn't resist the eye-catching garden statuary items, like a terra cotta wall fountain, a Buddha head, and a life-size iron bicycle. To bring a little greenery indoors, we were especially impressed with the variety of orchids – a steal at less than \$10 each. You can even get your own bonsai, featuring a delightful bridge and a miniature fisherman, for just \$22.



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can't buy at the mall. For the kitchen, De Anza has terrific vintage items like chrome sugar, flour, and tea canisters from the 1960s, and milk-glass hobnail pitchers. For the dining room, there's enough mismatched china to set a table for a song. For the living room, architectural pieces such as two-foot tall finials for only \$24 each would be perfect flanking a fireplace. And large, trendy area rugs are a bargain at less than \$200.

Although we didn't see much in the way of large furniture at De Anza, we did run across some nice velvet Parsons chairs and several Chinese-style chests of drawers. And there were decorator touches galore. We especially liked the antique apothecary bottles for a bathroom windowsill and stacks of galvanized-wire egg baskets that would be just right for rolled-up towels. Large-scale, funky finds, like a 36-inch wall clock, an ancient cash register, and a real wagon wheel, would make great conversation pieces, and are just the sort of thing that can only be found at the flea market.



### Suitable for Framing

The find of the day was a huge selection of vintage fruit crate labels. These colorful graphics were used from the mid-1880s to the 1950s to identify wooden produce crates. They are generally around 10 inch by 14 inch – perfect for framing. And at less than \$5 each, they are a real deal. We'd love to see a framed grouping based on themes such as cowboys, birds, or airplanes, all of which were commonly used in designs. Don't miss the funny ones like "Up and Atom Carrots" and "No-Needa-Sugar Grapefruits."

### Know Before You Go

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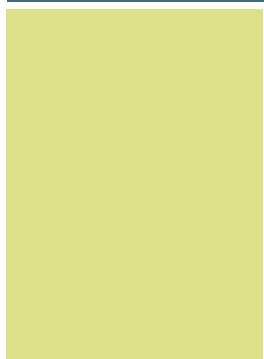
*The De Anza Flea Market is located at 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino. For more information, visit [www.deanza.fhda.edu/fleamarket](http://www.deanza.fhda.edu/fleamarket).*



### THE O'NEILS

Jennifer and Kitty O'Neil are sisters and authors of the book *Decorating with Funky Shui: How To Lighten Up, Loosen Up, and Have Fun Decorating Your Home* (Andrews McMeel). Their articles on flea market shopping and decorating have appeared in magazines nationwide and can be seen at [www.ONeilSisters.com](http://www.ONeilSisters.com).

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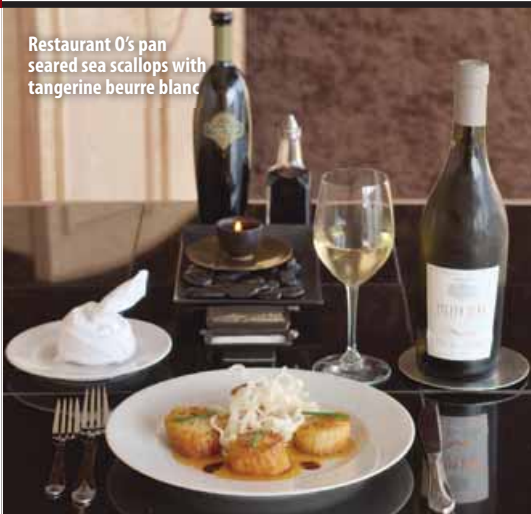
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## Hot Plate

The local restaurant scene is changing. Make your reservations now.

BY TRACI VOGEL

It's autumn, and that seems to signal the winds of change in the restaurant world. A heaping plateful of renovations, openings, and menu changes is about to be served to the South Bay. There's a lot to keep track of, so hold on to your chef's hat.

First up, Michael Mina's Arcadia in the San Jose Marriott has ratcheted up the bliss level of its formerly comfort-food-focused menu. The new menu emphasizes American steakhouse fare such as dry-aged New York strip steak, Colorado lamb t-bones, Berkshire pork chops, and a Kobe burger. Thankfully, the famed duck-fat french fries remain unchanged.

Another famous local institution re-opened its doors on October 18: Restaurant O in Campbell. Downsized two years ago to a catering business due to circumstances in the personal life of chef/owner Justin Perez, the critically acclaimed French-influenced restaurant has returned bigger and better with a menu that changes monthly, and with twice the seating capacity. The fall menu features such unique pairings as elk chop with a savory blueberry chocolate reduction. And, yes, they still do catering.

Four-star La Folie proprietor Roland Passot's Santana Row venture, Tanglewood, has been snaring fans since its opening two months ago. Chef Quentin Topping's menu offers up regional-food-inspired

delights such as cedar plank-roasted diver scallops with a "deconstructed" clam chowder as a sauce; or buttermilk fried quail with jicama, carrot, and cabbage slaw. The setting matches the menu's California bent, with tile floors, a 17-foot-long redwood communal table, and patio seating.

In Los Gatos, it was a Greek wedding as Dio Deka opened for dinner on October 23. The restaurant, run by former Evvia staff members, reflects the hotel's Mediterranean ambience with tea-colored walls, a fireplace, and an outdoor courtyard. The menu promises classic Hellenic delights such as roasted lamb, alongside updated California cuisine.

A name like iTapas may evoke visions of glossy small plates with click wheels, but owner Hung Le seems to have plugged into fusion cuisine with his brand new venture. Le, the mind behind the upscale Vietnamese Three Seasons restaurants, looks to the other side of the globe with dishes such as duck tacos with mango salsa, or lobster rolls with avocado and wasabi mayonnaise, and a raw bar. The full name of the bistro-esque eatery is iTapas & Wine Bar, and along with wine, they serve a full bar.

The Japanese comfort dish yakitori makes an upscale ascent with the opening of the sleek Sumika in Los Altos. The yakitori at Sumika is made from organic free-range chicken from a local farm, and it's grilled over traditional binchotan, a high-quality, virtually smokeless Japanese white charcoal.

Further up the coast, everyone's favorite teppanyaki chain, Benihana, is giving an "extreme makeover" to its Burlingame outpost. The new design will emphasize the restaurant's voyeuristic pleasures, with a raised waiting area overlooking the dining room and a banded window that peeks into the lounge. The dining room will be retooled to feature a translucent backdrop where the chefs prepare food. The restaurant plans to reopen after the new year.

And finally, in a rare twist of from-South-Bay-to-the-city, Amber India will be opening a restaurant next to the Four Seasons Hotel in San Francisco next May (13 Yerba Buena Lane). The three-level dining area will feature Amber's much-loved menu with some urbanized contemporary twists. And here we thought Amber was our little South Bay secret. Oh, well, to everything there is a season. **tw**

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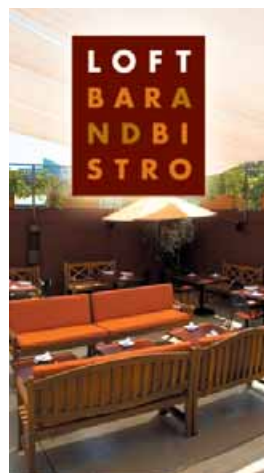
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#### CASCAL \$\$

[Pan-Latin] 400 Castro St. (650) 940-9500  
www.cascalrestaurant.com  
Vibrant interior colors create a lively setting for Cascal's huge, Latin-influenced tapas (small plates) menu. If you don't feel like sharing, feel free to fall back on the full menu, which has a trio of ceviche dishes, plus several varieties of seafood paella. Weekdays from 3:30-6:30pm, you can enjoy your tapas with half-price mojitos, sangria or Caipirinhas.

#### TIED HOUSE BREWERY \$

[American] 954 Villa St. (650) 965-2739  
www.tiedhouse.com  
Tied House bustles with patrons as familiar with the microbrewery's selection of homemade ale and ambers as they are with the menu of oversized burgers, deep-fried appetizers, and hearty salads. Pasta and seafood entrees offer up more refined options than the typical brew pub fare, but at the end of the day, any food you order is really just a side dish to the real main course: beer. On Sundays, kids under 12 eat for only 99 cents (Mountain View location only).

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[American, Asian Fusion, Brewpub] 640 Emerson St. (650) 323-7723  
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Family restaurant by day and upscale pub by night, GB attracts residents and downtown business types alike. The American menu has a heavy Asian influence, yielding potstickers, lemon-ginger-crusting salmon, sweet-and-spicy cashew chicken stir fry, and Asian chicken salad. Burgers, pizza, and meatloaf are also popular. Happy hour is 4-6pm, and the TVs are always tuned to sports.

#### MING'S CHINESE CUISINE AND BAR \$\$

[Chinese] 1700 Embarcadero Rd. (650) 856-7700  
www.mings.com  
During Ming's daily dim sum rush, the floor teems with friendly staff wheeling around carts packed with dumplings, steamed vegetables, turnip cakes, rice noodle rolls, and other divine offerings. But don't ignore the restaurant's dizzying menu of more than 100 seafood, vegetarian, spa cuisine (steamed, yet delicious fare), vegan, noodles, rice, and traditional Cantonese barbecued and poached meats entrees. Like spicy food? Bring home a bottle of Ming's spicy chili bean sauce for just \$5.

#### THAIPHOON RESTAURANT \$

[Thai] 543 Emerson St. (650) 323-7700  
www.thaiphonrestaurant.com  
Owner Tom Vongampai grew up eating delicately spiced, fresh, healthy Thai food, and his goal with Thaiphoon was to bring his childhood cuisine to life — so he hired his mother as the executive chef. Where some Thai restaurants under-spice or over-sweeten their dishes, Thaiphoon's dishes reach an elegant balance. Try your dishes with brown Jasmine rice instead of white. It's healthier, and adds a subtle nutty flavor.

### REDWOOD CITY

#### OLD PORT LOBSTER SHACK \$\$

[Seafood] 851 Veterans Blvd. (650) 366-2400  
oplobster.com  
Russell Deutsch wasn't willing to give up lobsters when he moved from Maine to the West Coast, so he opened his own restaurant. Now, Deutsch makes a run to the airport twice a week to pick up a fresh shipment of the hard-shelled delicacies, and serves them boiled with home fries and asparagus, or lightly coated in mayo and lemon juice on a "top-loading" New England-style roll (you can also get the lobster-on-a-roll "naked"). Chowder and crabcakes round out the seafood menu at this friendly order-at-the-counter joint.

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#### AZUCAR \$\$

[Latin American] 71 E. San Fernando St. (408) 293-1121  
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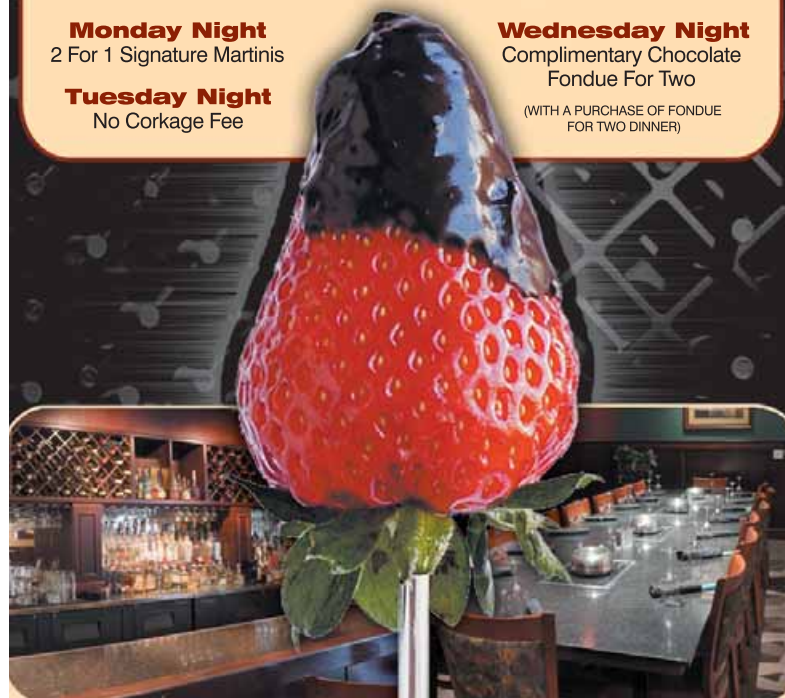
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### GORDON BIERSCH \$

[American, Asian Fusion] 33 E. San Fernando St. (408) 294-6785 www.gordonbiersch.com

The restaurant's lunch menu, peppered with burgers and sandwiches, rules only slightly less than the dinner menu's truly golden steak, chicken, and seafood entrees. If Americanesque food seems tired, diners can enjoy pasta, stirfry, pizza, and a host of Asian-influenced entrees. No meal is complete without their famous garlic fries or fresh beer, brewed just down the street. Maibock, a sweet-ish, dark auburn-colored brew, boasts the highest alcohol content in GB's range.

