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Ward 6 - Newsletter

Tucson First

May 29, 2012

...due to the unyielding pressure from my bride and my staff, the answer is 'yes' I did finally get a haircut



ARIZONA IS WILDCAT COUNTRY



If you were to visit my office in McKale Center, you'd see posters of past football seasons on which our variety of logos appear. From the Block A to the Snake A, the Moving A and to today's logo that is shown on the helmet below.

Since I began working for the UA Athletics department in 1988, we have also had a variety of football helmets. Those have been blue, white and now the department is unveiling the new copper look. We'll use it on an occasional basis.

Many of you also know that I work in project management for the Athletics Department. A part of that is the design and oversight of building our new facilities. For the north end zone addition, we are also including a large copper component – complementing that which appears as a ring around the top of McKale Center. The end zone facility is due for completion in time for the 2013 season.

I think both are very sharp looking and wanted to share them with you. Thanks are due to Athletics Director Greg Byrne for his leadership in these new additions to the



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

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department.



Arizona Stadium North End Zone Football Complex

Arizona Baseball

By beating ASU 2 out of 3 times over the weekend, the UA baseball team ended the regular season as co-Pac12 champions. That's a nice way to inaugurate our first season at Hi Corbett. An even nicer way is that we'll host a sub-regional this weekend as a first step towards the College World Series. The other teams involved will be New Mexico, Louisville and Missouri. Game times for Friday, Saturday and Sunday are 4pm and 8pm. If it's necessary to play a final game on Monday, that will start at 8pm.

The tournament is a double elimination so you play yourself into either the winners or losers bracket. The only games we know who's playing in are the Friday games. Those will be NM State vs. Louisville @ 4pm and the UA vs. Missouri @ 8pm.

The ASU series was nearly sold out, so if you want tickets, go to arizonaathletics.com and you'll see links - or just stop by the McKale ticket office.

Memorial Day add:

I'm a baby boomer. Few of us in my generation have ever known much about lacking what George Carlin called "stuff." My mom was a single mom raising two kids and because of her sacrifices we always ate, had clothes to wear, things to do, etc.

We grew up through Viet Nam, the women's movement, the environmental movement, the civil rights movement, Watergate, Kent State, Turn on/Tune in/Drop out. We buried JFK, MLK, Bobby Kennedy – John Lennon, Janis, Jimmy and Jim Morrison. We welcomed British rock and roll in the '60's when the Beatles went on the Ed Sullivan Show. Ours is a generation that saw a lot growing up, and not much, if any of it matched what our parents saw during WWII.



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)



I'm including this link of pictures that were taken from '39 – '43 just as a thank you to our parents, and as a reminder of how far we've come as a Nation in terms of rights and inclusiveness. It should serve as a caution flag to some of the divisive political rhetoric that too often characterizes campaigns in an effort to divide constituencies. Enjoy scrolling through the pictures:

<http://extras.denverpost.com/archive/captured.asp>

RTA 2030 Plan

Hold this thought for five straight transit items to follow – it's a quote from the text of the RTA 2030 Transportation Plan. It was adopted in June, 2006 and formed the basis for the whole RTA Plan concept. It speaks to the whole discussion that we've been engaged in relative to expanding capacity:

While there has been a consistent understanding that “we cannot build our way out of congestion,” there are still many ways to improve traffic flow and connectivity. Most of the roadway projects anticipated under this plan respond to this measured approach, keeping in mind that we need to move people, not just cars. Roadway projects can be (and many in this region have been) multi-modal, by incorporating bike lanes, sidewalks, bus pullouts with shelter stops, and as indicated, pedestrian signal crossings. This approach stresses quality of life and choice, two important assets that help community economic development.

Biking in Tucson

Last week, the League of American Bicyclists updated its list of the most bike-friendly communities in the United States. For its rankings it uses things like biking infrastructure and amenities, such as connecting bike lanes with public transit. Here's their list – Tucson being ranked #19, but #4 nationally in cities with populations of over 500,000.

