

# Spring Break is soon, your budget's small

What will you do if not shop at the mall?

Would you try something different, try something **new** try open-mic night at Morning Brew?

A shady spot, a matinee?  
Or lend a hand to save the day?

Dr. Seuss of small-kid time did say,  
There's a time for work and a time for play.

"If you never did, you really should.  
These things are fun, and fun is **good.**"

Show your valid WCC ID card and receive the following specials from March 22 - 28

**Polynesian Cultural Center** for \$20 receive a ticket to evening show, "HA," and free buffet dinner (March 8-28)

**Bay View Golf Park Driving Range** \$1 off a basket of balls (bring your own clubs and proper golf etiquette)

**Bay View Golf Park Mini-Putt** 18 balls for \$8, 36 balls for \$12

**Aiea Bowl** No charge on rental bowling shoes

**Pali Lanes** Come in before 6 p.m. and only \$2.50/game

**Glow-Putt (Windward Mall)** \$1 off per game, per person

**Zia's Caffe Kaneohe** \$5 off of a \$25 or more tab (w/tax included; 1 per table)

**Boston's Pizza Kailua** \$5 for any slice of pizza and a regular soda

**Aaron's Dive Shop** \$25 off a dive lesson or a scuba diving discovery program



**March 21**  
**Waterfront at Aloha Tower Marketplace** (808) 450-4660  
Reggae concert with Fiji and more.

**March 22 - 28**  
**Ala Moana Shop-a-Le'a**  
Honolulu's hottest Fashion Event



**March 26 & 27**  
**Pipeline Cafe** (808) 589-1999  
Former NFL cheerleader-turned-comedian Anjelah Johnson performs at 7 p.m.



**March 4 - 21**  
**Mānoa Valley Theatre 'Hair'**  
Call or purchase tickets online at [manoavalleytheatre.com](http://manoavalleytheatre.com)



**March 25 - 28**  
**Magic Island Honolulu Family Festival**  
Free entry, script for sale Live local music, games. [honolulufamilyfestival.com](http://honolulufamilyfestival.com)

## Lend a hand: volunteering is fun

- **He`eia Stream Restoration Project:** Install erosion control material as well as restore sections of the stream banks, forest and native vegetation March 20 8 a.m.-noon. For more information go to [huihawaii.org](http://huihawaii.org)
- **Volunteer Days at Kaha Park:** Learn to maintain the garden while at the same time learning about native plants. Volunteering is the fourth Saturday of every month, which falls on March 27, 8:30 a.m.- noon. Call Kristin Nalani Mailheau, volunteer coordinator at 381-7202.
- **Affordable Housing and Homeless Alliance (AHHA):** Collect two articles of clothing from friends and family and donate them so their clients could have suitable clothing to wear for job appointments, school and life. They also take office supply donations and hygiene products. Contact Paul Ruddell, Kailua site coordinator, 262-7800 or go to [hawaiihomeless.org](http://hawaiihomeless.org)
- **Blood Bank of Hawaii:** Deliver blood to hospitals, provide administrative or clerical work or work at a donation center. For more information, contact the Volunteer/Employees Relations Coordinator at 848-4734.
- **Hawaiian Humane Society:** Exercise, train and walk the dogs. Help out in the cat house or even do some clerical work. For more information go to [hawaiianhumane.org/volunteer.html](http://hawaiianhumane.org/volunteer.html)
- **Community help:** Go to your favorite beach or hiking place with friends and do a trash pick-up. Have a car wash and help raise money for a charitable cause. Volunteer at your local library — Kailua Library 266-9911, or Kaneohe Library 233-5676. You can also just donate your time to aid a neighbor or family member.



## "Marked" by P.C. Cast and Kirsten Cast

Are you suffering from "Twilight" withdrawal? Do you yearn to escape into the fantastical world of vampires once again?

Then, I know you'll enjoy sinking your teeth into "Marked," the first book in The House of Night series. The novel is sexy with a plot that could be best described as a

roller coaster ride. The author P.C. Cast weaves new magical elements in a much-written about subject: vampires.

The main character of the series, Zoey Redbird, is refreshingly confident but at the same time very relatable in her struggles to mature. The story revolves around Zoey as she

becomes a part of a new dark world, The House of Night.

The House of Night is located in Tulsa and is a school for marked humans that might one day become vampires. There are cliques just like in any other school, but this time the mean girls have powers with which Zoey and her friends have to contend.

At times, the characters' language might be a bit too young but the surprises that occur as the story unfolds make the language bearable. However, the main issue with "Marked" is that the story is far too addicting and keeps the reader from doing anything else, such as homework.

— Review by Monika McConnell

## Morning Brew

by Christopher McAllaster

For a brief moment, the soft, soothing voice of the guitarist onstage fills the night air and could be mistaken for that of the great Led Zeppelin vocalist, Robert Plant.

