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Mike Parry worked long hours in the film industry to make it to where he is today, on the set of “Yellowstone.” Photo courtesy of Mike Parry.

Project expected to stop trash flow at Tijuana River

By JULIETA SOTO
The Coronado News

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) held the first in-person San Diego Citizens Forum since the pandemic, welcoming a new board and discussing current challenges and solutions for the transboundary sewage and waste issue.

Close to 50 local residents and public officials convened at the Triton Room inside the Community Center in Coronado and via Teams Webinar on July 12 and were told the problem of processing sewage from Mexico has significantly increased, but they also were told about solutions in the work to fix a growing crisis that has existed nearly 100 years.

At the meeting, USIBWC Director of Public Affairs Frank Fisher introduced the 10 new board members — including City of Coronado Council member John Duncan. They will serve on the board for 2 years, according to USIBWC Public Affairs Officer Leslie Grijalva.

The public meeting comes after The Coronado News earlier this year ran a five-part investigative series that examined the decades of broken promise by U.S. and Mexican officials to fix a mess that has hampered local economies and sickened residents, U.S. Border Patrol Agents and U.S. Navy SEALs.

Morgan Rogers, USIBWC Area Operations Manager, presented updates and delved into the wastewater system challenges of the San Diego Field Office.

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The trash capture device system washed away from Smuggler’s Gulch, witnessed on March 20, 2023.
Photo courtesy of Leon Benham.

Not throwing away his shot

How “Yellowstone” cinematographer Mike Parry made it in the film industry

By SOFIE FRANSEN
The Coronado News

It’s a perfect shot—the pounding of horses’ hooves, the round up of a pack of cattle, and focused gazes under cowboy hats—all set against the unruly mountains and vast blue of a Montana sky.

It’s all a choice.

Every small glance and perfect capture of a golden sunrise is a distinct part of the whole creation of the TV series “Yellowstone.”

As a cinematographer, Mike Parry understands these small detailed decisions well.

The Coronado High School graduate and now prominent cinematographer in the film industry has worked as a camera operator, director of photography and cin-

ematographer on the hit neo-western show “Yellowstone,” created by Taylor Sheridan and starring Kevin Costner.

Parry chose cinematography as a profession because he wanted his vocation to inform and enrich his life, which he said has certainly been the case for the pieces he has worked on.

As a member of the International Cinematographer’s Guild, his job has taken him all over the world.

His list of projects include working on documentary projects in the Gaza Strip, working with the Wounded Warriors project, creating a biography piece about a UFC fighter, traveling the world with podcaster and producer David Chang for a food series

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Coronado woman works to stop bridge suicides

The Coronado Bridge is the second most frequently used bridge for suicides, after the Golden Gate Bridge, records show.

By MADELINE YANG
The Coronado News

A registered nurse for 15 years, Rhonda Haiston is not a stranger to advocating for people’s physical and mental health.

Almost 10 years ago, Haiston turned to a group of people who needed more voices behind them.

These were people who had jumped off the Coronado Bridge.

The Coronado Bridge, by and large, has been a topic of conversation.

Whether it’s long-time locals lamenting the days when there wasn’t a bridge – resulting in less traffic on the island – or the subject of a darker conversation, one about suicide.

The Coronado Bridge is the second most frequently used bridge for sui-

cides, after the Golden Gate Bridge, records show.

It’s been in operation since 1969, and since then, it’s seen more than 400 deaths.

More than a third of those deaths have been in the last 10 years, with statistics showing 150 jumpers since 2013, according to a Port of San Diego Harbor Police report.

Halfway through the year, five deaths have come from jumpers off the Coronado Bridge.

Haiston, a local Coronado resident, has been involved with the Coronado Bridge and its fatalities since November 2014. Haiston is the founder of the Coronado San Diego Bridge Collaborative for Suicide Prevention.

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Construction to start on the suicide prevention system at the Coronado Bridge is set to finish in 2029, two years later than anticipated.

Staff photo by Madeline Yang.

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this week

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The Coronado Public Library's newest book club, the Best of the Best, meets from 11 a.m. to noon in the Winn Room to discuss the 2020 National Book Award for Translated Literature Winner, "Tokyo Ueno Station" by Yu Miri. This novel is a surreal, devastating story of a homeless ghost who haunts one of Tokyo's busiest train stations.

The Library at 2 p.m. will host "George of the Jungle" starring Thomas Haden Church, Leslie Mann and Brendan Fraser as part of its Summer Reading Program. The movie is rated PG, and lasts one hour and 32 minutes.

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The Library at 2 p.m. hosts Paint-Pour Art in its park. Get messy with this abstract art technique popular on TikTok. Teen events are for those entering or finishing grades 6-12. This program is sponsored by the Jim and Bette Sherman Fund.

The Library at 2 p.m. is encouraging kids to “hop on your Firebolt and participate in three harrowing tournament challenges” for Triwizard. Afterwards, enjoy some magical refreshments at the Yule Ball. Sorting will take place from 2:00 – 2:15 p.m. on the Library Lawn and then the students will be off on their Hogwarts adventure. Costumes are encouraged. The Library’s Junior Volunteers are proud to produce this event.

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Coronado woman works to stop bridge suicides

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The Collaborative aims to bring awareness to this issue with statistics and history on their website and a phone number for the crisis line while advocating for the installation of the suicide prevention system.

"I had friends in Coronado that had witnessed this happening four or five times...I've known people that jumped off the bridge," Haiston said.

Haiston is a frequent face at the CALTRANS meetings, helping spread the news of the extension of the suicide prevention system on her social media account.

911 calls to rescue jumpers

Wayne Strickland, a retired Captain of the Coronado Fire Department, has seen too many 911 calls in an attempt to rescue the jumpers.

“The Harbor Police in those years would bring [jumpers] to the boat ramp after...and our ambulance crew tried CPR to bring them back,” Strickland said to The Coronado News.

In his 33 years of working for the fire department, Strickland received around half a dozen calls during his shifts for moments like those.

"I have friends that I knew that jumped. We've now made a difference and CALTRANS is listening," Strickland said.

Prevention system began in 2017

CALTRANS started its operation for a suicide prevention system in 2017 by conducting a feasibility study, according to its Public Review Meeting held in February 2022.

The Final Environmental Document was finished by summer 2022 before going into the design and construction for the system.

According to the CALTRANS advisory committee meeting on March 1, CALTRANS is currently awaiting to identify funding for the 2027 construction start date.

Military deaths

Meanwhile, in 2019, 15% of all deaths by suicide in California were former members of the military, according to the California Department of Public Health



The Coronado Bridge

(CDPH).

Veterans make up 7.9% of the entire population of the United States, while making up 13.5% of all suicides in the country, as reported from the National Veteran Suicide Prevention.