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[Steakhouse, Seafood, Modern American] 1355 N. Fourth St. (408) 392-2468

www.theislandgrill.com

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### LOFT BAR & BISTRO \$\$\$

[Modern American] 90 S. Second St. (408) 291-0677 www.loftbarandbistro.com

Capers Eat and Drink impresario Kam Razavi has a Downtown hit with Loft. An historic stone-and-marble exterior belies the airy urban-chic warehouse interior, complete with upstairs loft and a second-story patio. The menu features gourmet turns on classic comfort foods, as exemplified by Razavi's meatloaf, made with smoked ham and smothered in a wild mushroom sauce that migrates to the garlic mashed potatoes. The full bar on the second floor is a popular gathering spot on weekend nights.

### LUU NEW TUNG KEE \$

[Asian] 262 E. Santa Clara St. (408) 289-8688; 481 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas (408) 263-8288; 520 Showers Dr., Mountain View (650) 947-8888; 6905 Camino Arroyo Dr., #10 Gilroy (408) 847-6988.

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warm, and simple. The four-course menu features varied entrees cooked in one of four styles, with an assortment of savory breads, vegetables, and choice of salad. The regular menu includes dishes like lobster, chicken, pork tenderloin, shrimp, and Florentine ravioli – and, of course, chocolate fondue dessert.

### PARAGON RESTAURANT \$\$

[Modern American] 211 S. First St. (408) 282-8888

www.paragonrestaurant.com

This chic lounge and restaurant are the paragon of art-deco-gone-high-tech décor, with cube lighting, polished-stone surfaces, and low booths that appear ready for takeoff. The roasted chicken with gourmet mac-n-cheese is a staple, but there are a few surprises, too, like the cumin seared sea bass with charred tomato gazpacho. Tables on the heated outdoor patio are highly coveted, so make reservations; same goes for Friday and Saturday nights, when there's live jazz at the Paragon.

### POOR HOUSE BISTRO \$

[American, New Orleans] 91 S. Autumn St. (408) 292-5837 www.poorhousebistro.com

Housed in a cheery Victorian near Downtown San Jose, Poor House Bistro brings a bit of Nawlins to Silicon Valley. The menu features Louisiana favorites like crawfish, blackened chicken, jambalaya, gumbo, fried catfish, red beans and rice, and the famous donut-like desserts, beignets. Service is Big Easy friendly, and terrace seating outside lets you lounge in the sun while enjoying a Po Boy sandwich. Sunday brunch from 10am to 2pm. Live music kicks off the party Friday and Saturday nights. Watch out for the Hurricanes – they might just sneak up on you. Uh, the drink, that is.

### ROKKO JAPANESE CUISINE \$\$\$

[Japanese, Sushi] 55 S. Market St. (408) 947-7778

Delectably fresh sashimi isn't all you'll find at this Downtown sushi den. There's also the roster of generously portioned daily specials, every bit as flavorful as menu staples like the teriyaki entrees (chicken, beef, salmon) and tasty assortment of sushi rolls. The Rokko crunch roll, an appetizing combination of lightly cooked salmon, crisp salmon skin, avocado, and tempura flakes, pleases the palate, as does the list of 15 premium sakes. Don't miss the two-for-one sake cocktails (happy hour 5pm to 7pm), which features refreshing concoctions such as the Samurai (sake, lime, grapefruit) and Saketini (plum sake, shochu, sparkling sake).

### TIED HOUSE CAFE & BREWERY \$\$

[American upscale pub food] 65 N. San Pedro St. (408) 295-2739 www.tiedhouse.com

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#### AMARIN THAI CUISINE \$

[Thai, Vegetarian] 5205 Prospect Rd. (408) 253-8424 [www.amarinthaicuisine.com](http://www.amarinthaicuisine.com)  
Gold-clad goddesses gaze down benevolently on Amarin Thai's spicy curries. The pad Thai is a favorite at this casual Thai spot — unlike many versions, this one's not too sour and not too sweet. Amarin means "heaven" in Thai, and while a celestial comparison is a lot to live up to, the food here comes close. Save room for the housemade coconut ice cream — with or without fried banana.

#### ANDIAMO CAFÉ \$\$

[Mexican, Italian, Latin] 5220 N. First St., Alviso (408) 946-3487 [www.andiamocafe.com](http://www.andiamocafe.com)  
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## Andiamo Café

Andiamo's owner Marco Rondon likens his restaurant to Italian *trattorias* and Mexican *taquerias*. "They're the hole-in-the-wall places that sell real Italian and Mexican food," says the former dishwasher who worked his way up in the restaurant business. While the charming eatery encapsulates the delectable tastes of authentic Italian, Latin American, and Mexican dishes, the restaurant is anything but hole-in-the-wall.

In the 12 years it has been open, Andiamo Café has grown from a 75-seat single-room restaurant to one that fits 325 in three separate rooms. Yet the homeyness is not lost. Each dining room is unique: the cozy main room boasts a beautiful painted ceiling; the café, a dark-wood espresso bar; and the third, a high ceiling with skylights. A patio hugs the front of the restaurant, while more intimate patio seating is available at the rear. Salsa music resounds throughout each area, lending a Latin vibe.

But it's Andiamo's eclectic mix of mouth-watering meals that really draws the crowds. During lunch hour, the café gets so busy that Rondon advises customers to make reservations or risk waiting outside. The restaurant offers diners two separate menus filled with more than 100 options. The Cuccina Italiana menu showcases a wide range of popular pastas, from seafood, vegetarian to poultry. A must-try is the much-loved Friday Special, Cioppino — a sumptuous combination of prawns, clams, whitefish, crabmeat, baby clams, and mussels sautéed with tomatoes and green onions and topped off with marinara sauce. The Cocina Latina menu, on the other hand, features



an array of Mexican and Latin dishes, from tacos, enchiladas to steaks. The chile verde, chunks of lean pork mixed with a special green sauce, is an all-time favorite, while the Caribbean Steak, tender tips grilled and served with Spanish white rice, black beans, and sweet plantains, is equally popular. For dessert, grab a latte and slice of tiramisu from the café's espresso bar.

The types of cuisine offered may differ greatly, but Rondon is positive that customers enjoy Andiamo's fresh flavors and home-cooked goodness, as well as the friendly servers and restaurant's warmth and comfort. Accommodating chefs are also happy to customize dishes to diners' taste. "You are home," Rondon says, "so whatever [you want], you can have."

Andiamo Café is open Monday thru Sunday from 10am-10pm and is located at 5220 N. First St. in Alviso. For more information, call (408) 946-3487 or visit [www.andiamocafe.com](http://www.andiamocafe.com).

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## ARTHUR'S RESTAURANT \$\$

[Seafood, Italian] 2875 Lakeside Dr. (408) 980-1666 [www.arthurs-restaurant.com](http://www.arthurs-restaurant.com)

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## KAMPAI HOUSE \$\$\$

[Japanese Fusion] 595 E. El Camino Real (408) 830-0628 [www.kampaihouse.com](http://www.kampaihouse.com)

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## ROKKO JAPANESE CUISINE \$\$

[Japanese, Sushi] 190 S. Francis St. (408) 732-7550

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[www.doubleds.com](http://www.doubleds.com)

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**Team Affiliations:** Raiders, 49ers

**Open for Breakfast:** Sat: 9:00am | Sun: 9:30am

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**Team Affiliations:** 49ers

**Hours:** 6am - 2am

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4141 El Camino Real (650) 493-9020  
[www.danbrowns.com](http://www.danbrowns.com)

**TVs:** Twelve

**Team Affiliations:** Raiders / 49ers

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Babes Sports Bar, 398 S. Bascom Ave. (408) 271-9000

**TVs:** Seven (One big screen)

**Food/Drink specials:** All-you-can-eat buffet at breakfast (French toast, hash browns, sausage, etc.), and drink specials

**Team Affiliations:** Raiders, 49ers, Packers

**Hours:** 9am - midnight

Branham Lounge, 1116 Branham Ln. (408) 265-5525

**TVs:** 50in. plasma

**Food/Drink specials:** All you can eat breakfast (\$6). Complimentary pizza for afternoon gmaes. Beer & Bloody Mary specials

**Team Affiliations:** Steelers, Cowboys, Chicago, Arizona

**Hours:** 10am - 2am

Stanley's Sports Bar & Grill,  
(408) 279-6000 1500 S. Tenth St.  
[www.logitechice.com](http://www.logitechice.com)

**TVs:** 14 plasma screens

**Food/Drink specials:** Happy Hour from 5-6pm

**Team Affiliations:** Raiders, 49ers

**Hours:** 8am - 1am

Scores Sports Bar & Grill,  
(408) 971-6647 417 S. First St.  
[www.scoressportsbarandgrill.com](http://www.scoressportsbarandgrill.com)

**TVs:** 5 large projection TVs

**Food/Drink specials:** Daily

**Team Affiliations:** Raiders, 49ers

**Hours:** Tues, 6pm - 2am, Fri, 4pm - 2am, Sat, 6pm - 2am, Sun, 3pm - 2am

## SUNNYVALE:

Firehouse Brewery, 111 S. Murphy Ave. (408) 773-9500  
[www.firehousegrill.com](http://www.firehousegrill.com)

**TVs:** 14 **Food/Drink specials:** Happy Hour from 3-6pm

**Team Affiliations:** Raiders, 49ers

**Hours:** 11:30am - 9pm

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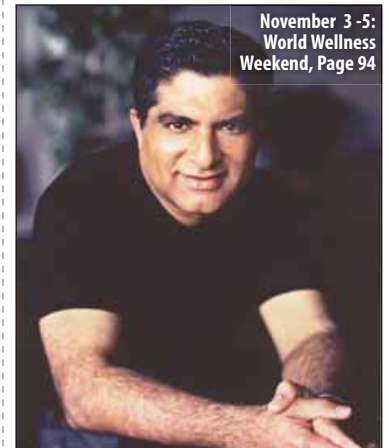
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# 50 Ways



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## 11/1

WEDNESDAY

**1. CELTIC FIDDLE FESTIVAL**  
Montalvo Arts Center, 15400 Montalvo Rd., Saratoga (408) 961-5858 [www.montalvoarts.org](http://www.montalvoarts.org)  
**November 1:** If you're a fan of the fiddle, you'll want to make sure you're front row and center for an evening of amazing and entertaining fiddle playing: 7:30pm

**2. FOREVER PLAID**  
Sunnyvale Community Center Theatre, 550 E. Remington Dr., Sunnyvale (408) 733-6611 [www.sunnyvaleplayers.org](http://www.sunnyvaleplayers.org)  
**Thru November 19:** This whacky musical features four young singers who are killed in a car crash in the 1950s, but find themselves resurrected for a chance to fulfill their dreams and perform their "final" show.

## 11/3

FRIDAY

**3. THE TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA**  
Playhouse Theatre, Foothill College, Los Altos Hills (650) 949-7360 [www.foothill.edu/fa](http://www.foothill.edu/fa)  
**November 3 - 11:** Enjoy an updated version of Shakespeare's romantic tale of friendship, betrayal, and you guessed it, LOVE!

### 4. HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT: MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

San Jose State University Event Center, 290 S. Seventh St. [www.bhcombat.com](http://www.bhcombat.com)  
**November 3:** It's an evening of butt-kickin' excitement with 11 cage matches, and a chance to meet 12-Time World Champion Dan "The Beast" Severn!: 6:30pm

### 5. WORLD WELLNESS WEEKEND

San Jose Civic Auditorium, 135 W. San Carlos St., San Jose (800) 595-4TIX [www.worldwellness.org](http://www.worldwellness.org)  
**November 3 - 5:** Spend three days rejuvenating your soul with classes, speakers, 80 lectures, movies, more than 150 exhibitors, and a special opening address from Deepak Chopra, the man voted by *Time Magazine* as one of the top 100 icons of this century.

### 6. SIDEWAY STORIES FROM WAYSIDE SCHOOL

Historic Hoover Theatre, 1635 Park Ave., Campbell (408) 351-4440 [www.renegadetheatre.com](http://www.renegadetheatre.com)  
**November 3 - 25:** Wayside School was supposed to be one-story high with 30 classrooms, but there was a slight mishap and it was built straight up to 30 stories! As if that wasn't enough, it's haunted, filled with barnyard animals, and the teacher turns her students into apples. And we thought going to parochial school was tough.

### 7. ABILITIES EXPO

Santa Clara Convention Center 5001 Great America Pkwy. [www.abilitiesexpo.com](http://www.abilitiesexpo.com)  
**November 3 - 5:** The Abilities Expo features two days of the latest technology and services to help improve the lives of people with disabilities.

## 11/4

SATURDAY

### 8. JOAN JETT & THE BLACKHEARTS

*The Fillmore*  
1805 Geary Blvd., San Francisco [www.thefillmore.com](http://www.thefillmore.com)  
**November 4:** There are no BIGGER fans of Joan Jett than the staff here at *The Wave*. That's why you'll find us all at this show rockin' like it's 1981.

