



WHAT YOU GET FOR NOT SENDING ANY ARTICLES OR NEWS!

By Pierre Hurter

One of the joys of Netflix is that you can find old and quirky movies to watch. Sure they don't feature shorts like *Alptraum*, a movie centered on the idea of Switzerland's soccer team playing in the 2008 finals, but it's better than nothing. Have you noticed that despite Arnie's pending exit from our Statehouse there are still a fair number of torturously pronounced German phrases floating around?

There's *angst*, pretty much always mispronounced, but more interesting is that I can't imagine that most of the folks who use the term are really thinking about it in an existential sort of way. I mean has anyone ever really read Kierkegaard? I dread the thought. The other mangled term is *über*, I think even Nietzsche would agree, this is being way *über* used. Maybe it's just all symbolic of the *Zeitgeist*, the prevailing mood of our particular era.

Back to *Alptraum*, which so far I haven't seen used much, though it seems to fit many peoples perception of what is going on around them. The dictionary says that an *Alptraum* is a nightmare. I think Nina Hagen probably defines *Alptraum* as effectively as any dictionary;

*Hey, do you miss me
when the nights are long and cold?
Do you dream of me
in a black haze of nostalgia?*

*Don't be scared, it was all only a dream
(dreams are mere shadows)
By the clear bright light of day, none of this makes
any difference
(dreams are mere shadows)*

*Only in the deep black of night are you seized by
fright.*

Back to Netflix, they did have the movie *The Frogmen* which we finally managed to watch over the weekend. The film is set in the South West Pacific theatre, where Lt. Cmdr. John Lawrence (Richard Widmark), a stickler for discipline and rules, has been put in charge of an elite UDT unit after their beloved former leader, Lt. Cmdr. Jack Cassidy, is killed.



Swimming along fortified beaches wearing no more than a compass, a "canteen" watch, a slate hanging from their necks for taking notes and making sketches, mask, fins, a cord wrapped around their wrists to take soundings and wearing a jaunty pair of shorts.

Because I'm a watch nut, I'll pause to explain that Hamilton's "Canteen" or "Bu-Ships" watch was the first watch supplied by a manufacturer to our Naval Combat Demolition Teams in the early 1940's for use by divers. The watch featured a cap that screwed down over the winding stem, like a canteen and a thick glass crystal, which was soldered into place.

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The United States Navy's Bureau of Ships (BuShips) was established by Congress on June 20, 1940, to consolidate the functions of the Bureau of Construction and Repair and the Bureau of Engineering. The new Bureau was headed by a Chief and Deputy-Chief, one selected from the engineering corps (Marine Engineer) and the other from the construction corps (Naval Architect).

BuShips was abolished by DOD in of March 9, 1966, as part of the general overhaul of the Navy's bureau system of material support. BuShips was succeeded by the Naval Ship Systems Command, now known as the Naval Sea Systems Command or NAVSEA.

Meanwhile, back to the movie ... naturally the men don't take a shine to Lawrence, and the relationship doesn't get any better when after their first mission as a team, Lawrence bangs up his leg and gets "coral poisoning". In short order all of the members of the team have put in for transfers out of the unit, prompting Co-star Gary Merrill, as the ships captain to remark, "Looks like you've got what amounts to a legal mutiny on your hands."

Anyway, after Lawrence volunteers to defuse an unexploded torpedo sticking through the hull in sickbay, where the lone patient is one of the team who can't be moved because of his injuries; things look like they might be perking

up for Lawrence. There's nothing like the promise of certain death and a shared cigarette to smooth things over.

That and a promised R and R in Honolulu sets the team to dreaming about pineapples, rum and other earthly delights, you can almost hear the hula skirts swaying in the breeze.



That's about the time the sealed orders arrive, sending the team on a hazardous submarine attack deep behind enemy lines. The mission, to destroy a Japanese submarine pen.

It's during this final operation where things getting interesting. This time the frogmen are equipped with just about every bit of technology they could muster. They slip from the submarine and paddle to their target wearing drysuits, the old fashioned kind with a rear entry that you gathered together and tied off like a laundry bag. They are also using open-circuit aqualungs, three tanks on a manifold with some canvas webbing to keep it from floating away and of course each one of them had a

MK II knife hanging from their belts.



