

the beer here



tastings, events and select beers | By JOHN FOYSTON

NAME THAT BEER — Lompoc Brewing needs a new name for Blonde Bombshell because of trademark conflicts, and they're asking for your vote by today for your favorite: Alpha Blonde, Atomic Blonde, Blonde Ambition; Bottle Blonde, Buxom Blonde or Suicide Blonde. Write-ins are fine, too. E-mail your vote to lompocbrewing@newold-lompoc.com or write on the wall at the Lompoc Facebook page and you'll be entered in a drawing to win a Lompoc sweatshirt and a \$10 gift certificate



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Chris (left) and Jeremy Cox sample their 10 Barrel Apocalypse IPA at a recent tasting. 10 Barrel Brewing will be featured at this week's Brewhog event at North 45 Pub.

Brewed by Zach Beckwith, the to-be-named beer is a beefed-up blonde ale made with 100 pounds of flaked oats for creaminess and a small addition of whole vanilla beans, resulting in a full-bodied ale reminiscent of a vanilla milkshake. Taste for yourself at the release party. 4-9 p.m. Tuesday, *New Old Lompoc*, 1616 N.W. 23rd Ave.

MATEVEZA BEERUNCH — San Francisco home-brewer Jim Woods happened to sip a cup of yerba mate, a mild stimulant, along with a hoppy

pale ale, and loved the combination. He formulated recipes for Yerba Mate Gold pale ale and Yerba Mate IPA and is now introducing the world to the pleasure of his herbal, organic beers, which are produced by Mendocino Brewing.

He'll appear at Belmont Station on Saturday, where his beers, plus The Abyss and Marin Blueberry Ale, will be paired with a light breakfast. He'll pour samples and answer questions about his intriguing brews. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Belmont Station, 4500 S.E. Stark St.; \$10, advance tickets required; 503-232-8538

PYRAMID SPRING FLING RELEASE — Brewer Tom Bleigh did a lot of experimenting to hit this recipe dead-on, resulting is a very drinkable pale ale. Join the Pyramid folks in celebrating Fling's launch at the brewery, with samples, a Fling Pong pingpong tournament, swag and more. 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, *MacTarnahan's Taproom*, Pyramid Brewery, 2730 N.W. 31st Ave.

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