Community	State	Award Level	Population	2012
Boulder	CO	Platinum	101,500	
Davis	CA	Platinum	63,722	
Portland	OR	Platinum	533,492	
Breckenridge	CO	Gold	4,540	
Corvallis	OR	Gold	53,165	
Durango	CO	Gold	16,887	
Eugene	OR	Gold	142,681	
Fort Collins	CO	Gold	118,652	
Jackson and Teton County	WY	Gold	18,251	
Madison	WI	Gold	221,551	
Minneapolis	MN	Gold	379,499	
Missoula	MT	Gold	66,788	
Palo Alto	CA	Gold	64,403	
San Francisco	CA	Gold	739,426	
Scottsdale	AZ	Gold	217,385	
Seattle	WA	Gold	563,374	
Stanford University	CA	Gold	13,315	
Steamboat Springs	CO	Gold	12,088	
Tucson & East Pima Region	AZ	Gold	512,023	

But there are other ways to rank a region for being “bike friendly.” Outside Magazine has one such method that includes more variety in the metrics by which the areas are scored. Those include things such as interesting topography, including a combination of hills and cool descents. It means long open stretches, and places to gather for post-ride fellowship. Here’s the Outside ranking with the commentary that appeared in their publication.

1. Tucson, Arizona: This college town is surrounded by mountains but also hosts more than 700 miles (!) of bike lanes, two factors that puts Tucson on top of the Outside list and also earns it big points in both the LAB and Bike Score lists.
2. Boulder, Colorado: No surprises here. The city “everyone loves to love/hate” lands at number five in the Outside ranking, but it gets a boost by being one of LAB’s cherished “platinum” destinations.
3. Durango, Colorado: You can access 1,000 miles of mountain bike trails from this town of just under 17,000, and then ride to one of its many microbreweries to replenish some calories. Durango also hosts the Iron Horse Classic and this August will kick off the USA Pro Cycling Challenge.
4. Madison, Wisconsin: Who doesn’t love Madison? It scored high in all three lists

and is home to bike makers (most famously, Trek) and bike advocates alike. Plus, as one Best Towns voter noted, it's "one of the few places you can bike, paddle, or ski to work."

5. Missoula, Montana: Missoula might conjure images of gun racks and stetsons, but add some bike racks and bikers to the picture. Missoula advanced from LAB's silver rating to gold this year. The town also has one of the highest bike-commuting rates in the country, at seven percent.
6. Burlington, Vermont: The first East Coast burg on the list, it scores the numero dos spot using the Outside ranking tool, but it fails to earn gold in LAB's list. On the upside, Burlington offers a network of rails to trails that'll get you through town, and out of it, on two wheels.
7. Ashland, Oregon: There's more than Shakespeare thespians in this mountain hamlet. It boasts smart, bike-friendly planning that makes sharing the road mandatory. And beyond the asphalt, trails abound outside of town.
8. Flagstaff, Arizona: This town is known for its elevation, but one doesn't need to climb far from city center to find great cycling. When the 42-mile Loop Trail is complete, it will feature 30 miles of single rack.
9. Santa Fe, New Mexico: The biggest problem a Santa Fe cyclist faces on Saturday morning is deciding between her road bike and her mountain bike. But the 400-year-old city needs more bike-friendly infrastructure to tease people out of their cars.
10. Chico, California: Poor Chico. It kinda sits in the shadow of its southern neighbor, Davis, a.k.a. Bike Town USA. But it offers great access to trails outside of town and a good network of bike lanes, with plans to further improve its bike infrastructure.

Worker Transit Authority

And speaking of alternate modes, now on display at the Ward 6 Office is the Worker Transit Authority presentation that was downtown for a few weeks last month. It'll be up at W6 through June.

