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"Oh, I forgot to tell you, Mark. Before we go out, you just need to get the OK from my dad to date me."

This might well be from our home photo album. I just thought I'd share it in the hopes of giving support and encouragement to the other dads out there who are in the trenches. Our daughter turned out generally ok and well adjusted, but I must admit her dating experience was a bit abbreviated.

Budget Roundtable

By way of reminder, please join us on the 15th @ 5:30pm for the budget roundtable we're hosting. Jonathan may pop in from the Mayor's office and Karin from Ward 3 will also be a participant. I've heard that some other Ward office staff will be there so plan on coming and sharing your thoughts. As I noted last week, the intent is not to come away with any particular commitments or final decisions. It's to hear from a wide variety of constituents, and maybe more importantly to allow you all to hear from one another so you get a sense of what we at the Ward offices hear on a



regular basis. It'd be great if some cross pollination could occur and cooperative solutions to how we meet our vast and diverse needs would result. In nature, cross pollination helps keep plant species alive and healthy. It's a nice metaphor for our goal at the roundtable.

And in case you missed it, last week I shared a proposed budget, not at all intended to be a place at which I expect us to end, but as a step forward in our budget conversation. The City Manager issued his proposal, inviting further input. Here's mine:



Important Phone Numbers

Tucson Police Department
 911 or 791-4444
 nonemergency
 Mayor & Council Comment Line
 791-4700
 Neighborhood Resources
 791-4605
 Park Wise
 791-5071
 Water Issues
 791-3242
 Pima County Animal Control
 243-5900
 Street Maintenance
 791-3154
 Planning and Development Services 791-5550
 Southwest Gas
 889-1888
 Gas Emergency/ Gas Leaks
 889-1888
 West Nile Virus Hotline
 243-7999
 Environment Service
 791-3171
 Graffiti Removal
 792-2489
 AZ Game & Fish
 628-5376

Continued: A Message From Steve

Proposed Adjustments to FY15 Recommended Budget			
Item	Additions	Cuts	Description
Access Tucson building			Do not sell Access Tucson building now (give market a chance to improve), but do get it appraised.
Access Tucson funding	\$ 100,000.00		To fund the rest of what they need, AT should consider partnering with others (e.g., Pima College, JTED) to find ways to accentuate their educational role in the community
TPAC	\$ 150,000.00		This brings TPAC to \$250K versus their current \$400K.
Economic/Workforce Development RFP	\$ 400,000.00		Versus current funding level of \$600K.
Rodeo Parade	\$ 70,000.00		Bring this into the general fund budget as the only civic event line item. All other civic events are funded through Visit Tucson through a process that they develop.
Visit Tucson	\$ 450,000.00		Increase our bed tax allocation to Visit Tucson from the current 33% up to 38%. That's about \$90K per percentage point. Earmark those new dollars to civic events (3%) and to the Film Incentive Fund (2%).
Transit	\$ 1,200,000.00		Reduce the proposed fare increase by 50%.
Manager's proposed staff reductions		\$ 17,900,000.00	As described in 3/25 budget presentation.
Manager's non-personnel proposal		\$ 7,300,000.00	As described in 3/25 budget presentation.
Eliminate sick leave sellback program		\$ 2,600,000.00	This is an annual savings -- \$2.6M per year.
Eliminate supervisor core training		\$ 100,000.00	
Compensation Option A (33%)		\$ 2,100,000.00	Reduce compensation increases by 33% for FY15.
Compensation Option B (40%)		\$ 2,575,000.00	Reduce compensation increases by 40% for FY15.
Compensation Option C (50%)		\$ 3,200,000.00	Reduce compensation increases by 50% for FY15.
Budget gap (before any reductions)	\$ 27,200,000.00		
New additions to gap	\$ 2,370,000.00		
New budget gap (before any reductions)	\$ 29,570,000.00		
Reductions w/ Option A		\$ 30,000,000.00	
Reductions w/ Option B		\$ 30,475,000.00	
Reductions w/ Option C		\$ 31,100,000.00	
Remaining Budget Gap (After Reductions)			
With Option A			\$ (430,000.00)
With Option B			\$ (905,000.00)
With Option C			\$ (1,530,000.00)

It's to be expected, and in fact invited, that others on the Council will share their thoughts as well. That's a healthy process. My proposal has a few main ingredients:

- a) I felt the cuts to our outside agency partners were too severe, too quick. But as the City Manager indicated, any additions to costs had to be offset with proposed revenue sources.
- b) I accept that the rest of the M&C believe in the pay increase that was adopted. And yet I felt offering a compromise option(s) might be worth a look. Thus the suggestion of considering reducing the pay bumps by a third, 40% and a half. Each yields a different impact on our deficit.
- c) We have a program, little known, called Sick Leave Sell Back. After I publicly shared my budget proposal, the media got ahold of the SLSB item and ran with it. I'll just use this space to put my proposal into my own words and not rely on those stories.

