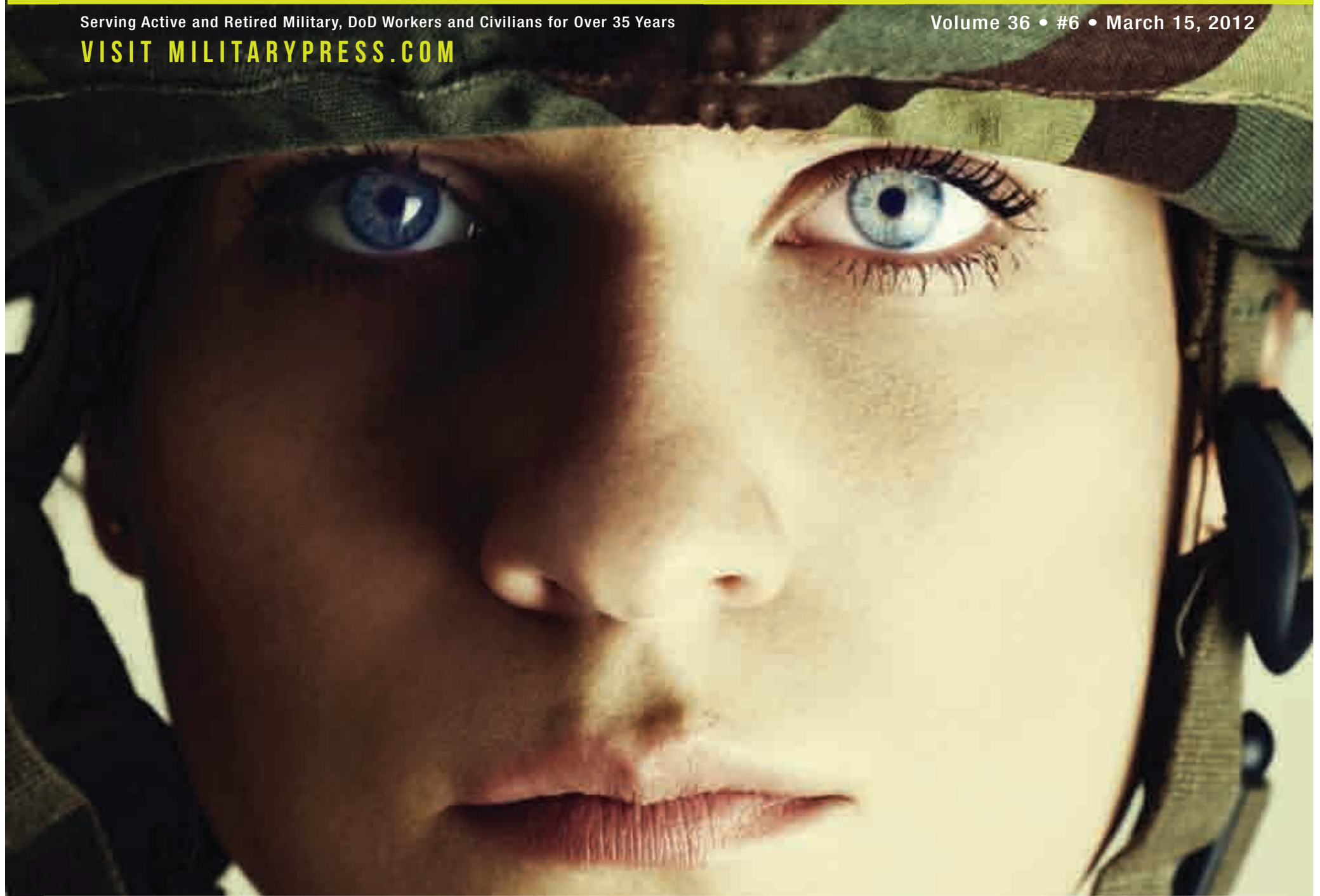


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At age 39, Pablo Escobar was a billionaire. The head of the Medellin drug cartel in Colombia, per Forbes, had an estimated net worth of around \$3 billion. All of these earnings were ill-gotten; his cartel controlled roughly three quarters of the global cocaine trade, and Escobar was a man wanted by both U.S. and Colombia officials. This combination of wealth and crime created a strange problem for Escobar: he simply had too much cash.



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"When I believe in something, I fight like hell for it." – Steve McQueen

Steve McQueen personified the "anti-hero" in Hollywood at a time when the emerging counterculture in America was challenging the very definition of what a true "hero" is. Maybe a better way to look at it is heroism is an act. To live an idealistic, heroic life without fault is ultimately impossible. We all struggle with aligning our beliefs and goals in life with what is truly right. The fact is there are gray areas that we have to be honest about. We saw the good and bad in McQueen, and loved him anyway—in fact, we loved him for it. He was honest about who he was.

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STEVE MCQUEEN HOLLYWOOD'S ANTI-HERO & TRUE SON OF LIBERTY



Steve McQueen — ironically displaying his signature, perfect balance of allegiance and rebellion.

Commentary

By Richard Matz

0 Say 'Can't' You See . . .



ting boots on the ground? The answer is absolutely not! By bombing Iran's locations that are involved in building nuclear weapons we can prevent Iran from using these weapons to kill and destroy hundreds of thousands of people in all countries that oppose Iran's building these weapons.

Netanyahu and Obama both agreed that they would not let Iran produce atomic weapons. President Obama wants to give diplomacy a little more time before we support Israel's strike against Iran. He also stated that the U.S. would take action against Iran if it did not comply with the resolutions presented by the United Nations, Israel and the United States.

When Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad spoke before the United Nations, he folded his arms and with a smirk on his face (just like Adolf Hitler and Mussolini did during World War II) made fools of and ridiculed all the countries that were present. He stated that Iran was entitled to produce nuclear power for his country! However, he has refused to allow any type of inspection of Iran's nuclear facilities.

