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SD ON THE QT

Almost factual news

'Sew' Good! Searing *Maquiladora* captures a day in the life of a maquiladora; also captures top honors at 2010 San Diego Negligible Film Festival



A still from *Maquiladora's* dramatic climax. Or at least, from a scene maybe near the end of the film.

FESTIVAL AWARDS BANQUET AT QUIZNO'S SUBS, MISSION VALLEY: Director Jojorojas Malingerez nearly choked on his Classic Italian on Wheat when SDNFF Chair Lorenzo Lamas announced that his 16-hour documentary had beaten out over 32,000 other entries (including Seth Combs's harrowing *We're Out of Beer*) to win the somewhat coveted Shrug Award for Least Negligible Feature of the 2010 festival. The documentary, which covers, in real time, a single work shift at a Calexico maquiladora that produces Old Navy T-shirts, was singled out for its "exhaustive, unblinking look at an exhausting, unbeautiful world." In addition to taking home the Shrug, Malingerez will have his film screened at the AMC Mission Valley Cinema on December 24 at 3 a.m. Admission is free.

Everyone Complains About the Weather...



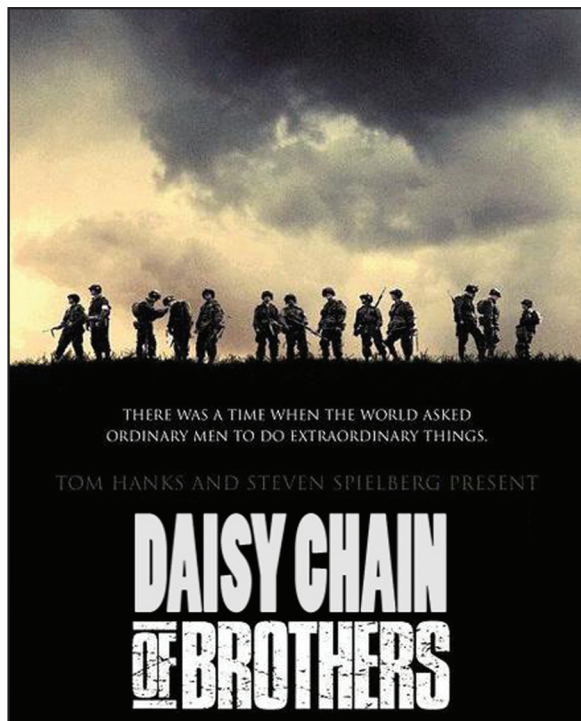
...but these people did it all at once, and in the same place.

Hundreds gather in downtown San Diego to protest overnight lows in the 30s and 40s. "It's bad enough that, thanks to the housing bubble, my house is underwater," complained one cranky person in a sweater. "Now you're telling me that the water is frozen, too? I moved here from Minnesota

to get away from this kind of soul-numbing chill! And I dumped all my woolen undies at the moving sale!" In a prepared statement, Mayor Sanders said that if Prop D had passed, he might have been able to do something about the problem, but as it was, tough noogies. He also suggested wearing a hat.

Semper Straight?

Newly released Pentagon survey shows that only 30 percent of military service members fear that "unit cohesion would be harmed" by the presence of open homosexuals. However, nearly 60 percent of combat Marines do feel that unit cohesion would suffer. In light of this discrepancy, defense secretary Robert Gates allowed that time will be needed to allow for training before a possible repeal of the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. Gates went on to say that part of that time would be spent "updating the excellent World War II television series *Band of Brothers* to include more homosexual characters acting as functional and even exemplary



We gay few?

members of Marine combat units. Then we'll make it required viewing on Marine military bases, starting with a pilot program at Miramar,

near San Diego. Those boys are tough, but they'll come around. It's *Band of Brothers!* I mean, who doesn't like Tom Hanks?"

Choking the Chicken Ordinance

Following La Mesa crazy person Jill Richardson's attempt to get the city council to reconsider its extremely prudent ban on backyard chickens, Mayor Art "Guv'mint" Madrid has called for the implementation of Operation Clustercluck, a county-wide crackdown on illegal backyard egg production. "You know what else is produced in East County backyards?" asked Madrid at a recent press conference. "Methamphetamine." The *San Diego Union-Tribune*, which came out against backyard chickens in a December 2009 editorial, applauded the move, noting that "Ew, chickens poop!" However, results have



Contraband seized during Operation Clustercluck. Note the presence of infamous "green eggs."

been somewhat limited, possibly due to the fact that, of all San Diego County governments,

only Coronado shares in La Mesa's comprehensive ban on the fetid fowls.

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