Now I know what you're thinking, wait a minute, Cousteau's aqualung was unknown outside of a few folks in France until after World War II. Actually according to the official history of Naval Special Warfare, it wasn't until October 21, 1950, that William Giannotti conducted the first U.S. combat operation using an 'aqualung' when he dove on the *USS Pledge*.

The UDT units could have used rebreathers, The Office of Strategic Services (OSS) Maritime Units were using Lambertson (After Dr. Christian Lambertson) Amphibious Respiratory Units (rebreathers) in their Operational Swimmer



Figure 1-11. Lambertsen Amphibious Respiratory Unit (LARU)

Group. The Frogmen, however, didn't acquire any type of SCUBA gear until after the war. They relied on the ability to hold their breath.

That said, the final scene has Japanese divers, with

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rebreathers, Americans with triples and everyone with a knife. The whole slashing, stabbing and hose cutting extravaganza would have made Mike Nelson dizzy.

Closer to home I went to see the orthopedist about my fractured wrist, falling off a bicycle is sort of embarrassing, but it happens. Of course Gerda isn't helping when she characterizes my accident as having fallen off a stationary bike. OK, the bike was not moving, but it was a regular bike, I had come to the end of my ride and managed to get one foot out of the toe clip just fine, that's when I started leaning towards the side still clipped in.

So it turns out my orthopedist is also a diver, he taught dive physiology while stationed in the Philippines with the Air Force. So I have been cleared to dive though I was warned to take it easy with the housework, no vacuuming and I'll have to have Gerda haul my doubles in and out of the boat. I'm looking forward to getting wet later this month. Looks like a good crowd aboard the Beach Hopper II. I note that I am 6 dives shy of 100 for the year, might make it yet.

I was in Frank's shop the other day getting the spa treatment for my Kirby Morgan's when Frank showed me an ad in the latest NAUI Magazine. There it was in vivid color, a full page ad for the Garden of Eden dive resort in Puerto Galera. We've wandered by the place several times, always checking out the German Language menu, but never got around to exploring it too much.

One of the things you notice in places like Puerto Galera is that there are a lot of German speakers, Swiss, Austrians and of course Germans. It's easier to get a Schnitzel in Puerto Galera

than San Francisco. I was already having fantasies of owning a dive resort when Gerda reminded me of the almost purchase of a Portuguese bar in the Mission once upon a time. You drink enough MGD and there's no end to the potential for misadventure.

Closer to home, I was heading out from work when I saw an armored car parked on Spear Street. What really caught my eye was that it had a Giants pennant flying from the aerial. Could be a Humber Scout or maybe a Daimler Scout, sort of cute looking, right hand drive,

hatches over the windows, just the thing for those post championship party getaways.



No sooner did I recover from the armored car then I came upon the Buck Rogers

rocket on the Embarcadero. The official title is "Raygun Gothic Rocketship" a 40 foot tall sculpture that will be gracing the

Embarcadero near Pier 14 for the next year or so. It takes the place of the 10-foot tall bronze spider by

Louise Bourgeois vacated the spot back in April of last year. The latest piece is a collaboration of artists calling themselves Five Ton Crane. Just one of the many joys of being able to take a lunch hour



wanders in the City.

That's it for November, in the meantime, stay wet, stay safe and remember, don't let anyone cut your hoses.



Spindrift

Governor Signs Rigs to Reefs Bill

After debating the idea for decades, offshore oil rigs into artificial reefs can now be turned into artificial reefs in California. Going forward, when a rig is decommissioned, the state can assess the environmental benefits of leaving a portion of it in place. If the state determines there is a net benefit, a portion of the savings realized by the oil companies, would be allocated to the state coffers.

Proponents include divers, politicians anticipating a financial windfall, recreational fishermen and oil companies who stand to save millions. The legislation was also supported by Audubon California, The California League of Conservation Voters, the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Ocean Conservancy, Oceana, and The Nature Conservancy.

Opponents include commercial fishermen who worry about snagged gear and some environmentalists who believe the bill is a boondoggle for the oil industry. Of the state's 27 rigs, 20 are located in the Santa Barbara Channel, the Santa Barbara based Environmental Defense Center has been

amongst the strongest critics of this plan.

