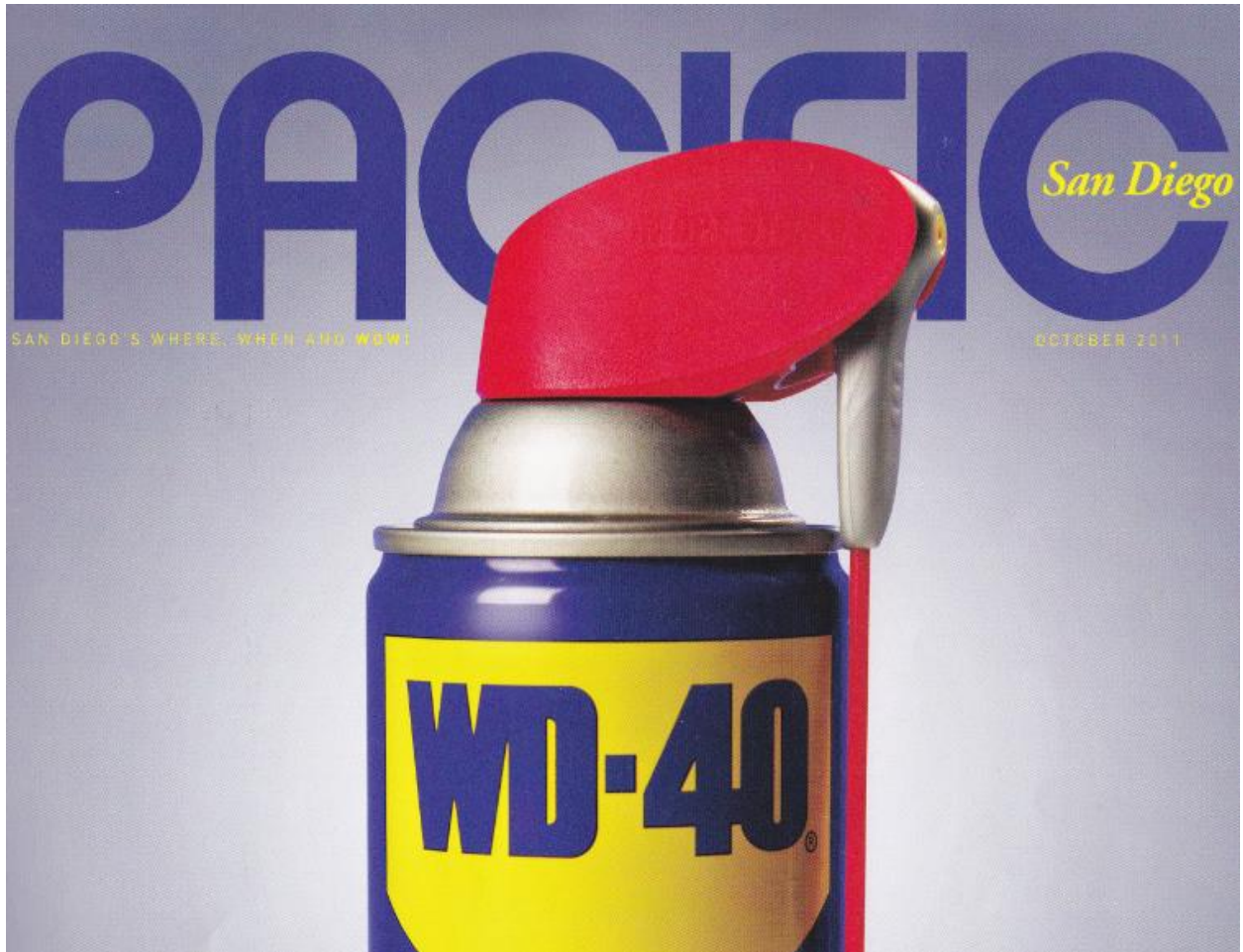


October 2011



## TASTE TEST

CHEFS FACE-OFF TO COMBAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

WHAT'S COOKING

DINING OUT

DRINK



FROM LEFT: Chefs Chris Powell of Bali Hai Restaurant, James Montejano of Lo Papagayo and Amy Dilouse of The Shores competed in the 2010 Chef Showdown.

It's not hard to get Brian Malarkey excited about cooking, especially when he's talking about events where chefs are competing ladle-to-spatula.

On October 6, the Bravo *Top Chef* finalist and chef/partner in Searsucker (Gaslamp) and Burlap (Del Mar) restaurants will co-host the seventh annual Chef Showdown with his buddy Sam Zien (aka Sam the Cooking Guy).

Malarkey says he's hot to chill with some of the town's top chefs. "It's a wonderful night to hang

out with some of San Diego's premier chefs," he says. "And believe it or not, not only are they good chefs, but they're also great people."

San Diego's very own version of *Iron Chef* will pit chefs from Bali Hai, El Vitral, Harney Sushi and Sea Rocket Bistro against each other and their counterparts from other leading eateries in nose-to-nose competitions on the historic Promenade at point Loma's Liberty Station. Judges include well-known chefs and local restaurateurs Bernard Guillas

(Marine Room, La Jolla), Ingrid Croce (Croce's restaurant and jazz bar, Gaslamp), Joe Busalacchi (Busalacchi's, Hillcrest) and Michelle Lerach (CUPS, La Jolla).

Proceeds benefit the Center for Community Solutions' mission to help prevent sexual assault, domestic violence and elder abuse. —David Nelson

## CHEF SHOWDOWN

**WHEN:** October 6, 6 to 9 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Liberty Station, Point Loma  
**TICKETS:** \$125  
**INFO:** 858.272.5777, ccssd.org

## WINE RECEIVER

CHARGERS KICK-OFF WHAT'S SURE TO BE A GRAPE SEASON

The San Diego Chargers have had some vintage seasons—1981's epic playoff victory against the Miami Dolphins and the team's 1994 Super Bowl appearance spring to mind.

Now, the franchise has a new vintage to cheer about: its own Cabernet Sauvignons and Sauvignon Blancs to toast each touchdown and game-winning interception. Produced by Napa Valley-based Bell Winery.

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