Now the question arises, can we afford another war? Maybe the real question is can we afford not to stop a country that has admitted it would eliminate the countries of Israel and the United States. If we can afford to bailout Wall Street, banks and our auto industry, why can't we save and bailout our own country? We cannot continue to keep our heads buried in the Middle Eastern sands.

We must show the entire world that the United States stands for freedom and will not be bullied by any country that refuses to seek peace for the entire world!

If you would like to express your point of view please e-mail rmatz@militarypress.com



Prime Minister Netanyahu with President Obama

If you happened to hear Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speak to Congress on Monday, March 6, 2012, maybe you'd better understand the position that the United States and Israel are faced with.

Prime Minister Netanyahu stated that before he would let Iran attack Israel there would be a preemptive strike by Israel against Iran. He asked the question, "Do we think that once Iran produces atomic weapons they would use them against Israel or give the bombs to other terrorist countries and groups like Hamas, Al Qaeda and all other extremist Muslims who want to destroy and wipe Israel off the face of the map?" The answer is yes.

United States intelligence knows for sure that Iran has missiles with a range of over 6000 miles and once they are equipped with atomic warheads that can reach and destroy any city in the United States. We have tried diplomacy with Iran for the last 40 years without success. If Iran is allowed to continue building nuclear weapons, they can control all of the Arab states. They will have the ability to threaten and shut off all oil that's shipped to all the Western countries they consider to be their enemies. Gasoline prices could soar to over \$20 per gallon which would turn the United States into a Third World country. It isn't a matter of will we, but when will we, declare war on Iran.

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The history of women in the military extends over 4000 years into the past, throughout a vast number of cultures and nations. Women have played many roles in the military, from ancient warrior women, to the women currently serving in conflicts like the Iraq War. Despite various roles in the armies of past societies, the role of women in the military, particularly in combat, is controversial and it is only recently that women have begun to be given a more prominent role in contemporary armed forces. Many countries have historically portrayed the woman as a nurturer and symbol of the home in need of protection from the outside world. It is from this standpoint that the role of woman as soldier and national protector is debated. As increasing numbers of countries begin to expand the role of women in their militaries, the debate continues.



WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

A Brief Timeline



1775-1783

Women commonly served traditional roles within the U.S. Army such as cooks, laundresses, nurses and seamstresses. Many military garrisons counted on these roles to make service members' lives tolerable. However, even during the American Revolution some women chose to forgo traditional roles by serving in combat alongside their husbands or disguised as men, while other courageous women took on roles as spies.

1861-1865

Dr. Mary Edwards Walker volunteers to care for wounded service members in the Union Army and is later appointed the first female surgeon. In 1865, she received the Medal of Honor for her work and was the first woman to receive the award.

1901

Congress officially establishes the Army Nurse Corps on February 2, 1901, under the Army Reorganization Act.

1908

The Navy Nurse Corps was established by Congress in 1908, but at that time no provision was made for rank or rating comparable to the Navy's male personnel. While they have never held actual rank, the Navy nurses have since been accorded privileges similar to those of officers. Under a congressional enactment approved by President Roosevelt on July 3, 1942, members of the Navy Nurse Corps were granted relative rank.

1917

The Navy allows women to enlist and serve stateside during World War I. Most of the 11,000 female yeoman who enlisted worked in Washington, D.C., as draftsmen, interpreters, couriers and translators. Later in World War I, the Navy enlisted 24 African-American women who worked in the Navy Department building.

Opha Mae Johnson becomes the first woman accepted for duty when she enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve in Washington, D.C.



1942

President Franklin D. Roosevelt authorizes the creation of the Army, Navy and Coast Guard women's auxiliary/reserves. The Army's female auxiliary members become known as the WAACs; their Navy counterparts become known as the WAVES.

1943

The WAACs transition into the Women's Army Corps, giving the more than 76,000 women who had enlisted as WAACs full military status. WAACs director, Col. Oveta Culp Hobby, continued in her post as the WAACs transitioned to WACs. The U.S. Marine Corps creates a Women's Reserve.

1948

The Women's Armed Services Integration Act grants women permanent regular and reserve status in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and the newly created Air Force. In addition, Executive Order 9981 ends racial segregation in the armed services.

1953

Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Barbara Olive Barnwell becomes the first female Marine to be awarded the Navy and Marine Corps medal for heroism for saving a fellow Marine from drowning in the Atlantic Ocean in 1952.

1967



From 2005, the first all female C-130 Hercules crew to serve a combat mission for the U.S. Air Force.

Marine Corps Master Sgt. Barbara Jean Dulinsky becomes the first female Marine to serve in a combat zone in Vietnam. She was assigned to U.S. Military Assistance Command Vietnam combat operations center in Saigon.

1974

Navy Lt. j.g. Barbara Ann (Allen) Rainey earns her wings as the first female Naval aviator.

1975

President Gerald R. Ford signs Public Law 94-106 on Oct. 7, 1975, permitting women to enroll in U.S. military academies beginning in the fall of 1976.

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1976

Women enter U.S. military academies as students for the first time; 119 women entered West Point, 81 entered the US Naval Academy, and 157 enrolled at the US Air Force Academy. Women also enrolled in the Coast Guard Academy and the Merchant Marine Academy.

1977

The U.S. Coast Guard assigns its first co-gender crews when 24 women are assigned to serve aboard the CGCs Gallatin and CGCs Morgenthau. Each ship receives 12 women — two officers and 10 enlisted personnel — as members of the crew.

1978

Marine Corps Col. Margaret A. Brewer becomes a brigadier general - the first female general in the Corps' history. Navy nurse Joan C. Bynum becomes the first African-American woman to be promoted to the rank of captain.

1980

The first coed classes graduate from the U.S. service academies.

1990

Navy Lt. Comm. Darlene Iskra becomes the first woman to command a commissioned naval ship when she assumes command of the USS Opportune in Naples, Italy.

