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Ward 6 – Newsletter

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A Message from Steve

Poppy update

Last week, I conjectured that the heavy winter rains had been good for the Poppy Crop north of Tucson. In the Sunday Arizona Daily Star, this article appeared – confirming my speculation. So, the speculation is over. This should lend some level of understanding to what we see legislatively coming from north of us. It's nice to be affirmed.

Poppies popping up early here

Doug Kreutz Arizona Daily Star

Mexican gold **poppies** - a favorite of many wildflower fanciers - are bursting into **early** bloom around Tucson.

Hikers spotted **poppies** aplenty last week along the David Yetman Trail in the Tucson Mountains.

The species' brilliant blooms brightened other parts of the range as well - including the Gates Pass area.

Russ Buhrow, curator of plants at Tohono Chul Park, reported seeing **poppies** near Catalina and also around Redington Pass east of Tucson.

Others, including scientist and hiker Bill Peachey, have found the golden blooms along the Ventana Canyon Trail in the Catalina Mountains north of Tucson.

The **early** appearance of **poppies**, which typically hit the peak of their bloom near the end of March, marks a sort of second wave of this year's unusual winter bloom.

Other species, including brittlebush and globe mallow, earlier began flowering at Saguaro National Park East and elsewhere.

Buhrow said more rain could help sustain the bloom well into March.

Contact reporter Doug Kreutz at dkreutz@azstarnet.com or at 573-4192.

The effects of Poppy's

As you may recall, one of my New Year's predictions was that there would be a move from the legislature to find a way to take the Tax Increment money from the City and to blame the City for having caused it. I have also been calling for opening up to the public the mediation points Rio Nuevo is demanding so everybody can see how unrealistic and disingenuous it is for them to pretend good faith.

Here is new language in a bill sponsored by Al Melvin that is intended to do exactly that. Just last week we saw his Concurrent Memorial calling on the City to get along with Rio. The tenor of this bill is the same, but it takes the further step of setting a



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

date certain by which the City must sign an IGA with Rio or penalties will kick in. Mr. Melvin needs to explain why the City (you) should be backed into the corner of signing an IGA with Rio by June 30th of this year that commits the taxpayers of this region to certain financial obligations to that appointed Board. Oh, and if we don't sign an IGA to that effect, the City is penalized financially by the State.

Prior to my election the City had signed a Development Agreement in which it agreed to pay a developer \$950K if the two sides didn't agree on terms of a larger agreement by a particular date. They didn't – and we're now settling that issue, in the developer's favor. If Melvin's bill goes through, we are again placed in the position of negotiating from a position of weakness, Rio having no incentive to bargain towards a solution since they see their deal points laid out legislatively, and the taxpayers being held hostage in the middle of all of this. Here's the bill:

SB1337

D. To qualify for payments under this section, the municipality in 37 which the multipurpose facility site is located must either obtain voter 38 approval for a local transaction privilege tax to pay costs associated with a 39 multipurpose facility, or make a financial commitment by intergovernmental 40 agreement between the municipality and the district to make direct payments 41 to the district from any lawful source, including municipal transaction 42 privilege taxes or to expend monies for land, infrastructure or other 43 improvements directly related to the multipurpose facility or the 44 multipurpose facility site, BY JUNE 30, 2012 AND by the end of the date 45 referred to in subsection A of this section EACH FISCAL BIENNIUM THEREAFTER, in an aggregate amount equal to the amount received by the district IN THAT BIENNIUM pursuant to this section.

So, at Wednesday's council meeting I was joined by four of my colleagues in directing our mediation team to propose to the Rio Board that both sides make public all of the proposed deal points made during the mediation since we first sat down with them. They are shared with us in Executive Session so I can describe them as being unreasonable and in bad faith, but I cannot unilaterally expose the exact terms. Also, I asked the City Attorney to send to the Attorney General a request for an open and public update on all investigations and audits that are still on-going, and a date certain for their completion.

The legislature is dropping these bills. People are announcing their candidacies for office and hoping to capitalize on beating up the City. Investigations are lingering, now through the second election cycle and Rio is an arm of the State and is not working in your best interests. If any of that is inaccurate, lay the documents on the table and let the taxpayers see where I'm wrong.