Our policy is to allow employees in Police and Fire to accumulate an unlimited number of sick days, and depending on years of service to sell back a portion of them each year. I obtained a list that included over 500 workers, each of whom took advantage of the pro-



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John
McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff
Flake (R)
520-575-8633

Congressman
Ron Barber (D)
(2nd District)
520-881-3588

Congressman
Raul Grijalva (D)
(3th District)
520-622-6788

Governor Janice
Brewer (R)
Governor of Arizona
602-542-4331

Toll free:
1-800-253-0883

State Legislators

Toll Free
Telephone:
1-800-352-8404

Internet:
www.azleg.gov

Mayor Jonathan
Rothschild
791-4201

City Infoguide
[http://
cms3.tucsonaz.gov/
infoguide](http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/infoguide)

gram. The cost to the General Fund was in excess of \$2.5M. In fact, there were nearly 100 employees who turned back over \$7,000 in sick hours in 2013.

The City policy for public safety workers is that after 5 years of service you may sell back up to 56 hours of unused sick leave at the end of the year. That's 56 hours at your regular rate of pay. The number of hours you can sell back increases with years of service; 104 hours at 10 years' service, 160 hours at 17 years' service and it maxes out at 208 hours at 22 years of service, or longer. We have employees selling back well in excess of \$10,000 in unused sick time annually.

Nothing in my proposal suggests that we should eliminate sick time. The purpose of sick leave is to keep an employee whole while they're off ill. It's really a pretty simple concept. If you're sick, stay home. If not, come to work. Nothing in that suggests a year end perk that could amount to thousands of dollars.

We go through the budget each year and at least in the last 5 fiscal years we're telling you that times are tough (and they are) and we have to cut back on either employees, services or both. It's a tough pill to swallow though to make that claim at the same time we're writing checks to the tune of \$2.5+M for people to cash in sick time they didn't need. That's the basis for my proposal.

The push back is the threat that people will just start taking time off even when they're not sick and we'll have to call in workers on O.T. To those who will play that game, I say that it



simply shows a lack of integrity. And to be clear, most won't. Why? Because they understand that our public safety workers, police in particular, just got a pay increase that was geared in their direction. In addition their benefits package still includes 2nd language pay, call out pay, a career enhancement program, comp time, a death benefit, an equipment allowance, no lost time for attending court, promotion increases, money if they refer a police recruit, pay for safety shoes, shift differentials, a sick leave payout at retirement, temporary detail pay, tuition reimbursement, uniform allowance, bereavement pay, holiday leave, military leave, personal leave, sick and medical leave, vacation leave and the opportunity to make extra money by working outside events. Ending the sell back program doesn't empty the benefits package, but it would allow over \$2M to flow back into the General Fund to help us get to structural balance.

For each of the last 5 fiscal years we have either restructured debt or taken money out of our reserve fund to pay down the deficit. In each of those years we have paid out over \$2M in Sick Leave Sell Back. My proposal is to stop that practice.

We have a serious issue with police and fire driving old and broken down vehicles. There are lots of ways we can spend the money that's now going out the door as year end bonuses in the form of unused sick leave being sold back for cash.

So that's my opening proposal, using the City Manager's as a framework from which to build. The process will continue, and your input on the 15th will be a part of how it all evolves.



Alliance Bank

A part of our budgeting process involves how we invest our funds. The vast majority of that money is handled through our investment bankers and contracted financial people. Last year we voted to chip off a \$5M chunk and invest it into a local bank. The intent was to keep our investments flowing into local needs, and the relatively smaller local banks tend to do that.

Following a Request For Proposals process, Alliance Bank was chosen to handle that \$5M. I asked for a study session update in order to ensure our intent was being met. The Alliance folks hit it out of the park.