### 9. SILENT MOVIE NIGHT

Divine Science Community Center, 1540 Hick Ave. San Jose (408) 293-3838 [www.divinesciencecommunitycenter.org](http://www.divinesciencecommunitycenter.org)  
**November 4:** One night showing of *The Sheik*, starring Rudolph Valentino, accompanied by a live organist!: 7pm

### 10. ESURANCE ICER AIR 2006

AT & T Park, 24 Willie Mays Plaza, San Francisco [www.icerair.com](http://www.icerair.com)  
**November 4:** Full day of activities with a snowboard big air contest, skate & BMX vert demos, live music

from Jurassic, and much more!: 10am - 8pm

### 11. OUR TOWN

Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto (650) 329-0891 [www.paplayers.org](http://www.paplayers.org)  
**November 4 - 19:** Ordinary lives in fictional Grover's Corners, New Hampshire are narrated by an omniscient stage manager in Thornton Wilder's most popular play - a rumination on how the everyday becomes extraordinary when we realize how quickly time goes.

### 12. VINTAGE COMPUTER FESTIVAL 9.0

Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View [www.vintage.org/2006/main](http://www.vintage.org/2006/main)

**November 4 - 5:** Where else in the WORLD is more suited for a vintage computer festival than Silicon Valley? That's right, nowhere! Enjoy two full days of celebrating computers with exhibitions, workshops, and special guest - the co-founder of Apple Computers, Steve Wozniak.

### 13. JOHNNY WINTER

Moe's Alley 1535 Commercial Way Santa Cruz [www.moesalley.com](http://www.moesalley.com)  
**November 4:** Make your way over the hill to Moe's Alley for a spectacular guitar performance from the albino bluesman, Johnny "don't forget the sunscreen" Winter: 9:30pm

## 11/5

SUNDAY

### 14. SIXTH ANNUAL JINGLE JAM CONCERT

South Hall, 435 S. Market St. San Jose (800) 726-5673  
**November 5:** A holiday event full of fun, with interactive booths, bounce houses, live music, and a special visit from Kris Kringle: Noon

### 15. ROLLING STONES / VAN MORRISON

McAfee Coliseum, 7000 Coliseum Way, Oakland (510) 625-TLXS  
**November 5:** Two legendary performers in one night - could it get any better? NO! See ya there.

### 16. ANIVERSARIO

Mountain View for the Center of Performing Arts, 500 Castro St. Mountain View (650) 903-6565 [www.theatreflamenco.org](http://www.theatreflamenco.org)  
**November 5:** Join Theatre Flamenco for a celebration of 40 years of dance with a full evening of what else... flamenco dancing!

### 17. PIANIST JON NAKAMATSU

Smith Center at Oboler College 43600 Mission Blvd. Fremont (510) 659-6031 [www.smithcenterpresents.com](http://www.smithcenterpresents.com)  
**November 5:** We can't help but be inspired by internationally renowned pianist Jon Nakamatsu, who never underwent the usual conservatory training. Don't miss this San Jose native's performance at the Smith Center in Fremont at 4pm. Don't be late.

### 18. SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS vs. MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Monster Park, off Hwy. 101 San Francisco [www.49ers.com](http://www.49ers.com)  
**November 5:** Well, our Miners aren't doing so hot, but they still need your support. If nothing else, come and tailgate - everyone is a winner when tailgating!: 1:05pm

## 11/6

MONDAY

### 19. NICK LACHEY

San Jose Civic Auditorium 135 W. San Carlos St., San Jose [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)  
**November 6:** From 98 Degrees, to Jessica Simpson, and now to San Jose, please put your hands together and welcome handsome devil Nick Lachey for an evening of touching music: 7:30pm

## 11/7

TUESDAY

### 20. POETRY LOUNGE

Blue Monkey Lounge, One E. San Fernando St., San Jose (408) 297-3400 [www.pcsj.org](http://www.pcsj.org)  
**November 7:** Hey daddy-o, do you consider yourself a poet of the people? Then join Tommy Mouton, Susan Shillinglaw, Ph.D, and Charles Schubert for an evening of poetry, and your chance to share your OWN words with an open mic: 7pm

### 21. BARNEY LIVE! THE LET'S GO TOUR

San Jose Civic Auditorium, 135 W. San Carlos St., San Jose [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)  
**November 7:** Get the kids to the San Jose Civic Auditorium for a long-awaited visit with Barney, that big ole purple dinosaur, and all his friends, including his newest buddy, Riff!

### 22. LOU REED

Fox Theatre, 2215 Broadway St. Redwood City [www.foxdream.com](http://www.foxdream.com)  
**November 7:** A true pioneer in experimental music, and the co-founder of The Velvet Underground. No other reason is needed to put this show on your "must see" list: 7:30pm

## 11/8

WEDNESDAY

### 23. THE WHO

HP Pavilion, 525 W. Santa Clara St., San Jose (408) 287-9200 [www.hpps.com](http://www.hpps.com)  
**November 8:** "Magic Bus" "My Generation" "Pinball Wizard" "The Seeker" "Who Are You" "Won't Get Fooled Again" "Eminence Front"... need we say more?: 7:30pm

## 11/10

FRIDAY

### 24. THE BAY AREA SKI & SNOWBOARD SHOW

San Jose McEnery Convention Center, 408 Almaden Blvd., San Jose [www.bayareaskisnowboard.com](http://www.bayareaskisnowboard.com)  
**November 10 - 12:** This show will get the adrenaline of ski buffs pumping with the latest in skiing and snow boarding gear, along with family entertainment, prizes, and more! (See insert)



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### 25. POPPY JASPER FILM FESTIVAL

Venues throughout Morgan Hill  
[www.poppymasperformfest.org](http://www.poppymasperformfest.org)  
**November 10 – 12:** Morgan Hill invites all to three days of innovative short films, speakers, workshops, women's panel discussion, and a special guest appearance by Victor Miller, writer of *Friday The 13<sup>th</sup>*.

### 26. FALL ART FAIR AT MARY'S HOUSE

10434 San Fernando Ave.  
 Cupertino (408) 446-0857  
[www.art.rymar.com](http://www.art.rymar.com)  
**November 10 – 11:** Join Bay Area artists for a day dedicated to nothing but the arts, with ceramics, photography, wooden boxes, monoprints, jewelry, sculpture, cards, and more.

# 11/11

SATURDAY

### 27. BALLET FOLKLÓRICO

Fox Theatre, 2215 Broadway  
 Redwood City [www.foxdream.com](http://www.foxdream.com)  
**November 11:** Join Mexico's national ballet company as they perform breathtaking highlights from their 54-year repertoire, with beautiful costumes, amazing sets, and spectacular music! 8pm

### 28. EIGHTH ANNUAL JEWELRY EXTRAVAGANZA

Sunnyvale Discovery, 1659 Hollenbeck Rd., Sunnyvale (408) 737-7707  
**November 11 – 12:** Purchase some wonderful jewelry and help raise funds for the American Cancer Society! 10am

### 29. FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Mountain View for the Center of Performing Arts, 500 Castro St. Mountain View (650) 903-6000  
[www.pytnet.org](http://www.pytnet.org)  
**November 11 – 19:** The story of a father trying to raise his five daughters in Czarist Russia, presented by the Peninsula Youth Theatre.

### 30. SAN JOSE REPTILE SHOW

Parkside Hall, 180 Park Ave. San Jose [www.upscalereptiles.com](http://www.upscalereptiles.com)  
**November 11 – 12:** Okay, snake lovers, your dream has come true. No, we didn't hear anything about *Snakes on a Plane II*. It's called the San Jose Reptile Show, featuring thousands of slithering reptiles for sale and display.

### 31. PALO ALTO PHILHARMONIC CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERTS

Palo Alto Art Center Auditorium 1313 Newell Rd., Palo Alto [www.paphil.org](http://www.paphil.org)  
**November 11:** Join the Palo Alto Philharmonic for their season opener as they perform the works

of Beethoven, Schubert, and Shostakovich: 8pm

### 32. GREATER TUNA

The Stage, 490 S. First St. San Jose (408) 283-7142  
[www.sanjosestage.com](http://www.sanjosestage.com)  
**November 15 – December 10:** A comedic romp about the crazy goings-on in a small Texas town.

### 33. THE CARNIVAL OF STARS BELLY DANCE AND COMIC BOOK CONVENTION

Centennial Hall, 22292 Foothill Blvd., Hayward [www.clonecomics.com/carnivalofstars.com](http://www.clonecomics.com/carnivalofstars.com)  
**November 11 – 12:** Do you enjoy belly dancing? How about comic books? Then welcome to The Carnival of Stars Belly Dance and Comic Book Convention! This two-day event combines dance workshops, comic book artists, panel discussions, costume contests, and so much more.

### 34. GEORGE LOPEZ

The Warfield 982 Market St., San Francisco [www.livenation.com](http://www.livenation.com)  
**November 11:** Prepare yourself for an evening of hilarity times two, from ultra funny man George Lopez! 7:30 & 11pm

### 35. SUNPEX STAMP SHOW

Sunnyvale Community Center 550 E. Remington Dr. Sunnyvale (707) 322-8483  
**November 11 – 12:** Need an Inverted Jenny? How about a One Penny Black? Here's where you need to go: the Sunpex Stamp Show. Get your stamps appraised, buy more stamps, and enjoy the door prizes! 10am

# 11/12

SUNDAY

### 36. WILLOW GLEN AT THE GARDEN

Garden Theatre, 1165 Lincoln Ave., San Jose (408) 295-1218  
**November 12:** Enjoy a wonderful evening of fine wine tasting, and fundraising for Willow Glen Middle School! 3 – 7pm

### 37. CALIFORNIA YOUTH SYMPHONY

Flint Center for the Performing Arts, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd. Cupertino (650) 325-6666  
[www.cys.org](http://www.cys.org)  
**November 12:** This concert features such great works as Dvorak's *Slavonic Dances*, Rachmaninoff's *Piano Concerto No. 2*, and Prokofiev's *Symphony No. 5*, all performed by the talented California Youth Symphony! 2:30pm

# 11/13

MONDAY

### 38. BARBRA STREISAND

HP Pavilion, 525 W. Santa Clara St., San Jose (408) 287-9200  
[www.bbpsj.com](http://www.bbpsj.com)  
**November 13:** Get your tickets now! This will be a no-brainer sellout show! 7:30pm

# 11/14

TUESDAY

### 39. FIFTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Santana Row, Winchester & Stevens Creek Blvds. San Jose (408) 551-4611  
[www.santanarow.com](http://www.santanarow.com)  
**November 14:** Live holiday entertainment, horse-drawn carriage rides, great shopping, a sneak peek of the play *Christmas Dreamland*, Santa Claus and, of course, tree lighting! 6 – 9pm

# 11/16

THURSDAY

### 40. FIGHT NIGHT AT THE TANK

HP Pavilion 525 W. Santa Clara St., San Jose [www.fightnightatthetank.com](http://www.fightnightatthetank.com)  
**November 16:** Heavyweight contender Tony Thompson takes on Stacy Frazier, along with Oakland's Gold Medalist Andre Ward kicking the crap out of an unsuspecting Derrick Findley! 7:30pm

### 41. DISNEY'S THE JUNGLE BOOK

Montgomery Theatre 271 S. Market St., San Jose [www.cmts.org](http://www.cmts.org)  
**November 16 – 19:** The Children's Musical Theater of San Jose would like to invite you to Disney's classic musical tale of Mowgli, a boy raised in the jungle by wolves, a bear named Baloo, and a panther named Bagheera.

### 42. GISELLE

San Jose Center of Performing Arts, 255 Almaden Blvd. San Jose (408) 288-2800  
[www.balletsanjose.org](http://www.balletsanjose.org)  
**November 16 – 19:** Join Ballet San Jose as they perform one of the most famous ballets from the romantic period. (See page 111)

# 11/17

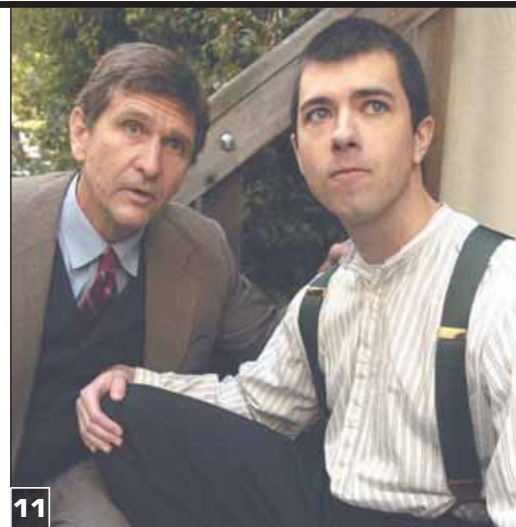
FRIDAY

### 43. DIXIE CHICKS

Oakland Arena, 7000 Coliseum Way, Oakland [www.coliseum.com](http://www.coliseum.com)  
**November 17:** Slide into your best Wranglers, boots, and cowboy hat, and prepare yourself for a full night of two-steppin' fun! 8pm

### 44. SNOW SEASON KICK-OFF PARTY

The Techmart, 5201 Great America Pkwy., Santa Clara [www.apres.org](http://www.apres.org)  
**November 17:** What better way to get ready for the ski season than having a party with fellow skiers and snowboarders with cocktails, vendor booths, dinner, and dancing with music from The Joe Sharino Band! 6pm



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### 45. 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CAT SHOW

San Mateo Expo Center 2495 Delaware St., San Mateo [www.cfa.org](http://www.cfa.org)  
**November 17 – 19:** Get "Felix" all spiffed up and ready for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual International Cat Show, featuring more than 850 felines representing 41 breeds. For fun we suggest throwing a wind-up mouse onto the floor during final judging.