While we were in session yesterday, Rio served their \$47M lawsuit on you. Of course they will say that they had to do that or they'd lose their rights once 120 days expired. The truth is that at any time they could have stopped the meter from running while we were in mediation. They chose to work behind the scenes with the legislature, put on the table unreasonable demands, and bring the lawsuit.



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John
McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jon Kyl (R)
520-575-8633

Congresswoman
Gabrielle Giffords
(D)
(8th District)
520-881-3588

Congressman
Raul Grijalva (D)
(7th 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)

Your tax money is being wasted by the legislatively appointed members of this Board. Remember, the City blew a hole in your wallet with Rio for 10 years. Now the legislature has stepped into that role and is doing the same thing. Its partisanship and the taxpayers are the losers. You have every right to be sick of this. I'm all for shining sunlight on the deal points, and for the A.G. to make public the audit and investigation findings so we can all move beyond this point.

District 8 Race

For over a year, I have been reporting on City Council issues every Thursday at 9:30am on the Jon Justice Show. After I announced my support for Ron Barber as a caretaker candidate for the D8 seat, Mr. Justice advised me that he would no longer be able to have me in the weekly half hour time slot. He said that to do so would expose him to having to extend that same opportunity to others who are working on political campaigns. It evidently never occurred to him that I could still speak to City Council issues, but it's his show and I'm fine with his decision.

Jon knows, and we've shared on air on numerous occasions that he and I are not aligned on a variety of political issues (texting while driving being the most recent). He's to my right / I'm to his left. And we fundamentally disagree with each other on the Ron Barber issue. So, when he let me know about the change in my appearance, I asked that he share this comment with his listeners. I share it here too so you're aware of the basis of my decision to support and work on the Barber campaign for D8.

*Jon,
Thanks for the phone call tonight. I appreciate your position with regard to my regular appearances on your show and how you need to maintain some level of non-partisanship in how you book regular guests.*

I understand that on Monday, you'll be addressing my position with respect to the Ron Barber, D8 campaign. To be clear, that position is to support him as the caretaker candidate for D8. I'll of course individually consider all of the other candidates who will be running for D2 after the Special Election.

While it would be unproductive to engage in an on-air argument, I would appreciate it if you'd share these few points with your listening audience (many of whom have supported my work on the Council) so they understand the basis of my position.

First, none of the candidates should want to have to run, fund and manage two simultaneous campaigns. If my suggestion was adopted, none would have to.

Second, the position I've taken is related to the D8 race only. That District will dissolve into the new D2 boundaries in November. That is the District the candidates of both parties should be focused on for the long term.

Third, while it is correctly said that nobody elected the Congresswoman's staff, the fact is that they have been doing the work on behalf of the D8 constituents since the shooting, they know the on-going issues the constituents are dealing with, and they are the logical group to close the book on those items for the remaining time D8 exists.

The position I've taken to support Ron Barber to finish out the term honors the will of the electorate of D8 as it was expressed in the November 2010 election. He and the Giffords staff have been furthering the agenda the voters chose, they have been engaged with the on-the-ground constituent work the voters of the District deserve, and they are best suited to close the book on D8 in November.

In a KGUN9 interview last week, the Chair of the local Republican Party alleged that I'm doing this for personal, political reasons. I find that to be personally insulting. It is a sad day in this community when it becomes inconceivable that a person can take a position simply on the basis of the belief that it's the right thing to do for the greater good. We can disagree on that, but the comments made by the Chair were inaccurate, and failed to respect the fact that I have consistently taken positions based on conviction, and not on an alleged personal agenda. In fact, the easy thing would have been for me to keep silent on this issue. To have done so would, in my opinion, have been to play along with the same sort of self-serving motivations that she has accused me of, and in fact that the electorate has become weary of seeing in elected officials.

Thanks for the opportunity you have given me to appear on your show. If you ever want to get a deeper explanation of issues you see the Council addressing, please don't hesitate to jot me a note.

Steve K

Some have explicitly said my actions were politically driven and self serving. Both are false, but both were easy allegations that fed into the uninformed party's faithful need for an easy explanation. The easy and truly self serving action would have been to simply ignore all of this and continue on with my representation of Ward 6 and the taxpayers in general. What was said to KGUN9 made me appear as a hypocrite and unprincipled. Those comments could well have the affect of making my run for reelection in the Republican Party difficult at best due to the lingering impact they may have on people upon whom I'd rely for support.

