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A MESSAGE FROM DEANNA MACKEY

There has been a hum of excitement in the air at KPBS lately. I partially credit the stories coming out of the World Cup with providing feelings of joy and inspiration. Mostly, I know it is because KPBS is full of passionate storytellers who love to share what they have uncovered and want to provide you with the very best in local news. One such story is "[The Forgotten Fourth of July](#)," a special four-part series that looks back at how decades of U.S. immigration policy has impacted the Filipino diaspora, how generations of families put down roots in San Diego, and what it means to celebrate independence this year.

We also debuted "[Love All](#)," a locally produced film about the Redondo family from National City and their legacy. From public courts to the U.S. Open: "Love All" tells the story of nine Filipino American siblings and their grandmother, "Mamita," on an extraordinary journey of family, identity, and breaking barriers in the world of tennis. It is a wonderful celebration of our region and what love can do. You can stream it on KPBS+.

And, of course, we have [World Cup coverage](#) from a San Diego lens. Natalie Gonzalez Rodriguez, co-host of the Port of Entry podcast and a member of our newsroom, was interviewed as part of "The World Cup Effect," a new 1-hour radio and YouTube special that explored how the World Cup is changing our perceptions of the rest of the world, and how the rest of the world's perceptions of us are changing. The driving question: Can a global sporting event bring the US and the world closer together? And if so, can it last? Produced by GBH in Boston, the show talked to reporters from around the country about their tournament coverage. Natalie produced a number of stories for KPBS around the World Cup and could be spotted for weeks wearing her Mexico jersey.

There is so much more to share. To find out more, don't miss the "[KPBS in Five](#)" [email newsletter](#). It hits your inbox every two weeks and is written by staff and local producers who offer five things that we're covering or engaged in and you can read it in five minutes.

In the backdrop of this energy is the sobering reminder that July marks one year since public media was defunded by Congress. We lost 12% of our annual budget. Our new fiscal year began July 1st and we are approaching being 100% community funded. As

a PC member, your support ensures KPBS continues to thrive as an essential community service. I hope our excited energy about our work and service inspires you daily. It is with your support that we can continue to protect journalism, arts, creativity and your story for years to come.



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THANK YOU FROM KPBS



One year after the loss of federal funding, your commitment to KPBS has made all the difference. Because of your generosity, KPBS has remained a trusted source of local journalism, educational programming, and cultural storytelling. Thank you for standing with us and helping ensure that public media continues to serve San Diego today and for years to come.

PRODUCERS CLUB GIFT



KPBS Pride T-Shirt Giveaway

As a thank you for your generous support, we'd like to offer you this year's KPBS Pride t-shirt! Limit two per household. Please fill out the [form](#) below to request your t-shirt(s).

The T-shirts are Bella+Canvas, 100% cotton, unisex shirts. **(Please allow up to 4 weeks for delivery).**

[Request your shirt!](#)

**PRODUCERS CLUB LOUNGE
AT THE 2026 KPBS SAN DIEGO BOOK FESTIVAL**



KPBS San Diego Book Festival

The second annual KPBS San Diego Book Festival on the University of San Diego campus is a free event for book lovers of all ages. This year is especially meaningful as we celebrate the 20th chapter of [One Book, One San Diego](#). **Festival attendees can enjoy presentations from acclaimed authors, including bestselling romance duo Christina Lauren and nationally celebrated novelist Rachel Khong, along with dozens of other writers.** Our One Book, One San Diego official selections will also be announced during the festival, so you won't want to miss it!

If you're attending, be sure to visit the exclusive Producers Club member hospitality lounge, where you can relax with a cold soft drink, enjoy a sweet treat, and mingle with fellow Producers Club members and KPBS staff. [Simply enter the code "PC" at checkout to reserve your spot.](#)

Saturday, August 22, 2026

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

(PC member-only lounge from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)

University of San Diego

5998 Alcala Park Way, San Diego, CA 92110

Cost: Free (some ticketed author panels)

RSVP

PAST EVENT



Producers Club Social at The Nat

In June, Producers Club members gathered for a special evening at The Nat, where they connected with fellow supporters over tacos and drinks. Guests enjoyed exclusive behind-the-scenes tours of the new Amazement in the Basement exhibit and explored Washed Ashore: Art to Save the Sea, an inspiring exhibition that highlights the importance of protecting our oceans through art.

A special thank-you to The Nat for generously hosting this event and for being such a valued community partner to KPBS.

The Producers Club Silver level has increased to \$1,500 annually or \$125 monthly, though existing members are grandfathered at their current rate through 2026. If you wish to update your sustaining pledge to the new level early, please [click here](#).

COMMUNITY EVENT



KPBS Kids at Olivewood Gardens & Learning Center

Join us for the Carl the Collector Day of Play at Olivewood Gardens & Learning Center on Saturday, July 25. It's the perfect weekend activity for the whole family.

Visit [KPBS.org/kpbskids](https://www.kpbs.org/kpbskids) for the events calendar and more!

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