1994

Defense Secretary Les Aspin announces the new policy regarding women in combat that rescinds the 1988 "risk rule" and replaces it with a less restrictive ground combat policy. As a result of this policy, 80% of all military positions can now be filled by either men or women.

1995

Gilda Jackson becomes the first African-American woman to achieve the rank of colonel within the Marine Corps and the first woman to command the Naval Aviation Depot at Cherry Point, N.C.

1996

Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Carol Mutter becomes the first female three-star officer in the U.S. Armed Forces when she assumes the position of Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower and Reserve Affairs at Headquarters Marine Corps in Washington, D.C.



2001

Marine Corps Capt. Vernice Armour becomes the first female African-American pilot in the Marine Corps, and later becomes the first woman in Defense Department history to fly combat missions in Iraq.

2005

Coast Guard Lt. j.g. Jeanine McIntish-Menze becomes the first female African-American U.S. Coast Guard pilot. Air Force Maj. Nicole Malachowski becomes the first female pilot to join the Thunderbirds Air Demonstration Squadron.

2006

After enlisting in the Marine Corps in 1974, Angela Salinas works her way through the ranks to make history by becoming the first female Hispanic brigadier general in the corps.

2009

The first all-female U.S. Marine Corps team conducts its first mission in Southern Afghanistan. Lt. Felicia Thomas becomes the first female African-American commander of a U.S. Coast Guard cutter when she assumes command of the CGC Pea Island.

2010

Navy Secretary Ray Mabus announces that for the first time, women can be assigned to submarines. Lt. j. g. La'Shonda Holmes becomes the first female African-American helicopter pilot in the Coast Guard. Navy Rear Adm. Nora Tyson becomes the first female commander of a carrier strike group.

2011

U.S. Coast Guard Rear Adm. Sandra Stosz assumes command of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy as the school's first female superintendent. As she assumes her new role, Stosz becomes the first woman to lead any U.S. military academy.



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Over the weekend I realized something, I wanted to share what I think we sometimes let slip in the back of our minds. Ourselves.

Reluctantly I got my hair cut & styled by a friend. I had been meaning to do it weeks ago but I hadn't had enough time, my house was a mess, the dogs needed a bath & my husband could just cut it right? I kept making excuses until one Friday there was nowhere to run. I was on her block at a meeting & she said, "I'll cut it then." Crap. Okay fine. After she was done I couldn't believe it! I'd been pulled off the street basically and given a total hair makeover. I almost didn't recognize the face on the hair! This face that needed makeup! I felt girly, frisky & fun! My hair looked amazing and I loved it. We all know how a good haircut can make us feel and I couldn't fathom why I procrastinated so I could've felt like this sooner!

Does it seem as if there aren't enough hours in the day to do anything for you? Are you dodging dieting, working out, spring cleaning, gardening, ect? Well today's the day I hope you make that to-do list have more checks on it! Get it done. Be motivated and just do it! (ha ha that was not intended to be funny but I couldn't help but think of 'Nike' when I reread it)

Sometimes your feelings get in the way of your to-do list which is understandable. Say you're at the beginning of a deployment or in the middle of a deployment in a routine and in both cases there's a complete lack of energy or stamina to do anything let alone something for yourself. It's typically mundane tasks, go with the flow and wherever the day takes you. I understand.

So many times we pour ourselves into everything and everyone but while being superwoman, try not to forget about you. I double dare you to do something for yourself out of the ordinary to break the routine. Without thinking about it too much what would you do? Get a Burke Williams massage, have someone watch your kids so you can relax & read a book on the beach or get that haircut you've always wanted. Whatever it is have fun & embrace the moment.

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WHAT MAKES A MAN?

By Trevor Watson

A question that has been asked many times, and a lot of the same answers come from a variety of sources.

A man has integrity and lives his life accordingly.

(Yeah! But as we all know, the word integrity is thrown around by every Tom, Dick and Harry and seems to have lost its 'integrity.')

He doesn't make promises he can't keep, he is realistic and reliable.

(Just like the old advertisements for the Yugo car, you've got to be old to re-

member that one. And we know how reliable and dependable those cars were.)

He is not afraid to work hard. He is enterprising.

He is not ashamed to do a job considered feminine if that is what he must do.

(Puuuuhlez!)

He has large muscles.

(Duh, anyone remember Narcissus?

In Greek mythology he was a hunter from the territory of Thespieae in Boeotia who was renowned for his beauty.. and his Brutini shoes! He was exceptionally

proud, in that he disdained those who loved him. Nemesis saw this and attracted Narcissus to a pool where he saw his own reflection in the waters and fell in love with it, not realizing it was merely an image. Unable to leave the beauty of his reflection (and his shoes) Narcissus died. I just threw the shoe bit in for a little added humor)

He has a strong will. This way he can stand up for the right things, and oppose things that are not right.

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(So that confirms my theory that all of our politicians, governments and corporate leaders might look and dress like men, but hmmmmmm)

He has a sense of humor.

(Well of course he does!)

He lives his life just like the motto of the United States Marine Corps — Semper Fidelis or "Always Faithful."

(That sounds all a little bit too Latin for me.)

I could keep going with a much more extensive list, but let's get down to the real nitty-gritty of what really makes a man?

I've got a little secret for you. Are you ready?

It's the shoes!

Hold on a minute! It's not quite that ridiculously simple.

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Trust me on this one. I recently purchased a pair of black Giorgio Brutini shoes and quite frankly things have not been the same.

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I'm now invited to football afternoons with the guys. At work they now listen to what I have to say.

Just this morning I was pulled over by a police officer for doing one of those California stops (not coming to a complete halt at a stop sign). The officer asked me to step out of the car, took one look at my shoes, and waved me on with a pleasant, "Have a nice day, sir!"

Of note:

Giorgio Brutini received some major Hollywood play in the recently released Colin Farrell vampire flick "Fright Night" and action film "Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol," with a few of their boots being worn by the actors. (I didn't get confirmation as to who wore what — just that they were worn — so cannot say specifically that it was Colin or Tom Cruise but it was probably both of them.)