For now, I will trust that a sizable moderate faction exists within the party and will step forward and defend the logic of what I have suggested. Although it would be honorable, I don't anticipate a public correction or support from any of the party hierarchy, but I'm letting it be known that I'll be defending my decision.

Fund for Civility

Building on that theme, during his rehabilitation from the January 8th, 2010 shooting, Ron Barber and his wife created the Fund for Civility. On the recent anniversary of that event, I attended a memorial at Centennial Hall in which Dr. Richard Carmona served as emcee. If you go <http://fundforcivility.org/> and scroll across the menu bar, the video of Dr. Carmona's address ("Reflections Video") will appear.

This week I was contacted by a young lady who attends a local middle school. She was concerned with cyber bullying and wondered what we can do to address the issue. I was also contacted by a Veteran who is concerned with generating local support for mental illness programs. Specifically in his case the topic was Post Traumatic Stress. Next week

I'll be speaking at a local Christian Church on the topic of human trafficking. The group is inviting Jewish and Muslim representation to make this a truly multi-faith discussion.

If you go to: <http://fundforcivility.org/> you will see each of those topics addressed. You will see how the Fund was founded and the work in which it is currently engaged. And if you read the mission statement, you'll understand more about what lies in the core of its founder, and those who attach themselves to its work.

It is an interesting bit of timing that these calls would come my way during the same week in which the issue of my support for both Ron Barber and Dr. Carmona seem to have become flash points. The two men are doing good things for the community. Set politics aside and visit the site. I'm sure you can find a way to become involved.

Group Dwellings

The University of Arizona currently has just under 40,000 students enrolled. That number will grow. On-campus housing is vastly inadequate to fill the need. The result is that student housing has naturally extended out into the neighborhoods that surround the campus.

This topic isn't new to you and on Wednesday we finally brought it to closure. The issues were:

- A) What number of unrelated people living together constitute a Group Dwelling, as that is defined in our Ordinances, and
- B) How do we resolve the fact that the City has allowed development around campus that is intuitively not consistent with the intent of either R1 or R2 zoning; i.e. we have permitted Group Dwellings to be built in residential areas.

There is State Law (voter approved) that says we cannot simply go in and change the zoning rules in a way that diminishes the value of a person's property (Proposition 207). There is existing litigation on that exact issue. In an effort to avoid the costs and divisiveness of going through a trial, neighbors and builders met with the Zoning Examiner (serving as mediator) and a member of the Planning Commission to attempt to craft a mutually acceptable solution. They were successful.

What we adopted simply says that if there are five or more unrelated people living together in an R1 or R2 neighborhood, they constitute a Group Dwelling. Existing living arrangements that fall under that criterion are grandfathered in under the new Ordinance. No more will be permitted.

If you are the owner of a grandfathered property, you are obligated to control the behavior of your residents in a manner that is consistent with our current Landlord Tenant Ordinance. If you do not, there is a series of steps you will need to go through in setting in place a Remediation Plan, and over time if the situation does not improve you can eventually lose the Grandfathered status and be prohibited from exceeding four unrelated people in your rentals.

This issue has a long history, the genesis of which begins with the City allowing Group Dwellings to have been built in R1 and R2 areas. This solution is the result of residents and the builders of those structures coming together and working things out together. And I

might add, it is unlikely that this result would have been achieved without the competent and sage involvement of Peter Gavin – former City Zoning Examiner who worked with both sides throughout the process.

In the past I have expressed concerns over how this Ordinance will be enforced. I continue to be under the impression that our “complaint driven” process lends itself to possible abuse in ways that have nothing to do with the problems we are addressing in living quarters in the vicinity of the University. Staff will keep a vigilant eye on whether those concerns play themselves out but to hold up the hard work that got us this far on the basis of that unknown would be unfair to those who have invested themselves in this process.

I know that each of us on the Council, and most particularly Council Member Uhlich and me (our Wards are most heavily impacted by this), are grateful for the hard work and reasoned approach to finding a way through this that all of the parties exhibited. It shows that every hard decision we face need not end up in front of a judge.

Arizona Centennial Celebration

Hundreds of people gave of themselves to make last weekend’s Arizona birthday party a success. The old axiom “if you start to thank people, you’ll miss somebody” is true – so, acknowledging that up front, I’m going to simply toss kudos to Mayor Rothschild and Fletcher McCusker for working with the Best Fest people and saving the event for so many thousands of people to come and enjoy.