### 46. DOWNTOWN ICE

Circle of Palms, between Fairmont Hotel and San Jose Museum of Art, off Market St. San Jose [www.sjdowntown.com](http://www.sjdowntown.com)  
**November 17 – January 16:** Lace up the blades and get ready to land that triple lutz. The largest outdoor skating rink in the South Bay is in Downtown San Jose.

# 11/18

SATURDAY

### 47. HOLIDAY HARMONY

Pier 39, Beach St. & The Embarcadero, San Francisco [www.pier39.com](http://www.pier39.com)  
**November 18:** A multi-cultural holiday celebration, showcasing Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa with live music, dancing, food, and 2,000 twinkling lights!

### 48. FOURTH ANNUAL VELOSAP & SPORTS EXPO

San Francisco Exhibition Center Seventh & Brannan Sts., San Francisco [www.veloswap.com](http://www.veloswap.com)  
**November 18:** Visit the world's largest consumer bicycle and sports expo, and see, buy, swap, and sell everything bike-related: 9am – 4pm

### 49. THE BARBER OF SEVILLE

California Theatre, 345 S. First St., San Jose [www.operasj.org](http://www.operasj.org)  
**November 18 – December 3:** Enjoy Giochino Rossini's opera following Count Almaviva and his heart, which belongs to the fair Rosina.

### 50. KALIDASAS RITUSAMHARA: THE VARIED SEASONS

Mexican Heritage Theatre 1700 Alum Rock Ave., San Jose (408) 983-0491  
[www.sulekha.com/bayarea](http://www.sulekha.com/bayarea)  
**November 18:** Join the Abhinaya Dance Company for a special evening of dance based on Indian poet Kaldiasa's great work, *Ritusamhara*, a moving expression of the six seasons of the Hindu almanac! 7pm **FW**

1) Josh Melander



## MIX 'N' MATCH

- A) Antonio's Nut House, 321 S. California Ave., Palo Alto (650) 321-2550
- B) Buddha Lounge, 251 Castro St., Mountain View (650) 969-4847
- C) Caravan, 98 S. Almaden Ave., San Jose (408) 995-6220
- D) Cardiff Lounge, 260 E. Campbell Ave., Campbell (408) 374-7477  
[www.cardiffounge.com](http://www.cardiffounge.com)
- E) Fahrenheit Ultra Lounge, 99 E. San Fernando St., San Jose (408) 998-9998 [www.fultralounge.com](http://www.fultralounge.com)
- F) Rosie McCann's Irish Bar and Restaurant, 355 Santana Row #1060, San Jose (408) 247-1706 [www.rosiemccanns.com](http://www.rosiemccanns.com)

## Bar Exam

Match these mix masters with the bars.

BY IRENE KEW

Technology may have spawned robot bartenders like the RoboBar, a machine mixologist that supposedly serves up a perfect pour each time with computerized consistency. But even if these androids work round the clock and make small talk, they'll never be quite as welcoming (or cool) as the bartenders at these hot Silicon Valley watering holes. After all, cold steel can't greet customers by name, empathize with one's troubles, or throw in a drink on the house.

Judging by the overwhelming response we received for our 2006 Readers' Choice awards, and all the complaints that a bartender wasn't on this year's Readers' Choice cover, we know how much *Wave* readers love their drink slingers. So here's a test to see just how well you really know them. Cheers! **tw**

4) Nicole Jacob



5) Graham Kimura



2) Megan Flynn



3) Joe Ross



6) Pam Noonan





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11/7 - Lorn Leber, Jazz: 6-9pm  
11/8 - Wendy Dewitt, Blues: 6-9pm  
11/9 - Sonya Jason's Style, Hot Sax, Cool Jazz: 6-9pm  
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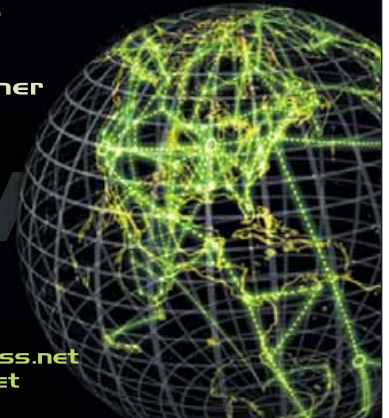
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Vandals, Lionel Richie, Prodigy,  
Cat Power, The Meters, Primus,  
Wolfmother, The Melvins, Al Di  
Meola, The Lemonheads, Los Lobos,  
Calexico, Rancid, Big Bad Voodoo  
Daddy, Hell's Belles, Gregg Allman  
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## CD RELEASES

### NOVEMBER 7, 2006

Andrea Bocelli, *Andrea Bocelli: Under the Desert Sky*

The Bee Gees, *The Studio Albums 1967 - 1968*

Foo Fighters, *Skin & Bones*

Keith Urban, *Love, Pain & the Whole Crazy Thing*

Madonna, *Jump*

PJ Harvey, *Peel Sessions 1991 - 2004*

Ricky Martin, *Ricky Martin: MTV Unplugged*

Sugarland, *Twice the Speed of Life*

### NOVEMBER 14, 2006

+44, *When Your Heart Stops Beating*

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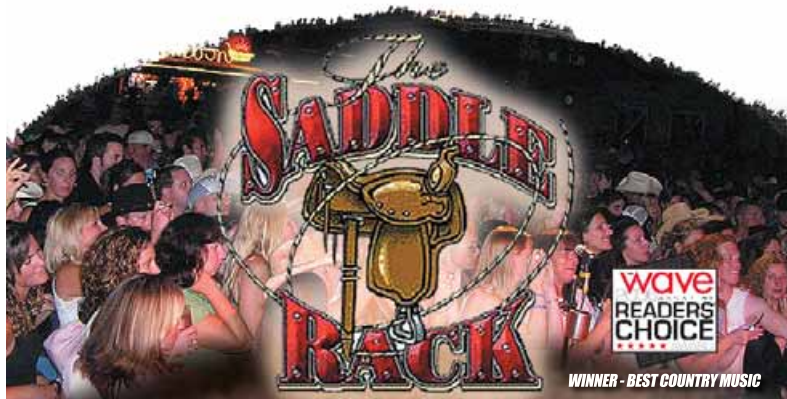
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## NIGHTLIFE &amp; MUSIC

IN THE MIX

Mix 106.5 DJs with the latest CD reviews and top-requested songs currently on air

BY MICHAEL EVANS



## CD REVIEWS

EVANESCENCE *THE OPEN DOOR* ★★☆☆☆

RELEASE DATE: OCT. 3, 2006

RECORD LABEL: WIND-UP RECORDS

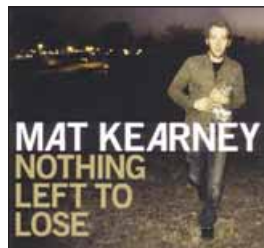
With their sophomore effort, Evanescence returns with 13 new songs that are great to hear when you're depressed, angry or just in a bad mood. This is what you might call a "Monday Record," or for times when you just want to throw something. The heavy guitar chords and powerful, yet sweet and resonant voice of lead singer Amy Lee somehow sound best when cranked. The radio favorite "Call When You're Sober" (about Lee's ex-boyfriend) and power ballad "Good Enough" are two standout tracks. However, *The Open Door* doesn't vary much from the formula of their debut record, *Fallen* (which brought us hits like "Bring Me To Life" and "My Immortal"), and after awhile, the songs all start to sound the same. Perhaps we have to wait for their next release to see if there is any more complexity and depth to this obviously talented group. But chances are, if you liked the first CD, you'll like this one. Its No. 1 Billboard Album chart debut seems to suggest that sticking to a formula works... for now.

MAT KEARNEY *NOTHING LEFT TO LOSE* ★★☆☆☆

RELEASE DATE: APRIL 18, 2006

RECORD LABEL: SONY

Do we really need another granola, monotone singer/songwriter constantly on the radio? Apparently so. Meet newcomer Mat Kearney, a 20something singer/songwriter with a genre-bending style. On his major label debut *Nothing Left To Lose*, Kearney gives a taste of several music flavors; it's like getting five different types of ice-cream blended and served in a swirl cone. He fuses pop, folk, alternative, hip-hop, and spoken word into 13 mid-tempo songs that are surprisingly listenable, despite the seemingly conflicting styles. Much of the album is autobiographical – about learning from the past and feeling confident about the future. The title cut is a sing-along, made-for-radio single, retelling the journey that brought him from Oregon to California, then to Nashville. More adventurous are tracks "Undeniable" and "Girl America," in which Kearney adds spoken word, along with hip-hop rhythms and stick-in-your-head choruses. Overall, this album is a refreshing change from the humdrum mellow singer/songwriters of today. Call it folk-pop with a groove.



## MIX SIX

A rundown of the six most requested songs on Mix 106.5

## 6. SUDDENLY I SEE - KT TUNSTALL

Her follow-up single to "Black Horse and the Cherry Tree" is a catchy homage to looking at the bright side of life. She is the biggest female act of the year on Mix 106.5.

## 5. WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG - THE KILLERS

The first single from *Sam's Town* is reminiscent of Bruce Springsteen's anthem "Born to Run", yet still has the signature Killers sound.

## 4. WAITING ON THE WORLD TO CHANGE - JOHN MAYER

From his third solo album, John Mayer shows off his jazz and blues influences in this catchy tune with a political message.

## 3. BOSTON - AUGUSTANA

We are getting lots of emails about this song from Augustana, L.A. based band. This is a ballad about starting a new life and moving 3000 miles away.

2. FAR AWAY - NICKELBACK  
Another power-ballad from Canada's biggest rock band. Get out your lighter for this one.

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<b>10</b> 8:30 - 12:30 [Piano Jazz Classics] <b>The Will Nichols Trio</b>	<b>11</b> 8:30 - 12:30 [Vintage Jazz] <b>JP &amp; The Rhythm Chasers</b>
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## NEW REVIEWS

### BORAT ★★☆☆

**DIRECTED BY:** LARRY CHARLES  
**STARRING:** SACHA BARON COHEN, KEN DAVITIAN, PAMELA ANDERSON

Someone finally figured out the trick to making a good movie from a TV sketch character: keep it real. Borat (Cohen) continues to visit the most suggestible backwards places in the country, acting like a foolish, naïve Kazak to make them admit their prejudices or get them frustrated. The film is strung together with a loose plot about Borat's obsession with Pamela Anderson, using some staged interludes to keep things moving. Even the fake parts are so in character, it works. And the Borat-on-the-street bits hold up to the strongest pieces of satire Cohen has ever performed on *Da Ali G Show*.

### CATCH A FIRE ★★☆☆

**DIRECTED BY:** PHILLIP NOYCE  
**STARRING:** DEREK LUKE, TIM ROBBINS, BONNIE HENNA

Derek Luke has finally realized that playing jocks won't win him an Oscar, so he's back to making "important" movies. In *Catch a Fire*, he plays Patrick Chamusso, an African man interrogated for suspicion of terrorism by Nic Vos (Robbins). It's such a horrible ordeal that he decides to become an actual terrorist. These are certainly significant themes with moral ambiguity, and the actors do topnotch jobs with flawless accents. But in the end, it just feels like the idea was, "*Hotel Rwanda* was a hit, so what other African atrocities can we exploit for more Oscar buzz?" It should still be told, but with more heart.

### COME EARLY MORNING

★★☆☆

**DIRECTED BY:** JOEY LAUREN ADAMS  
**STARRING:** ASHLEY JUDD, JEFFREY DONOVAN, LAURA PREPON

This is the classic story of a small-town floozy who sleeps around so much she doesn't handle

a genuine relationship so well. Her name is Lucy, but people call her Loose, and she doesn't get it. They probably don't either. It's a good acting vehicle for Judd to be depressed with no self-esteem, yet still lively and sexy, so you see why men are drawn to her. The slow pace of mundane small town activities makes the film feel distant for big city folks. The awesome supporting cast elevates their bit parts to fill in a believable community. Still, it's for fans of small-town rural relationship dramas only.