After our award, Alliance increased their local investments well beyond the dollars we put into their pool. Here's a Ward-by-Ward breakdown of how they invested locally, \$37M since last July:

- o Ward 1 - \$3,360M
- o Ward 2 - \$7,583M
- o Ward 3 - \$11,286M
- o Ward 4 - \$4,530M
- o Ward 5 - \$3,983M
- o Ward 6 - \$6,637M

I believe each of us on the Council was pleased to see how Alliance is working with our local folks. Some examples are Madden Media, the Mercado District of Menlo Park, the Rialto Block, the Julian Drew Building, the Ghost Ranch Lodge, and money we've used to invest in solar installations at several City properties. Based on these results I'm sure we'll be increasing our allocation to the local market when the timing is right from a procedural standpoint. On Tuesday we asked staff to let us know the maximum level we're allowed to invest in a local bank. With that information we'll be in a position to ramp up our participation in the local investment policy we've now started.

Tesla Motors

The short message is that we're still in the game. Tesla sent some representatives to Arizona last week, and they spent some time in Tucson. Our Resolution of invitation may or may not have been a catalyst for that visit, but the fact that we're on the radar screen is what's key. As I've said, this is not about who gets credit. It's about needing to work as a region, putting together all of our competitive energy into a single push to attract the jobs Tesla would bring.

To that end, the Downtown Tucson Partnership and Maker House put together a Press Release and accompanying video to help promote our City to Tesla. Here's the text of the Release, and the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Spf-YBa1vRE>

Tesla Motors recently [announced plans for a new factory](#), and Arizona is one of four states that is being considered for its location. This factory would create thousands of high-paying, high-tech jobs.

The Downtown Innovation District and Maker House have launched a new campaign with a video encouraging Tesla to bring those jobs and investment to Tucson, and they need your help to make a big splash - big enough to be noticed by Tesla.

How can you help? Check out the video featuring Downtown at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Spf-YBa1vRE...>

If you or your company is on social media, please consider sharing the video to your networks, and ask your followers or fans to share and promote Tucson to Tesla. Next week, with the view count up on the video, Maker House will do a press release on the video and then focus a second push on tagging @tesla and their CEO @elonmusk on social media. With your help, we can share this with hundreds of thousands of people in Tucson and across the nation.

The goal is to have some traction with the video and show that Tucson values innovation and creativity, and would be the best location for the new Tesla plant.

Thank you for your time, and please contact me at caitlin@downtowntucson.org if you have any questions.



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Thanks to the people at the DTP and the Maker House for stepping up and creating this energy. Getting Tesla, or some portion of their business model would be the economic analog to a Rising Tide Lifts All Boats



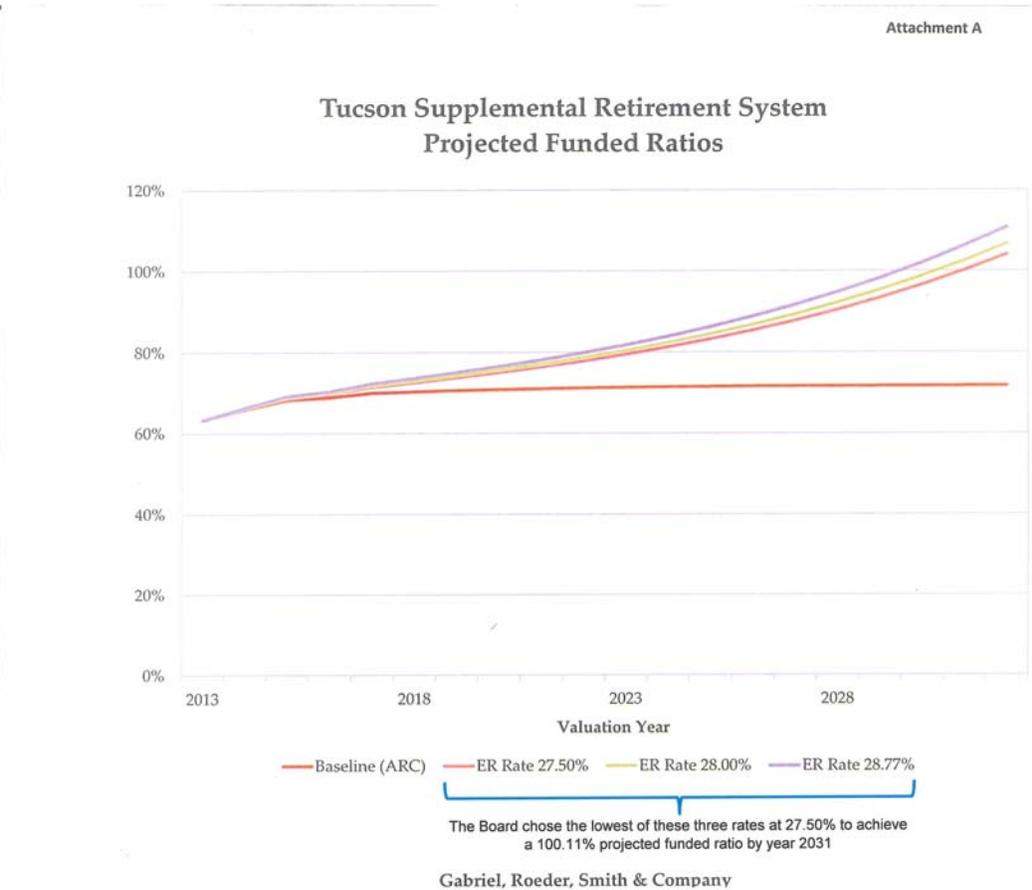
Those boats are the City, County, UA Tech Park, TREO, Chambers of Commerce, rail infrastructure and now the DTP and Maker House. As I said, we're still in the game.

