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River Place Student Theatre

River Place Student Theatre proudly invites you to attend THE children's musical performance of the year--Guys and Dolls Jr., a play by MTI. Based on Damon Runyon's short story "The Idyll of Miss Sarah Brown," Guys and Dolls is a fable of New York's fabulous Broadway in the 1950's. The plot involves a certain Broadway citizen by the name of Nathan Detroit, who maintains the "Oldest Established Permanent Floating Crap Game in New York." Seeking a location for his latest high-stakes game, Nathan has an opportunity to rent out the Biltmore Garage, but he needs \$1,000 to do so. He decides to extract the money from high-rolling Sky Masterson, known for his willingness to bet on anything. Nathan wagers that Sky will not be able to talk the virtuous Salvation Army Sergeant, Ms. Sarah Brown into going on a date with him to Havana.

While Sky goes to work on Sarah, Nathan endeavors to fend off his girlfriend Miss Adelaide, who has developed a psychosomatic cold because of her frustrating 14-year engagement to the slippery Mr. Detroit. Thanks to some fast finagling, Sky is able to take Sarah on the date to Havana. By the time they've returned to New York, Sky and Sarah are in love, but their passion cools off abruptly when Nathan, unable to secure the Biltmore garage, attempts to use Sarah's mission as the site of his crap game. Can Sky convince Sarah that he had nothing to do with a crap game in the mission or will he lose her forever? Will Nathan be able to

keep Adelaide at bay long enough to save the game or will Adelaide refuse to wait any longer to tie the knot? Come find out for yourself on March 2nd and 3rd at the Church at Canyon Creek.

The score includes favorites like "If I Were a Bell," "I've Never Been in Love Before," "Adelaide's Lament" and "Sit Down You're Rocking the Boat" as well as many other classics! Don't miss out on this great play, bring the whole family to enjoy elementary school students of all ages singing, dancing and acting out this favorite movie adaptation. Music and lyrics by Frank Loesser. Adapted for the stage by Abe Burrows & Jo Swerling. Based on the book: The Idyll of Miss Sarah Brown by Damon Runyon.

TICKETS, SHOW TIMES AND LOCATION

Performances are at The Church at Canyon Creek located at 9001 F.M. 620 North in Austin Friday, March 2nd at 7:00 PM and Saturday, March 3rd at 7PM.

Tickets purchased online in advance are just \$10.00 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets purchased at the door are \$12.00 for adults and \$6 for children. To purchase tickets online please go to http://www.riverplacestudenttheatre.org/RiverPlaceStudentTheatre/Online_Store.html.

More information about River Place Student Theatre can be found at www.RiverPlaceStudentTheatre.org.



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March Luncheon

THE MARCH LUNCHEON SPEAKER WILL BE AUSTIN POLICE CHIEF ART ACEVEDO.

Art Acevedo serves as the eighth Police Chief in the 84-year history of the Austin Police Department and is the first Hispanic to lead the City's police force. With more than two decades of law enforcement experience, he oversees a department that employs approximately 2,100 sworn officers and civilian personnel. With the consolidation of the Austin Police Department and the Austin Public Safety and Emergency Management Department in January 2009, Acevedo is now responsible for all municipal law enforcement in the City of Austin, including Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, parks, and municipal courts.

Chief Acevedo began his professional career in law enforcement with the California Highway Patrol in 1986, bringing a well-established commitment to community outreach and coalition building to Austin. He strives to establish strong community relationships throughout the city with the goal of strengthening the relationship between the people of Austin and their Police Department. Chief Acevedo leads by example with a strong sense of community involvement through his own personal time and resources.

Born in Havana, Cuba, Acevedo migrated to the United States with his family in 1968 in search of freedom and the opportunities to be found in America. He grew up in

California, and earned his Bachelor of Science degree, with departmental honors, in Public Administration from the University of La Verne. He is married to Tanya and is the father of three children, Melissa, Matthew and Jake.

Appointed Austin Police Chief in July 2007, Chief Acevedo believes in the spirit of our community and the commitment to excellence demonstrated by the men and women he leads. When and Where: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at Green Pastures

Restaurant, 811 West Live Oak Street, pre-payment \$20.00. Reservations are required.

Time: 11:30 a.m. socializing, Luncheon begins at noon.