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Gone But Not Forgotten

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THE KING OF COOL

“I live for myself and I answer to nobody.”
—Steve McQueen

We all know McQueen raced cars and motorcycles, but his story goes a lot deeper than that. His father abandoned him and his alcoholic mother when he was just six-months-old. Steve locked horns with his new stepfather, whom he called “a prime son of a gun.” He struggled with dyslexia in school and was partially deaf. The young McQueen soon fell in with a street gang, and ran away from home at 14, joining the circus for a short time, and was eventually turned over to the California Junior Boys Republic in Chino Hills, California. McQueen later worked in a brothel, on an oil rigger—and was even a lumberjack. When he was old enough he enlisted in the U.S.M.C., went AWOL and spent 41 days in the brig. McQueen decided then and there to embrace the Marines’ discipline and beliefs and better himself. He did just that and later saved the lives of five other Marines during an Arctic exercise, pulling them from a tank before it broke through ice into the sea. In 1950, McQueen was eventually honorably discharged.

After the Marines, McQueen used his G.I. Bill to study acting at Sanford Meisner’s Neighborhood Playhouse. He brought home extra dough by competing in weekend motorcycle races at Long Island City Raceway. His big break came in 1958 when he landed the role of the bounty hunter, Josh Randall, in *Wanted: Dead or Alive*. Steve McQueen became a household name, and his image as the anti-hero was forged through his character’s detached, mysterious, and unconventional ways like carrying a sawed-off Winchester rifle, the “Mare’s Leg,” instead of typical six-gun carried by other gunslingers. Hollywood soon came calling, and the rest is history.

All this from a kid born into what many would consider a throw-away life.

Shirley Ann Field (center) with Robert Wagner (left) and Steve McQueen (right), talking to director Philip Leacock (far right), during location shooting of the film The War Lover being filmed in England. — Image by © Hulton-Deutsch Collection/CORBIS



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THE KING OF COKE LOST THE RAT RACE



Escobar was wary of bankers — and vice versa. Escobar couldn't risk putting too much money into any one bank, given that he had no legal recourse if they simply "lost" his deposits. Of course, he had other ways of exacting revenge, so this fear can easily be overstated. Bankers, however, had much more reasonable fears. If Escobar were ever convicted of a crime, those funds could be frozen or taken back by authorities. Or even worse, an aggressive prosecutor could have lumped the banker in with Escobar, as some sort of accomplice or co-conspirator. After all, it's not like people in Colombia regularly walk into the bank to make six figure deposits using American currency.

Escobar spent money in droves. In his community, he had a reputation of being a Robin Hood type, using his drug money

to build schools, hospitals, churches and ball fields. He also spent a lot on frivolous items for himself, including a 5,500 acre estate replete with an air strip, a dozen large statues of dinosaurs, and a wild animal preserve of sorts. Escobar owned multiple giraffes, elephants, zebras, and even four hippopotamuses.

But in the end, he could not spend it fast enough. So he rolled up wads of \$100 bills and stored them in a warehouse. According to the book "The Accountant's Story," the memoir of Roberto Escobar — Pablo's brother and the cartel's top accountant — Escobar (Pablo) had so much cash on hand that he was spending \$2,500 a month on rubber bands, necessary to bind them together. To those of us who are not kingpins of the cocaine trade, spending \$30,000 annually on rubber bands seems like a huge expense. But for Escobar, it was a rounding error.

In fact, Escobar's warehouse of cash had a much bigger problem: rats. The warehouse — as is true for much of Colombia — had a rat problem, and Escobar lost about 10% of his wealth to these rats. They'd enter the warehouse at night and feast on the portraits of Benjamin Franklin captured within each rubber band.



Bonus fact:

Escobar died in a fire in 1993, a day after turning 44. His estate was ransacked soon thereafter by treasure seekers and most of the other stuff was seized by authorities. But the four hippos remained — they were too cumbersome to move. Since then, they've multiplied in number, reaching 30 as recently as July of 2011, and are generally considered a menace.

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Events

- Iran releases 52 American hostages held for 444 days
- Solidarity inspired popular protests and general strike lead to imposition of Marshal Law and eventual outlawing of solidarity party in Poland
- Air traffic controllers strike causing chaos in the U.S.; President Ronald Reagan fires them
- Irish Republican Army member Bobby Sands dies on May 5th while on a hunger strike.
- The first high speed train service in Europe begins with the French TGV / high-speed train between Paris and Lyon
- Anti nuclear protesters invade the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Reactor in California
- Researchers find the wreck of the Titanic in the North Atlantic
- Muhammad Ali finally retires with career record of 55 wins and 5 defeats
- U.S. brings in new disability eligibility rules for those claiming disability affecting 500,000 who lose benefits
- Rupert Murdoch shuts down the Sunday Times due to an industrial



dispute

- Washington Post reporter Janet Cooke admits her feature was fabricated and relinquished the Pulitzer Prize
- The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that states could require parental notification when teenage girls seek abortions
- Peter Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire Ripper

is caught, and imprisoned for life for 13 counts of murder

- Earthquake hits Athens killing 16 people
- Pope John Paul II is shot but not killed in Vatican City
- Lady Diana Spencer marries Charles, Prince of Wales.
- Egyptian president Anwar Sadat is assassinated
- Sandra Day O'Connor is nominated to become the first female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.
- The first American test-tube baby, is born
- The introduction of the first Frequent Flyer Miles AAdvantage introduced by American Airlines
- 147 passengers and crew of a Pakistan Airways are taken hostage and released in Syria



- Post-it Notes launched by 3M Corp.
- World's fastest train, the French TGV, goes into service
- China clones the first fish, a golden carp
- Artificially produced insulin becomes the world's first genetically engineered protein to treat human diabetes
- MS-DOS is released by Microsoft