This statistic holds true for the population of California as well, with an overall state percentage of 7.3% military personnel in California.

As a hub for multiple military bases, San Diego is right in line with these statistics, with almost 8% of San Diego's population made up of military personnel and family members.

With a total of 429 suicides in San Diego County for 2019, 95 of them were veteran deaths, according to the CDPH's report. That made veterans 22% of all suicides in San Diego in 2019.

However, California Highway Patrol Officer Jesse Mattias couldn't confirm the occupations of the deaths from the Coronado Bridge specifically.

Plans for bridge net

Due to the rate of suicides from the Bridge, CALTRANS installed a deterrence system in 2019, but that didn't stop the deaths from continuing.

In 2022, CALTRANS held a public meeting to discuss a new deterrent – one that would stop the deaths completely. It would be a vertical 8 to 10-foot-tall stainless-steel net on the perimeter of both sides of the bridge.

This prevention system had a finish year of 2027, however, CALTRANS has extended its completion date by two years, set to finish in 2029.

"CALTRANS is doing everything they can," Haiston said.

Student of the Week is on Summer Break — it will return when school resumes!

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Expert Analysis on the Coronado Housing Market

HELLO CORONADO!

Corey Simone here. Every Friday moving forward, I will be bringing you news, stats and information in the ever changing real estate market. Should you have a topic you want covered please email me at info@simonerealestategroup.com

What Proposition 8 has to do with reducing property taxes

When it comes to property taxes, which are due in two biannual installments in California, homeowners should be aware of every possible outlet for small amounts of relief.

This is especially true in a luxury real estate market like Coronado where the median price of a home in May was \$2.4 million according to Redfin.

As your trusted real estate agent, I want to make sure you are educated on every California law and proposition that correlates with real estate or property taxes.

Proposition 8, which California voters passed in 1978, is just the sort of constitutional amendment that all homeowners should be hyper aware of, especially when it comes time to pay those property tax installments.

What is Proposition 8?

Proposition 8 allows a temporary reduction in your property’s assessed value when the property’s market value has fallen below its factored base year value as of the lien date, January 1.

Why is this relevant to your taxes?

Since an assessor will use the assessed value of your home to determine property taxes, determining a decline in the value of your property (with Proposition 8) could significantly reduce your taxes.

This decline in value is usually temporary.

Typically, if you purchased your property during a time when there was a dramatic fall in the real estate market, or if your property received damage from a storm or fire, your property will likely benefit from a Proposition 8 reassessment.

Keep in mind that the factored base year value is the market value established in 1975, or when the property last changed ownership, or when the property was newly

constructed.

If you believe your property has declined in value since any of those three dates, I would recommend taking the steps to have your property considered for Proposition 8.

How to have your property considered for Proposition 8

To start, the review process is carried out by your county assessor, so begin by looking at their websites for specific filing requirements and procedures.

As indicated on their websites, some assessors state that they are reviewing certain types of properties purchased between specific time periods.

When filing a claim form, provide information with any supporting evidence of your property’s decrease in value, specifically with the sale information of comparable properties to your own.

I would recommend finding a property that was sold with similar features and location to your own home as close to January 1 as possible.

Proposition 8 reassessments last at least one year, and the assessed value may increase or decrease as determined annually. The assessed value will never exceed the value of the base year as factored by Proposition 13.

Keep in mind that the value of your home may even be reduced even after paying your tax bill!

As a trusted real estate agent, I am here to keep you informed about the most up-to-date information of all things real estate. It is my goal to make sure you understand the essential California propositions that will help support your home-owning journey.

If you have any questions about Proposition 8, or are interested in learning more about the potential to reduce the assessed value of your home, don’t hesitate to reach out at 619-568-0568 or info@simonerealestategroup.com.

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OPINION

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How San Diego County’s \$8.1 billion budget affects you

After several years of upheaval in our community, nation, and the world, many of us have thankfully started to return to a “new normal.”

The worst of the pandemic is over, inflation strain is easing, and we have returned to enjoying everything our beautiful county has to offer.

But while many of us have moved forward, it’s important that we don’t lose sight that many of us are still bouncing back, or know those who are.

Housing costs remain high

Housing costs remain high, we continue to see increasing rates of mental health crises and addiction, and many working families are struggling.

As the agency with primary responsibility for health and human services programs in our region, it’s the County of San Diego’s responsibility to help address these challenges to lift up all of our residents.

On June 27, I joined my colleagues to cast a bipartisan vote approving a county budget that prioritizes community investment, equity, and sustainability.

With commitments to fight homelessness, direct those with mental health and substance use disorders toward better care, protect our beaches and coastline, and invest in core community services, this \$8.11 billion investment plan will strengthen our communities and infrastructure.

Making the county more equitable

Voters put me in this job two years ago to change county government by making it more equitable, responsive, and representative.

For decades, our county elected leadership ducked responsibility and refused to step-up to tackle the challenges of our region.

Those decades of neglect have left us with a lot of work to do.

This new budget is about putting our values of service into action — by funding positions and making investments so the county can actually do that work.

Millions for affordable housing

We’re hiring people to expand social service programs to help our most vulnerable populations, and investing in critical infrastructure like roads, public parks, and affordable housing.

For the first time ever, more than \$40 million is earmarked to increase affordable housing and provide services to prevent homelessness and provide housing stability for families, and especially for populations that are more likely to experience homelessness, such as seniors and the LGBTQIA+ youth.

With rising rates of mental illness and drug and alcohol abuse, the County has made an unprecedented bold move, directing nearly \$740 million toward mental health and substance use disorder treatment,



Vice Chair of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors Terra Lawson-Remer speaks at a press conference on June 20 regarding a proposal to formally declare a state of emergency related to the trans-boundary sewage pollution crisis. Photo courtesy of Board of Supervisors Media Staff.

including funding for Mobile Crisis Response Teams, 41 additional long-term beds for inpatient mental health care, and outpatient and residential substance use disorder services.

And because the illegal fentanyl and opioid crisis continues to harm our communities, more than \$7 million has been set aside to address opioid addiction.

Additional staff for health, human services

This year’s budget also invests in working families. More than \$164 million will support additional staff across all Health and Human Services departments to support safety net programs like Cal-WORKs, CalFresh, and Medi-Cal. It helps Seniors age in place by allowing higher wages to be paid to In-Home Supportive Services caregivers, increasing the pool of people who can care for our seniors in their own homes as they age.

And it will provide additional funds to support foster youth and young people that are transitioning out of the foster care system.

Since supporting our communities is the most important investment we can make, we must not neglect safeguarding our beautiful environment and fighting climate change.

Protecting beaches, coastlines

Our beaches and coastlines are some of our most vital regional assets, and protecting them has been

one of my top priorities as your Supervisor.