For Luncheon Reservations: Email: LuncheonDirector@AustinNewcomers.com

Austin Newcomers Club is a non-profit social and recreational organization dedicated to introducing residents to the Austin Community and giving them the opportunity to meet and make new friends. To Join Austin Newcomers Club: Any person who has a zip code beginning with 787 is eligible for a new membership with the annual dues payment of \$40.00. Membership includes The Welcome Mat, the monthly newsletter, and the annual Members' Directory. Contact Dotti Thoms, New Member Services, at (512) 314-5100. You are invited to attend a morning or evening Welcome Coffee and Orientation. For more information visit the website at: www.AustinNewcomers.com.



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LIGHT IT UP BLUE IN APRIL



People all over Austin and the World will change lights to blue, dress blue, eat blue, drink blue and even paint fingernails blue beginning on April 2. April is Autism Awareness Month and Autism Speaks is celebrating by turning the World (and Austin) blue for the month. This is the first year Austin will turn blue in a big way. In 2007, the United Nations adopted a resolution to make April 2nd World Autism Awareness Day. Autism Speaks created Light It Up Blue (LIUB) to create awareness for the month. Austin TV and radio talk shows will be airing LIUB segments and contests. Numerous buildings like



have to be cared for throughout adulthood.

Autism robs families of the child they thought they had, since, although some are born with it, many regress around ages 1 to 3. The child loses speech, does not make eye contact, tantrums frequently and seems to be unreachable in his own little world. A diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is devastating for parents. Every 15 minutes a parent hears this diagnosis! Not only have they “lost” a child, but their entire life is immediately changed. Money and time involved in treating autism is staggering—not to mention the emotional pull of every single day.



the 2nd Street Business District, the Four Seasons Hotel, the 360 Condos, the Amli Downtown and on 2nd Street, Home Away, west 6th Street Lounges and many more will be going blue. School campuses will be decorated, plus children and faculty will wear blue. Neighborhood Associations and organizations will turn blue.



Last year over 1,800 iconic landmarks turned blue for April from Niagara Falls, Rockefeller Center, the New York Stock Exchange and the Empire State Building in New York to Christ the Redeemer Statue in Brazil. Buildings all over the world like

Blue events will flood the Greater Austin area like the Blue Bash, Blue Martinis and Manicures, a golf tournament, a Blue Bingo and Burger Bash, a Blue Easter Egg Hunt, a UT sorority sponsored Blue Ball and much more.

Autism is becoming an epidemic with no known cause or cure. If the current trend continues, half the children born in the United States by 2046 will be diagnosed with autism. Our school districts are already “bending” under the load since 70% of people with autism are under 18. When these children become adults, what will happen? Many will

the Cairo Tower in Egypt, the Hungarian Parliament and the Sydney Opera House in Australia turned blue. This year the number will top 2,000.

Help fight the spread of autism. Create awareness by changing your exterior home bulbs to blue, wearing blue, painting your nails blue, decorating your child’s school in blue, etc. The 2012 Autism Speaks National Poster Child for the United States and Canada is a Greater Austin kindergarten student—a great feat for our area! Let’s show what we can do to make Austin blue!

By Connie Ripley



Celebrated Chef Paul Petersen Combines Tradition with Culinary Mastery at Vivo Lake Creek



As any Texan worth his boots knows, good Tex-Mex fare comes from the heart, but great Tex-Mex is steeped in tradition. For years, restaurateur Roger Diaz has been delighting Austinites with his family's San Antonio-style Tex-Mex recipes at his inspired Vivo restaurants. But it is the recent addition of award-winning Executive Chef Paul Petersen that elevated Vivo Lake Creek from a great Tex-Mex joint featuring the tastiest puffy tacos on the planet, to a first-rate Tex-Mex gem offering dining experiences as unique as the restaurant's sultry and seductive lounge atmosphere.

Long known for his skill in elevating down-home Texas cuisine, Chef Petersen's refined culinary methods — combined with a whole lot of barbecue mastery and some French-inspired panache — lend a sense of superb comfort-food style to the Vivo Lake Creek menu, building on the restaurant's already-successful Tex-Mex staples. A graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, Chef Petersen gained critical acclaim while leading the kitchen at The Gage Hotel's Café Cenizo in the West Texas desert town of Marathon. But it was his lifelong friendship with the Diaz family, and a passion for creating new-fashioned Tex-Mex cuisine, that drove Chef Petersen to Vivo Lake Creek. Indeed, he credits Diaz's three generations of family cooks with inspiring him to get involved in the culinary world from a young age, and he fondly remembers urging Diaz's mother to reveal her family recipes.