This is a series of interactive displays that invite you consider how you get around, where you go, and what options do, or maybe should, exist for you. As we go through the current discussion with the RTA and TDOT over our transit corridors, and as we finalize budget talks that necessarily include the amount of money we put into our transit system, this is a particularly timely display. Come on by, get out of the heat and take your time looking it over. It's entertaining and informative.

Broadway/RTA Update

On to the ongoing effort to get our arms around costs and design for some of the troubling RTA projects. I've found that one way to hold people accountable is to go back and look at what was being promised/committed in the beginning of the conversation. In the case of the Broadway corridor, that started with a 1987 Draft Report prepared by Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade and Douglas, Inc. Lew Murphy was the mayor. Two of the council members later went on to become mayor (George Miller and Tom Volgy.) This topic has been percolating for quite a while and it's time to bring some closure to it and finalize design based on today's realities.

The 1987 Draft bases its design conclusions on some very specific predictions. One of those is that "the metropolitan population is projected to double over existing levels by the Year 2005." Here's the data:

Metropolitan Area Residents

YEAR	TUCSON
1985	376,195
1990	405,390
1995	442,910
2000	486,699
2005	529,770
2010	586,860

The population did not double. Nor does anybody realistically think it will any time soon.

In addition to the 150' cross-width that was projected as being needed by 2005, the Draft also made this statement relative to the Broadway/Country Club intersection:

“To achieve an acceptable level of service, Broadway Boulevard would have to be widened to 14-16 lanes at the intersections proposed for widening.” Oh my gosh. Drive through that intersection some day at rush hour and see if you agree.

Also associated with that 150' width, the study included a 44' wide median. The design also included lanes that were to be over 13' wide with 24' of diamond lanes. Clearly nobody in 1986 envisioned the fact that we'd be driving smaller cars today.

One fact that was included in the Draft was that at the time (FY '84-'85) the Broadway Transit Route (Sun Tran Route 8) was carrying 26% of the Sun Tran system's total daily ridership and was “by far the most productive route with 34% of the costs covered by fare box revenues.” By its own data, this corridor is begging for creative design that will encourage transit use, not expanded automobile capacity. The population predictions were wrong, the car volume predictions were wrong, and therefore the proposed design criteria are unnecessary.

I hear from businesses and residents along Grant, Broadway and 22nd. They feel this cartoon depicts how urban planners are looking at transit corridors in Tucson:



Credit: Andy Singer

Many of us think we can do better.

In the most recent edition of Inside Tucson Business, an article appeared in which Tucson was rated as one of the seven best cities among the 100 largest metro areas in the country when measuring traffic congestion. The study identified the number of hours people reported being stuck in traffic over the course of a year. While cities such as Honolulu (58 hours), L.A. (56 hours), San Francisco (48 hours), and Seattle (33 hours), didn't fare so well, Tucson drivers reported an average of 2.4 hours in comparison.

We're often compared to Austin – in a pejorative way for how well they do in developing their downtown area. Austin was ranked as #8 worst in terms of time spent sitting in traffic (30 hours annually).

Each week there's more evidence that we do not need to overdesign, overspend, and demolish businesses and homes to accommodate projections that falsely misled to the voters back in 2006.

Imagine Greater Tucson vis-à-vis the RTA

Through a series of public meetings, surveys and data gathering, IGT has put together a list of the nine areas that will define the future building blocks of our region. The list reflects the input from those who have participated in their program. Here's the list, with a short description to clarify. Note that seven of the nine stand in contrast to the "expand capacity" sole focus that the RTA is mired in.