Technology

- Scientists identify the AIDS virus
- First flight of U.S. space shuttle Columbia
- IBM launches its first PC which uses Microsoft's MS-DOS software
- The term 'Internet' first mentioned

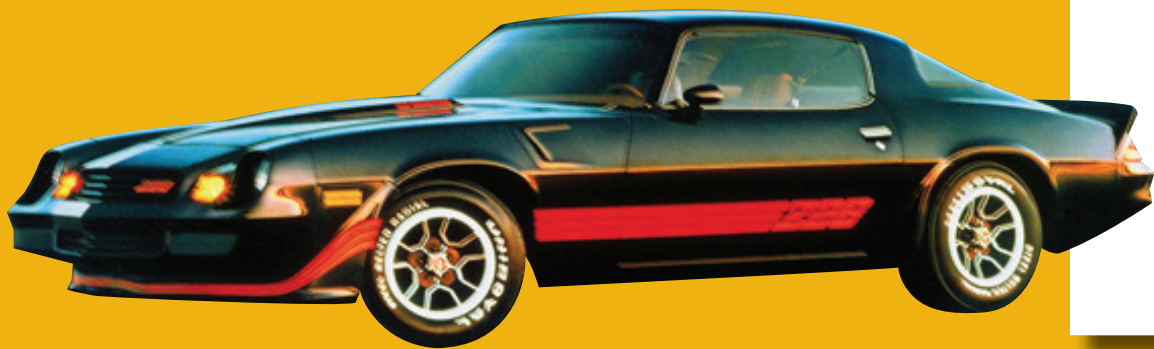
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- Arthur
- The Cannonball Run
- For Your Eyes Only
- On Golden Pond
- Chariots of Fire

Popular Musicians

- John Lennon
- Blondie
- Dolly Parton "9 to 5"
- Sheena Easton
- Diana Ross and Lionel Richie with "Endless Love"
- Olivia Newton-John With "Physical"
- Roxy Music



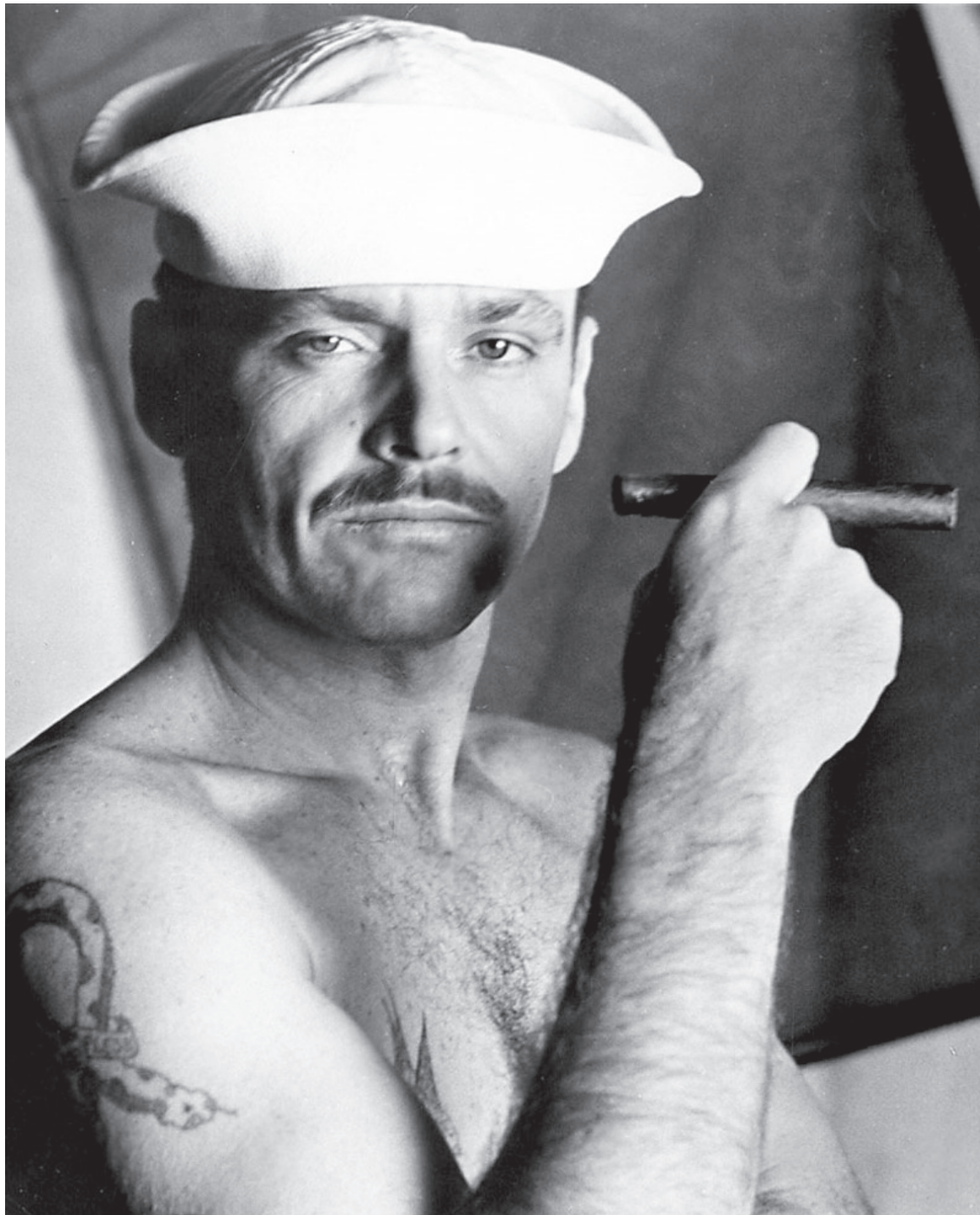
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- Adam and The Ants
- Michael Jackson
- Queen
- David Bowie



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– Dolly Parton**

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Jack Nicholson in *The Last Detail* (1973). I've always liked Jack with a 'stache. Menacing.