This is Morning Brew in Kailua, where for just over six months now, a community-driven open-mic night happens on the first and third Saturdays of each month.

This locally-owned, eastside coffeehouse was once no more than a cubbyhole next to its current location. Morning Brew has always been a hospitable establishment. Prior to the expansion, the owners allowed customers to walk through their cramped kitchen to use the employee restroom.

However, the idea of hosting Kailua's most popular open-mic night might have never become a reality had it not been for one musically driven Morning Brew regular.

"I wanted to provide a place for musicians of all ages to be able to come together and share their gifts," explains Peter Bode, the guitarist whose vocals resemble those of the classic rock era.

It was Bode who approached Morning Brew owner, Peter Anderson, with the idea for the open-mic event just under a year ago, and he remains the proud organizer of the event to this day.

Every other week, the event draws crowds of up to 50 people, all seeking to be serenaded by members of the Kailua community. Performances range from classic rock-style acoustics to hip-hop and spoken-word style poetry, with participants from ages 10 to 60. On a recent Saturday night, performances included a father-son



TERESA SHUN

Kasey Shun rocks the coffeehouse crowd.

acoustic guitar duet, a trio of young hip-hop enthusiasts, and a solo performance by Bode, who played his 12-string acoustic.

When asked her favorite aspect of the open-mic event, audience member Bronti Naweli said, "I just really enjoy the atmosphere. I love the vibe, as everyone here is always so mellow and supportive."

The open-mic night is loosely organized. Anyone who wishes to perform should arrive early to put their name in a time slot on the list. The number of performers varies at each event, with the average being around 10.

Each performer is allowed 15 minutes to perform. There is no cost to anyone who wishes to participate or simply observe from one of the coffeehouses many comfortable chairs and couches.

The next open-mic night will be held on Saturday, March 20 and is scheduled to begin around 7 p.m.

So tune up that guitar, warm up your windpipes and hurry on down to be the next big thing at Morning Brew's open-mic night.

## 'Shutter' causes mind clutter

— Review by Lance Sabado



Mischief and misunderstanding run rampant throughout the movie "Shutter Island."

And things aren't what they seem. "She's a patient, not a prisoner," reiterates Dr. Cawley (Ben Kingsley) to U.S. Marshall Teddy Daniels (Leonardo DiCaprio), during an investigation.

Teddy and his assigned partner, Chuck (Mark Ruffalo), are brought to the island to look into the disappearance of a female patient from the Ashecliffe Hospital, a mental facility for the criminally insane. The details of

the patient's disappearance are sketchy and her whereabouts suspicious. According to Dr. Cawley, it was like "she evaporated into thin air."

As the investigation brings up more questions than answers, Teddy slowly starts to lose his mind. This proves to be a problem, as Teddy reveals to Chuck that he has ulterior motives for the investigation: to reveal the disturbing practices of the facility and find the man responsible for his wife's death.

Hereafter, the story gets quite complicated but in an intriguing way. Teddy has vague flashbacks and dreams throughout the movie. They turn out to be puzzle pieces that fit together in the movie's twisted conclusion.

And that's where most of the delight of the movie comes from — the mystery of it all. "Shutter Island" is one of those movies that racks your brain and forces you to look beyond the surface. It is a movie for deep thinkers and detective novel readers.

Moreover, it is well-acted and visually appealing. Director Martin Scorsese knows how to create a mood through his cinematography. The dark, brooding atmosphere creates a suspenseful quality that keeps the audience looking into the shadows and at the corners of the screen. Most effective, though, is the dialogue between characters and the occasional, dramatic music.

Ultimately, "Shutter Island" is worth seeing but not a must-see. It has a level of complexity and obscurity that is not for everyone. I went to see it with a scholarly friend, and both of us struggled to make sense of the plot — especially the ending.

Indeed, we left the theatre thinking, "We liked the movie, but we're not sure we understood it entirely."

## March movie madness

**March 5**

**Alice in Wonderland**  
Johnny Depp, Anne Hathaway, Helen Bonham Carter

19-year-old Alice returns to the magical world from her childhood adventure, where she reunites with her old friends and learns of her true destiny: to end the Red Queen's reign of terror.



**March 12**

**She's Out of My League**  
Jay Baruchel, Alice Eve

An average Joe meets the perfect woman, but his lack of confidence and the influence of his friends and family begin to pick away at the relationship.



**March 19**

**The Bounty Hunter**  
Jennifer Aniston, Gerard Butler

A bounty hunter learns that his next target is his ex-wife, a reporter working on a murder cover-up. Soon after their reunion, the always-at-odds duo finds themselves on a run-for-their-lives adventure.



**March 26**

**Hot Tub Time Machine**  
John Cusack, Chevy Chase

Four guy friends, all of them bored with their adult lives, travel back to their respective '80s heydays, thanks to a time-bending hot tub.