First, the two that really don't bear on the RTA issue are "educational excellence," and "The University of Arizona." The others are:

1. Prosperity – businesses of many sizes and types thriving (you don't get that by demolishing local businesses along our corridors to accommodate wider roadways – Grant/Broadway/22nd).
2. Regional Identity – maintain the "small town feel" that promotes our history, arts, diversity (you don't preserve that by demolishing historic structures in order to expand asphalt cross-widths).
3. Good Governance – institutions that are responsive to the voice of the people (you don't demonstrate that by shutting down creative discussions related to good design development along our corridors)
4. Healthy Neighborhoods – parks, pedestrian and bike amenities, safe and healthy lifestyles (you don't foster any of those goals by over designing roadways such that they become difficult to get across, unsafe for bikes and encourage more cars with their emissions)
5. Quality Communications – walkable mixed-use and mixed-housing neighborhoods where residents have a variety of high-quality options for living and working (you don't develop any of that by building the edges of roadways in the front yards of homes and taking out parking options for small businesses)
6. Environmental Integrity – clean air, natural lands preserved for future generations (you don't do that by keeping people in their cars and eliminating homes, businesses and the potential for building open space buffers when you lay down asphalt to encourage more auto travel)
7. Accessibility – many choices for traveling in a safe, pleasant and efficient manner (you don't approach any of that by planning for cars, building for cars and ignoring

creative and more context sensitive options / transit, bikes, walking.)

If IGT has tapped the ethos of what our residents value in terms of how we manage growth, the RTA needs to understand that blind adherence to simply expanding the width of roads is out of touch with who we are as a community.

Rio Update

We need some out of the box thinking or the whole Rio Nuevo escapade will end as a failure with no hope of it ever being anything but a waste of taxpayer money.

Last week I publicly called for a change in leadership on the Rio Board. I believe that's necessary if we are going to make any progress. But let's be clear, the city is not without its blemishes in this stressed relationship either. How about one final clean slate attempt and if that doesn't work, end the mess and dissolve the District.

Here's the Hail Mary (and it might take Divine intervention to save this). No, it's not me and Rick Grinnell in a mud wrestling match to settle the term sheet disputes. He outweighs me so it wouldn't be fair.

No tongue in cheek – who has been watching this issue unfold more closely than anybody in the community for the past dozen years? Who knows all of the players, both locally and up in Phoenix? Who knows the relationships, both good and not so good that exist between the respective players? Who has written critically of the City and of the current Rio Board? Who is staffed with people who live here, love this City and want to see good things develop?

The Editorial Staff at the Arizona Daily Star.

As a final gesture to trying to make this work, how about enlisting that Star Edit staff to select members of the community to sit on the Rio Board. Then they select people to sit from the City's side as negotiators and give this a final try at hammering out a relationship. For the City, it could be retirees who have developed a level of trust on other, possibly non-related issues. It could be current or former members of the Council – or former mayors. The point is that if we don't shuffle the deck and re-deal the hands, the game is about over. And that would be a negative for the community. We'd lose significant TIF money over time and we'd look back at a legacy of dysfunction and what the auditor called "gross financial mismanagement." The community would lose and the legislature would sweep future TIF money away.

I was critical of Rio – and in particular the City – for the way it was mishandled prior to the new Board being appointed back in 2010. Since then, I've been critical of the new Board for the way it has participated in manipulation from the Legislative level and prevented any positive movement. Under the current conditions, it is not going to improve. I know that to be true from an eruption that occurred last week after I took the position that Rio needs new leadership. Sorry – despite the reaction, it's true. And despite the reaction, the continued claims that the City has stonewalled records requests is both uninformed and mistaken. It doesn't even make good press for those who continue to drive a wedge into this potentially productive relationship.

Here's evidence that my observations about the current Board leadership isn't just me alone:



We've all heard it said that there's always an element of truth in any satire.

I don't have the authority to compel this last gasp try, but I know this community is suffering from Rio Nuevo fatigue and we either find a solution or give you all a break and kill the drill.

So, Joe, Jill, Bobbie Jo, Josh, Rob, Teri, John – any of you want to give the Mayor, the City Attorney, and the Governor a call to see if there's any interest in this? There's no more neutral organization in the community who knows the issue better than you all.

