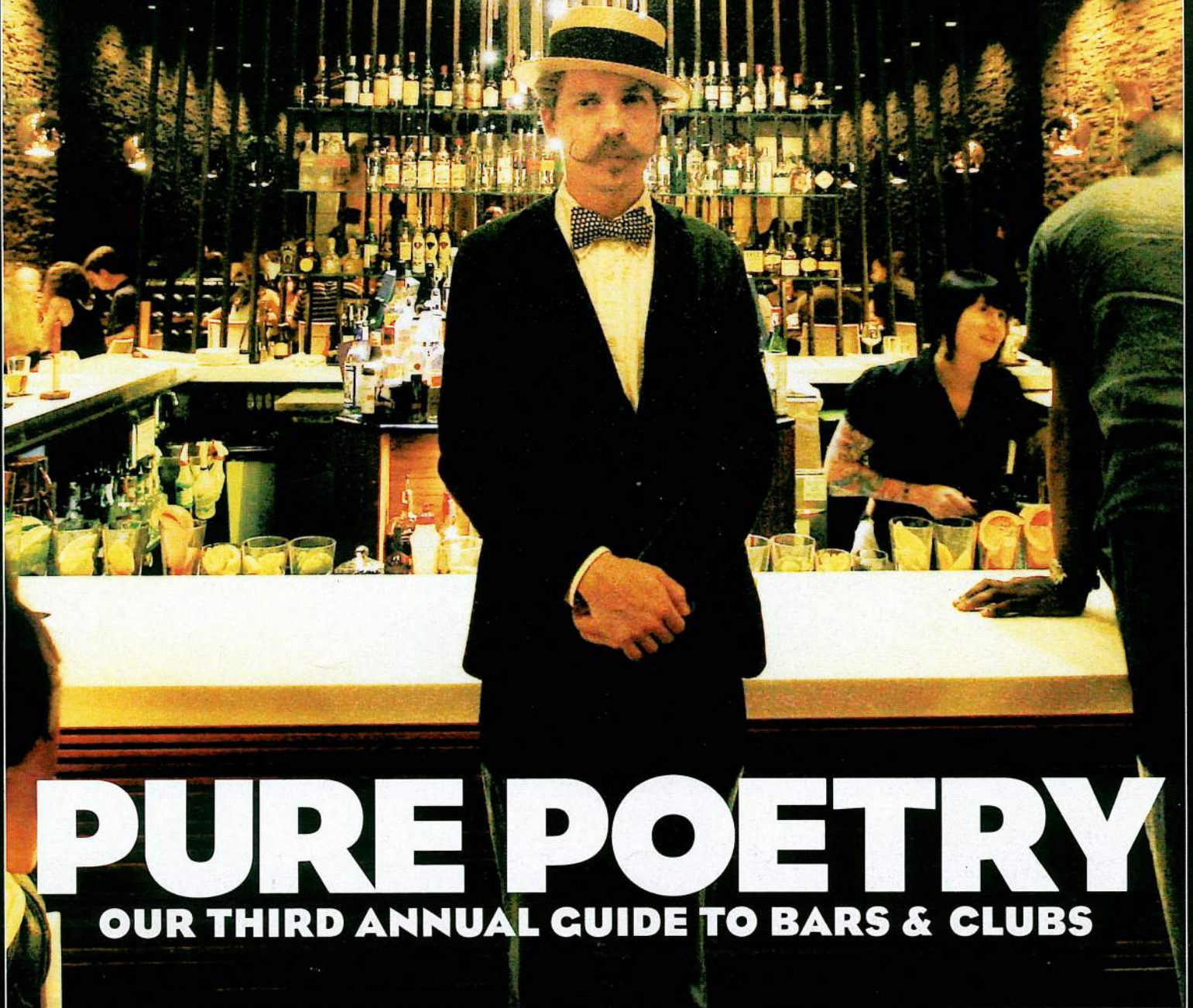


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OUR THIRD ANNUAL GUIDE TO BARS & CLUBS



Starlite Lounge

Parking may be a hard fit,
But the Starlite Lounge—it's the shit.
Food so fine, always a good time,
Once you start, you'll never quit.

Walking from far-parked car,
I see hipsters tumbling from afar—
Flat shoe wearing, people staring,
I'm intrigued and slightly amused.

But before I can enter the door,
A man with handlebar 'stache, he wants more;
He wants to see my ID
Before I start to get boozed, you see.

I step inside—the design drops my jaw—
Different, mod, earthy and ingeniously raw.
Modern organic, chic without being pretentious,
Man, this place must be really expensive.

Green staghorns stem from rock brown walls,
And from the depths of cool, there crawls
A bartender who hears my silent cries;
And I order a cool drink with ice.

Behind sunken central bar she serves
While dark slim chandelier calms my nerves.
Like Bettie Boop but much cuter—
She's got white-black hair and someone's tattooed her.

I walk past the boy-girl bathroom door,
And the outdoor bar to get a healthy pour.
I find a patio to inhale fresh air,
And watch recognizable rockers stroll by with flare.

I sip a cucumber-tini at my own pace,
Man, how I wish I could tell you about this place
Without having to do it in rhyme;
Definitely try the olives marinated in thyme.

But you do get my gist, right?
At Starlite, there's never a bad night.
The new Tim Mays creation is great,
So hurry up—if you haven't been, you're already late.

—Kinsee Morlan

Karaoke.

O'Brien's Pub

4646 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa
858-715-1745

food, happy hour, games, patio
Best Known For: Having more than
100 bottled beers that other places
in town don't get.

Over the Border

3008 Main St., Chula Vista
619-427-5889

www.overtheborder.net
music, happy hour, patio
Best Known For: Live rock en
Espanol.

Peter D's

5149 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.,
Clairemont
858-277-3217

music, happy hour, games, jukebox
Good To Know: Neighborhood
denizens get drunk here—and play a
lot of pool in the process.

Players Sports Bar

7061 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.,
Kearny Mesa
858-277-7060

food, happy hour, patio, games, jukebox
Best Known For: Being the Boston
bar of San Diego—it's the to-go
place for Red Sox and Patriots fans.

North County

The Alley

421 Grand Ave., Carlsbad
760-434-1173

food, music, happy hour
Good To Know: If you're not at the
bar by 9, you'll wait in line.

Bar Leucadian

1542 North Coast Highway 101,
Leucadia
760-753-2094

music, happy hour, games, jukebox
Best Known For: Bringing back \$3
you-call-it Thursdays.