### DEATH OF A PRESIDENT

★★☆☆

**DIRECTED BY:** GABRIEL RANGE  
**STARRING:** HEND AYOUB, BRIAN BOLAND, BECKY ANN BAKER

If one is looking for a biting controversy about a presidential assassination, *Death of a President* will disappoint. It's really a dry, fake documentary about a fictional assassination of George W. Bush. The actors mimic ordinary people, but that only makes them nauseating to listen to. Even real documentaries cut around the stumbling "uhs" and "ums." It is an interesting concept that feels real with all the technical detail, but ultimately pointless because it's so boring. If they wanted to challenge ideas and politics, they should have made it engrossing, not procedural, and make the gunshot bloodier.

### FLUSHED AWAY ★★☆☆

**DIRECTED BY:** DAVID BOWERS AND SAM FELL

**STARRING:** THE VOICES OF HUGH JACKMAN, KATE WINSLET, IAN MCKELLAN

Too bad everyone is sick of talking animal cartoons, because they finally made a good one. Roddy the Rat (Jackman) gets flushed down the toilet to the sewer world. He must help Rita (Winslet) escape Toad (McKellan) with her treasure in order to get home. It may be the same



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"domestic animal goes into the wild" story full of pop culture, but it's actually funny. The movie references blend into the story. The adventure is actually thrilling and the characters worth caring about. The voice actors actually play characters, not just a string of one-liners. Those slugs are actually cute bit players that rival the green aliens from *Toy Story*.

**FUR: AN IMAGINARY PORTRAIT OF DIANE ARBUS**

★☆☆☆  
**DIRECTED BY:** STEVEN SHAINBERG  
**STARRING:** NICOLE KIDMAN, ROBERT DOWNEY JR., TY BURRELL

Nicole Kidman must have made a lot of money off *Bewitched* and *The Interpreter*, because she's back to making her little arthouse movies. A biography that admits it is fiction could only cater to that crowd. In this "imagination," Arbus (Kidman) discovers her own sexuality when she meets a neighbor (Downey) with a rare condition that causes hair to grow all over his body. His FUR (get it?) awakens her passion and could have been what inspired many of her photographs, if any of this had actually happened. It would be okay to make stuff up if it weren't boring, but this is all about people looking at each other for two hours.

**THE MARINE** ★★☆☆

**DIRECTED BY:** JOHN BONITO  
**STARRING:** JOHN CENA, ROBERT PATRICK, KELLY CARLSON

It's been so long since *Commando*, the kids need a new *Rambo* clone. WWE's Cena plays discharged marine John Tritan, who can't hold a security job without throwing people through windows. When diamond thieves kidnap his girlfriend (Carlson) during a gas station shootout, he uses his skills to track them down. This big, dumb action movie knows exactly what it is, and relishes blowing every little thing up and shattering all the glass on the back lot. There are enough winks at common clichés to elevate it slightly. Patrick is so tired of playing villains; he's just totally silly.

**SAW III** ★★☆☆

**DIRECTED BY:** DARREN LYNN BOUSMAN  
**STARRING:** TOBIN BELL, SHAWNEE SMITH, BAHAR SOOMEKH

In *Saw III*, Jigsaw (Bell) captures a screenwriter and makes him write another *Saw* script before cutting his leg off. Despite the quick turnaround, *Saw III* maintains intelligent, provocative thought behind the gory death scenes. Jigsaw and his accomplice (Smith) perpetrate two more games on people who don't value life, but face conflicts over the philosophy of these tests. The twist ending won't shock like *Saw I* and *II*, but that's not the point anymore. There are still plenty of contraptions, but *Saw III* rewards the intelligence of fans who have stood by Jigsaw in his desperate plea to improve the world.

**SHUT UP AND SING**

★★★★  
**DIRECTED BY:** BARBARA KOPPLE AND CECILIA PECK  
**STARRING:** NATALIE MAINES, EMILY ROBISON, MARTIE MAGUIRE

The Dixie Chicks may be this generation's messiahs. Their careers died for the country's sins, but everyone may find redemption through their resurrection. This documentary chronicles the stormy years from their anti-Bush comment, through boycotts and death threats to their hit follow-up album. Even hip-hop fans will learn to love country music because they'll see the emotion that goes into the songs. See how the inner circle of managers and publicists try to handle the crisis while the Chicks stand by each other. This is a powerful time capsule of cultural history, and a heroic journey to fight for one's values.

**VOIVER** ★★☆☆

**DIRECTED BY:** PEDRO ALMADOVAR  
**STARRING:** PENELOPE CRUZ, CARMEN MAURA, LOLA DUENAS

Pedro Almadovar can make the most thought provoking, edgy films in all the world's cinema. This is not one of them. Raimunda (Cruz) comes home one night to find her husband killed by her daughter in self defense. After hiding the body in a neighbor's restaurant freezer, she decides she'd like to manage the joint. Meanwhile, her sister sees the ghost of their dead mother. There is a meaningful family drama in here somewhere, but it's muddled by unnecessary complications. Maybe that's real life, but if it's too hard to follow, nobody can get the message. At least Cruz seems comfortable in her native language.

**PREVIOUS REVIEWS**

**COPYING BEETHOVEN**

★★★☆☆  
**DIRECTED BY:** AGNIESZKA HOLLAND  
**STARRING:** ED HARRIS, DIANE KRUGER, MATTHEW GOODE

The only purpose of this movie is to let Ed Harris play another tortured artist. He is great and totally transforms, but it's all for show. Do classical music composers really flail around in their private work studios? Really? The story of his new copyist (Kruger) trying to learn from the master is so ego serving – it feels worse than Beethoven's verbal tirades. As his work flourishes while hers flounders, Beethoven gets to be the flamboyant genius with terrible people skills. Gimmicky characters are for comedy sketches, not feature films. Movies need their characters to do something.

**EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

★★★☆☆  
**DIRECTED BY:** GREG COOLIDGE  
**STARRING:** DANE COOK, DAX SHEPARD, JESSICA SIMPSON

Ashton Kutcher, Ryan Reynolds, and Seann William Scott must have all turned down

*Employee of the Month* before it got to Dane Cook. He's a slacker who springs into action when rumor has it that the new girl (Simpson) sleeps with the employee of the month. So he has to beat the star checker (Shepard) in increasingly mediocre contests of workmanship so he can get laid. Even if you buy the premise, it's still stupid. Unless they're standing around analyzing pop culture, there's nothing funny about store clerks.

**FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS**

★★★☆☆  
**DIRECTED BY:** CLINT EASTWOOD  
**STARRING:** RYAN PHILLIPPE, ADAM BEACH, JESSE BRADFORD

War is actually bad. We're pretty sure of this by now in cinematic history. All this time it seemed so cool. Good thing this movie came along to expose the truth. In the battle of Iwo Jima, they took a photo of marines raising the American flag. It was such a symbol of victory that they brought the cover boys home to go on a war bond tour. The war scenes hold up to the slew of *Saving Private Ryan* in sudden and gory violence. The story back home is interesting because the politics were so different. There are too many flashbacks, though, with no mysterious story points revealed. Sticking to one story would have been just fine. **TV**

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**MOVIE:** *Fast Food Nation*

**DIRECTOR:** Richard Linklater

**STARRING:** Greg Kinnear, Wilmer Valderrama, Bruce Willis, Ethan Hawke, Patricia Arquette, Avril Lavigne, Kris Kristofferson, Catalina Sandino Moreno, Ashley Johnson, Ana Claudia Talancón

**STUDIO:** Fox Searchlight

**F**ast food corporations love to hate Eric Schlosser. The author of *Fast Food Nation* has followed the industry from feedlot to kill floor, hiring line to fry line. What he uncovered inspired a lot of people to permanently pass over Ronald McDonald at family outings – and Ronald's godparents were not amused.

*Fast Food Nation's* investigative material seemed ripe for a documentary, but Schlosser says he never really found the right team to work with. Instead, he ended up co-writing a script with Richard Linklater, director of films as diverse as *The School of Rock* and *Waking Life*. The resulting film weaves together the paths of illegal Mexican immigrants, cattle ranchers in Colorado, high school fast food workers, and marketers for a fast food chain called "Mickey's" in a story

that touches on just about every social theme flavoring American politics today.

I'd like to say Schlosser and I sat down over a hamburger for our chat, but, well, you know. Instead, I spoke with Schlosser, who was on a tour to publicize the new film, over the phone.

***The Wave:* When was the last time you ate a hamburger?**  
 Eric Schlosser: [Laughs] My diet is not pure. I eat all kinds of stuff, but I really try to stay away from the industrial food, the heavily processed food like chicken nuggets. I don't go to any of those big fast food chains, because I just don't want to give them any of my money.

***TW:* Did you ever, while working on the book *Fast Food Nation*, envision it becoming a film?**

ES: No. Not at all. Once the book was out in 2001, I met with a number of documentary filmmakers. I very much wanted it to be a documentary, and spent an enormous amount of time trying to set that up, but I didn't feel comfortable with any of the options being presented to me. This was before Michael Moore's *Bowling for Columbine* was such a big success, and I just didn't trust the people – even though some of them were very nice people – to be able to make a film for one of the networks that wouldn't be a sell-out.

***TW:* How did you end up working with Richard Linklater, and what was the process of converting a piece of journalism into a fictionalized movie?**

ES: The idea was brought to me by Jeremy Thomas, an incredible British producer – really, one of the last independent producers. He had been given the book by Malcolm McLaren who created the Sex Pistols. So this was an interesting group of people, but it wasn't until I met Rick Linklater on a book tour in Texas and talked to him about the idea [that] it became clear that the story could be told rooted in the lives of people. Rick and I had both read a novel that we loved called *Winesburg, Ohio*, which is the portrait of a town through the central characters. There's no central narrative, there's no protagonist, but it gives a very strong sense of place and of time – that we eventually found a way to do it. But I didn't sign over the rights to my book for quite a while after that; I really wanted to be sure that this was something Rick wanted to do, and that he would be totally empowered to make the movie he wanted to make, and that the money of the film would be raised outside the Hollywood system.

***TW:* The film's climactic moment is when one of the illegal immigrants ends up working on the kill floor of the meat packing plant. Those scenes are pretty gruesome. How did you get permission to film in a place like that? I would imagine most American companies wouldn't be too welcoming.**

ES: Well, fortunately, that wasn't part of my job description. I do know that the plant was in Mexico, and from what I was told, they were upset about how Mexican workers were being exploited in the United States, so they agreed to the movie. I eat meat, and I think anyone who eats meat should confront the reality of what they're doing. For almost all of human history it wasn't a mystery – if you ate meat, you were either there when it was killed, or hunted. It's only very, very recently that this is something kept out of view. I've been going around to schools for this children's book I wrote [*Chew On This: Everything You Don't Want to Know About Fast Food*], and it's amazing just how little kids know about where their food comes from.

***TW:* In the movie, Bruce Willis plays a "straight shooter" type who calls out Americans for being soft, being afraid of everything. This is a problem liberals confront all the time. How do you go about criticizing "the system" without looking nebbish?**

ES: Well, that's what I try to do in my own work. I try to just have a very calm, matter-of-fact writing style, and very heavily documented. Some of the things Bruce Willis says in the film, personally I agree with. People are incredibly fearful. I think that when we look at risk, we're often wrong about it. People shouldn't be afraid of Al-Qaeda; people should be afraid of getting in their car. I'm not saying Al-Qaeda is harmless, but I am saying since 9/11 – and I was in New York, I went down to the World Trade Center after the attack – since 9/11, over 200,000 people have died in their cars, but we're not afraid to get in our cars and drive. So hopefully the film is complex, and doesn't beat you over the head, but presents different points. **TW**

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Dragon Theatre  
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Lonesco's absurd play about a man and a woman trapped inside a house while war rages outside: 11/2-4.

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Watch as a researcher literally enters Shakespeare's plays and tries to change the tragic fate of his characters: 11/10-18.

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San Jose Repertory Theatre  
101 Paseo de San Antonio  
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In this adaptation of Dickens, Scrooge has Tourette's, the ghost's magic keeps misfiring, and Mrs. Bob Cratchit wants to jump off a bridge: 11/16-12/16.

Bus Barn Theatre  
97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos  
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Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning drama about small town life in New Hampshire: 11/3-19.

Lucie Stern Community Center  
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A kid-friendly play about the adventures of eccentric characters at Wayside School: 11/2-25.

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Visions of marital harmony backfire on Alexis when he asks a sorcerer to make a love potion for his entire town: 11/10-19.

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University (650) 725-2787  
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## ARTS

## HOT TICKET

# Dancing Queen

*Giselle* keeps Ballet San José's Karen Gabay on her toes.

BY MICHAEL J. VAUGHN

During the Cleveland street musical that makes up the opening credits of *The Drew Carey Show*, one of the show's regulars takes hold of a petite woman in front of the ATM and tosses her out-of-frame in a balletic leap. The woman is Ballet San José (BSJ)'s Karen Gabay, and that was her primary entry in the pop-culture sweepstakes – until recently, when she appeared as a tango dancer in the movie *Rent*.

