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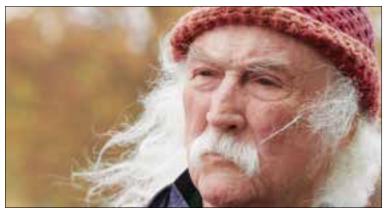
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# Feasting on New Documentaries

I managed to catch 25 films at the Seattle International Film Festival in May and June--my idea of heaven! There is significant overlap with the earlier Portland International Film Festival, but SIFF runs twice as long so there is plenty of reason to make the investment in a trip to Seattle to see things that may have only a short theatrical release. This week I'll cover the documentaries I saw, and I'll cover the remaining feature films next week--and where I can, I'll let you know where you can find them. There's something for everyone.

Many of the best films were profiles of people worth knowing about. My favorite was "David Crosby: Remember My Name," in which the most notoriously hedonistic and troubled member of Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young (and the various other configurations in which they performed) reflects on the life he has lived hard. I really hope that Crosby is as honest and likeable as he comes off here; even while he acknowledges what an often insufferable friend and bandmate he has been and how he has alienated everyone he has every played with, Crosby comes off as relentlessly real and doesn't ly this month. make excuses. It is a compelling





The new documentary 'David Crosby: Remember My Name' is a compelling window into the world of the 1960s and 70s, reflecting on the singer's past drug addiction, personal tragedies and conflicts with bandmates.

interesting stories (like how Joni the documentary exploration of Mitchell communicated that she was breaking up with Crosby) and beautiful music that stands the test of time. And Crosby, now 78, still tours and write songs and sings like an angel. He's the classic example of an artist whose spirit shines through time and his own failures. The film opens theatrical-

I knew nothing about the fawindow into the world of the '60s mous bandoneon composer and and '70s when their music was musician Astor Piazzolla and little breaking new ground, full of about tango music before seeing

Piazzolla's life. "Piazzolla, the Years of the Shark" worked remarkably well in opening his story and also in helping me understand why I should care—so much so that it motivated me to seek out his music. The film makes good use of archival footage and recordings made available by Piazzolla's son, and presents a compelling picture of what shaped this driven and confident change maker--the

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#### **Women's World Cup Repeat**

The U.S. women's national team defended their status as World Cup champions, shutting out the Netherlands in the final on Sunday, 2-0, and earning America's fourth cup. Superstar Megan Rapinoe opened the scoring, notching a penalty kick goal in the 61st minute, and a breakaway goal minutes later by midfielder Rose Lavelle helped clinch the match.

#### **Latino Leader Seeks Office**

Carmen Rubio. executive director of the nonprofit Lati-Network, formed a political action committee on Monday run for election



in the May 2020 Primary to replace Portland City Commissioner Amanda Fritz who will retire when her term ends at the end of 2020. Rubio, previously served as policy director under former Mayor Tom Potter and then with City Commissioner Nick Fish.

### **Clark County Lifts Pot Ban**

The Clark County Council voted last week to remove a ban on marijuana businesses in the unincorporated area, joining the city of Vancouver and other locations like Portland and other cities and states where regulated pot sales are legal under state law.

#### **Man Admits Death Threats**

Kermit Tyler Poulson, 40, pleaded guilty last week to one count of transmitting threatening communications with the intent to extort Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler. Poulson threatened to firebomb the mayor's home if he did not immediately fire a Portland police officer involved in an on-duty shooting.

## **Chief Assails Protest Masks**

In response to violent protests, Portland Police Chief Danielle Outlaw last week suggested that the city should charge people if they wear a mask to

commit a crime. "In other states, you'll see that it's illegal to wear a mask during the commission of a last May.

crime," Outlaw said.

#### **Warren on Racial Gap**

Democratic 2020 hopeful Elizabeth Warren last week said if elected president she would sign executive orders aimed at addressing the wage and employment leadership gap for women of color, punishing companies and contractors with historically poor records on diversity and equality by denying them contracts with the federal government.

### **Pelosi Adapts Trump Slogan**

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi argued Monday that President Trump's push to include a citizenship question on the 2020 census is an effort to "make America white again" an adaptation of his campaign slogan. Pelosi and others argue the citizenship question could result in racial minorities being undercounted so that legislative maps can be drawn more favorably for Republicans.

#### **GOP Leader Defends Gibson**

James Buchal, the chair of the Multnomah County Republican Party agreed to defend right wing Patriot Prayer leader Joey Gibson in a \$1 million civil lawsuit filed by the owner of the Cider Riot pub, the Willamette Week reported. Gibson was sued by the business after a confrontation with antifascist demonstrators outside the bar