Tom Selleck - *Ultimate Man*



Richard Roundtree - *Shaft!*



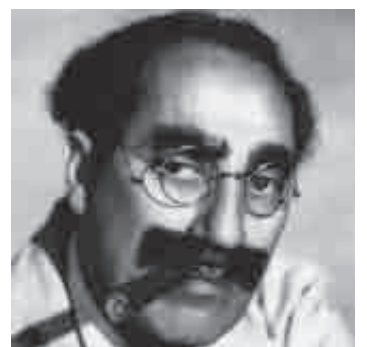
Frank Zappa — Arguably the ultimate mustachioed rock star



Bronson, tough as nails



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Dali took the stache into surreal-ity



In like Flynn



Gregory Peck looking a little edgy in *Aviator* shades and 'stache plus combo



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I'll say it - I'm a fan of the mustache. Sadly, we saw the 'stache fall largely by the wayside over the past few decades as pretty boys seemed fixated on primping, grooming, moisturizing, metrosexualizing, etc. in a vain and sissy attempt to one-up the ladies in the looks department. Let the ladies be pretty. Let the men be men. I say — "Bring Back The 'Stache." Not the pencil-thin, or micro groomed razor-sharp manifestations that border on ridiculous. Not the peach-fuzz, thin-lipped scummer 'stache. Not the Teddy Roosevelt waxed work-of-art on some hipster who lacks respect and context. I'm talkin' about an honest, unassuming mustache that's there because it fits the wearer's form and finishes him off like dotting an "i," crossing a "t," or adding an exclamation point.

Now consider yourself warned — the mustache can cut both ways. While it can add character and distinction, balance your features, etc. — it can also make you look like a total buffoon. So tread carefully, and be honest with yourself — because it ain't for everyone. Ask Sean Penn.

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FOUL TERRITORY: WHEELERS, DEALERS, AND EX-STEELERS

By Jeffrey Boswell



*** LeBron James Didn't Go to College, or "Finishing" School** — With the All-Star Game on the line, the East's LeBron James passed up a shot attempt and instead passed, despite the West's Kobe Bryant urging him to "take the shot." Allegedly, it was the first time Bryant took "no" for an answer.

*** Match Playa, or the Hunted Became the Hunter, or Rory, Rory, He's a Loser** — Hunter Mahan beat Rory McIlroy 2-and-1 to win the World Golf Championship on Sunday. For those unfamiliar with match play lingo, "2-and-1" means Mahan had a two-hole lead with one hole to play. For those unfamiliar with Tiger Woods lingo, "2-and-1" means a threesome.

*** Jordan Still Rules** — Kobe Bryant scored 27 points in Sunday's NBA All-Star Game and broke Michael Jordan's scoring record. Bryant now has 271 All-Star points to Jordan's 262, further proof that Kobe Bryant is no Michael Jordan.

*** Fortunate-Son, or Me So Corny** — Ben & Jerry's apologized for including fortune cookies in its

Jeremy Lin-inspired "Taste the Lin-Sanity" frozen yogurt. As a further display of contrition, Ben & Jerry's introduced a new flavor, "Crow."

*** Blindsided, or 86'd, or the Steelers Chose Not to Re-Ward Themselves** — The Pittsburgh Steelers will release veteran wide receiver Hines Ward sometime in the next two weeks. The decision was not a surprise, as the Steelers are in the midst of a roster-wide salary purge, as well as a youth-movement at wide receiver. In other words, everyone saw it coming, except for Ed Reed.

*** If You Build it, They Will Com-plete a 20-62 Season** — The Sacramento Kings struck a deal with the city of Sacramento to remain in the city long-term with a new arena planned. Fittingly, the new arena will have a basement.



consumption by starting pitchers during games in which they weren't appearing. Although the flow of beer into the clubhouse has been nixed, chances are alcohol will flow quite smoothly through loopholes in Valentine's policy.

*** It's as Clear as Black and White** — Robert Griffin III recorded the fastest 40-yard dash time among quarterbacks, clocking a 4.41 at the NFL Combine,

while Andrew Luck posted a 4.67. When asked if the numbers will affect their decision in April's NFL draft, the Indianapolis Colts said they'd "take their time" before answering.

*** As if a Driver From Colombia Needed Another Reference to "Blow," or Turn and Burn** — Matt Kenseth won the rain-delayed Daytona 500 on Monday night after the race was delayed for two hours after Juan Montoya crashed into the back of a jet dryer during a caution on lap 160. Overnight, Montoya became the face of NASCAR, at least in rear-



view mirrors.

*** Montreal Expo-nential, or Capitol Building** — Washington Nationals third baseman Ryan Zimmerman signed a six-year, \$100 million extension that will keep him in the nation's capitol through 2019. With so much cash tied up in the contracts of Zimmerman, Bryce Harper, and Stephen Strasburg, many in the Nationals clubhouse are asking the same question as those in the Red Sox clubhouse: "Can we 'remain liquid?'"

*** Advantage, the Other 10 Contestants** — Donald Driver and Martina Navratilova will compete on ABC's Dancing With the Stars, joining 10 other celebrity contestants for the show's 14th edition. As the only athletes on the show, Driver and Navratilova are likely to share experiences, as well as a dressing room.

MMA UPDATE

By Art Garcia Jr.

Some local mixed martial artists were hoping their fights in the month of March would act as a springboard for their careers and launch them into bigger and better opportunities in the world of MMA.

Unfortunately for some of them, the Ides of March came in the first week of the month rather than disaster striking on the 15th. Fortunately for these fighters, the Ides early arrival only affected their win/loss record in the ring rather than the fate Julius Caesar suffered in the Roman Senate in 44 B.C.

It began on March 3 as former EliteXC Lightweight Champion KJ Noons lost a unanimous decision to former Strikeforce Champion Josh Thomson on the undercard of Strikeforce Tate vs Rousey. Hoping a victory would land him a shot at current Strikeforce Lightweight Champion Gilbert Melendez, Noons spent the majority of the three-round bout on his back as Thomson was able to take him down to the mat. Although he was never in any real danger, Noons lost a unanimous decision 29-28. Noons fell to 10-4 and Thomson raised his record to 19-3-1.