Pensions

Another big part of our General Fund obligation each year is the funding of our pension plan. Our non-public safety plan is called TSRS (Tucson Supplemental Retirement System). One of the issues related to its funding challenges is that there are about as many active employees paying into the system as there are retired workers taking benefits. It has a funded ratio of just over 63%. Not the greatest, but it has been trending in the right direction.

Each year we invest out of our General Fund enough to fully fund our annual obligations to retirees. One way we can increase over time our funding ratio is to pay in slightly more than our base obligation. The analogy is to pay more than the minimum monthly payment on your credit card. On Tuesday we received a proposal to do just that.

What our pension folks suggested was that we use a ‘round-up’ rule in setting both the employee and employer payment levels each year. That is, find the amount needed to fully fund the annual obligations and then round that number up to the nearest ½ % point for the City contribution, and the nearest ¼ % point for employees. Here’s a chart that shows the long term impact of our doing that.



The chart is showing that if we did not adopt this policy, in 20 years we’d be at a 71% funded ratio. By adopting the round up rule, we’ll be fully funded in that same time frame.

Last year we heard from people who wanted to fundamentally change our Plan from our defined contribution Plan to one that would allow people to opt out and sign onto a benefit plan outside of our current system. There was a lot of misinformation floating around, and thankfully they didn’t get the proposal on the ballot. We need to continue to monitor and make changes where necessary to keep the current Plan afloat, and the rounding policy we adopted on Tuesday is a step in that direction. Thanks are due to our Board of Trustees for their fiduciary work in support of the Plan.

Last week I wrote about Pension spiking through falsely increasing your pensionable income by including unused sick time in the computation of annual earnings. Getting rid of

that practice and adding in its place the rounding policy is a big deal improvement to how our Plan is being managed.

Oh, and many of the same people who are cashing in the unused sick leave annually are the same ones who were in effect spiking their upcoming pension calculations in the process. If the M&C adopt the policy of eliminating the SLSB policy we may cause some angst among some of our workers, but the long term greater good will have been served since the result will be the long term health and stability of the pension Plan – and dropping the annual impact on our General Fund.

Mister Car Wash

Also in the context of improving our financial position, on Tuesday we approved some incentives that will finish out the Mister Car Wash development over on 5th Avenue.

This is the move from the foothills of the Mister Car Wash Corporate offices. They're bringing over 70 jobs that have an average salary of in excess of \$80K annually. The construction impact will exceed \$6M in income. Once completed the new business will generate an annual economic impact of over \$37M over eight years. The reason eight years is the threshold is that one of the incentives they're being evaluated for is a tax abatement that will last that long (GPLET). The other incentive they've applied for is our Primary Jobs Incentive. To qualify for the GPLET they have to show that the improvements to the property increase the value by over 100%. This was a vacant building. They clearly meet that goal. For the Primary Jobs incentive they needed 25 jobs exceeding an annual salary of \$52K. They easily met that also.

Diana and I toured the work-in-progress construction last week. It's going to be a very cool adaptive re-use of the former Baptist Church learning center. Opening date is in about 6 weeks. This is yet the most recent example of the economic spurt we're assisting with in the eastern part of the downtown area.



