

"Extra $\frac{1}{2}$ Other '24"

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At the time of writing, we're one day before the next episode.

This is part deux, basically, to

an [best of '24] episode from a few weeks back!

For my "Miscelaneey '24", I'm inclined herein to speak to:

- ① The Billionaire Murders (K. Donovan)
- ② Google Music
- ③ Microsoft Outlook
- ④ Sobriety, wellness, unfuckedness
- ⑤ Anything by Social D.
- ⑥ Living Colour - Vivid
- ⑦ Norm McDonald

① The Billionaire Murders

It's just so fucked.

Everything I can see about these people indicates they deserve to be alive ~

The events - morbid. Unsettling.

The initial police response -
questionable at best.

The killers are out there.

And then you think about all
the unsolved murders every year.

It's freaky, compelling, and sad.

=Google Music"

② It's Saturday night in Ft. Mac.
I'm listening to It's a Shame About
Ray (the album). It's running on
my phone, through Blue Tooth
to a small portable speaker.
For \$25.00 a month, ad free, and
with the whole of the "user generated
content" world, in addition to
artists' pages - can be streamed,
downloaded, etc.

I'd rather be listening to vinyl!
I'd "rather be" a lot of things!

And so ~ the google algorithm which
I've been interacting with for
for a great many years - knows
my music taste inside & out!

③ Microsoft Outlook (For personal use)

As many educators are, I was flat out after my final marks were submitted.

After nearly a decade out of the classroom, I felt keenly every interaction that could have gone better - where learning could potentially have been improved!

A key-finding from having one semester under me is the need for better time management and information management - unquestionably - and so - the personal outlook - as part of a wider [wellness] effort!

④ sobriety, wellness, unfuckedness.

I love that word: unfuckedness ~
and its corollary ~ wellness.

Looking back on where 2024 started
and how 2025 is beginning, it's

clear that [wellness] must carry
the day ~ for quality of life,
namely ~ but more significantly ~
for the benefit of my kids, career,
and physical and mental health.

Nothing more or less complicated
than that!

Now pass that No Name Ginger Ale!

⑤ Social Distortion

Somehow I missed Social D while I was growing up! Nobody I can remember from high school or teen years, post-FHS ~ early 20s ~ was deeply into Social D! Although maybe when we record tomorrow, I'll stand corrected!

So ~ when the YouTube premium ~~algorithm~~ algorithm piped me their cover of Ring of Fire ~ down the rabbit hole I've gone. The waning days of last year, and the early days of this one, have been much improved by Mr. Ness and his ragged company. The

PMA runs strong on all the records!

⑥ Living Colours - Vivid (1988)

By the time you read this (if) ~
(big "if")(LOL) ~

Dan will have described precisely
when and under what context he
talked about Living Colours or the
TNB. Recently, it was. As in —

within 2024 ~ and so hence
including them hereabouts —

Cause the YT algorithm brought
up Cult of Personality — and just
was — technical, groove oriented
hard rock with conviction and
absolute swagger. Just goddamn!

So ~ you know ~ the whole LP
rip! Their cover of Should I Stay
is sick (af)!

⑦ Norm McDonald (Rest in Power)

At the tail end of 2024, I started following SNLReelz on IG.

In Canada, we can't get SNL clips on YouTube!

And boy. I always knew Norm was a genius. But for me, at this point in my life — now, more than

ever! I knew the dude was Canadian — point of pride! — but I only learned a couple days ago on Wikipedia that he's from Quebec City

(and) both parents were ANGLO SCHOOL TEACHERS

I mean, holy fuck!

⊛ Norm ~ you're

one of the best to ever do that thing ⊛

RESPECT ⊛