

Papa Roach

METAL Q: How long does it take for a rock band to go from self-releasing EPs with titles like *Potatoes for Christmas* and *Caca Bonita* to playing the main stage at Ozzfest? A: Six years. Ever since Dream Works Records caught wind of Papa Roach's explosive demos,

they've been infesting huge stadiums alongside legendary acts like Guns N' Roses and Mötley Crüe. Recently, the California boys have done somewhat of a 360°, ditching the alt-rock sound they adopted after 2002's *Lovehatetragedy*, to return to their nu-metal roots. On tour to promote 2009's *Metamorphosis* (nice Kafka reference, dudes), the eight-legged Papa Roach invades Scout Bar on Wednesday. Hint: Don't forget your gylliner or hair gel, but leave the Raid at home. \$35, 8pm, Scout Bar, 19314 Highway 281 North, Suite 110, scoutbars.com, frontgateickets.com

Street Beat

ART OPENING David Rubin, Arturo Almada, and Kellen McIntyre curated this "anything goes" group exhibition featuring artists from Texas, California, and New York who took inspiration from all things "street." The influence of street culture on art, fashion, and music is nothing new, but with such a broad approach to a show, the results promise to be entertaining. Hopefully, the curators' selection process will showcase work that casts an artful spell while glorifying the neighborhood's graffiti and grit. Free, 7pm, Hausmann Millworks, 925 Russell Place, (210) 884-6390.

6th Annual Downtown Alliance Urban Spaces Tour

ARCHITECTURE Ever wonder what's going on inside those mysterious-looking buildings downtown? Well, here's your chance to take a peek. The Downtown Alliance has organized a walking tour focusing on the area between Main Plaza and Market Square. After taking in the breathtaking view from the Morris Building's Penthouse, the tour continues on, visiting eight more examples of unique architectural styling—trendy living spaces, cultural centers, and commercial spaces—before arriving at the Vistana Building's Penthouse, where guests will be treated to food, drinks, and a live set by Henry Brun & the Latin Playerz. Students: \$25. Non-students: \$60 (prices based on using the promotional uri below), tours leave every half hour beginning at 4pm, registration required at downtownsa.org/urbanspaces/sacurrent, (210) 225-3862

Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza ▶

MUSICA For the last 15 years, San Antonio has been a second home to Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán, which was founded in 1897 and is justly considered the world's greatest mariachi ... ever. The annual extravaganza is the main MV concert after a week of workshops and talent competitions. This Saturday's show, besides featuring the usual showcase of this year's winners, adds a special treat: the 10-year reunion of Nydia Rojas, the voice of mariachi in Los Angeles, and Texas native Ricardo Castilón. \$20-\$200, 7:30pm, Municipal Auditorium, 100 Auditorium Circle, (210) 225-3353, ticketmaster.com, mariachimusic.com.



Lyle Lovett and His Large Band ▼

VARIETY Even if you're not a fan of Lyle Lovett's music, the talent pool this Texas troubadour travels with could probably make even the Grinch want to get off his green ass and dance. During breaks from seamlessly bouncing between country, blues, gospel, and jazz, Lovett engages in dry, witty banter with members of his Large Band, making sure each of them enjoys some quality time in the spotlight. This generosity could almost make you forget that

Lovett's the star of the show, as each of his backups could hold an audience on his or her own. The sweetly ironic "Penguins" is always a crowd favorite. As the song goes, "I don't go for fancy cars, for diamond rings, or movie stars ... Penguins are so sensitive to my needs." \$39-\$49, 8pm, Majestic Theatre, 224 E. Houston, (210) 226-3333, majesticempire.com



Full Steam Ahead! SteamRoller Prints 2009

ACTION ART On Saturday, artists Alex Rubio, Gary Sweeney, Luis Valderas, Paul Karam, Adriana Garda, and Michelle Love will be expressing themselves with a little help from a steamroller. While enjoying live music and refreshments, guests can watch as large-scale woodcut prints are produced right in the middle of Blue Star's parking lot. StoneMetal Press has made this year's event extra kid-friendly with the addition of a creative activity station and a cake walk. Free, 10am-4pm, StoneMetal Press, 1420 S. Alamo, (210) 227-0312

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