In a slightly different economic development mode, but associated none the less, the Presidio San Agustín kicked off a 60 day fund raising campaign last week. The Presidio is located at 186 N. Court, right across from La Cocina, and down the road from El Charro. Presently the City owns the space, but discussions are underway for a change in that relationship. The talks are in the early stages.

The Presidio was founded in 1775. It reflected an effort to expand Spanish control of the then frontier. It's a Spanish fort built in the heart of downtown. Its role was to protect colonists and the native peoples at the time. It's 11 acres in size, and has been rehabilitated so you can visit and see everything from how they spun string, to how they made meals, and how they defended themselves. And there's more.

The Presidio is open from 10am until 4pm Wednesday's through Sunday's. You can check them out on line at tucsonpresidio.org. Oh, and if you'd like to financially support their work you can do that by going to indiegogo.com and searching for "Live History – Support the Tucson Presidio." Admission is free. And they love hosting school groups.

How is this economic development? Because heritage tourism is big in our area, and the Presidio fits that category to a T.



Pot Grow Facilities

Here's an issue that's tilting to a new social norm as we 'boomers' get a little older. And frankly, for those of us who grew up in the '60's and '70's, we know smoking pot isn't the life-ending, gateway demon drug that was once the pitch from our elders. But it is illegal, so what we do with it from a policy standpoint has several moving parts.

On Tuesday we were asked to consider expanding the physical size of grow facilities associated with medical marijuana. Right now we allow those facilities to be 3,000 sq/ft. Some jurisdictions have smaller restrictions, and others such as Phoenix have none at all. Ours is fairly conservative in comparison to most. Our vote was to allow the process of considering the increase to go to the Planning Commission as a change in our zoning rules and eventually come back to us with a recommendation.

The zoning classifications we are considering are I-1 and I-2; industrially zoned areas. We're also asking that the Commission consider permitting 'infusion facilities' (food laced w/pot) to be permitted within dispensaries and out at cultivation sites. I have a concern over where those new enlarged grow sites will be allowed. To that end I've asked that we be provided (and that the Planning Commission be provided) overlays that show where in the City the I-1 and I-2 zoned areas exist. In addition there are restrictions related to how close to schools, churches and other similar types of uses a dispensary and grow facility can be located. Given the distance restrictions these new facilities will likely not be allowed just anywhere in the industrial zones. The maps will give us that visual.

Police Chief Villasenor expressed some concerns over the potential for larger facilities to become magnets for possible crime. He's required by the nature of his work to also speak up about the illegality of the drug, but that might fix itself on the 2016 ballot if the voters in Arizona elect to follow the lead of Colorado and legalize some personal use. But we're not there yet so we're playing the hand we've got in front of us.

We've begun the review process and it'll easily take a couple of months. In the meantime, I'll be getting ahold of the overlay maps to see what we're really considering in terms of location and proximity to mid-town neighborhoods. My guess is that due to the distance restrictions, there won't be much, if any impact, but I want to see to be sure. I'd be interested in hearing your input if you've got thoughts on this. Medicinal use is legal. So is growing it to dispense for medicinal purposes. What we're looking at is how big, and where the grow facilities will be.

Grand Canyon University

I've taken a little heat for my refusal to support the location of GCU on the El Rio golf course. Let's put this update in the category of our having dodged a fiscal bullet,



and a little bit of ‘I told you so.’

As you may recall there were several objections I raised to the GCU proposal. Some were site specific, a function of our existing contractual commitment to the Conquistadors and the First Tee program. Others were related to the way the numbers were not adding up.

We and the media were being told GCU was going to invest about \$180M into the site. GCU was telling their shareholders that the investment was going to be in the \$50M-\$60M range over ten years. The difference was whether or not they’d build dorms on the property and turn their model into less of a commuter campus and more of a residential one. We and the media were being told that the average salaries would bump \$60K annually. But the business model the GCU shareholders were being sold on was a campus hub up in the Phoenix area where the higher paid administration staff would stay, and the satellite campus down here not absorbing those costs. A good business model, but don’t count those salaries as being a part of the local investment.

One final piece was the claim by GCU that they’d be putting a property that wasn’t generating tax income back onto the tax rolls. That’s due to their being a for-profit institution. Nice in concept, but I later learned that they’ve been lobbying for a change in their tax status up at the State Legislature, moving from for-profit to non-profit.

