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## LASU?

*San Diego State, Suddenly Home to #4 Men's Basketball Team in the Nation, Threatens to Leave Town Unless Given New Stadium Deal by City.*

*It's not a "skybox," it's a "faculty lounge."*

WAKING UP GROGGY AND COVERED WITH SHARPIE ART ON THE FRONT LAWN OF SAE: As of press time, the San Diego State University men's basketball team is 20-0 — the longest-running win streak in the land. And what do you know, the team's owners — er, the school's administrators — are doing what every sports program in San Diego does after putting together an improbably successful season: demanding a new stadium and threatening to ditch America's Finest City for greener pastures if they don't get it. "We're not overly worried on this one," said SDSU president Stephen Weber. "History, after all, is on our side. Consider: In 1998, the Padres somehow managed to wiggle their way into the World Series. They were blanketed by the Yankees, sure, but that didn't stop voters from approving city funding for Petco Park on election day a few weeks later. Yes, the Padres went into a tailspin after that, but they had their new ballpark, and the voters apparently didn't

mind overmuch. They certainly didn't complain in 1995, when the Chargers got shellacked in the Super Bowl, only to wrangle a \$60 million stadium-improvement deal out of the city council in May of that same year. And, of course, the Chargers went into a huge tailspin after that — remember the 1-and-15 2000 season? But once again, nobody seems to have cared, because here we are, talking about building them a new football stadium."

Weber paused to retrieve his tie and glasses, which had somehow found their way onto a department-store mannequin (which had somehow found its way onto the SAE lawn) before continuing, "Why should we be treated any differently? Just because we're an academic institution and not a real estate developer like Spanos or Moores? Nonsense. Bring on the perks, councilpeople. Bring on something a little sexier than Viejas Arena and their \$6 million over ten



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years. Something that will attract sponsorship from a serious brand, something like In-N-Out Burger. Make us want to stay, because Los Angeles would be only too happy to make a place for us. San Diego, ask yourself: Can you really consider yourself a world-class city with only one major university and that one all the way up in La Jolla? I think not."



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## Eating Crow(e)

*Cities of Escondido and Oceanside File Suit Against Crowe Family Attorney, Claiming "Inhumane, Years-Long Campaign of Really Hurtful Accusations and Intimidating Legal Maneuvers."*

*"He's made our lives a living hell."*

ALL ALONE AT THE PITY PARTY, ESCONDIDO CITY HALL: "People make mistakes," said the veteran police officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "As it happens, the mistake we made was in thinking that 12-year-old Stephanie Crowe was murdered by her brother and his buddies back in '98.

Also, maybe, it was a mistake to interrogate three teenage boys as if they were capos with La Cosa Nostra. But, you know, *NYPD Blue* was huge back in '98, and Detective Sipowicz was always getting a little rougher with the suspects than you thought was appropriate. But he was never wrong. Never. So, yeah, we probably did a few things that 'shocked the conscience,' as that one judge put it. But we had a hunch, you know? Anyway, we're tired of it, and so we're suing to make him stop. We're only human, after all."



Escondido PD: "Milt and made Silverman is a big meanie."

go with your gut. People said we should have been looking out for a drifter. A drifter? You might as well say the butler did it. But then, when we finally did catch that Tuite guy, instead of everybody saying, 'Thank you, what a relief to see justice done,' they were all, 'What about the kids

didn't commit?' That lawyer guy,

Silverman, has been dogging this

department for years — first with

the criminal trial and now with this

civil suit. He talks about us 'reaping

the whirlwind.' That's bullying, is

what that is. All these questions he

asks, motions he files, things he

says to the press — it takes a toll,

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## When Life Gives You Drug Smugglers, Make Smugglerade.

*Following Departure of Carnival Cruise Lines, Port of San Diego Announces New Partnership with Upstart Beltran-Leyva Cruise Lines "Nothing to declare."*

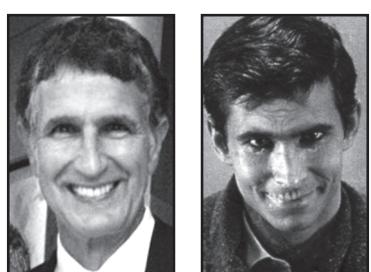


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way to bring their goods and services into the United States, and if we play our cards right, the revenues could make \$54 million look like petty cash. The kind you might use to pay off the guys working customs. It's just a matter of creative thinking and bold initiative — the sort of thing people have come to expect from the Port of San Diego."



## BILLIONAIRE DIVORCE EDITION



Local billionaire **Charles Brandes** probably doesn't deserve to be juxtaposed with **Anthony Perkins** doing a death-mask smile in *Psycho...*

...but he's super-rich and totally picked up a trophy bride after divorcing his wife Linda in 2005, so what the hell.



**Tanya Brandes** is the second wife of billionaire Charles Brandes.

**Catherine Zeta-Jones** is the second wife of millionaire Michael Douglas.



**Linda Brandes** says she taught Charles Brandes how to be successful in business. **Lauren Bacall** taught Humphrey Bogart to whistle in *To Have and Have Not*.