

Varia - August, 2013

I had to take the day off from work today since I pulled a hamstring at the gym this morning running interval sprints. So here I sit, ice pack and all. What it does allow, however, is to get back to posting and watching some movies. First up is Sam Pekinpah's 1975 film *The Killer Elite* with James Caan and Robert Duvall. While not in the same top tier of Pekinpah's classics, I do recall that I enjoyed this movie when I saw it years ago. More at IMDB [here](#).

Tristan and Marion have taken possession of their new home, a few blocks away. Friday evening was a minor gathering of sorts where I met the parents of T/M's friends in Pittsburg and Tristan's squash partner. I had a very nice night drinking champagne and looking at some Paris pictures with Yves and Giselle. I am very envious since they both leave soon for several months in wonderful Paris where they spend lots of time. I'm hoping to have coffee with them in Paris and learn more about that wonderful city from Yves, who has already suggested picturesque spots that I didn't even know existed! And did I mention how beautiful T/M's new place is? A great space!

And I helped Darren move their stuff into their new place steps away from Westboro beach! i know that the kids will love being so close to the beach, being that they just moved from their house close to Kitsilano Beach on the wet coast. A really great house with fantastic character and a great backyard! Great neighbourhood and wonderful space.

So here are some links to various things that have piqued my interest over the last few days:

[Metabones](#) has introduced a speedbooster for my micro 4/3rd camera!! I have only recently been introduced to this technology but, from what I can gather, this will not only increase the size of the sensor image to close to full-frame, but it will also give me a full stop of light. My Tokina 11-16mm f2.8, for example, would become closer to an 8-9mm f2!!!!!! I do, however, still have some research to do!

Hunter S. Thompson's daily drug itinerary is fascinating [here](#). Essentially cocaine from the time of waking up (3 pm) until marijuana at 6.

Also from *Open Culture*. My favorite horror novel *The Raven*, read by Vincent Price, Christopher Walken, and Christopher Lee. Poe's work will go back into my reading list as we approach October, me thinks! [Here](#).

My birthday is coming up for anyone who wants to buy me [this](#) \$82,000 complete Nikon camera and lens set. Including the \$18,000 400mm!

A 375 year old Bonsai that survived Hiroshima [here](#). A beautiful Japanese white pine. I love bonsai and this is certainly a beautiful example!

[Here](#) are some fascinating "infographics" or mental maps showing timelines of human history. Great website to explore!

And street artist Above paints what I think might be the [coolest graffiti of the year](#) ☐☐

That's it for now. I'm going to hobble to the kitchen now for some lunch!

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