"The *Rent* shoot was an all-nighter," she says, "beginning at 4pm for makeup and hair, and going until six the next morning. Dancing full-out with feeling in skimpy dresses and high-heeled shoes was interesting in the cold hours of the night, but, all in all, a great experience."

Though her focus is definitely ballet, Gabay says she enjoys having the chance to flex her other muscles.

"I like to act, sing, and do those 'other' performing jobs," she says. "I love theatre, and actually got into a Broadway touring company a few years back, but had to choose between the ballet's schedule or a tour of six months."

Gabay's next assignment is the title role of *Giselle* – BSJ artistic director Dennis Nahat's choreography of the 1841 romantic classic, with music by Adolphe Adam. The production is presented this year as one in a series of BSJ's most popular shows. Gabay first performed a full-length *Giselle* in 1993 with the company's previous incarnation, the Cleveland-San José Ballet.

Based on a dramatization by Theophile Gautier and Saint-Georges, *Giselle's* plot is remarkably



Karen Gabay as Giselle

## TICKET INFO

*Giselle* runs from Nov. 16 thru 19 at the San José Center for Performing Arts. \$30-\$78. For tickets and more information, visit [www.balletsanjose.org](http://www.balletsanjose.org) or call (408) 288-2800.

complex. Its fantastical second act centers on the "Wilis," figures of Slavic legend described in the poems of Heinrich Heine. Engaged maidens who died before their weddings, the Wilis were too restless to sleep peacefully in their graves, and wandered the highways at night, luring young men to dance with them – until the unlucky fellows die from exhaustion.

So what does a dancer do to convey such an intricate storyline?

"The story *is* the ballet," says Gabay. "Otherwise, it would all just be a bunch of steps. My greatest desire when dancing these dramatic roles is to have the audience feel the emotion that *Giselle* goes through, [and] yet be suspended by the fluidity and beauty of the art form. The movements enhance the role, but it is still the dancer's job to express the story through the movement and music. That is the greatest challenge, yet when it all works, it is the greatest satisfaction and compliment. As silly as it sounds, that is the joy that dancing brings to me." **TM**

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Directed by Stephen M. Sano, the Chorale performs contemplative works by Hallock, Durufle, and more: 11/17. *Memorial Church*  
450 Serra Mall, Stanford University (650) 723-2720 [www.music.stanford.edu](http://www.music.stanford.edu)

**STEPPIN' OUT**

San Jose Wind Symphony joins up with Saratoga High School Wind Ensemble and piano virtuoso Victoria Lington for this free 49<sup>th</sup> season opener: 11/5.

*McAfee Performing Arts Center*  
20300 Herriman Ave., Saratoga (408) 927-7597 [www.sjws.org](http://www.sjws.org)

**THE BARBER OF SEVILLE**

Italian comic opera at its best, with charming characters and a wicked libretto: 11/18 – 12/3. *California Theatre*  
345 S. First St., San Jose (408) 437-4450 [www.operasj.org](http://www.operasj.org)

**DANCE****ANNIVERSARIO**

Theatre Flamenco of San Francisco celebrates their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a night of Andalusian entertainment, featuring guest dancers from Spain, Corola Zertuche's new Zambra Tientos, and more: 11/5.

*Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts*  
500 Castro St., Mountain View (650) 903-6000 [www.ci.mtnview.ca.us/mvcpa](http://www.ci.mtnview.ca.us/mvcpa)

**BALLET FOLKLÓRICO**

Powerful choreography from the Ballet Folklórico of Mexico: 11/11. *Fox Theatre*, 2215 Broadway  
Redwood City (408) 998-8497 [www.foxdream.com](http://www.foxdream.com)

**GISELLE**

A ballet about a man who must battle the spirits of broken-hearted maidens to be reunited with his true love: 11/16 – 19. (See page 111.) *San Jose Center for the Performing Arts*, 255 Almaden Blvd.  
San Jose (408) 288-2800 [www.balletsanjose.org](http://www.balletsanjose.org)

**POINT TO POINT – THE MAKING OF A BALLET DANCER**

Ballet San Jose begins its Children's Matinee series with this hour-long family-friendly production: 11/18. *San Jose Center for the Performing Arts*, 255 Almaden Blvd.  
San Jose (408) 288-2800 [www.balletsanjose.org](http://www.balletsanjose.org)

**SHANGHAI DANCERS**

China's renowned Shanghai Dance Academy lends a few of its members for this American premiere: 11/18 – 19. *Smith Center, Obolone College*  
43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont (510) 659-6031

**MUSEUMS****CANTOR ARTS CENTER**

*Palm Dr. at Museum Way*  
Stanford University (650) 723-4177 [www.museum.stanford.edu](http://www.museum.stanford.edu)  
A New 19<sup>th</sup> Century: The Mondavi Family Gallery is reinstalled with newly acquired works by Monet, Renoir, Sargent, and more: 11/8 – ongoing. *Iwo Visions of Dhama: Thai Contemporary Art*: Highlights from the careers of Thai

National Artists Kamol Tassanachalee and Thawan Duchanee: 11/15 – 3/4. *The Virgin, Saints, and Angels: South American Paintings 1600-1825*: Peruvian collection of religious and secular paintings developed under the Spanish Viceroyalty: Thru 12/31. *Chasing History: Art and Provenance*: Research conducted on the ownership of several European works: Thru 11/26. *Auguste Rodin Collection*: The largest collection of Rodin bronzes outside Paris: Ongoing. *African Art in Context*: Photography, dress, and other artifacts: Ongoing.

**CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY MUSEUM**

180 Woz Way, San Jose (408) 298-5437 [www.cdm.org](http://www.cdm.org)  
*Garden Activities*: Afternoons devoted to art-making activities inspired by the fall season, including planting, measuring pumpkins, and healthy fruit snacks: Thru 12/31. *Dragons and Fairies: Exploring Viet Nam Through Folk Tales*: Learn about the cultures of ancient and modern Vietnam through traditional tales such as *The Story of 100 Eggs*: Thru 1/15. *Art Matters*: Visit the new Art Loft, where kids get the chance to play with art-making materials: Ongoing.

**COMPUTER HISTORY MUSEUM**

1401 N. Shoreline Blvd. *Mountain View* (650) 810-1010 [www.computerhistory.org](http://www.computerhistory.org)  
Browse hundreds of personal computers that were built back when Apple was still considered a fruit: Ongoing.

**DE SAISSSET MUSEUM**

500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara University (408) 554-4528 [www.scu.edu/deaisselle](http://www.scu.edu/deaisselle)  
*Game Face: What Does a Female Athlete Look Like?*: An array of photographic images capture the role of sports in the lives of women, including stars such as Tara Lipinski, Serena Williams, and Martina Navratilova: Thru 12/9. *California History from the Permanent Collection: Ernest de Saisset*: Paintings from the permanent collection (1864-1899): Ongoing.

**INTEL MUSEUM**

2200 Mission College Blvd. *Santa Clara* (408) 765-0503 [www.intel.com/museum](http://www.intel.com/museum)  
More than 30 interactive exhibits throughout the museum describe the technology and history of the chip-making industry. Take a video peek inside a real "fab" where chips are made, or try on a bunny suit worn by chip factory employees: Ongoing.

**JAPANESE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF SAN JOSE**

535 N. Fifth St., San Jose (408) 294-3138 [www.jamsj.org](http://www.jamsj.org)  
1942: Luggage from Home to Camp: In collaboration with artist Flo Oy Wong, this exhibition displays the lives of World War II internees through mixed media: Ongoing.

**THE LACE MUSEUM**

552 S. Murphy Ave., Sunnyvale (408) 730-4695 [www.thelacemuseum.org](http://www.thelacemuseum.org)  
*All Dolled Up*: Vintage lace garments displayed on dolls: 11/14 – 1/31.

**LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM**

51 S. San Antonio Rd. *Los Altos* (650) 948-9427 [www.losaltoshistory.org](http://www.losaltoshistory.org)  
*Crown of the Peninsula: Los Altos Land Use Over Time*: The J. Gilbert Smith History House; Outdoor agricultural exhibits: Ongoing.

**MARTHA HEASLEY COX CENTER FOR STEINBECK STUDIES**

*Martin Luther King Library*  
150 E. San Fernando St. *San Jose* (408) 924-4588  
The largest Steinbeck archive in the world includes manuscripts, letters, photographs, and paintings: Ongoing.

**MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HERITAGE**

351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto (650) 321-1004 [www.moah.org](http://www.moah.org)  
*Classic and Timeless Toys*: Learn about the behind-the-scenes stories of some of America's oldest toys: Thru 1/28. *Kitchen of the Early 20th Century*; *Doctor's Examining Room*; *Early 20th-Century General Store*; *Print Shop of the 1920s to 1930s*; *Radio Repair Shop of the 1940s*: *Historic Gardens Undergoing Preservation*: Ongoing.

**ROSICRUICAN EGYPTIAN MUSEUM**

1660 Park Ave. *San Jose* (408) 947-3636 [www.egyptianmuseum.org](http://www.egyptianmuseum.org)  
*History of the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum Exhibit*: This exhibit shows the museum's transformation from one artifact in an office to a museum with more than 40,000 artifacts: Ongoing. *Planetarium Show: The Mithraic Mysteries*: Dr. David Ulansky offers a radically different theory about the ancient Roman religion Mithraism: Thru 12/31.

**SARATOGA HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

20450 Saratoga-Los Gatos Rd. *Saratoga* (408) 867-9229 [www.saratogahistory.org](http://www.saratogahistory.org)  
Explore the history of Saratoga with local Muwvema Ohlone Indian artifacts from the Saratoga archeological dig site. Photos, paintings, and information on the family of American abolitionist John Brown (his widow and family lived in Saratoga): Ongoing.

**SAN JOSE MUSEUM OF ART**

110 S. Market St. *San Jose* (408) 271-6840 [www.sjmsart.org](http://www.sjmsart.org)  
*Suburban Escape: The Art of California Sprawl*: Works by about 30 artists focusing on the development of suburbia and its influence on the land: Thru 3/5. *It's A Small World – Scale in Contemporary Photography*: Miniature subjects get a big-scale makeover: Thru 1/28. *Edge Conditions, Part II*: Works of more than a dozen artists whose digital art is among the best being created today: Thru 11/26. *Family Legacies: The Art of Betye, Lesley & Alison Saar*: Mixed media works by accomplished artist Betye Saar, and her two daughters: Thru 12/31.

**SAN JOSE INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART**

560 S. First St., San Jose (408) 283-8155 [www.sjica.org](http://www.sjica.org)  
*Was and Is Not and Is to Come*: Site-specific installation by painter and muralist Darren Waterston, depicting apocalyptic visions in the midst of abstract botanical imagery. Gallery is open from 11/6 while the work progresses: 11/17 – 1/6. *Night Moves: Front Window*: Sidnea D'Amico's *Ho Voluto Volare* stuns with 700 one-inch square paintings suspended in pieces of resin: Thru 1/6.

**SAN JOSE QUILTS & TEXTILES**

520 S. First St. *San Jose* (408) 971-0323 [www.sjqmiltmuseum.org](http://www.sjqmiltmuseum.org)  
*Quilt National 2005*: 45 peer-juried

pieces from such California artists as Jean Cacicado, Judith Content, and Angela Moll: Thru 1/7. *Kids Create*: Kids aged 5-12 can participate in stories and art projects about different cultures on the first Sunday of the month thru December: 11/4. *Fast Forward: State of the Art Quilt*: Artists Judith Content, Jean Cacicado and juror Miriam Nathan-Roberts discuss their works and experiences with modern-day quilting: 11/12. *Dia de Los Muertos*: Martha Rodriguez builds an altar to celebrate the traditional Mexican holiday: Thru 11/12.

**TECH MUSEUM OF INNOVATION**

201 S. Market St., San Jose (408) 294-TECH [www.thetech.org](http://www.thetech.org)  
*IDEA House*: An interactive program space encourages you to formulate and synthesize like never before: Ongoing. *NetPI@net*: Be inspired to use the internet in new ways. Participate in a virtual arm wrestle using haptic technology, express yourself by publishing a website, and take a tour around the globe with amazing webcams: Thru 12/1. *Silicon Workshop*: Enter the world of microchips as you engineer toys at the Tech's special workshop: Thru 12/30.

**TRITON MUSEUM OF ART**

1505 Warburton Ave. *Santa Clara* (408) 247-3754 [www.tritonmuseum.org](http://www.tritonmuseum.org)  
*Bay Area Abstraction: A Current View*: Works by eight contemporary Bay Area abstractionists: Thru 12/17. *Sing a Song of Color - 2006 Annual Membership Show*: Exquisite works by the Santa Clara Watercolor Society: Thru 11/10. *Brian Taylor: Room Full of Ideas*: Photographs by San Jose State professor of art and design, hand-made and processed without silver: Thru 12/10. *Imagining Eden*: Black-and-white photography featuring scenic land- and city-scapes by photographer Lyle Gomes: Thru 12/31.