With an investment of \$52 million dollars the county will build and improve stormwater infrastructure to protect our beautiful beaches and coastlines.

The budget also provides significant funding to continue our efforts to build resilience in the face of a changing climate.

Funding has been earmarked to continue work on our Regional Decarbonization Framework to help communities move our region toward zero-carbon emissions, design a new Zero Carbon Portfolio Plan that aims for a 90 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions in County facilities by 2030, and plant more than 5,000 trees.

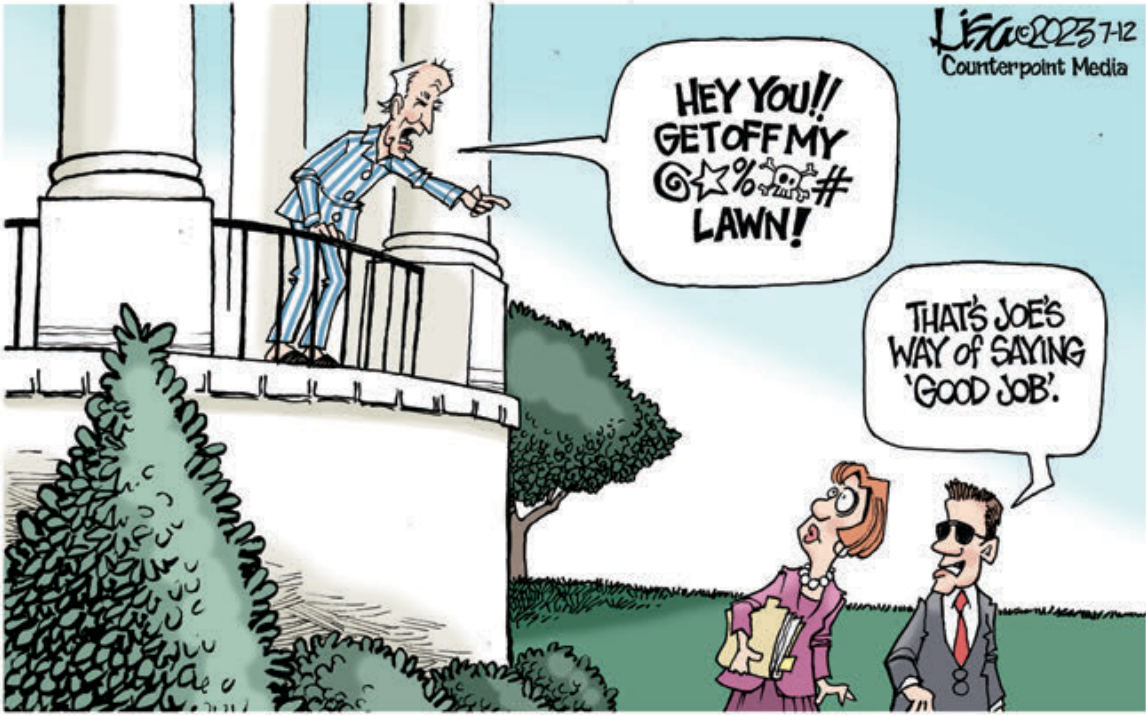
We are a region of diverse and proud communities, and this budget was built to support and uplift them.

As the county’s motto says, “The noblest motive is the public good,” and we will continue to work hard to uphold and nurture our communities, our residents, and our environment.

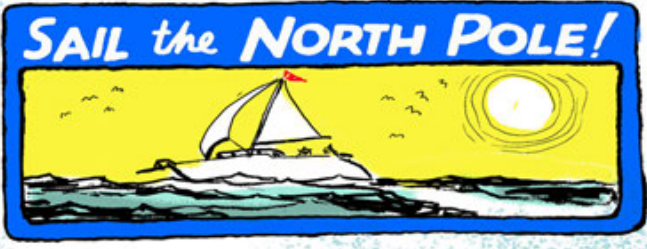
CORRECTION

An Op-Ed that ran July 14, “A practical solution to ocean pollution” incorrectly stated the number of gallons put through the international wastewater treatment plant. The correct figure is an average of 27 million gallons a day.

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Budget troubles won't change Newsom's goals for 2nd term

The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Throughout the various crises in California Gov. Gavin Newsom's first term — devastating wildfires, the bankruptcy of the nation's largest utility, the deadly COVID-19 pandemic — the state's record-smashing budget surpluses were always there to smooth things over.

Now, as Newsom moves to build his national profile for political aspirations beyond the governor's office, looming multibillion dollar deficits could threaten to unravel the things on which he's staked his reputation, including free kindergarten for every 4-year-old and free health care for low-income residents regardless of their immigration status.

On July 10, after signing a budget that cut, delayed and borrowed to cover a \$31.5 billion deficit, Newsom convened hundreds of agency officials, department heads and deputies for an all-day meeting to stress the importance of protecting those commitments.

"I have a sell-by date, three and a half years. The clock's ticking," the Democratic governor told The Associated Press in an interview. "I'm a milk carton, you know? And I don't want to get sour."

Broad goals through January 2027

Newsom spoke broadly about his plans for navigating the state's challenges during his second and final term in office, which runs through January 2027, with deficits that could reach a combined \$81 billion over those four years.

How Newsom governs the nation's most populous state through the budget downturn may serve to bolster or diminish his credibility on the national stage. Newsom has repeatedly said he's not running for president in 2024. But he's increasingly stepping beyond California as a surrogate for President Joe Biden — and future standard bearer of the Democratic Party. He's burnishing those credentials by raising money for Democrats in red states and casting himself as a political and cultural foil to Republican rivals like Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis.

Newsom told AP that California's budget troubles won't change his agenda or stop him from taking big policy swings, such as overhauling how the



California Gov. Gavin Newsom sits in the state Assembly at the state Capitol, June 30, 2023, in Sacramento, Calif.

state spends money on and treats people with mental illness and more quickly building clean energy and water projects.

Combating homeless issues

He indicated he supports legislation that would let more people be detained against their will because of mental illness or drug addiction, though he stopped short of committing to sign it.

The bill, by Democratic state Sen. Susan Eggman, has the support of mayors from California's largest cities, who say they need it to better care for the nation's largest homeless population.

"We've made it crystal clear to her privately that we are supportive of the direction she's going," Newsom said. "That said, you know, it depends what comes out."

Newsom said he wants to be sensitive to concerns from some mental health advocates about the po-

tential for depriving people of fundamental rights.

"I'm very sensitive that we don't want to go back to the old ways," he said. "I'm confident that in her bill she will be sensitive to those broader concerns as well."