The festivities took place all over the downtown area; from the Fox to the Joel Valdez Library; from an FC Tucson Street Soccer event to the ferris wheel that Pam Sutherland now wants in her back yard; from Scottish Rite ACLU panel discussion to the Tucson Symphony at the Music Hall. The Rialto, The Manning House, Hotel Congress, The Screening Room, bike rides and outdoor concerts. If you came down and didn’t find something to brighten your weekend, you weren’t looking.

Mia handed out Schedules of events; Huna navigated multiple sound stages while chatting on his cell phone; Chuck George arrived without his script, but the Mayor bailed him out; the Gem Show saw what Tucson really has to offer, and as a community we come away from this celebration having demonstrated to the rest of the State that we know how to party.

So – thank you to all of the hundreds of you who put this thing together. And welcome back downtown to the thousands of you who might have been surprised at how things have changed since your last visit.

Rodeo and Rodeo Parade

Not many traditions that began over 85 years ago are still going strong in Tucson. The Rodeo and Rodeo Parade are exceptions to that rule.

La Fiesta de los Vaqueros (the party for the cowboys) began back in 1925. The event draws tourists into Tucson from all parts of the world. Estimates are that the series of Rodeo events yields to the City over \$16M in economic benefit. The Rodeo distributes over \$420K to participants in prize money, which places it in the top 25 sanctioned Rodeo

events nationwide.

This year the events begin on Saturday, February 18th with the kick-off Rodeo events starting at 12:30 out at the Rodeo grounds. Pro Rodeo begins at 2pm each Rodeo day and the events run daily through the 26th (nothing on the 22nd, though). The parade will take place on Thursday the 23rd. For the Parade Route go to the following link:

<http://tucsonrodeo.com/>

This is our local ‘sport’ – check out the portions of it that you can.

State Legislation

Here are a few bills upon which you might want to share your thoughts with the State Legislature.

HB 2771 (HURF monies; accounting; appropriation) requires the Department of Transportation to account for HURF money that has been diverted from municipalities, counties and the State Highway Fund. That’s a good thing and is something I, and the rest of the Council, have been on record supporting for quite some time. The HURF dollars are what we rely on to a large degree to do road repair. This bill requires the Legislature “to consider repayment” of those funds and appropriates \$20 million as an initial repayment.

If giving “consideration” to repayment is all this bill does, I’d invite the sponsors to consider driving down Grant Road some afternoon and see if that is sufficiently strong language.

HCR 2058 (HURF; monies; allowable uses) would constitutionally protect HURF and Vehicle License Tax dollars from future sweeps and restrict their use to traditional highway and roadway purposes. That’s more like it.

HB 2168 (building permits; self-certification process) provides that, "on receipt of any completed permit application, a municipality shall give the applicant the option of obtaining the issuance of the requested permit through a municipally directed permitting processor through self-certification." I’ve written about his one before – and in fact the League of Cities and Towns appears to have also picked up on the fact that the self-certification process is problematic.

Unfortunately, the solution the League came up with the bill sponsor, Representative Jeff Dial (R-Chandler), to mitigate its effects on cities was to limit the bill's application to large cities and require implementation of self-certification pilot projects. I guess my message to the League is that if it ain’t good for the little guys, why is it for the big ones? We get enough targeted legislation from the State – we don’t need it from the League, too.

On Monday, February 6, the Senate Judiciary Committee heard two firearms measures. **SB 1448** (misconduct involving weapons; public property), sponsored by Senator Steve Smith (R-Maricopa), provides that, unless access is controlled or restricted by the presence of a law enforcement officer or armed security guard, a person entering a public establishment or public event is not guilty of misconduct involving weapons if that person is carrying a firearm. The bill passed committee by a vote of 4-3 and it will now move onto the Senate Rules Committee.

Here's the language in the bill that defines a public event:

**37 3. "Public event" means a specifically named or sponsored event of
38 limited duration that is either conducted by a public entity or conducted by
39 a private entity with a permit or license granted by a public entity, AND
40 ACCESS TO THE PUBLIC EVENT IS CONTROLLED OR RESTRICTED BY THE PRESENCE OF A
41 STATE OR OTHER CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR AN ARMED SECURITY
42 OFFICER. Public event does not include an unsponsored gathering of people in
43 a public place.**

We don't need guns at TCC events, and we don't have staff and money to set up control points and/or storage facilities for confiscated weapons at all of those events. We don't need weapons at City sponsored events. We don't need weapons at athletic events, symphonies or theater.