Oh, and the meetings have to be open to the public. Both sides are subject to the Open Meetings Law which states that, even in the case of something like a potential proposed "retreat," it's against the law to "splinter the quorum" by having "separate or serial discussions with a majority of the public body members." Why do I mention that? Because in reply to my stating that Rio cannot go on a closed door "retreat" together, the Chair of Rio said it'd all be ok since they would simply rotate members through the meetings to get their varied perspectives. It ain't legal, just as it isn't legal to not post minutes within three working days of a public meeting (Rio hasn't) or to fail to keep financial records current and posted publicly (Rio hasn't for nearly a year), or to give one line, incomplete descriptions of what will occur in executive session (as is generally true of when this Board goes behind closed doors).

Civic Event Funding

Last Friday I was joined at the Ward 6 office by representatives of several civic events, the City Manager's Office, the MTCVB and the Mayor's Office to discuss how we fund and otherwise support events in our community. Quite honestly the meeting was a spin-off from my proposal to repurpose \$500K from the CVB budget into civic events. Let's just say that the proposal achieved it's intended result; that is, for the first time in recent memory (if ever) the City Manager, Mayor, MTCVB and a Council Office met with event managers

who bring millions of outside dollars into our community with the express purpose of talking about how we can do a better job of that. I would characterize it as a productive meeting, and as a first step, in establishing a healthy relationship between all of those entities.

Many thanks go out to our new CEO of the MTCVB, Brent DeRaad, and to his primary marketing person Allison Cooper. They came with a sincere interest in exploring how to expand the reach of the civic events that make our community what it is.

Thanks are also in order to Marisella Solis and Andy Quigley, representing the Mayor and City Manager, respectively. They both provided valuable insights into what the City is doing to improve how we support our local events. The presence of representatives from the top levels of the local government was a key to the success of this renewed conversation.

From the events group we had the 4th Avenue Merchants, El Tour de Tucson, the Mariachi Conference, Tucson Meet Yourself, the Optimists and the Festival and Events Association of Tucson and Southern Arizona (FEATSAz). So, among the group was pretty much the vast majority of those who stage events in and around Tucson, and those who are charged with managing and marketing them.

There were some tangible take-aways from the meeting. The City Manager's office is putting together a template by which civic events will be managed through the bureaucracy. The MTCVB will be working with FEATSAz to coordinate event schedules in a way that is more inclusive than what is now occurring. There won't be any wrestling match to try to move CVB funding over to the civic event category, but I remain a believer that we should use every bit of the money we are allocating to assisting those events in a way that helps to keep them afloat.

Since I moved to Tucson I've seen us lose spring training, AAA baseball, the Copper Bowl, tennis, golf, a Hog Rally, Waste Management Convention and now the Mariachi Conference has moved outside of the City limits. That's a lot of lost revenue and maybe more importantly it's a significant loss in our ability to sell our region to outside visitors when they come to take part in those events.

So – to those who went nuts at my proposal, consider it as having yielded the sort of result it was after. The right people are now talking.

And congratulations to Tucson Meet Yourself for having won an NEA grant for \$65K last week. Tucson Meet Yourself was recommended for a **\$30,000 grant to support the TMY Folklife Festival** October 12-14, 2012 and a second grant for \$35,000 to support statewide projects intended to strengthen folk and traditional arts across the state in collaboration with Arizona Commission on the Arts.

U.S. Congressman Raul Grijalva, Pima County District 5 Supervisor Richard Elias, and Roberto Bedoya, Executive Director of Tucson Pima Arts Council who hosted the event in TPAC's conference room in the Pioneer Building Downtown Tucson, each justifiably praised Tucson Meet Yourself for its achievements and expansion of folk arts, music,

dance and arts education programs.

Economic Development Opportunities

On Thursday, May 31st the Microbusiness Advancement Center will host a luncheon during which the topic of discussion will be the value of, and methods to increase exports from out of Tucson. The title of the workshop is “Exporting Makes Dollars and Sense.”

