



Tokyo-to-San-Francisco in three hours: the future of transportation. IMAGE BY ROBERT HUFFSTUTTER.

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The Boom List

Things to read, see, and do this winter in California

See *Above and Below: Stories from Our Changing Bay* at the Oakland Museum of California through February 23, *Above and Below* uses interactive exhibits, oral histories, community voices; the exhibition explores how human engineering and natural forces have come together over time to shape and reshape the land and water around the San Francisco Bay, and how sea-level rise, wetlands restoration, invasive species, and climate change are central topics in determining the future of the Bay. A companion exhibit, *Bay Motion: Capturing the San Francisco Bay on Film* runs through June 29 and mines the Prelinger Archive to provide an immersive and entertaining story of the Bay from the beginning of cinema through the 1970s.

Read Kim Stanley Robinson's Three Californias trilogy. Robinson is California's best-known science fiction writer working today. His *Three Californias* trilogy gives three

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very different glimpses into possible futures of Orange County, beginning with his first published novel, 1984's *The Wild Shore*. It was followed by the dystopian *The Gold Coast*, which zooms ahead to 2027, and *Pacific Edge*, set in a 2065 utopia.

Read *Star Trek: The Art of Juan Ortiz*. Illustrator and designer Juan Ortiz combined his childhood love of *Star Trek* and his retro artistic sensibilities to create a series of 80 movie posters, pulp novel covers, comic books, and advertisements—one to represent each of the original series' 80 episodes. The result is a work that unites “the dark, conceptual universe of Bosch, the compositional fantasy of Magritte, Soviet Cold War propaganda art, and the great consumer poster art of the 1960s,” according to a recent review in *Forbes*.

Register to vote. Here's one easy way to have a say in the future of California: vote. Californians elect a governor in 2014, starting with a primary in June. If you've moved or changed your name since the last election, you'll need to reregister—look at the California Secretary of State's website for the full details.

Curate your own California sci-fi film festival. For her photo essay in this issue, Kristin Miller visited some of the locations that have played roles in classic science fiction movies set or filmed in California (or both). While away a winter weekend with your own line up of California sci-fi flicks by following Kristin's lead. Are there any others you think should be on the list? Let us know at boomcalifornia.com, on Twitter @boomcalifornia, or on our Facebook page, and we'll share your recommendations and comments.

Attend Frederick Law Olmsted Jr.: A Vision for the American West, a symposium at Stanford. Son of the pioneering landscape architect, Olmsted Jr. was a towering

figure in the field in his own right. While instrumental in the founding of the National Park Service, the California State Park system, and the East Bay Regional Park District, the two-day event will consider Olmsted's continued relevance in landscape architecture, planning, and conservation. Boom editor Jon Christensen will be on hand to deliver a keynote address on parks and nature in the metropolitan west. For full details on the March 27–28 event visit www.olmsted.org

Read *Railtown: The Fight for the Los Angeles Metro Rail and the Future of the City*. Los Angeles is spending billions of dollars in an attempt to shed its car-centric image and create a public transit infrastructure that will provide a real alternative to driving. Ethan Elkind's new book, *Railtown*, examines the history of Los Angeles Metro Rail through archival documents and interviews to provide critical behind-the-scenes accounts to tell the story of how ambitious local leaders zealously advocated for rail transit and ultimately persuaded an ambivalent electorate and federal leaders to support their vision.

Explore *The Atlas of California: Mapping the Challenge of a New Era*. Richard Walker and Suresh Lodha's new atlas shows a new California in the making, as it maps the economic, social, and political trends of a state struggling to maintain its leadership and to continue to offer its citizens the promise of prosperity.

Have a Happy New Year! Whatever else is on your calendar for 2014 (and beyond) we hope it's full of strange, beautiful, and thought-provoking things California.

Got something you think should be on the Boom List? Let us know! Email boom@ucpress.edu with all the details. And for more recommendations, stay tuned to boomcalifornia.com. **B**