"It makes so much sense for me to be at Vivo," Chef Petersen says. "Roger's family and I have been friendly my whole life, and he's developed a really successful Tex-Mex restaurant unlike anything else out there. Tex-Mex and Southwestern are in my blood, and by bringing in some barbecue and French influences, we're elevating the menu even more."

In the months since Chef Petersen joined Vivo Lake Creek, diners have rekindled their love affair with the Northwest Austin restaurant. And why not? Amid Vivo's luxurious leather booths, vibrant artwork and lush outdoor patio, Chef Petersen serves up new Vivo favorites that have diners hankering for just one more bite. One of the chef's favorite ingredients, brisket, appears as menu specials in a number of iterations, such as mouthwatering slow-cooked brisket tacos, and appears alongside menu delights like sweet and savory crab enchiladas, delectable lobster sopapillas, braised pork belly and the occasional deep-fried fajita chicken and waffles — an irresistible indulgence. Of course, Vivo staples like the renowned puffy tacos, California nachos and an array of simply divine enchiladas covered in Vivo's signature sauces still anchor the menu, but even these Tex-Mex essentials pack more eloquent flavor when created with the deft culinary skills of Chef Petersen.

Also an accomplished wine virtuoso, Chef Petersen has transformed the wine list at Vivo Lake Creek into a commendable 40-bottle list comprised of unique selections from throughout the world, many of which can only be found in Austin at this unexpected Tex-Mex treasure. Appearing alongside an impressive array of tequilas, margaritas and signature cocktails, the wine list is one more reason to raise a toast to Austin's most unique Tex-Mex eatery where traditional family fare meets passionate culinary finesse: Vivo Lake Creek.

For more information, visit www.vivo-austin.com.



Is That a Fog Machine in Your Yard?

Austin Water supplies water to customers at varying degrees of pressure due to elevation changes and differences in infrastructure. In cases of excessive supply pressure, the builder, plumber, irrigator or homeowner is tasked with regulating the pressure down to the optimum pounds per square inch (PSI). Water pressure inside a house should be around 65 PSI, but automatic irrigation systems are a different story.

The typical pop up sprinkler head has an ideal operating pressure of around 35 PSI, yet many installed systems' actual head pressure is much higher. If the actual head pressure exceeds the manufacturer's recommendation, the end result is misting and distorted coverage. Misting is water that is being treated, pumped and paid for—only to waft away even on a still morning. Excessive misting in an irrigation system is considered

water waste within the City of Austin and can result in warnings and even citations.

There are multiple ways to regulate pressure, but in cases where the entire system is operating at high pressure, it is a good idea to install a pressure regulating valve (PRV) on the irrigation mainline. This will not affect anything in the house, but will make the irrigation system more efficient meaning less water is needed to maintain the landscape. Bigger drops will hit the landscape, wear and tear on components will decrease and the system will have better spray patterns overall. Correcting high pressure in an irrigation system is a win, win, win scenario. Your landscape, irrigation system and pocketbook all benefit. In many cases a PRV can pay for itself within a couple of years. If you suspect your irrigation system is operating at high pressure, talk to

your irrigator about the issue or if you are a customer of Austin Water, set up a free irrigation evaluation through Austin Water's Conservation Division. All evaluations are performed by licensed irrigators and properties that have had an Austin Water evaluation may be eligible for certain rebates, including partial rebates on irrigation PRVs and pressure regulating heads. Call 974-2199 or visit waterwiseaustin.org to schedule a free irrigation evaluation.

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Irish Cheddar Cheese Ball



In homage to St. Patrick's Day – here is an appetizer that is sure to please!

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 block cream cheese, softened
- 1 1/2 C. Irish Cheddar Cheese, cubed
- 1 1/2 C. white Cheddar Cheese, grated
- 1 small shallot, chopped
- 1/4 C Jameson Irish Whiskey
- salt and pepper
- fresh chives, minced

DIRECTIONS:

In a large food processor, mix cream cheese, cubed cheddar, and shallots together until incorporated. Add whiskey and salt and pepper and continue to mix until semi smooth. Transfer to a large bowl. Add additional grated cheddar cheese to whiskey cheese mix, stirring well and taste, adding more whiskey or salt and pepper if needed. Cover with Saran Wrap and chill for at least an hour. Roll cheese mixture into a ball and then roll through minced chives, so that the ball is coated. Serve with toast or crackers. Store left overs in the refrigerator, wrapped in Saran Wrap.

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