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DEAD MEN CASH NO CHECKS

Are Cash-Strapped City Officials Considering Assassination as Solution to Fat-Cat Pensioner Problem?

When city councilman Carl DeMaio released his scathing analysis of the city's pension system on October 4, he estimated that the City's highest-paid pensioners will be paid \$61 million over the next 25 years. That number includes over \$225,000 a year for librarian Anna Martinez and very nearly \$300,000 for assistant city attorney Eugene Gordon. Shocking numbers, but perhaps even they are not quite as galling as the thought of comparatively young people such as former councilmen Michael Zucchet and Ralph Inzunza pulling down a check for the rest of their (ostensibly productive and lengthy) lives after just a few years of public service.



Unidentified Black Ops ex-Special Forces assassin, photographed leaving City Hall last week.

Not that Zucchet and company are abashed, mind you. "It's old news," said Zucchet, 40, who will snag a government check for nearly \$15,000 every year until he dies. "The elected officials retirement system has been discussed and even litigated for the last five years. The case was literally laughed out of court, and the City was then obligated to pay our legal fees. Which fees, I can tell you, included more than a few VIP-room client-attorney 'conferences' at Cheetah's, the strip club, which, in perfectly legal fashion, lobbied me to have its 'no-touch' lap-dance ban lifted way back in 2003. Speaking of old news, I was convicted of wire fraud, con-

spiracy, and extortion for that one, but I was later acquitted. And the U.S. Attorney's Office just decided not to seek to retry me! Ha, ha, ha! Maybe I'll blow this year's check getting private dances from Jezebel — girl is smoking!" Zucchet then picked up a second-grade public school teacher's severance check, set it on fire, and used it to light a \$34 Cohiba cigar, which he tossed in the trash after a couple of puffs.

But Sacramento-area accountant Marcia Fritz, who made the projections as part of her work for the California Foundation for Fiscal Responsibility, suggested that there may be a solution to the problem of these greedy jackanapes. In a brief interview conducted as Fritz headed down the jetway at San Diego International Airport on her way out of town, she noted that her dire projections take into account such factors as cost-of-living increases and *life expectancy* (emphasis added).

"If, God forbid, something were ever to happen to these gentlemen," said Fritz, before trailing off. "Well, I'm gone. Best of luck to you, San Diego!"

As she stepped over the threshold and into the plane, a business card fluttered down from her purse. "SD on the QT" attempted to return the card, but was prevented by airport security. Upon inspection, the card proved to be entirely black and perfectly smooth. This reporter decided to hold on to it for further investigation, only to have his house burglarized and ransacked two days later. The card was the only item removed. A Freedom of Information Act request for information on Ms. Fritz indicated that no such person exists, and there is no public database listing for the California Foundation for Fiscal Responsibility. City officials have not responded to repeated requests for comment.

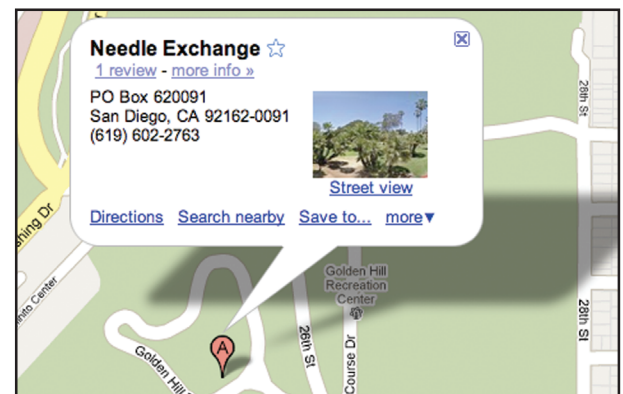
San Diego State University Celebrates 40 Years of Women's Studies



Good, clean fun hosted by SDSU Cultural Arts & Special Events

Retrospective celebrating nation's first women's studies program includes landmark investigation led by SDSU Center for Alcohol and Drug Studies and Services director John Clapp, published in *Alcoholism: Clinical & Experimental Research*. Study found that women outdrank men at "theme parties like toga parties or costume parties with highly sexualized themes and with the women wearing not very much."

Tough love: Needle exchange program seeks to save lives and also to help build valuable life skills



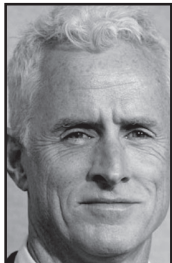
Mark it in your day-planner, people — it's not like the ice-cream truck.

The San Diego Clean Syringe Exchange Program operates just two days per week, in two different locations at two different times of day — but it's all part of the plan. "You can't buy needles in San Diego without a prescription, so we're pretty much the only source a lot of these people have," says program coordinator Katrina Flores. "By limiting accessibility and changing locations, we encourage IV-drug users to develop better time-management and organizational skills. And if they happen to miss a week for some reason, they can always use one of our bleach kits to clean their old needles. The kits, when used in exact accordance with the included specifications, will most often remove the danger of HIV, if not necessarily Hep C. Following directions is an important part of responsible living. And remember — don't share needles!"

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WHO PLAYS WHO

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On *Mad Men*, **John Slattery** plays Roger Sterling, a randy exec who can't stop touching buxom secretary Joan.



Former acting mayor **Michael Zucchet** was convicted (and later acquitted!) of illegally conspiring to end the City's "no-touch" policy at strip clubs.



In *The Godfather Part II*, **Bruno Kirby** plays Clemenza, the man who introduces young Vito Corleone to casual quid-pro-quo criminality.



Former city councilman **Ralph Inzunza** agreed to take money in exchange for official action but said he believed he had done nothing wrong.



Scarlett Johansson complained that Isaac Mizrahi groping her breast at the Golden Globes was "in poor taste."



Former mayoral press secretary **Rachel Laing** said, "The fact that some SD retirees are getting exorbitant pensions is pretty dog-bites-man."