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SD ON THE QT

Almost factual news

D for Disastrous Defeat

Democratically Determined Drubbing Denies Desperately Desired Deficit-Destroying Dollars, Dooms Development Dreams

They want to take away our burning ring of fire!

STANDING BY A FIRE PIT AT SUNSET, MISSION BAY: The word spread like wild-fire, the kind not contained in one of the many concrete

San Diego to fiscal sobriety — Mayor Sanders was playing hardball. He was talking about eliminating city pools, reducing hours at Balboa park's

of countless awesome bonfire parties. All in the name of preserving things like firefighters and police officers. Action was called for.



Pictured: greedy firefighter, trying to extinguish your good times.

fire rings that line the beaches of America's Finest City. Following the defeat of Prop D — the harebrained, risky tax scheme that would have somehow magically restored

ping-pong and badminton courts, getting rid of "pretty but basically glorified nanny" lifeguards at city beaches. And he was talking about removing the fire rings, site

councilman Kevin Faulconer invited a coalition of the desperate to this beachside meeting, hoping against hope to come up with some workable alternatives. "SD on the QT"

sidled up to the councilman as he gazed thoughtfully into the undulating flames and managed to suss out two of the more promising proposals:

1. iLibSD
Said Faulconer, "The U-T



Smart thinking for smartphones: a \$185 million library in the palm of your hand!

had the facts right but the story wrong when it said that shutting down the library system would take us 'only' halfway toward eliminating the deficit. What's 'only' about halfway to \$70 million? And with our new iLibSD library



Old people are America's greatest natural resource. What could go wrong?

zled oldsters provide an invaluable service, keeping an eye on things, calling in to report suspicious characters and snot-nose kids with too much time on their hands. In an era of reduced government spending, it's time for citizens to step up and do their part to keep the peace. None of these guys have criminal records, and all of them have passed an eye exam. I say we arm 'em up and farm 'em out. They can get their guns from the hundreds of police officers we're going to have to lay off if we're going to save those fire pits."

app, citizens will be able to access our entire collection for only \$.99! We're still working out digital late fees — we have to make *some* money, if only to acquire new 'books' — but I think you'll agree that, over all, this is an exciting development for fans of the San Diego library system!"

2. Arm the RSVP

"San Diego already has a massive volunteer force assisting the police," said Faulconer. "Over 4500 retirees currently drive around town in city-owned vehicles as part of the Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol. These griz-

Faulconer paused, then added, "Man, this is breaking my brain. I could really use some inspiration. It's a pity Prop 19 failed, too."

WHO PLAYS WHO

ELECTION EDITION



Comedienne Kathy Griffin accused actress **Patricia Heaton** of hating gays.



New councilwoman **Lorie Zapf** apologized to *CityBeat* if her words ("I do believe homosexuality is a sin.") were hurtful to gays.



Robert Mitchum acted for over 50 years and once recorded "Little Old Wine Drinker Me."



La Mesa mayor **Art Madrid** has been a public servant for over 30 years, and said it was unfortunate that officers found him drunk on the sidewalk.



Nien Numb needs to give Han more time to get that shield down.



New councilman **David Alvarez** has made the commitment to serve two full terms.



COULD THIS BE THE END OF STRONG MAYOR?