The other measure, SB 1474 (weapons; university; college grounds) permits people to carry firearms on college campuses but provides for restricted access to buildings. The bill, sponsored by Senator Ron Gould (R-Lake Havasu City), requires colleges and universities to provide lockers in which gun carriers can store their weapons before entering campus facilities.

Mr. Gould may have forgotten how many 'facilities' exist on a college campus. Or, perhaps his frame of reference is memories of an old one-room schoolhouse, in which case the requirement for providing lockers wouldn't be quite such a burden.

The Gould bill also passed committee and is headed for the Senate Rules Committee. It is opposed by public safety officers, college administration, and the vast majority of college students I've seen interviewed. I agree.

HB2647 is another one of the bills that will shift permitting and development authority to Rio Nuevo. It does plenty of other things, but is making its way through Committee while still containing language that will have to be fixed or it will have unintended consequences that even the supporters aren't advocating for. One example is this:

**(a) FOR THE FIRST 120 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS BEGINNING AFTER THE
22 MUNICIPALITY ISSUES A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS,
23 THE DEDUCTION IS ONE HUNDRED PER CENT OF THE GROSS PROCEEDS OF SALES
AT THE
24 LOCATION.**

The intent of the legislation is to generate Tax Increment dollars. This language eliminates both it, and the regular State sales tax that forms the basis for the TIF. Repeat message to the legislature and to those locally who are supporting this bill – slow down and let's get the proper stakeholders around a table and craft something that works for the community.

And in the companion bill that I opened with, **SB1337** makes changes to how the TIF can be spent. Specifically, it allows expenditures of "District monies from any source" to be under the exclusive authority of the Board. I am of the belief that when taxpayer money is being spent, the people doing the spending should hold some level of accountability

beyond simply being an appointee of the legislature.

Finally, the Gowan Sentencing Reform bills about which I've written still need their day in Committee – at least to debate their merits.

These measures will impact quality of life, finance and public safety in our community. Weigh in with the Legislature and let them know how you feel. There are plenty of others (public school curriculum, doctor/patient communications related to abortion, the bonding regulations, and more).

New University President

The Arizona Board of Regents has appointed Ann Weaver Hart to serve as the 21st President at The University of Arizona. She comes to Tucson from the Temple University where she also held the post of President for the past six years.

Prior to her work at Temple, Ms. Weaver Hart was President at New Hampshire and Provost/V.P. for Academic affairs at Claremont Graduate University. Her credentials also include working as professor of educational leadership, Dean of the Graduate School and special assistant to the President at the University of Utah.

Based on her resume it's clear that she excels at academics, retention and attracting research dollars. All of those are a critical part of the mission at The University of Arizona. She arrived on campus this week and will be settling in gradually over the course of the remainder of the semester.

Passport Day

I've done a lot of international traveling, and one item you cannot neglect is a current passport. Mine is up to date, but the last time I had to go through that drill, the closest Passport Center was in Denver. Now we have one in Tucson.

On Saturday, March 10th from 10am until 3pm, you can apply for your passport through our own Center without an appointment. The Center is located at 7373 E. Rosewood and on the 10th, they'll be set up to get you ready to travel. The lady from the Center I spoke with, Carole Butler, told me that they had gotten an emergency passport ready for somebody in less than an hour. If you have travel plans, it'd be worth looking at your passport to see if you're up to date, and mark your calendar for the Passport Day event if you aren't. If you have questions, you can also call 733.8252.

Arizona Stadium Upgrades – opening day at Hi Corbett

Two Ward 6 items that relate to my work at the University. We've broken ground on the north end zone project at Arizona Stadium. We'll be under construction until kick off in the fall of 2013. We're also doing renovations to the south end of the stadium. Those will be ready for our home schedule this fall.

Here's a very good article written by Steve Buchanan of the Wildcat Sports Report that describes the North End Zone project:

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/ward6/2-16-12nez.pdf>

And finally, Friday of this week at 6pm, the UA baseball team opens up at Hi Corbett Field. The team also plays on Saturday at 6pm and on Sunday at noon. This is a good news thing for the City and for Arizona Baseball. Check it out this weekend. I began with fields of Poppy's and end with the Field of Dreams. When good people work together towards a goal that reflects the greater good of the community, we all gain.