The Mayor will lead off the conversation and will be followed by Kevin O’Shea from the new Arizona Commerce Authority. Also presentations will be made by a representative of the banking industry as well as an attorney who specializes in international marketing strategies.

If you are at all interested in tapping outside markets, plan on attending. There is no cost. The luncheon will be held from 11:30 until 2pm at the Westside Police Service Center / 1310 W. Miracle Mile.

You must register – 620.1241.

So, civic events, economic development, international trade, and now...

Arizona Commerce Authority / Arizona Unmanned Aircraft Systems

A few weeks ago I mentioned a seminar I attended up on Oro Valley related to Arizona being under consideration for the deployment of an Unmanned Aircraft System mission. The seminar was sponsored by TREO and was attended by Universities, private sector and public sector representatives. It will take that combined effort to win the award of the mission. And we don’t have to send multiple people on junkets to achieve the desired results.

There will be several test ranges included in the award. Right now, the Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) has an RFI (Request for Information) out for potential test range sites so they can be integrated into the UAS proposal the State/ACA/TREO/multiple agencies will submit for integration into the National Airspace System (NAS). The responses to the RFI are due by the end of June.

That was a tough sentence – it simply means the ACA is asking for input before they put in our application.

What we know now is that the FAA is going to identify six test ranges to safely and efficiently integrate UAS into the NAS. These ranges are in a direct response to a Congressional mandate, and the FAA is expected to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) in July of this year. That’s the reason the ACA has their own RFI out on the street now.

The ACA believes that we have an excellent shot at being designated as one of the six UAS National test ranges. They are anticipating replies to their RFI from multiple areas around the State so that a comprehensive test range concept can be submitted to the FAA later this summer. I believe they’ll be branding that comprehensive reply the Arizona Test & Training Center (AzTTC) and that it will include several geographically distributed facilities so that the FAA sees a State wide level of support that will include complimentary services covering a broad range of UAS altitudes, speeds, flight conditions and more.

We can disagree about some of the proposed missions related to TIA, DM and surrounding airspace, but this is one that has the feel of deserving wide ranging support. When awarded, the UAS Test/Training Range will be operational from the date of the contract for a minimum of five years.

When we lost a Raytheon expansion to Huntsville, Alabama what we heard was that Arizona didn't put together a multi-jurisdictional, multi-governmental, multi-University proposal. Through the work of the ACA and TREO, this time around it looks as though we're handling this application process much differently.

Trafficking Update

Lastly, in an article by Linda Lowen written on the topic of Prostitution, she quotes "civil rights activist" Alan Dershowitz as emphatically stating that "prostitution is a victimless crime." I put "civil rights activist" in quotes because connecting that title with the contention that prostitution is victimless is foolish.

I've written in the newsletter previously about meetings I've hosted with various service providers, TPD and the court related to the topic of prostitution and the fact that it is our own form of human trafficking. It is that by definition when the victim of the sex trading is a minor.

The Department of Justice statistics on the issue reveal the following:

- 250,000 children in the U.S. are at risk for sex trading annually
- 797,500 reported missing children annually
- Less than 1/3 of those were kidnapping/abductions
- Over 536,000 runaways with 82% of those that are homeless engaging in survival sex in exchange for food, housing drugs or money
- Human trafficking is the second most profitable enterprise for organized crime
- A pimp running a five girl 'stable' could make approximately \$1.5M annually with a weekly average of \$30K

That's not victimless, even if a Harvard law professor would like to make that claim. And by the way, we should start to substitute the title "trafficker" for the more commonly accepted "pimp." That's more definitive, and less casual.

Currently in Phoenix, and specifically out of ASU, there is a program called Project Rose (Reaching Out to the Sexually Exploited) that is making an effort to protect our youth from getting involved in sex trade. The program involves diversion options for people arrested for prostitution – of course depending on that person's history and willingness to participate – the goals of which are to get the girls/women out of the line of fire when it comes to becoming more deeply dependent on the life style for survival.