Wants voters to ok \$4.6B bond

More broadly, Newsom wants voters to approve a \$4.6 billion bond to build 10,000 new clinic beds and homes for people with mental illnesses. He has also proposed changing how the state spends money from a nearly two-decade old ballot measure that raised taxes on millionaires to fund mental health services.

Newsom doesn't see his second term as playing defense to prevent cuts to some of his priorities. Instead, he said, his job is to implement the promises he made in his first term. But some adjustments are inevitable.

Newsom has committed to spending more than \$50 billion on climate projects and protections over the next few years, an unprecedented amount of environmental spending. But he reduced that commitment by a few billion dollars this year to balance the budget, drawing criticism from some environmental groups who accused him of backtracking.

Dealing with climate change

This year Newsom paired the climate spending with an overhaul of building and permitting codes to speed up how long it takes to put up things like wind turbines and solar farms. Newsom said the changes were necessary because the climate spending "meant nothing unless we could deliver on it."

Still, some environmental groups initially opposed them, seeing them as a ploy to benefit projects they say have no ecological benefit, like building new reservoirs. They've grown increasingly critical of Newsom's environmental policies over the years, with one advocate calling him the state's worst governor on water and endangered species issues.

The dispute is personal for Newsom, who said he bonded with his father, a California judge who died in 2018, from a young age over support for environmental causes.



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Coronado Playhouse extends ‘Underground’

Coronado Playhouse and Blindspot Collective are extending the run of “Underground,” a musical inspired by the discography of legendary singer-songwriter Ben Folds.

This immersive co-production fully transforms the Coronado Playhouse space and transports audiences to a dynamic dive bar for a joyful exploration of community, empathy, and resilience, organizers say.

Underground is now running through July 30, Thursdays – Saturdays at 8pm and Saturdays & Sundays at 2pm.

Tickets start at \$24

All performances are held at 1835 Strand Way, and single tickets start at \$24 with group discounts available for parties of 8 or more. Student, Military, and Senior Discounts are available. For more information, contact the box office at (619) 435-4856 or visit www.coronadoplayhouse.org.

Originally conceived by Amy Cordileone, Donnie Tuel, and Rachel Tuggle Whorton, the show was previously workshopped in San Diego and New York City before being expanded for its world premiere.

With a new book by Blindspot Collective co-founder Blake McCarty, audiences can expect an exhilarating blend of compelling storytelling and iconic songs as “Underground” unfolds around them.

Formative music

“For many people, Ben’s music was formative when we were teenagers and young adults,” says director and choreographer Amy Cordileone. “It’s a joy to explore these songs through a fresh, theatrical lens and hopefully introduce a new audience to Ben’s exceptional songwriting.”

Cordileone is a San Diego native who performed at Starlight, New Village Arts, Lamb’s Players, and other local companies prior to moving to New York City to continue her career as an artist and educator.

It was there that she met Blake McCarty, who established Blindspot Collective in New York before moving to the West Coast.

“A workshop of this musical was one of the first things we produced in San Diego,” notes McCarty, “and we’re excited to share it in an atmosphere that will foster a unique connection



Coronado Playhouse and Blindspot Collective are extending “Underground,” a musical inspired by the discography of legendary singer-songwriter Ben Folds. Photo courtesy of Coronado Playhouse.

between performers and audiences.”

The cast features Amanda Blair, Hannah Bosworth, Kevin Bradel, Hunter Brown, Sam Castillo, Hero Cordileone, Lu Garcia, Shane Hennessey, Joe Kao, Georgia Ladd, D. Mckenna, Dakota Ringer, Jerry Rodriguez, Sarah Jane Salonga, Dacara Seward, and Marisa Taylor Scott.

The creative team includes Amy Cordileone (Director & Choreographer), Michael Tyree (Music Director), Shawn Foote (Stage Manager), Caroline Andrew (Lighting Designer), Cole Atencio (Sound Designer), Tammy Molenaar (Costume Designer), and Jacob Sampson (Scenic Designer).

For tickets, please contact the box office at 619-435-4856 or CoronadoPlayhouse.org.

What is Coronado Playhouse?

Established in 1946, Coronado Playhouse is the

oldest arts organization in Coronado, the old community theatre in San Diego County, and according to the Los Angeles Times, the longest continuously running playhouse on the West Coast. The intimate 100-seat, cabaret-style theatre, overlooks Glorietta Bay and is part of the Coronado Community Center.

Blindspot Collective develops transformative theatre that amplifies marginalized voices, illuminates untold stories, bridges disparate experiences, and energizes vulnerable communities. Since its founding in 2017, Blindspot Collective has collaborated with La Jolla Playhouse; The Old Globe; California Center for the Arts, Escondido; Diversionary Theatre; ARTS (A Reason to Survive); UC San Diego Department of Theatre and Dance; and other community partners to develop projects that meaningfully engage audiences and artists in the blindspot of society.

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He said significant challenges include: Tijuana's population growth; infrastructure interdependencies among treatment plants and pump stations; flow and water quality weak points that include pipelines, pump stations and low treatment capacity of the South Bay International Wastewater and the San Antonio de los Buenos (SAB) treatment plants. And discharging untreated wastewater at the ocean outfall in Punta Bandera in Tijuana, he said.

Regarding transboundary flows, Rogers said the Tijuana River has reached annual flows of 32.7 billion gallons in 2023, compared to 10.2 billion in 2022, 9.2 billion in 2021 and 19.8 billion in 2020.

Transboundary flows at Canyon Collectors are due to various reasons but mostly due to pipeline breaks and rain.

Once again, Rogers said that sediment berms and pumps are the best forms to prevent transboundary flows to contain Tijuana River dry-weather flows and expand collector diversion capacity.

The IBWC is set to work on rehabilitation of Junction Box 1, a set of gates on the U.S. side of the border which controls entering wastewater flow as well as sediment removal and levee restoration.

Rogers also noted that projects under Minute 328, an international agreement with Mexico, are also expected to continue to make progress on both sides of the border, including rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts.

Tijuana River Trash Booms Project

The second presenter, Alter Terra Executive Director Oscar Romo, discussed a trash booms project, to help with waste and is expected to be implemented in the Tijuana River sometime during the fall of this year.

This project derives from the Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team Recovery Strategy efforts since 2012 that include communicating with Mexico, understanding the flow of water, trash resource implementation in Mexico, keeping communities on both sides of the border informed and conserving natural resources.

According to Romo, the project area will begin beyond 1,000 feet once the Tijuana River runs through the U.S. side along a concrete area.

Additionally, the trash booms will have three sections totaling a potential trash yield of 30,000 cubic yards.

The center part is expected to be the heavier part and maintain stability, while the sections on both edges will float and prevent trash from moving to the center, he told The Coronado News.