One last thing - how about an article in Billboard that features Amos Lee, Calexico and The Fox Theater! Click this link:

http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/ward6/2-16-12artists_den.billboard.pdf to see more good things coming from our community. It's nice to end on a couple of upbeat notes after having had to share so much about the battles that are being waged. It's the local good news that makes this all worth it for me.

Sincerely,



Steve Kozachik
Council Member, Ward 6
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Arts and Entertainment Events Calendar

This week and next week at the arts and entertainment venues in the Downtown, 4th Avenue, and Main Gate areas . . .

Rialto Theatre, 318 E. Congress St.

Thursday, February 16, 8:00pm. “**Machine Head**”. All ages.

Friday, February 17, 8:00pm. “**Kathleen Madigan**”. All ages.

Saturday, February 18, 8:00pm. “**Ozomatli**” All ages.

Sunday, February 19, 12:00pm. “**Sister Helen Prejean**”. All ages.

www.RialtoTheatre.com

Fox Theatre, 17 W. Congress St.

Saturday, February 18, 6:00pm. “**AAF Tucson’s The 31st Annual Addy ® Awards**”

Sunday, January 28, 7:30pm. “**LeAnn Rimes**”

www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

The Screening Room, 127 E. Congress

February 17-19 & 24-26, 1st Annual “Out in the Desert, Tucson’s International LGBT Film Festival”

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

Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Scott Ave.

Arizona Theatre Company presents F. Scott Fitzgerald’s *The Great Gatsby*

Saturday, February 25 – March 17, 2012.

www.arizonatheatre.org

Tucson Convention Center

Friday, February 17, 8:00pm. “**Benny Benassi.**”

Music Hall

Thursday, February 16, 7:30pm. “**Kathy Griffin.**”

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/tcc/eventcalendar>

Ongoing

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N. Main Ave.

Ongoing exhibition, Opening Saturday, January 28 and ending Sunday, June 3:

“**Frida Kahlo, Through the Lens of Nickolas Muray**”

www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org

Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), 265 S. Church Ave.

Current exhibition: **Armando Miguélez: Legislate Crazy**

Hours: Wednesday to Sunday, 12:00 to 5:00pm.

www.Moca-Tucson.org

Children’s Museum Tucson, 200 S. 6th Ave.

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturdays & Sundays: 10:00am - 5:00pm

www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

Meet Me at Maynards

A social walk/run through the Downtown area
Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!
Maynards Market and Kitchen, 400 N. Toole Avenue, the historic train depot
Check-in begins at 5:15pm.
www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

Tucson Farmers' Market at Maynards

Saturdays 9:00am – 1:00pm
On the plaza at Maynards Market & Kitchen. 400 N Toole in the Historic Train Depot

Santa Cruz Farmers' Market

Thursdays, 4:00 – 7:00pm.
Mercado San Agustin, 100 S. Avenida del Convento

Science Downtown: Mars + Beyond

Thursday through Monday, 9:00am to 5:00pm (until 6:00pm on Fridays and Saturdays).
300 E. Congress St.
<http://www.sciencedowntown.org/index.html>

For other events in the Downtown/4th Avenue/Main Gate area, visit these sites:

www.MainGateSquare.com
www.FourthAvenue.org
www.DowntownTucson.com

Science in the City – February 18, 2012 2:00-6:00pm

Come Downtown on Saturday, February 18 to join in Science in the City. There will be science and technology discussions as well as demonstrations held at various venues, businesses, and technology organizations. There will also be free admission to the Tucson Children's Museum and 2 for 1 admission to the Science Downtown Mars and Beyond exhibit. Come and learn something new. Visit <http://www.2ndsaturdaysdowntown.com/> for more information.

Upcoming Events at the Loft Cinema

Thursday, February 16, 7:00pm. **“Animated Short Films.”**
Wednesday, February 22, 7:00pm. **“Documentary Short Films.”**

Other films now showing at The Loft include:

The Way
Shame
People v. The State of Illusion
The Innkeepers
Sholem Aleichem: Laughing in the Darkness

For more details on events and showtimes, visit <http://www.loftcinema.com/>