The bill has been opposed by a major Realtor group and the Arizona Tax Research Association, primarily because property tax cuts to one plot of land shifts those taxes to others. Tom Farley is a lobbyist for the Arizona Association of Realtors. He was in front of a House committee last month and objected because the change in the GCU tax status would shift the tax burden onto homeowners. Kevin McCarthy works for the Tax Research Association. His testimony was that homeowners in the Alhambra School District would see an annual increase of about \$50 in taxes for a \$200K house. Businesses would see an even steeper increase.

The Apollo Education Group is the parent company of the private University of Phoenix. They also opposed the bill, with a company executive testifying that it would “create winners and losers in the private sector.” The State Senate passed the change in tax status back in February. Last week the House rejected it because they were told it was likely unconstitutional since it ran afoul of uniform taxation rules and therefore constituted ‘special legislation’ for the benefit of a particular entity. If passed, it would have cut GCU’s tax obligation by about \$750K per year on its current Phoenix campus. With the new location being planned, that would grow over time.

I’d still welcome GCU to explore coming to our area. But the deal has to make financial sense, the location has to be good for both the school and for the community, and no special tax status can be any part of it. We’ll see if they go forward as planned in Mesa. As their own lobbyist said in testimony before the State Senate Committee I was watching, “A plan is just a Plan,” meaning that without the tax break,



nothing’s etched on tablets.

...speaking of bullets

Last Saturday I was honored to be asked to go and be a part of the Green Valley Dems' forum entitled "A conversation about gun violence." I was doubly honored to be on a panel with two guys I have deep respect for, Pima County Sherriff Clarence Dupnik and Congressman Ron Barber. The Sherriff's extensive experience in the law enforcement field and Ron's extensive background in the mental health field always results in interesting perspectives being a part of the exchange.

This event flowed from our January 8th event at The Loft in which we showed the documentary "*Living for 32*," the film based on the murder of 32 students at Virginia Tech in one of the mass shootings that we have seen far too many of. The GV folks asked if I'd come and share some thoughts on the film, and what's happening at a local and State level on the topic of gun control. I was happy to.

It was encouraging to hear from Ron that there's some positive momentum at the Congressional level towards some sort of comprehensive background check legislation. Sherriff Dupnik correctly alluded to the impact of gun manufacturers in the political fund raising area and how they're still a formidable roadblock to freeing up some minds and getting a reasonable Bill adopted on this issue. From a local perspective, I'm in a wait-and-see mode as it relates to some of the many bills that are still alive in Phoenix. We should know in the next couple of weeks which ones actually get beyond the posturing stage and end up as law. The conversation is hardly over.

Thanks to Miriam Lindmeier and Sherry Moreau – the chieftains of the Green Valley Dems – for their work in coordinating the event and for the invitation to take part. It's a volatile topic that's not going away any time soon.

Avielle Foundation

Also last weekend my bride and I were pleased to be included in a fund raiser for The Avielle Foundation. Thanks to Ron Richman and his wife for making us a part of the event.

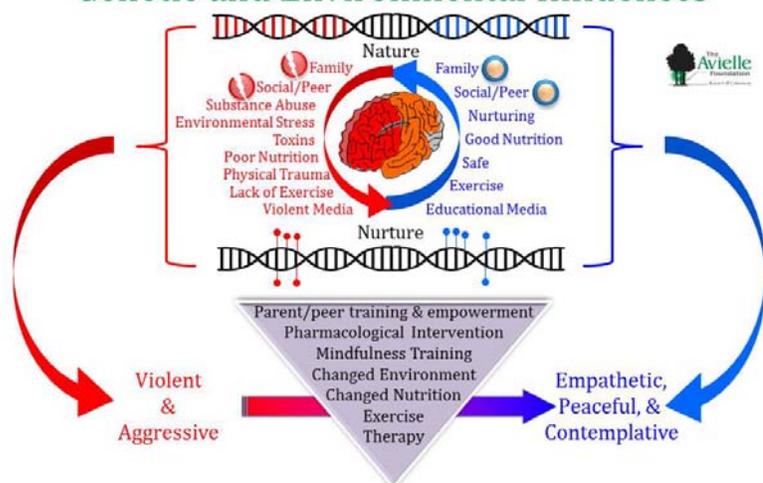


Avielle's a group who is studying "brain health research, education and policy." That's 'brain health' – a different and possibly more approachable phrase that speaks to what we more commonly refer to as mental health issues.