Department of Fish and Game decides not to open San Miguel to Commercial Abalone Fisheries



Some background, in December 2005, the California Fish and Game Commission adopted the Abalone Recovery and Management Plan (ARMP). The Commission at the time also directed the Department of Fish and Game to begin a study on the viability of a limited commercial take of red abalone, *Haliotis rufescens*, at San Miguel Island.

Stakeholders including, the California Abalone Association, UC Santa Barbara, Reef Check, the Channel Islands National Park, and the Channel Islands

National Sanctuary conducted an abalone census of the island in 2006, 2007, and 2008.

The Abalone Advisory Group (AAG) produced a report describing various management options including potential allowable takes that was presented to the Marine Resources Committee (MRC) of the California Fish and Game Commission on February 16, 2010.

At the meeting, the MRC thanked the AAG for their work to date and recommended additional modeling of the San Miguel Island abalone stock projections over a longer time frame and a more refined analysis of implementation of each management option.

For the time being, the commercial fishing of abalone at San Miguel has been tabled. For more information take a visit to ... abalonenetwork.org (SCAN)



Sea Sheppard announces a replacement for the *Ady Gib*, the *S.S. Interceptor*

Looks as if the former *Ocean Adventurer 7* a 115 foot stabilized mono-hull twin diesel vessel launched in 1998

is the current contender to replace the *Ady Gill* which sank after colliding with the Japanese whaling support vessel *MV Shōnan Maru 2* on January 6, 2010.

She was originally named the *Cable and Wireless Adventurer* and was built for the purpose of circumnavigating the world in less than 80 days. She managed that in July 1998 in 74 days, 20 hours, 58 minutes, traveling more than 22,600 nautical miles (41,800km).

That record was broken by the *Ady Gil aka Earthrace* when she docked at the Vulkan shipyard in Sagunto, Spain after completing a circumnavigation in just 60 days 23 hours and 49 minutes.

Swimming with Great Whites – with No Cage

Amos Nachoum who runs Big Animal Expeditions ... <http://biganimals.com/index/> has upped the anti in the Shark Diving business by offering dives with Great Whites 150miles off the west coast of Mexico's Baja California, Isla Guadalupe. Unlike other operators in the area he offers the opportunity to do so outside of a cage.

Amos's photos and essays have appeared in publications ranging from the National Geographic, Time, Life, The New York Times, Condé Nast Traveler, Le Figaro, Terra Sauvage, Airone,

Mondo Somerso, Der Spiegel to Unterwasser,. For a taste of what diving with Great Whites without a cage might be like take a look at ...

<http://biganimals.com/expedition/s/great-white-shark/>



Diver Left at Sea awarded \$1.68 million

Six years ago Daniel Carlock was diving on the oil rig Eureka. When he surfaced after having trouble equalizing he found himself 400 feet from the dive boat the *Sundiver*. The divemasters on the *Sundiver* took role, marked him as being present and the boat headed for a dive site some 7 miles away, leaving Carlock in the water.

At the second site, Carlock was once again marked of the roster as being onboard and having taken the second dive. Some three hours later the dive boat realized he was missing and contacted the Coast Guard.

Carlock was eventually spotted and rescued seven miles off Newport Beach by the tall ship *Argus*, carrying a group of Sea Scouts

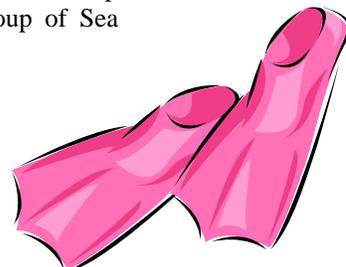
Royal Navy Submarine plundered by thieves

Outrage as the wreck of a Royal Navy submarine was found to have been plundered by thieves. *The HMS Holland* sank in bad weather of the coast of Sussex while being towed to a scrap yard back in 1912. As the wreck is covered by the Protection of Wrecks Act, the thieves, should they be apprehended are liable to prosecution. Apparently at that time, she was not deemed to be particularly historic in nature.



There were a total of six Holland class submarines built, starting in 1901. The *HMS Holland 1*, which was also lost while being towed to the scrap yard was recovered in 1982 and put on display at the Royal Navy Submarine Museum in Gosport.

The submarines were not particularly reliable and at the time there was no great interest in submarines, Admiral Sir Arthur Wilson, Controller of the Royal Navy, said in 1901 that submarine warfare was "underhand, unfair and damned un-English."





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