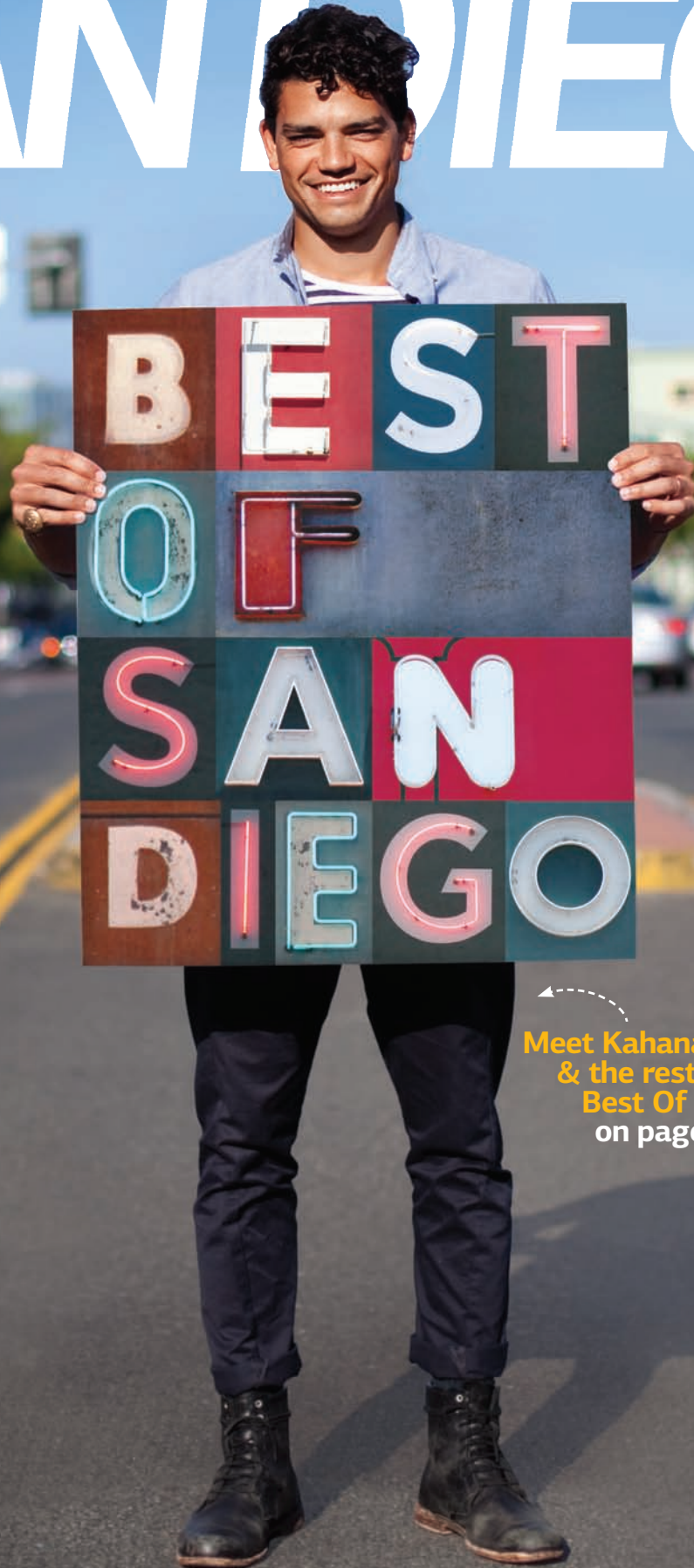


103 things to see, sip, taste & love

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BEST FIRST DATE BARS

Kim Primerano, matchmaker and owner of Love Happens Here tells you where to go for guaranteed romance.

Wine Steals/Proper Gastro Pub

Sit upstairs for an awesome view of PETCO Park and catch a game on the big screen. 795 J St., East Village, winestealssd.com

Ocean Terrace at George's at the Cove

A memorable night starts with a sunset, amazing specialty cocktails, and ultra modern décor. 1250 Prospect St. La Jolla, georgesatthecove.com

Starlite Dining and Cocktails

A funky, romantic environment, and great happy hour specials. 3175 India St., Little Italy, starlitesandiego.com

Vin de Syrah

The Alice in Wonderland-inspired décor provides an oddly romantic environment, and if you're in need of something to talk about, they have a magician walking around on Saturday nights. 901 5th Ave., Gaslamp Quarter, syrahwineparlor.com

AROUND TOWN

Best Class for Future Rocket Scientists

→ High Tech High Media Arts

Engineering is the cool class here—seniors build underwater robots, motorized skateboards, and remote control airplanes. Teacher Haley Kim encourages the Point Loma students to design whatever floats their boat (or robot), since the charter school is all about nurturing innate interests. hightechhigh.org

Best New Reason to Love Little Italy

→ Little Italy North

The revival of the once industrial area from Grape to Laurel Street has us singing like Sinatra. Take stock: **Bottlecraft Beer Shop &**



Bottlecraft tasting room in Little Italy

Tasting Room, fresh work at Subtext Gallery, new 98 Bottles bar, and Kettner Nights neighborhood walkabout. During the day, visit galleries, such as **Meyer Fine Art**, antique shops, and design stores. littleitalysd.com

Best Place to Nurture Your Well-Loved Shoes

→ Chito's Shoe Repair

Owners Chris and his wife Jenny Martinez have followed in the well-heeled footsteps of Chito Martinez, who sold them this little company where perfectionism is the tried-and-true business plan. 2911 University Ave., North Park, 619-298-2506



Best 11th Floor Office View

→ Jim Fitzpatrick, San Diego Magazine

Sitting high on the southwest corner of the Chase Building on Broadway, Mr. Fitz has views for days.?

Best Post-Dog Beach Pit Stop

→ Bull's Smokin' BBQ

Every pup who pulls up to the patio gets a plush bed, personal water bowl, and a beef rib. Humans order the pulled-pork fries. 1127 West Morena Blvd., Linda Vista