Breaking stigma is a tough issue. Avielle is hoping to get involved with research that will help us understand why people engage in harmful behaviors. Their hope is to better understand the biological and environmental factors that are associated with violent behaviors, and mass murders as an offshoot of the study. It's an attempt to build a bridge between behavioral science and biochemical science. At a more local level, they're working to decrease the shame, secrecy and stigma that's associated with 'brain illness,' and to develop early-identification and prevention protocols. Here's a graphic that better describes the program:

Violence: Understand it to end it.

A Healthy Brain is a Product of Both Genetic and Environmental Influences



Ron and his group are involved in some very interesting work. It ties into much of what we discussed at the Green Valley forum: the connection between policy and research and the goal of reducing the number of deaths and serious injuries that occur through the mishandling of firearms. But their real goal is to engage in research that will ultimately serve in a predictive role so people can get treatment prior to their needs resulting in aggressive acting

out. Biology is not destiny, and brain health conditions can be treated.

If you'd like to look more deeply into their work, go to aviellefoundation.org. I think you'll be very favorably impressed.



John Sedwick

At the end of June, long time chief of the Fourth Avenue Merchants Association, John Sedwick will retire. Under his leadership the Avenue has undergone a complete facelift and is now financially in a good position. John has been a proponent of the Avenue and has defended the merchants honorably. His departure will leave some

big shoes to fill.

And yet, they'll try. Right now they're beginning the search for a replacement. Here's a link to the job description and application form:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form?EQBCT=095e3de99cb14b2e9996fd239713ddf>

The job is a combination of fund raiser, advocate for local businesses, marketing and coordinator for the many special events that take place on 4th. They have over 100 merchants, serve as a prime connector between the UA campus and downtown, they're directly on the Streetcar route and host a semi-annual party, the 4th Avenue Street Fair. John's replacement will be directly involved in all of that. If you're unfamiliar with the diversity of the Avenue you can look them over by going to their web site @ www.fourthavenue.org.

Workplace Bullying

Catherine Tornbom and her group over at the Center for Community Dialogue has teamed up with the Ward 6 office on a couple of Sex Trafficking forums, an effort to preserve the Military Community Relations Committee and most recently on gathering input from community members on what to do with the space left following the demolition of the Panda building on Broadway. Now she's at it again with a forum centering on workplace bullying.

On Thursday, April 17th the Center will host Dr. Kenneth Cloke who'll give a presentation on the topic. Dr. Cloke is the Director of the Center for Dispute Resolution and has worked extensively within organizations to address both how workplace bullying manifests itself,

and how to effectively deal with it. His counsel is directed towards dealing with this issue in a constructive and skillful manner. Experts in the field say it's endemic, and too often under the workplace radar screen. This forum is worth your while if you're at any level of a supervisory position in either a for-profit or non-profit organization. It's also relevant to workers who do not hold supervisory status, but who want to be better armed to deal with bullying in the workplace when they observe it.

Once again Pima College is opening up their doors to help facilitate this presentation. The event will be at their community campus over at 401 N. Bonita, Room CC-A 109 from 6pm until 8pm on the 17th. Although there's no charge to attend and participate, they need a sense of the size of the group, so please pre-register by contacting Catherine @ ctornbom@ourfamilyservices.org.

In addition to the Center and Pima sponsoring this event, they're joined by the Collaborative Law Group of Southern Arizona and the Fund for Civility, Respect and Understanding as co-sponsors. The background in this issue among those groups is impressive. If you go, you're guaranteed to come away with some practical and helpful insights.



From April 11 through the 13th, Spring Fling will return to the UA Mall. It's the first time in 15 years that they've run the carnival on campus (it doesn't feel nearly that long). It's a fundraiser for over 40 campus clubs and organizations. Since it takes up so much space on the Mall, there will be disruption from a traffic standpoint. Here are a few things you should keep in mind in case you're planning on traveling on campus between now and April 16th (they'll need time to load out the show.)

- Starting now until 8am on the 16th, the Mall will be closed between Cherry and Campbell
- The hours of the show will be from 4pm until 11pm on Friday the 11th, from 11am until 11pm on Saturday the 12th, and from 11am until 6pm on Sunday the 13th.
- And depending on how you get around:
 - * Motorists / No eastbound or westbound traffic on University between Cherry and Campbell
 - * Sun Tran / The Optical Science bus stop will be relocated over onto Campbell Ave.
 - * Cat Tran / The Southwest Off Campus – UA Mall route will be relocated over to east of the Martin Ave & 2nd Street intersection
 - * Cyclists / Just keep your eyes open. There will be multiple detours posted to re-route bike travel onto campus.
 - * Pedestrians / Same general message as for cyclists; that is, watch for multiple signs that re-route foot traffic.
- Cherry, between Hawthorne and 4th Street will be closed for the event.
- And Parking – stay out of Sam Hughes and Rincon Heights. That's Permit parking and you will be ticketed. The UA P&T folks will allow free visitor parking in surface lots after 3pm on the 11th, and all day on Saturday and Sunday. The Cherry Garage has a \$5 pre-pay on the 11th, and no fee on the other days.