"We're going to install some barriers to collect or to control, rather, the floating trash," Romo said in his presentation. "We're not going to take care of solids,

like tires or sediment, the trash booms we're going to employ are not designed to do that."

One purpose of this project is to create a barrier line to halt floating trash, which will then be collected in trash bins and taken to a landfill in Otay.

Research consumer behavior

Another aspect of the project is to research consumer behavior and trash routes in Tijuana to best understand how much trash to expect and provide Mexico with suggestions to mitigate waste, he added.

Romo considers the trash problem a consequence of urbanization and accumulated dumping taking place at sediment basins, maquiladora properties, canyons and creeks.

"Tijuana is now growing vertically ... [neighborhoods] on each side of the Tijuana River channel are about 500 feet above sea level and the river is the lowest point," said Romo. "It [trash] ends up in the river by gravity and also by the course of water."

Regarding previous project implementation at Smuggler's Gulch Canyon, Romo said two barrier lines were used due to the fast flow in the area.

According to Romo, upon completion in 2022, project administration authority was transferred to San Diego County Parks and Recreation as the agency in charge of the property.

While future expansion of trash booms at all canyons may be possible, Romo said each agency overlooking the canyon properties needs to determine respective implementation mechanisms.

Project efforts concerns some

Leon Benham, one committee member who lives in Imperial Beach, said trash booms are most effective in low-flow areas, but not in high flow areas.

Benham told The Coronado News that he believes the trash booms are a great idea, but have low efficacy as he witnessed with the trash booms found among other trash earlier this year.

"I have been studying these devices for the last 3 years and have shot numerous other videos of them during rain flows," wrote Benham in an email. "They just don't work ... If you look at the simple horse crossings they are far more effective at capturing trash and are easier to clean."

Benham said that according to federal records he received under a Freedom of Information Act request he believes these “failed experiments” should cost between \$15,000 to \$20,000, much less than the higher figure of grant money that has been allocated.

A spectrum of public input

Citizens continued to voice concerns throughout both presentations and during public comment, collectively frustrated over the years-long time-

frame set for solutions.

During public comment, “Stop the Sewage!” organizer and Coronado resident Laura Wilkinson Sinton questioned whether USIBWC efforts were in compliance with settlement terms following separate lawsuits and urged for temporary solutions to lessen beach closures.

Residents are upset in Tijuana, Imperial Beach and Coronado with the continual beach closures caused by sewage coming from Mexico.

Still, Imperial Beach Mayor Paloma Aguirre has breathed life into the issue, added Sinton.

Additionally, Sinton echoed the success of water recycling efforts, discussed by Benham prior to public comment, that are happening north of San Diego County.

"It's the most environmentally sound way to re-process water," said Benham. "If we're going to build a cross border relationship that's based on incentivizing water...that's the way to go."

Recycling efforts

Benham shared during the meeting that recycling efforts may help with the current water problems Tijuana is facing and that San Diego may also face due to the Colorado River drought.

The Groundwater Replenishment System in Orange County can produce 130 million gallons of water a day, according to media reports.

Chris Jonsmyr, principal field representative for Assemblymember David Alvarez, D-Chula Vista, shared potential solutions Alvarez has pushed forward at the state level.

One being Assembly Bill 1597 to bring state funding through the North American Development Bank, he said. He added that a letter by the delegation to Gov. Gavin Newsom is also requesting a state of emergency declaration at the state and federal level. Attendees were invited to support these and similar initiatives.

Fast-track fixes

Such a declaration would allow the state and federal governments to fast-track fixes along the border, according to Benham in a later interview. Elected officials in attendance included City of Coronado Councilmember Mike Donovan and Mayor Richard Bailey.

While some community members presented hearty comments and expressed their desire for prompt solutions, others showed up to learn more about the issue and listen.

One Coronado couple who has lived in the city 28 years shared that they simply want a clean beach and their motive for attending was to sit and learn, hoping for a plan upon following the issue for the past five years.

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How “Yellowstone” cinematographer Mike Parry made it in the film industry

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called “Ugly Delicious,” and working on a documentary called “Finding Oscar,” which gives a testimony of a Guatemalan genocide.

“I loved having the opportunity to be the conduit through which these learning opportunities arrive and then get shared with a larger audience,” Parry said.

All began with “Apocalypse Now”

All of these projects and his newest endeavor with “Yellowstone,” did not fall from the sky, however.

Parry’s journey to make it in the film industry took a lot of perseverance, and it all started in his senior English class at Coronado High School in 1993.

Parry said he grew up with films that were objective from a cinematography perspective.

They represented the world the way that people were used to seeing it without asking the viewer to question why something looked a certain way.

This perspective changed when he watched the 1979 film “Apocalypse Now.”

“When I saw the film ‘Apocalypse Now,’ it just dawned on me that everything you see in a movie is a choice,” Parry said.

As a right of passage in Bud Mayfield’s senior English class at Coronado High School, students looked forward to watching the film after reading “Heart of Darkness” by Joseph Conrad, which “Apocalypse Now” was based upon.

Parry and his friends beat the class to it, rented the movie junior year, and watched it together in his living room.

He knew at that moment that he wanted to go into cinematography.

After watching the artwork and craftsmanship of the movie, and learning that the crew went to the Philippines for months to film, Parry was sold.

The journey to success

Mike Parry worked long hours in the film industry to make it to where he is today, on the set of “Yellowstone.” Photo courtesy of Mike Parry.

“It’s like a war of attrition,” Parry said. “You have to keep going and going and going without any promise of being able to pay your bills, let alone thrive.”

Any true aspiring actor or filmmaker knows that Los Angeles is the birthing grounds for success in that industry. Yet, success is not guaranteed.

So after graduating with an MFA in cinematography from the American Film Institute in 2003,



Cinematographer Mike Parry on the set of hit neo-western TV show “Yellowstone” near Darby, Montana. Photo courtesy of Mike Parry.

Parry began the methodical climb to his dream position.

His first job out of film school was on a set lighting crew that would rotate to the different Hall-mark movie productions.

“I would go from movie to movie to movie, working 14 hours a day, six days a week for what amounted to 200 dollars a day,” Parry said.

The tireless grind paid off.

Parry both learned the ins and outs of a film set and joined the set lighting union which connected him with well-known gaffers, or chief lighting technicians.

These connections brought him to work on the production of “Changeling,” directed by Clint Eastwood and starring Angelina Jolie.

Both from an aesthetic and managerial sense, Parry said his work on this film was extremely formative for his practice.

He soaked in every lesson about filmmaking as an artistic medium and as a collaborative endeavor, and utilized those skills as he moved forward.

“Yellowstone”

Actors on the set of “Yellowstone” near Darby, Montana round up their horses. Photo courtesy of Mike Parry.

Out of all of his projects, Parry said working on “Yellowstone” has been his favorite.