Looking to make a big impression in their young MMA careers, three other local fighters were among the 32 lightweight fighters in the first round of The Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC). Season 15 of UFC TUF made its debut on FX live last Friday, March 9 with San Diegan and current UFC Bantamweight Champion Dominick Cruz coaching one team against his nemesis — former WEC Featherweight Champion, Urijah Faber who coaches the other team.

Myles Jury, Erin Beach — both fighting out of San Diego — and Akbar Arreloa (Chula Vista) hoped to be among the 16 that would advance to the Las Vegas mansion that houses the fighters as they compete the rest of the season. Jury, who was forced to leave the house during Season 13 due to a knee injury, advanced with a decision over Arreloa while Beach suffered a TKO to Sam Sicilia just eight seconds into the bout. Episode 2 of the UFC TUF will feature the top 16 this Friday, March 16 on FX.

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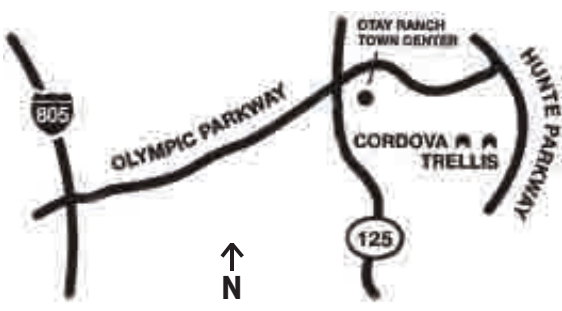
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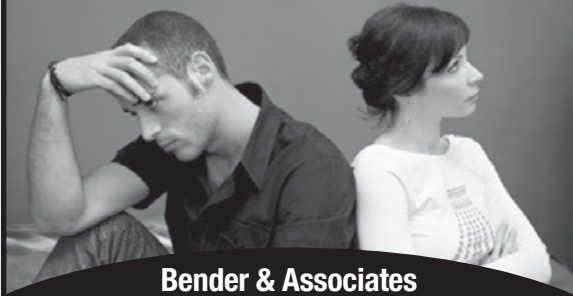
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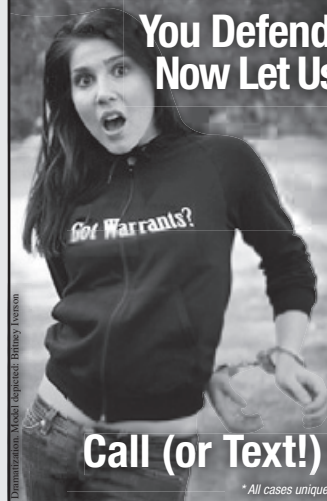
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2012 HYUNDAI SONATA SE TURBO



By Greg Zyla

Base Price: \$24,745
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This issue, we're driving Hyundai's 2012 Sonata SE 2.0 T, with the 'T' standing for turbocharger. Without summarizing too much in the opening paragraph, I want all readers to know that this Hyundai is one of the best I've driven in class, and looks to be a best seller from the continually improving manufacturer.

Sonata is Hyundai's response to Camry, Altima, Accord, Impala and Fusion competition, along with several other heavy hitters in the mid-size class. Our tester came in SE sporty trim, consisting of a bevy of impressive amenities and stylish exterior and interior offerings. Of note is that even though the Sonata is a mid-size class car, the interior room available puts it in the "large car" EPA category.

The 4-door, 5-passenger sedan is very aerodynamic and perhaps one of the best looking cars Hyundai has ever produced. Several times during our 400-mile test drive, it was parked next to the competition and in most every case, it was the better looking of the two. I was also extremely impressed by Sonata's performance, fuel mileage, interior comfort, ride and standard features.

Sonata's standard engine is a 2.4-liter inline-4 that develops 198 or 200-horsepower depending on exhaust system (single or dual, respectively) and delivers 24-mpg city and 35-mpg highway. The Hybrid, meanwhile, will deliver 35 in the city and 40 on the highway with a similar, albeit less powerful 2.4-liter engine. A well geared Hyundai CVT automatic, which includes Shiftronic paddle shifters, is standard on all non-GLS models, including the Hybrid transmission.

SE Turbo's standard features are many, with dual air vents, power windows, and more. Hyundai's Sonata, which is built in Montgomery, Alabama, could be the very best buy out there in the midsize class. With its impressive re-design last year, 100,000-mile limited powertrain and price, prospective buyers should take a very close look at this "Test Drive" top recommendation.

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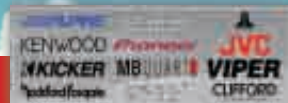
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Housing News

Contemporary, delightful homes at Tesoro

Innovative designs along with crow's nest views make Tesoro a very desirable place to live. With the recent release of eight Phase II homes, homebuyers will find some of the best west-facing view lots available. View seekers must hurry though before the best view lots are taken.

Tesoro homes are delightfully different. Contemporary styles come with three to four bedrooms and 1800 to 2130 square feet of living space. Plan One homes have plus size garages that can hold up to four cars. Phase II homes will be ready for move-in by the end of April. Prices start from \$341,990.

Every Tesoro home purchase comes with an incentive package which contains backyard landscaping, stainless steel kitchen appliances including a refrigerator, a washer and dryer, stunning granite countertops, paid closing costs (subject to limitations) and air conditioning.

Veterans will find special financing offered with payments starting as low as \$2,076 per month which includes builder paid HOA fees for one year, zero down and up to \$10,000 paid closing costs (see sales agent for details).

Four functional floor plans, some with bonus rooms, allow homebuyers to choose space for extra bedrooms, an office or game room. Ample storage space has also been included.

