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KATRINA BRUINS
VISIONS MUSEUM OF TEXTILE ART IN SAN DIEGO
Friday, August 21, 2026, Noon



Katrina's work in the arts is a testament to her core belief: that arts organizations are at their best when they work together to achieve their collective missions. Katrina Bruins is an experienced nonprofit leader with a strong background in operations, program administration, and cross-border collaboration.

As the Executive Director of Visions Museum of Textile Art in San Diego, she has played a key role in strengthening organizational systems and advancing community-centered initiatives. Previously, Katrina held a senior leadership role at an international border shelter, where she managed internal operations for a complex, fast-paced organization. Her work has included overseeing human resources, facilities, volunteer management, and organizational infrastructure while fostering partnerships across borders and sectors.

Katrina is known for her ability to build and sustain meaningful community and institutional partnerships, align operational strategy with mission impact, and create collaborative environments that support staff, volunteers, artists, and stakeholders.

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CLUB HIGHLIGHTS - AUGUST 21, 2026



Chula Vista Mayor John McCann provided an update on the city. President Rasha Roshdy thanking him for joining us.



L-R: The lucky drawing winners this week pictured with sponsor Mauricio Lutteroth: Mike Bell, Mora de Murguia (two weeks in a row!) and Gary Bryant. Congratulations!

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JIM BIDDLE NEWS AT NOON

BY
BETTY WAZNIS

Hello, everyone and welcome to today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon. Today brought to you by Mauricio Lutteroth and Eastlake Self Storage.

The United States sizzled to its hottest month ever last month dating to records going back to 1895. July averaged 76.89 degrees across the Lower 48 states, eclipsing the Dust Bowl's July 1936 by an eighth of a degree. The worst heat was in the Mountain West, Southwest, Northern Plains and Southeast. But the heat was so widespread that every one of the Lower 48 states was at least 1 degree Fahrenheit warmer than the 20th century average.

Partly in response to our local hot dry weather, a giant remote-controlled weed eater called the Green Climber has cleared about 13 acres of Chula Vista's open space in the Surrey Ridge area over the past four months, leaving behind a 100-foot-wide fuel break between vegetation and homes. Such steep terrain would have been difficult for hand crews to clear since it would have required workers to manually cut the brush and then drag it to a chipper. Much more efficient for the Green Climber, which can handle up to 60-degree inclines and is an "all-in-one" machine that cuts and breaks up the plant material in one step, so no chipper was needed. Fire officials say the work can be done quickly by the machines and creates much needed defensible space that gives firefighters a better chance to save homes.

Downtown Chula Vista hosts the Lemon Festival tomorrow, the 29th annual celebration of the city's rich agricultural history. Third Avenue will be blocked off for lemon-themed events, including a lemon pie-eating contest, a lemon cook-off competition, food booths, a street fair, two music stages, a kid's zone, arts and crafts, and a wine and beer garden. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Third Ave from Madrona to E Streets.

This week the Padres swept the Brewers in 3 games here at Petco and as of now hold the last wild card spot for the playoffs. They're now one game ahead of the Diamondbacks and Phillies, who have both lost this week. The Padres are back on the road and face the Guardians in Cleveland this afternoon at 4:10.

Other baseball news this week. First – Bonita's Sweetwater Valley Little League is one victory away for the Little League World Series. They've won 10 consecutive games since the start of the sectional tournament and will play in the West Region championship game tonight at 6 p.m. against either Hawaii or Arizona. Tonight's winner advances to the 20-team Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa., to be held Aug. 19-30.

And last - The White Sox gave away a unique souvenir at Tuesday's game in Chicago - "pope hats" in honor of the team's most famous fan, Pope Leo XIV, who had been the Chicago stands for the 2005 World Series. The Chicago area native turned first American pope was celebrated as White Sox hosted the [Cincinnati Reds](#). There were over 40,000 pope hats handed out before the game, enough for the fans and [even players](#). Initially they were only meant for the first 1,500 fans, but ticket sales tripled withing a day of the announcement so emergency supplies of pope hats were hastily brought in.

Our sponsor today, Mauricio Lutteroth, is the generous and community minded owner and manager of the Eastlake Self Storage. We also know him as snake lover and snake handler in chief. He currently has 13 snakes, all green tree pythons. Eastlake Self Storage sponsors and supports many educational and community causes, including Bonita Vista High School Vocal Department, ChildHelp Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse, Rotary International, Chula Vista Police Historical Foundation, Orange Crate Derby, Eastlake High Robotics Booster Club, Bonita Museum & Cultural Center, San Diego Mountain Bike Association, Eastlake Educational Foundation, Chula Vista Public Library, Trips for Kids, and Eastlake High School Mountain Bike Team.

So remember - Eastlake Self Storage is the place to go for all your off-site storage, document shredding and electronic disposal needs.

This concludes today's edition of the Jim Biddle News at Noon, today brought to you by Mauricio Lutteroth and Eastlake Self Storage.

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