Some of us have made contact with the organizers of Project Rose, are reviewing that protocol and will be conducting follow up meetings in the near future with our Phoenix counterparts to see how their program is working, and how we might pluck some of the more effective elements out for implementation locally in Tucson.

In the Book of John there is the story of one of the Disciples asking rhetorically, "Can

anything good come out of Nazareth?” Some of us from the UA ask that same question about ASU but now we learn that in both cases, the answer is yes. The folks from the Tucson Women’s Commission, Southern Arizona Against Slavery and the other non-profits who have been meeting to work on this topic all look forward to making an impact in the lives of our youth here in Tucson by working hand in hand with our friends from up north.

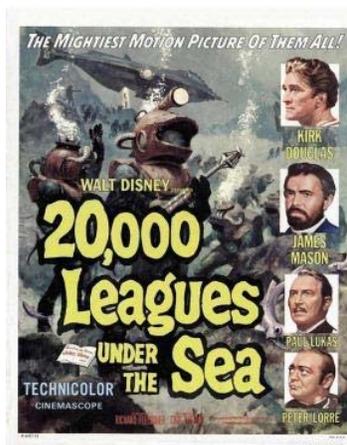
Sincerely,



Steve Kozachik
Council Member, Ward 6

Cinema La Placita Outdoor Film Series
presents “20,000 Leagues Under the Sea”
on Thursday, May 24 at 7:30 p.m.

To view full schedule visit:
<http://www.cinemataplacita.com/>



Main Gate Square Friday Night Live – Jazz Summer Concert Series

On select Friday’s this summer, discover (or rediscover) Main Gate Square through the Jazz Summer Concert Series. Concerts begin at 7:00 in the Geronimo Plaza Courtyard and admission is free. For more information and listing of bands and restaurants., please visit:

http://saaca.org/Main_Gate_Square.html

Tucson Pops Orchestra – Music Under the Stars

Every Sunday night through June 17, the Tucson Pops Orchestra will be having their yearly concert series at the DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center at Reid Park. This fun, Tucson institution is family friendly and begins at 7:00. Bring chairs and a blanket and enjoy some beautiful music. Visit <http://www.tucsonpops.org> for more information and a schedule of concerts.

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, May 31, 8:00pm. "Of Monsters and Men". All ages.
www.RialtoTheatre.com

Fox Theatre, 17 W. Congress St.

Tuesday, May 29, 7:30pm. "Marshall Tucker Band"
 Friday, June 1, 8:00pm. "Gillian Welch". All ages.
www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Tucson Convention Center

Music Hall

Sunday, May 31, 8:30pm. "Jane's Addiction with special guest The Duke Spirit"
<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: **The AIR Show**
 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

The Drawing Studio, 33 S. 6th Ave.

Ongoing Exhibit, Opens Saturday June 2 and runs until July 29
 "Fundamental Skills"
<http://www.thedrawingstudio.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

Other Community Events

Loft Cinema www.loftcinema.com/

Wednesday, May 30, 7:30pm. “Gerhard Richter Painting”

Saturday, June 2, 9:00pm. “So What’cha Want? A Beastie Boys Sing-a-long Party”

Arizona State Museum – Woven Wonders (beginning April 28)

The Arizona State Museum is debuting a sample of 500 pieces from the world’s largest collection of Southwest American Indian basketry (over 25,000 pieces). Visit www.statemuseum.arizona.edu for more information.

UA Mineral Museum – Ongoing

“100 Years of Arizona’s Best: The Minerals that Made the State”

Flandrau Science Center

Join the Flandrau Planetarium on the University of Arizona Campus for their weekly Planetarium and Laser Show. For more information, please call (520) 621-4516 or visit: www.flandrau.org/