“There’s a tradition of mentorship and apprenticeship in LA,” Parry said. “My desire to learn from the best possible people I can learn from in the lighting world, while at the same time pursuing a camera career in documentary, those two things converged perfectly in ‘Yellowstone.’”

He has worked on the show for two seasons, start-

ing in season four as a camera operator and working as one of two cinematographers in season five.

Parry is credited as the cinematographer on episodes six and seven of season five and has shot scenes in many other episodes.

His background in documentary work prepared him well for the true-to-life rodeo and roundup scenes featuring an unruly Montana landscape with unpredictable weather.

Even with extremely adept animal wranglers, filming roundup or rodeo scenes takes a certain flexibility in the way the camera needs to operate.

Similar to documentaries

Parry said the task is akin to documentary work.

“I feel very fortunate that many of the opportunities I have had have landed me on ‘Yellowstone,’ which is just a tremendously satisfying experience all done in a beautiful, unparalleled natural environment,” Parry said.

Parry continues to work as much as he can on projects by Sheridan, co-creator of “Yellowstone” with John Linson.

He said the show is really a dream scenario with Sheridan’s high standards and equally matched support for his crew.

Unparalleled in support however, are Parry’s family members— his parents Bill and Carolyn Parry, his wife Shannon Parry, and two kids: Asha, 12 and Bodan, 8.

Parry’s parents live in Coronado, and he still visits them frequently with his wife and kids.

“Having the support and knowing that my success is their success, that’s huge,” Parry said. “That’s something without which maintaining this lifestyle would be extremely difficult to do.”

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Coronado’s Jonathan Mosier takes helm of Downtown San Diego Lions Club

The Naval Aviator also has strong ties to the Coronado Island Film Festival and was a Colson Fellow.

The Downtown San Diego Lions Club has announced that Naval Aviator Jonathan Mosier of Coronado has become its new president.

Mosier, who also has strong ties to the Coronado Island Film Festival, took over July 1. He replaces Douglas Wahl whose emphasis was on the club motto: “We Serve.”

As he takes over the Lions Club, Mosier said he will focus on moving the Downtown San Diego Lions Club forward in 2023 and 2024, and to begin an intentional effort to return to more personal interactions toward two distinct ends: enhancing the relationships and friendships shared with like-minded community partners and strengthening the bonds of fellowship club members share with one another.

“As a new Lions Year begins, my primary purpose is to continue to build genuine friendships with the community we serve and strengthen the bonds of fellowship among our members and continue to do the greater good by service,” Mosier said. “For it is those relationships that make serving side by side such a great source of meaning and joy in our lives and community.”

Naval Aviator

A Pittsburgh native and Naval Aviator who served in Patrol Aviation, Mr. Mosier was first ordered to San Diego in 1996 for service on the Naval Air Forces Staff as Depot Maintenance Officer in Coronado and fell in love with San Diego.

He joined the San Diego Lions Club in 2003 while serving as the Commanding Officer of the Naval Recruiting District, San Diego.



Jonathan Mosier

Following that assignment, returned to the Naval Air Forces Staff as the Force Antiterrorism and Force Protection Officer until his retirement from active duty in 2008.

He then accepted a civilian position as Naval Air Forces Aviation Security Specialist, responsible for manning, training and equipping all Naval Aviation security forces.

Since retiring from Civil Service in 2020, Jonathan has devoted his life to community service.

Deep Coronado roots

In addition to volunteering for the Downtown San Diego Lions Club for over 20 years, Jonathan is a long-time devotee of Classic Hollywood films.

In partnership with the Coronado Island Film Festival he developed, designed and curates a Student Classic Film Series to engage the hearts and minds of young people, enrich their cultural lives and strengthen their awareness of the importance of community. Mosier was also commissioned as a Colson Fellow, a study program for Christians to engage in the exchange of ideas, in June of 2020.

Jonathan and his wife Sylvia are Coronado residents with two daughters, the youngest a senior at Coronado High School and the oldest a junior at UC Davis.

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Crazy for pickleball in Coronado

By SAM DATIN
The Coronado News

Brenda Arnold, president of the Pickleball Coronado Association

Huck, Arnold and a few others founded Pickleball Coronado Association in 2022 and solicited memberships for free.

After several weeks, over 1,000 people had joined PCA, they said.

“We went to the city council and said there’s a great demand for pickleball which has not yet been satisfied. There are empty tennis courts, and we suggest you convert at least a couple of those to pickleball courts. The city council agreed and went through a process to get bids and resurface courts,” said Huck.

The project was completed last month, making access to the sports significantly easier.

“I’m happy to say that just last month, in June, we had an official city opening of the eight newly created public dedicated pickleball courts in Coronado, so that was a big deal,” said Arnold.

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SPORTS

Padres, Dodgers to open 2024 season in South Korea

The San Diego Padres will play the Los Angeles Dodgers in Major League Baseball's first regular-season games in South Korea, opening next season in Seoul on March 20-21.

Meanwhile, the Houston Astros and Colorado Rockies will play in Mexico City on April 27-28, MLB said on July 12.

The Padres and San Francisco Giants played the first regular-season games there this April 29-30.

Major League Baseball will have three sets of international games next year.

A two-game series in London on June 8-9 between the New York Mets and Philadelphia Phillies was announced last month.

MLB also said the Boston Red Sox and Tampa Bay Rays will play spring training games at Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, on March 9-10.

The international opener will be MLB's ninth, following 1999 in Monterrey, Mexico; 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012 and 2019 in Tokyo; 2001 in San Juan, Puerto Rico; and 2014 in Sydney.

Padres broadcast sales into "five figures"

In other business related to the Padres, Major League Baseball says teams have collected 94% of the money they have been owed by Diamond Sports.

That company controls 19 networks under the Bally Sports banner and has been in Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings in Texas since March.

Major League Baseball took over rights to San Diego Padres telecasts on May 31 after a rights payment was missed.

"Of the rights fees that have come due, I think we've collected 94% of those rights fees so far. And that's really important," MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred told the Baseball Writers' Association of America on July 11. "We have backstopped clubs to make sure that there isn't some unforeseen alteration in their revenue, and all that's designed to put clubs in a position to not have disruption when it comes to the most important side of their business, that is putting a good team on the field."

Baseball's sales of Padres broadcasts in San Diego are "well into the five figures," according to Manfred.

HOMELESS WORLD CUP MAKES US DEBUT IN CALIFORNIA

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Lisa Wrightsman was a former college soccer player whose life was derailed by drug addiction before she eventually made her way back to the sport through a tournament for players from around the globe who have experienced homelessness.

Wrightsmen qualified for the Homeless World Cup in Brazil. It was a competition that would forever change her life. When she returned to Sacramento, friends at the sober living facility where Wrightsmen lived told her they wanted "to feel the way you look right now."