Arches and niches can be found in most homes accented with arched doors and aged bronze hardware. De-



New homebuyers slated for end of April move-in with purchase of a Phase II home at Tesoro in Vista, California.

signer extras include Colonial-style living room welcomes relaxation with balusters and 3-1/4" baseboards. The an inviting gas-stubbed, wood-burn-

ing fireplace with ceramic tile surround. Throughout the homes, buyers will find attractive flooring presented in elegant carpeting and ceramic tile at entry, kitchen and baths.

The stylish kitchen is designed with GE appliances, attractive maple cabinets with self-closing doors and as part of the incentive package, granite countertops.

Residents will love the master suite with an expanse of windows and a bright and roomy master bath. A generous walk-in closet, maple cabinets and a cultured marble vanity top with dual sinks with designer faucets complement the bath.

Tesoro homes are located at 719 Copper Drive, Vista or please calls 760-630-4757. For more info, go to www.TesoroNewHomes.com.

University offer scholarships for military

United States University is an accredited institution offering undergraduate and graduate degrees in multiple areas, including education, nursing, health sciences, general studies and management, and the university is currently offering up to 200 scholarships for military members and their family totaling at more than \$780,000. All active-duty military, retired military, and military family members nationwide are eligible for the university's scholarship programs, and can be awarded up to \$7,500 for online Bachelor Degree Programs or up to \$4,050 toward online Master Degree Programs. Here is some detailed information on the scholarship program:

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Military News

New Dental Program Coming to Military Families

Did you know that we are losing United Concordia? We are transitioning to Metropolitan Life (Met Life) beginning May 1, 2012. This comes with some definite benefits.

Met Life Dental Benefits

- An increase in the lifetime orthodontic allowance has been increased from \$1,500 to \$1,750.
- An increase in the annual maximum allowance from \$1,200 to \$1,300.
- New coverage of posterior resin (white) fillings.
- An additional \$1,200 maximum per year for services related to accidents/injuries.
- Coverage for additional cleaning for women during pregnancy.

- No cost shares for some periodontal services for diabetics.

- The first year premiums are below current rates.

We should be expecting a welcome packet sometime between March and April. Included in the packet is their large network of dentists. Some dentists accepting United Concordia may not accept Met Life, so it's best to make an appointment before the switch if that is the case (if it works with your timeline of benefits).

Annual Military Retiree Seminar and Resource Fair

This event will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2012 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the MCRD Theater, Bldg. 30. For additional information, call 619-524.5732 or visit www.mccsmcrd.com.

Presented by Personal & Professional Development Retired Services Office, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Marine Corps Community Services.

ACT Today! Military Families 5K/10K Run, Walk and Festival

Join us on Saturday, April 7, 2012 for the 2nd Annual ACT Today! for Military Families 5k/10k Run/Walk and ONEHOPE Family Festival

Put a team together or join an existing one and help us raise autism awareness and make a difference in the lives of military children with autism. The fun-filled family festival will feature vendor booths, concert performances, celebrity appearances, egg hunt for the kids, and so much more! For more information, contact info@act-today.org.



Concert to Benefit Navy SEALs Families

This concert is being held on Tuesday, April 3 at 7 p.m. at Humphrey's Backstage Live, San Diego.

Join the Bayou Bros., Johnny Verazza, Whitney Shay, Robin Henkel and Michelle Lundeen as they raise funds for military families.

Humphries is located at 2241 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego, 619-224-3577.

Golf With A Hero Tournament to Benefit Vets

The Oceanside Chamber of Commerce's annual golf tournament pairs local Marines and Sailors, many of whom have just returned from war in Afghanistan, with civilian players on Tuesday, June 5, 2012. The event will be held at the Marine Memorial Golf Course, Camp Pendleton and is open to the public, with a limit of 144 pre-registered golfers. At a cost of \$275 for one and \$475 for a twosome, this fee also pays for golf, lunch and dinner for Military Heroes. During the event there will be a silent auction, raffle prizes, and highlighted hole-in-one prizes.

A portion of the proceeds from the event will go to benefit the Veterans Association of North County. "VANC" is an association of more than 30 different veteran organizations serving over 5,000 members. VANC is working to open a new facility for all veterans and their families — the Veterans Association of North County Resource Center located at 1767 Mission Avenue. When completed, the building will represent our community's appreciation and recognition to the men and women who have worn our country's uniform to defend our freedom. We hope that proceeds from this event will bring this facility one step closer to opening and serving veterans.

Everyone wins at Golf With a Hero: The Marines and Sailors are treated to a well deserved day off with golf, food and relaxing fun; local residents and businessmen and women get to know some real heroic warriors and have an opportunity personally to thank them AND our local veterans are helped as well.

For more information on "Golf with a Hero" go to www.golfwithahero.com

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From the mid \$200s

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- solar power system included standard

From I-15 Fwy., exit Temecula Pkwy. (CA-79) heading east. Turn left on Meadows Pkwy., right on Sunny Meadows Pkwy., left on Bingham Dr., then left onto Beamer Ct. to sales center. (951) 225-9860



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From the mid \$200s

- 1,551–2,597 sq. ft.
- 4–5 bedrooms, 2–3 baths

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From the high \$200s

- 2,595–3,563 sq. ft.
- 3–7 bedrooms, 2.5–4 baths
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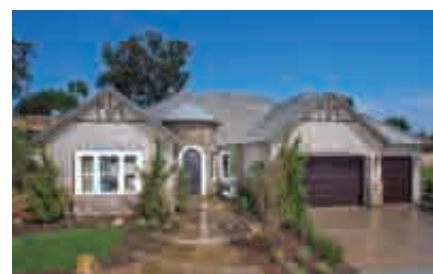
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From I-805, exit Olympic Pkwy. heading east. Turn right on La Media Rd., then right on Birch Rd./State St. At the roundabout, continue straight on Santa Diana Rd., turn right on Santa Christina Ave., then left onto Pershing Rd. to sales center. (619) 421-4062



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