**GALLERIES****AEGIS GALLERY OF FINE ART**

14531 Big Basin Way, Saratoga (408) 867-0171 [www.aegisgallery.com](http://www.aegisgallery.com)  
*The Great Pumpkin Comes to Aegis Gallery*: Landscapes, still life (mostly of pumpkins), and portraiture from Mary Ann Henderson: Thru 11/19.

**ANNO DOMINI // THE SECOND COMING OF ART & DESIGN**

366 S. First St. *San Jose* (408) 271-5151 [www.galleryad.com](http://www.galleryad.com)  
*Frice*: New works by street artist David Choe: 11/3 – 25.

**ART21**

539 Alma St., Palo Alto (650) 566-1381 [www.art21.us](http://www.art21.us)  
*Anna Coulter: Transformations*: Book signing of limited edition art, and poetry book, with live music by Natalia Reswick: 11/10. Paintings, works on paper, found objects, and more than 100 pieces of original artwork: Ongoing.

**ARTSINDIA WEST**

535 Bryant St., Palo Alto (650) 321-4900 [www.artsindia.com](http://www.artsindia.com)  
*Smriti Dicit: Stitched Together*: Colorful and organic abstract mixed media incorporating the age-old tradition of sewing: Thru 11/17.

**BAY AREA GLASS INSTITUTE**

431 E. Taylor St., San Jose (408) 993-2244 [www.bagi.org](http://www.bagi.org)  
Afro Celotto glassblowing demonstration: See Italy's Afro Celotto, maestro of Venetian glassblowing, create a unique piece from cane, reticello, and a rainbow of colors: 11/5.

**BOOKS, INC. CAFÉ**

301 Castro St., Mountain View (650) 428-1234  
*Special Places, Intimate Spaces*: Images of landscapes, flowers and people by award-winning photographer Nancy Wong: 11/10 – 12/10.

**BRUNI GALLERY**

394 E. Campbell Ave. *Campbell* (408) 370-4700 [www.brunijazzart.com](http://www.brunijazzart.com)  
*Africa: Look at Us*: Paintings of the people of Congo by BRUNI: Thru 12/31. *California Landscapes*: Paintings by Mark Gray: Thru 12/31. *Sculptures* by Kristina Jablan: Thru 12/31. *Photography* by Jerry Galloway: Thru 12/31.

**CHELSEA ART GALLERY**

440 Kipling St., Palo Alto (650) 324-4450 [www.chelseaartgallery.com](http://www.chelseaartgallery.com)  
*Contemporary British Art*: Group exhibition of seminal contemporary paintings from Alice Scrutton, Shaun Ferguson, Rufus Knight-Webb, Michael Corkrey, and more: Ongoing.

**HEARTWORKS GALLERY**

311 E. Campbell Ave. *Campbell* (408) 370-7278 [www.heartworks-gallery.com](http://www.heartworks-gallery.com)  
Paintings, sculptures, and glassware by Debbie Arambula: Ongoing.

**HERBERT HOOVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY & ARCHIVES**

*Hoover Tower at Galvez Stanford University* (650) 723-2058 [www.hoover.org/bila](http://www.hoover.org/bila)  
*A Tear in the Iron Curtain: The Hungarian Uprising of 1956*: Works by Austrian photographer Erich Lessing document this social movement, commemorating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary: Thru 12/15.

**MEXICAN HERITAGE PLAZA THEATRE**

1700 Alum Rock Ave., San Jose (408) 928-5524 [mhcviva.org](http://mhcviva.org)  
*Zorro Unmasked*: The Mexican Heritage Corporation of San Jose exhibits period movie memorabilia from Zorro Productions: Thru 11/30.

**MINDS EYE GALLERY**

395 E. Campbell Ave. *Campbell* (408) 370-7682  
Surreal and fantasy gallery featuring paintings, ceramics, glass, bronze sculptures, and woodcarvings. Original works of art by local artists: Ongoing.

**MODERNBOOK GALLERY**

494 University Ave. *Palo Alto* (650) 327-6325 [www.modernbook.com/fanbo.htm](http://www.modernbook.com/fanbo.htm)  
*Bella Figura: Painted Photographs* by Brigitte Carnochan: Exhibition and book of hand-painted photos (still-lives, flowers and nudes), and platinum prints: 11/3 – 12/31. *Fan Ho – 100 Photographs*: Photography featuring Hong Kong from the 1950s and 1960s: Thru 11/2.

**MONTALVO ARTS CENTER**

15400 Montalvo Rd. *Saratoga* (408) 961-5858 [www.montalvoarts.org](http://www.montalvoarts.org)  
*Peep Show: A Look Inside the Process*: The third Wednesday of every month

will feature in-depth talks by artists about their work: Ongoing. *New Geology: The Art of Steven Siegel*: Environmental artist Steven Siegel presents his recycled art pieces in an indoor/outdoor installation: Thru 12/1.

**MOHR GALLERY**

230 San Antonio Cir. *Mountain View* (650) 917-6800 [www.arts4all.org](http://www.arts4all.org)  
*Unstable Landscape*: Oil paintings by Miriam Hitchcock on wood and mixed media on paper exploring anachronism and disruption: Thru 11/27.

**MOTHER EARTH CLAY ART CENTER**

790 Lucerne Dr., Sunnyvale (408) 245-6262 [www.mamasclay.org](http://www.mamasclay.org)  
*Alternative Firings*: Collection of raku, pit-fired, and salt-fired ceramics: Thru 11/3.

**PALO ALTO ART CENTER**

1313 Newell Rd., Palo Alto (650) 329-2366 [www.cityofpaloalto.org/artcenter](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/artcenter)  
*Kiff Slemmons: Re-Pair and Imperfection*: Conceptual art from jeweler Kiff Slemmons. *The First Illusion: The Transitional Object*: Various artists' works meditating on the power of ordinary objects to collect meaning: Thru 12/22.

**SONYA PAZ FINE ART GALLERY**

1793 Lafayette St., Suite 110 *Santa Clara* (408) 294-7900 [www.sonyapaz.com](http://www.sonyapaz.com)  
*Death, Love, Hope: A Celebration of Life*: Local artists Sonya Paz, Christine Benjamin, Mary Medrano, and Jen Norton commemorate the upcoming Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead): 11/4 – 19. Works by Sonya Paz: Ongoing.

**STANFORD ART SPACES**

420 Via Palou, Stanford University (650) 725-3622  
7 Artists: Photography by Charles Anselmo, William Bishop, Alejandra Chaverri, Kathryn Dunlevie, Barbara Koss, Maurice Stevens, and Marianne Thomas: Thru 11/30.

**STELLAR SOMERSET GALLERY**

539 Bryant St., Palo Alto (650) 328-6688 [www.stellar-somerset-gallery.com](http://www.stellar-somerset-gallery.com)  
*Jack Sturges: In Color*: Vibrant portrayals of the human body in photographs using soft light, and coloration: Thru 11/26.

**STONE GRIFFIN GALLERY**

416 E. Campbell Ave., Campbell (408) 374-2944 [www.stonegriffingallery.com](http://www.stonegriffingallery.com)  
*California Vineyards*: Original works by Vicki Asp, Michael Parkes, Steve Memering, Don Dahlke, and others: Ongoing.

**TERCERA GALLERY PALO ALTO**

534 Ramona St., Palo Alto (650) 322-5324 [www.terceragallerypaloalto.com](http://www.terceragallerypaloalto.com)  
Watercolor sketches, litho crayon and charcoal by Jamie Chase, ceramics by Kevin Waller, and wood sculptures by Robyn Hom: 11/1 – 25. Featuring new tables by Chris Bowman, new jewelry by Kristin Lora and Brooke Marks-Swanson: Thru 11/2. **TW**



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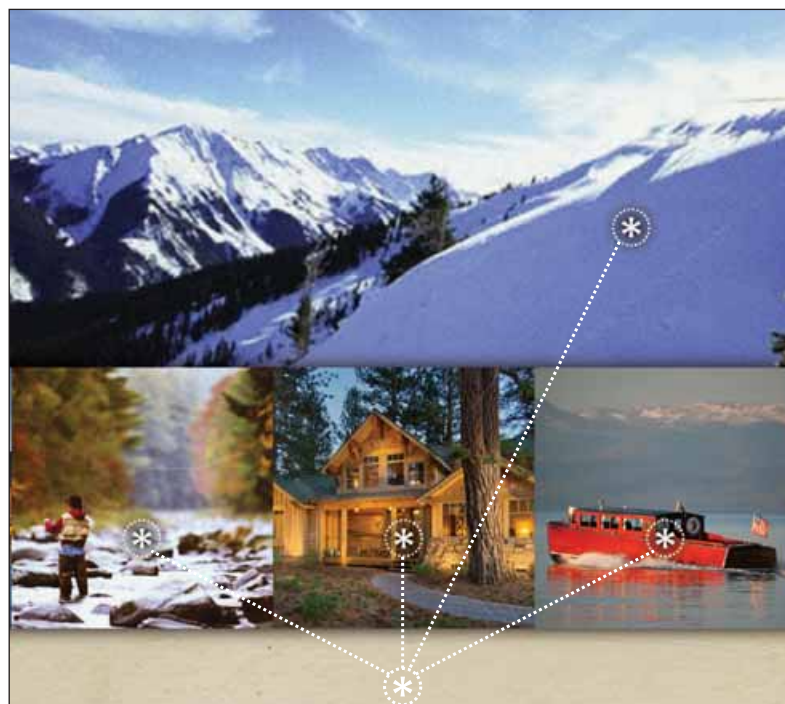
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Join Bay Area artists for a day  
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with ceramics, photography, wooden  
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11/11 - 12**  
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Two days of arts & crafts, hand-poured  
candles, toys, skin care products, and  
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HOUSE & BOUTIQUE:  
11/4 - 12**  
Historic James Johnston House  
110 Higgins Purisima Rd. (650)  
726-0329 [www.johnstonhouse.org](http://www.johnstonhouse.org)  
Enjoy a tour of Half Moon Bay,  
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House: 10am - 4pm

## LOS ALTOS

**HEALTH CARE CLASS:  
11/1, 15**  
Vik Chiropractic, 4700 El  
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[www.vikchiropractic.com](http://www.vikchiropractic.com)  
Discover what true health is and how  
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vegetable garden, and hiking in the  
wilderness.

## LOS GATOS

**ACCELERATED  
NETWORKING DINNER:  
11/1**  
Los Gatos Lodge, 50 Los Gatos-  
Saratoga Rd. (408) 288-8484  
Network with women in a fun and  
warm setting with guest speaker  
Laurelle Johnson discussing  
"Perfecting Your 30-Second Pitch":  
5:30 - 8:15pm

## MENLO PARK

**READING AND BOOK  
SIGNING WITH DR. JOAN  
ROUGHGARDEN: 11/1**  
Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino  
Real (650) 324-4321  
[www.keplers.com](http://www.keplers.com)  
Dr. Joan Roughgarden discusses her  
book, *Evolution and Christian Faith*:  
7:30pm

**READING AND BOOK  
SIGNING WITH TERRY  
TAMMINEN: 11/1**  
Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino  
Real (650) 324-4321  
[www.keplers.com](http://www.keplers.com)  
Mr. Tamminen discusses his book,  
*Lives Per Gallon: The True Cost of Our  
Oil Addiction*: 7:30pm

**PREPARING FOR THE  
FINAL STAGE: 11/1 - 29**  
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Hospice 101, 11/15: Ethical Wills, and  
11/29: Choices

## MORGAN HILL

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FESTIVAL: 11/10 - 12**  
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**THE MYTHOLOGY OF  
MOZART: 11/2**  
Community School of Music and  
Arts, 230 San Antonio Cir.  
(650) 917-6800 x314  
[www.arts4all.org](http://www.arts4all.org)  
Join Professor Robert Hartwell as he  
brings Mozart and his music back to  
life: 7 - 8:30pm

**OFF THE GRID: 11/3 - 4**  
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FESTIVAL 9.0: 11/4 - 5**  
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[www.vintage.org/2006/main](http://www.vintage.org/2006/main)  
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workshops, and special guest, the  
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**READING AND  
BOOKSIGNING WITH  
RICHARD S. TEDLOW: 11/9**  
Books Inc., 301 Castro St.  
(650) 428-1234 [www.booksinc.net](http://www.booksinc.net)  
Mr. Tedlow reads from his work,  
*Andy Grove: The Life and Times of an  
American*: 7:30pm

**EMERGENCY PLANNING  
FOR YOU AND YOUR  
PETS: 11/16**  
Mountain View Senior Center  
266 Escuela Ave. (408) 871-1133  
[2ndchance4pets.org](http://2ndchance4pets.org)  
Amy Shaver and Ken Becker of 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Chance 4 Pets discuss estate planning  
for your pets, emergency planning, and  
the pros and cons of "willing" your pets  
to animal sanctuaries: 1:30pm