"I actually started to feel value," she said. "The whole tournament kind of instills you with that."

Wrightsmen is now a coach for the U.S. women's team in the Homeless World Cup. The tournament made its U.S. debut July 8 in the capital of California, a state home to the largest homeless population in the country. It runs through July 15.

Homelessness surges in U.S.

The tournament is being held after a three-year hiatus due to the pandemic, when homeless populations surged in many U.S. cities. In Sacramento alone, it increased 68% between 2020 and 2022.

Thirty countries are competing in the games with teams that include people who have lived on the streets to refugees to foster children.

They include Yuli Pineda, who moved to California from Honduras and was living with a foster family when she joined. Pineda said she's found a sense of community playing for the U.S. team.

"Every single player comes from different backgrounds," Pineda, 18, said. "It's amazing that in a short amount of time we have connected that fast."

One of the special parts about soccer is that it is so popular across the globe, said Lawrence Cann, founder of Street Soccer USA, which organizes the U.S. men's and women's teams.

"Imagine if you're isolated, you feel some level of shame with everything that comes along with being homeless," Cann said. "This gives you a natural way to connect to the largest community



Mexico players break a huddle before their match against Bulgaria at the Homeless World Cup, Tuesday, July 11, in Sacramento, Calif. (AP Photo/Godofredo A. Vásquez)

in the world, which is the soccer community."

Building confidence

Mel Young, who co-founded the organization running the tournament, said the aim is to build players' confidence to achieve their goals beyond the games. Some of the athletes have gone on to play professionally, but that's not the point, Young said.

"The events are fantastic. I urge anyone to come and watch," Young said. "But it's about moving on. It's about impact. It's about people changing their lives."

Battling dry, hot weather

This year, players are battling dry, hot weather in Sacramento, with temperatures set to surpass 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Celsius) by July 14.

Some of the games were scheduled for later to avoid the most intense heat of the day.

The games are much shorter than traditional soccer matches, lasting only seven minutes each half, so anyone can participate. Each country can bring a men's and women's team. Women can compete on the men's team if the country is not bringing a women's team.

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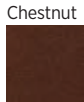
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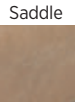
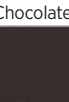
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LIFE ON THE ISLAND

“Grease” is the word. Classic film coming July 26

Coronado Island Film Festival will host the 1978 fan favorite at the Village Theatre

The Coronado Island Film Festival invites moviegoers to imagine it's the, oh, so carefree summer of 1958; school is out and music and love are in the air.

Welcome to the singing and dancing world of “Grease,” the most successful movie musical of all time.

CIFF will present the enduring 1978 favorite on Wednesday night, July 26, as part of its popular monthly Classic Film Series, screening at Coronado’s Village Theatre, 820 Orange Ave.

Doors open at 5 p.m.

Doors open at 5 p.m. for a “Meet & Greet” with complimentary adult beverages, followed by curtain up at 5:30 for a vintage cartoon (“Mr Magoo”) and the feature presentation.

Tickets are \$15 and are on sale now at coronadofilmfest.com (highly recommended as they are selling out), or at the CIFF table at the door beginning at 4:45 on the night of the screening.

CIFF is encouraging moviegoers to have some fun with the film and put together an outfit that has 1958 written all over it.

Film stars Travolta, Newton-John

The film opened to critical and box office acclaim on June 16, 1978, and stars John Travolta as leather-clad greaser-guy Danny Zuko, and Olivia Newton-John as wholesome Australian exchange student Sandy Olsson.

It was directed by Randal Kleiser, and written by Bronté Woodward.

You’ll hear no less than 24 songs, including “Hopelessly Devoted to You,” which was nominated for Best Original Song at the 51st Academy Awards. The film was also nominated for five Golden Globe Awards, including Best Motion Picture – Musical or Comedy, and two for Best Original Song.

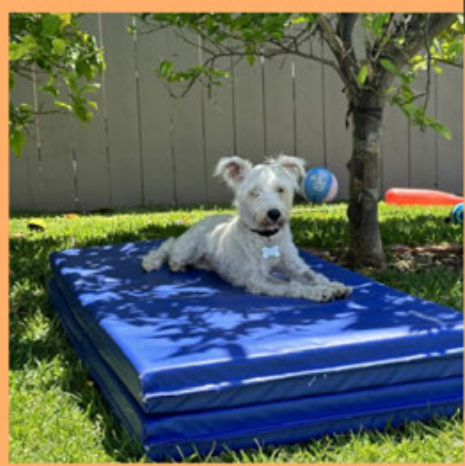
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“Vertigo” coming next month

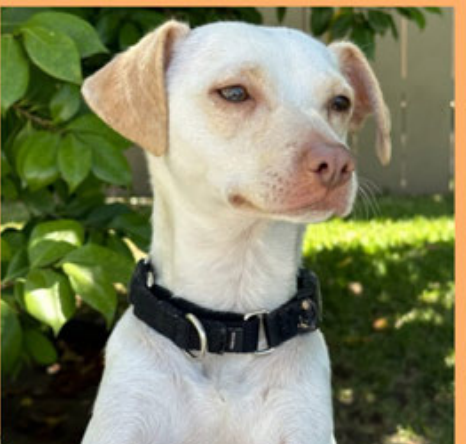
Next month on August 30, CIFF will present Alfred Hitchcock’s 1958 nail-biter, “Vertigo,” starring Kim Novak, James Stewart, and Barbara Bel Geddes. CIFF is hosting the 8th annual 5-day Coronado Island Film Festival Nov. 8 -12. Badges and tickets are on sale now at coronadofilmfest.com.



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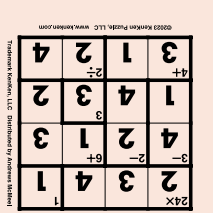
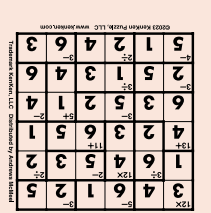
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TODAY'S ANSWERS



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This combination of images shows Margot Robbie in a scene from “Barbie,” left, and Cillian Murphy in a scene from “Oppenheimer.” (Warner Bros Pictures/Universal Pictures via AP)

The story behind Barbenheimer

The very online showdown between Greta Gerwig’s “Barbie” and Christopher Nolan’s “Oppenheimer” all started with a date: July 21.

It’s not uncommon for studios to counterprogram films in different genres on a big weekend, but the stark differences between an intense, serious-minded picture about the man who oversaw the development of the atomic bomb and a lighthearted, candy-colored anthropomorphizing of a childhood doll quickly became the stuff of viral fodder.