And if all else fails, their Office/Hotline is 621.5610. And if you go, don't dump your

trash in the surrounding neighborhoods. It'll cost the student organizations money to clean up, and it's just inconsiderate of peoples' private property.

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I opened with a reference to my little girl, and I'll close with the same. She shared with me the link below that I'm now sharing with you. It's a short, but inspirational video and speech by a woman who has what some may consider a disability, but what she is undaunted by and in fact uses as an encouragement to all of us. I think you'll be moved by her message.

"A Gorgeous Woman Shakes Her Body On Stage and the Crowd Goes Wild"

<https://www.upworthy.com/a-gorgeous-woman-shakes-her-body-on-stage-and-the-crowd-goes-wild?c=ufb2>

Sincerely,



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Events Calendar

What's happening this week in the Downtown, 4th Avenue, and Main Gate areas . . .

Tucson Artists' Open Studios

Saturday and Sunday, April 12 & 13, 2014 from 11:00 am until 5:00 pm

<http://www.tucsonopenstudios.com/>

Colonia Solana Home Tour

Saturday, April 12th 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

\$35.00 | Ticket Required

Join the Tucson Historic Preservation Foundation for the 2014 Historic Home Tour featuring the glamorous Historic Properties of Colonia Solana. The Tour will highlight six of Tucson's most alluring properties of Tucson's golden age. This Tour is a rare opportunity to venture inside some of the cities most noteworthy and romantic homes of the 1920s and 1930s and explore the legacy of Tucson's pre-war architecture.

questions? email: info@preservetucson.org

Faith Communities and Mental Illness Conference

Friday, April 25, 2014 8:00-4:30 PM

Catalina United Methodist Church 2700 E. Speedway

Day-long conference offers insights and resources to reduce stigma and provide support

Register now at icstucson.org

Ward 6 Water Education Night (and Tree Distribution!)

Join Tucson Water at the Ward 6 Office on April 30th from 6 to 7:30pm to celebrate Water Awareness Month and learn about water in our community. Do we have enough water for the future? How is Tucson Water keeping water safe and secure? Why do water rates go up? What does it cost to deliver water to your tap? Is Tucson Water investing in improvements and technology? Learn the answers to these question and come with your own!

Does your home need some low water shade trees? Bring your TEP account number to our Water Education Night and leave with drought-resistant plants from Trees for Tucson for only \$5 each!

Ongoing

Fox Theatre, 17 W. Congress St.
www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Rialto Theatre, 318 E. Congress St.
<http://www.rialtotheatre.com/>

Hotel Congress 311 E. Congress St.
<http://hotelcongress.com/>

Loft Cinema 3233 E. Speedway
www.loftcinema.com/

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N. Main Ave.
www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org

Jewish History Museum, 564 S. Stone Ave.
The Jewish History Museum presents "Cowboys, Merchants, Miners, & Booze," an exhibit that celebrates the lives of Tucson's Jewish pioneers.
www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S. 6th Ave.
Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturdays & Sundays: 10:00am - 5:00pm
www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

Arizona State Museum 1013 E. University Blvd
November 9, 2013, through July 2015 **Curtis Reframed: The Arizona Portfolios**
www.statemuseum.arizona.edu

UA Mineral Museum 1601 E University Blvd
Ongoing "100 Years of Arizona's Best: The Minerals that Made the State"

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum 414 N Toole Ave.
Explore regional transportation history, and see a freight trains passing by, or ring the locomotive bell at the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum every Saturday, year round.
Tuesday – Thursday, Sunday: 1100am - 3:00pm; Friday & Saturdays: 10:00am - 4:00pm
<http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org/>

Sacred Machine Museum & Curiosity Shop 245 E Congress St

<http://sacredmachine.com/>

Meet Me at Maynards

A social walk/run through the Downtown area

Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!

Hotel Congress

Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

Butterfly Magic at the Gardens

2150 N. Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ 85712

February 10, 2014 - April 30, 2014

<http://www.tucsonbotanical.org/>