**THE BUDDHA AT WAR: 11/2**  
East West Bookstore  
324 Castro St. (650) 988-9800  
[www.eastwest.com](http://www.eastwest.com)  
Join Robert Sachs, author of *The  
Buddha at War* as he discusses how  
to overcome Buddhism's Three  
Poisons: Ignorance, attachment and  
aggression: 7:30pm

**SUNDAY MORNING  
BAREFOOT BOOGIE:  
THRU 12/31**  
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world, rock, and folk music. All ages  
welcome: 10:30am - 12:30pm

## PALO ALTO

**MASTER GARDENERS  
ROUND TABLE: 11/11**  
Gamble Garden, 1431 Waverly  
St. (408) 282-3105  
[www.gamblegarden.org](http://www.gamblegarden.org)  
Master gardeners will be on hand to  
answer all your gardening questions:  
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**JAPANESE INFLUENCE  
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GARDENING: 11/11**  
Common Ground Organic Garden  
Center, 559 College Ave.  
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[www.commongroundinpaloalto.org](http://www.commongroundinpaloalto.org)  
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guide through the amazing world of  
Japanese gardens: 10:30am - Noon

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**MEET AUTHOR  
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VILLANUEVA: 11/9**  
Downtown Library, Fireplace  
Room, 1044 Middlefield Rd.  
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## SAN JOSE

**BLUE MAN GROUP: 11/3**  
HP Pavilion, 525 W. Santa Clara  
St. (408) 287-9200  
[www.hppsj.com](http://www.hppsj.com)  
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described... only experienced: 7pm

**WORLD WELLNESS  
WEEKEND: 11/3 - 5**  
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plants: 9am - Noon

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Parking Lot, 10123 Wolfe Rd.  
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12:30pm** (Year round) Montebello  
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**San Jose: Sunday 10am - 3pm**  
(Year round) Stevens Creek &  
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**San Jose: Saturday 9am - 1pm**  
(Thru Nov.) The Alameda & Lenzen

**San Jose: Friday 10am - 2pm**  
(Year round) Kaiser Santa Teresa  
Parking Lot (800) 949-FARM

**San Jose: Sunday 10am - 2pm**  
(Thru Dec. 15) San Pedro Square  
Santa Clara & St. John Sts.

**San Jose: Sunday 9am - 1pm**  
(Thru Nov. 19) James Lick High  
School, N. White Rd. & Alum Rock  
Ave. (800) 806-FARM

**San Jose: Sunday 8:30am - Noon**  
(Year round) Japantown, Jackson  
between Sixth & Seventh Sts.  
(408) 298-4303

**San Jose: Sunday 10am - 2pm**  
(Year round) Princeton Plaza, Kooser

& Meridian (800) 806-FARM

**Santa Clara: Thursday 10am  
- 2pm** (Year round) Santa Clara  
Kaiser Parking Lot (800) 949-FARM

**Santa Clara: Saturday 9am  
- 1pm** (Year round) Jackson St.  
between Homestead & Benton  
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**Santa Clara: Sunday 9am - 1pm**  
(Thru Oct.) Franklin St. between  
Monroe & Madison

**Saratoga: Saturday 9am - 1pm**  
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**GETTING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS: 11/8**

Hospice of the Valley, 4850 Union Ave. (408) 559-5600 [www.hospicevalley.org](http://www.hospicevalley.org)  
Find emotional support and practical ideas for getting through the first holiday season without your loved one: 7-9pm

**THE OHLONE TODAY: 11/9**

Barnes & Noble, Almaden Expressway, & Blossom Hill Rd.  
A three-women panel discussion on how they traced their ancestry,

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**Cooper-Garrod Estate Vineyards 22645 Garrod Rd., Saratoga (408) 867-7116 [www.cgv.com](http://www.cgv.com)**  
Wine Tasting: Mon - Fri, Noon-5pm; Sat - Sun, 11am - 5pm.

**Guglielmo Winery, 1480 E. Main Ave., Morgan Hill (408) 779-2145 [www.guglielmo.com](http://www.guglielmo.com)**  
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**Fortino Winery, 4525 Hecker Pass Hwy., Gilroy (408) 842-3305 [www.fortinowinery.com](http://www.fortinowinery.com)**  
Wine Tasting: Tue-Sat, 10am - 5pm; Sun, 11am - 5pm. The redwood pavilion can accommodate up to 350 guests for your special event.

**Hahn Estates, Smith & Hook Winery 37700 Foothill Rd., Soledad (831) 678-2132 [www.hahnestates.com](http://www.hahnestates.com)**  
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WINE SHOPS

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### FIFTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING: 11/14

Santana Row, Winchester & Stevens Creek Blvds. (408) 551-4611 [www.santanarow.com](http://www.santanarow.com)

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### TOUCHSTONE BOULDERING SERIES: 11/17

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Watch or compete in Touchstone's bouldering competition: 6 - 10pm

### DOWNTOWN ICE: 11/17 - 1/16

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### HOLIDAY EXPO: 11/18

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### HOLIDAY ARTS & CRAFTS BAZAAR: 11/18 - 19

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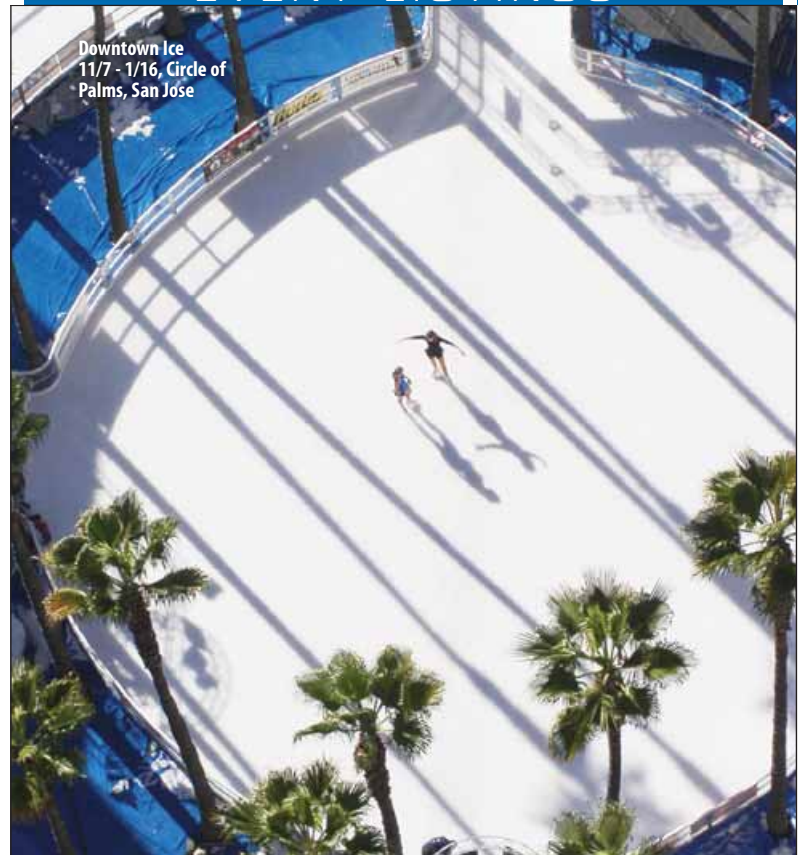
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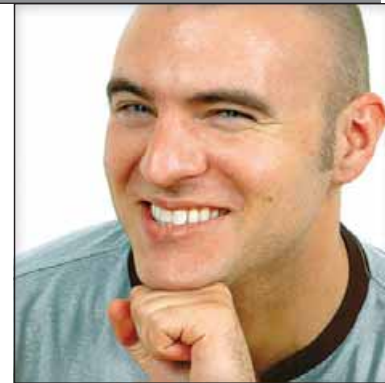
They started by going after our children's guns. Then they went after their dodgeballs. Now schools are banning tag. It can't be safety, right? Every person alive today managed to make it through a childhood of tag unscathed. Well sorry, according to most schools, it's a safety issue. To the school's credit, though, they're probably not that insane. That's just easier than admitting they're punishing children in an experimental attempt at saving the feelings of the slower ones. It's an attempt to remove any winner/loser judgment from the school system — unless, of course, you count the fundamental judgment system called grades, around which each school is based.

The weak and the slow have enough problems without all the other children blaming them for turning recess into 15 minutes of non-competitive naps, so I've written five more excuses school boards can use.

1. Rapid motion, such as unchecked taggery, can make the shooters in the playground sniper towers dangerously twitchy.
2. Fat children explode when exposed to movement — something about vibrations and low self esteem.
3. Post 9-11.
4. All it takes is for one "it" to have a hand made out of anti-matter, and the resulting "tag" would open a black hole, thrusting us into a time line where Nazi Germany won the war and declared chase games MANDATORY.
5. Actually, competitive sports are healthy in every way, but Twinkie manufacturers won't let us know that.

I wonder if these schools consulted with doctors before they instituted such strict safety rules. And if so, I'd like to meet the doctors that said tag's combination of running with nothing else was hazardous. And if they exist, I still contend that children need a little hazard to help them gauge danger. For example, I learned from my childhood that you should only jump onto non-water from more than eight feet up if you HAVE to. If you're taught to be afraid of tag, estimated danger levels get changed to something akin to "a brisk walk is for daredevils." If you're still not chilled, here's a script from a one-act play I'll write 40 years from now:

Student One: "Hello classmate. Will you hand me that alpha zarbotror?"



Student Two: "Are you crazy?! It's over five space feet away! I'm not risking death just so you can zarb fish paste into your kzzaxx."

By the way, in order to be shocked at that foretelling, you have to know that one space foot is equal to 1.8 regular feet and a "kzzaxx" is made of people. Now go back and read it again. Then read this: dun DUN DUNNNNN!

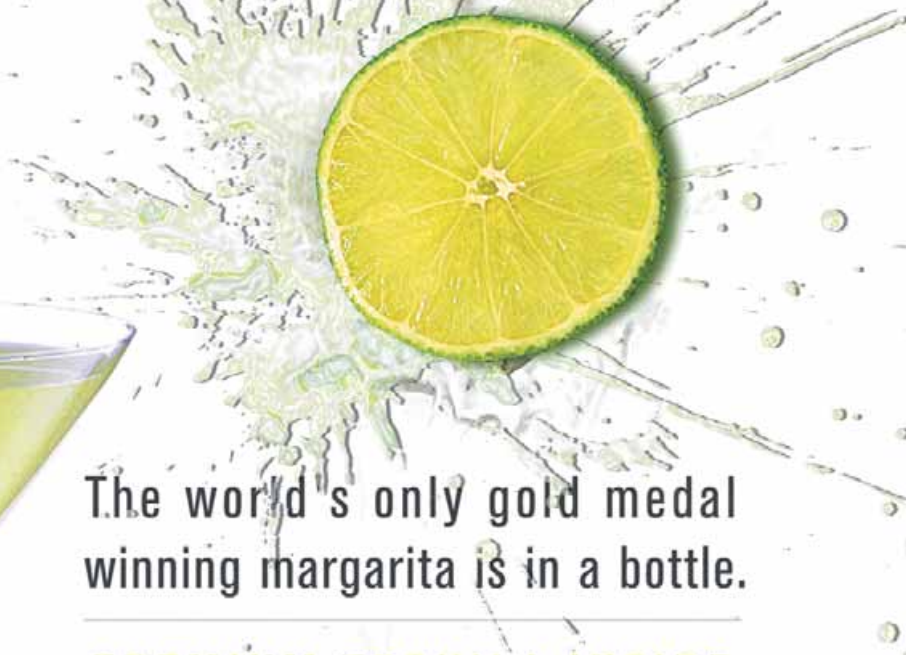
If tag can really hurt you, getting hurt in tag is the least of your worries. Worry about why millions of years of evolution have left only you specifically without the tools to survive. Every child saved by the outlawing of tag is only going to die a few days later from thinking about Care Bears too hard. Speaking of which, this policy does seem like the work of a Care Bears villain. If school boards invent a gun that takes the colors out of rainbows, I'd be suspicious. More importantly, if the people teaching your children think athletics are dangerous, what if they're dumb in other ways?

A rule I firmly live by: If something in an animal suit can sing to you and mean it, it's probably reasonable. That rule wouldn't hold up at all if I ever met Sitty, The-Never-Play-Tag Ham. What if — and this is going to sound crazy — children are psychologically affected by schools and teachers during their formative years? I don't think any good is going to come out of instilling a lack of competitive spirit in children. Teaching kids that there's nothing wrong with weakness may not be the best preparation for a world full of danger and vice. I'm not worried about the kids, though. They'll still figure out ways to play, and you'd better believe that they'll still figure out which kids to pick on. Maybe the loss of physical activities will hone their nerd-sniffing abilities so that by the time they grow up, they'll have the skills to spot a geek and stuff him into a locker before he has time to ban tag. **EW**

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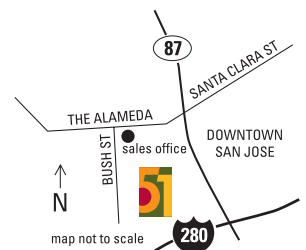
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