There’s even some disagreement over whether it’s “Barbieheimer” or “Barbenheimer” or “Boppenheimer” or yet another tortured portmanteau — a phenomenon on which the AP Stylebook has yet to offer guidance, but for the purposes of this article will be “Barbenheimer.”

Online fandoms eager to join in

It didn’t hurt that both Nolan and Gerwig have very passionate and very online fandoms eager to join in. Never mind that many of those fans overlap — the memes, allegiances, and T-shirts were just too fun.

Both movies often trend on social media when the other releases a new asset — a trailer, a picture, an interview. On one level, it’s a marketing department’s dream. Awareness could not be higher, the conversation couldn’t be louder, and neither film even has official reviews out yet.

“Barbenheimer’ is a marketing gift borne out of social media and I think it’s

benefiting both films,” said Paul Dergarabedian, the senior media analyst for analytics firm Comscore. “You’re certainly aware of both movies in a more profound and compelling way than I think might have otherwise happened had they been released on different weekends.”

AMC Theaters reports big sales

AMC Theaters reported that 20,000 of its AMC Stubs members had purchased tickets for a double feature. If you’re counting, that’s 294 minutes of movie-watching. Even Margot Robbie — Barbie herself — and Tom Cruise, the star of another summer blockbuster, have started plotting the ideal “Barbenheimer” day.

“It’s a perfect double bill,” said Robbie at her movie’s London premiere Wednesday. “I think actually start your day with ‘Barbie,’ then go straight into ‘Oppenheimer’ and then a ‘Barbie’ chaser.”

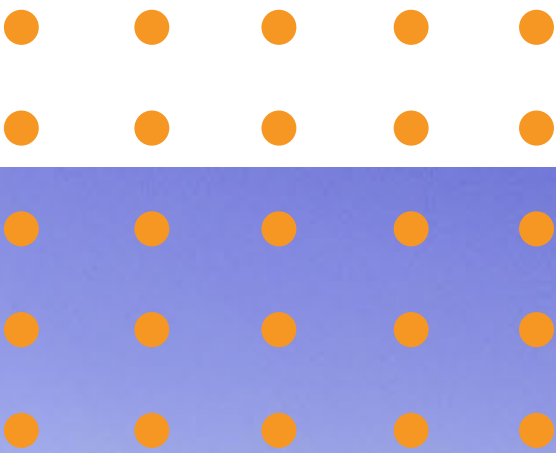
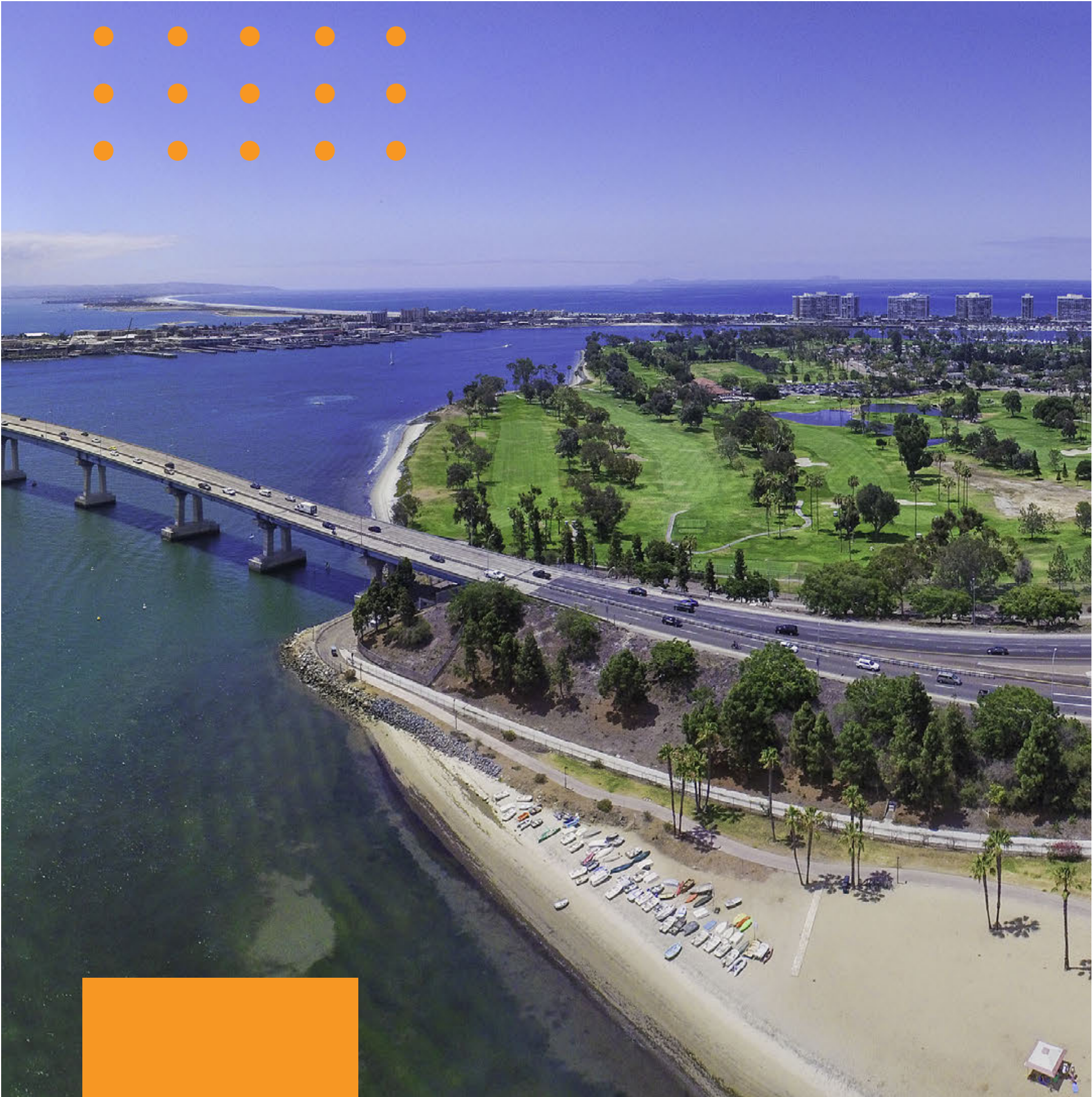
Cruise — whose “Mission: Impossible – Dead Reckoning Part One” opened a little over a week before the “Barbenheimer” showdown — said at his premiere he’d plan to see both on their opening day, likely starting with “Oppenheimer,” which seems to be the internet’s preferred viewing order as well.

“Barbie” actor Issa Rae thinks there’s a reason for that.

“I think that there’s a very specific order that if you see them in. If you see ‘Oppenheimer’ last then you might be a bit of a psychopath,” she diagnosed at the London premiere.



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